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HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The M.W. Grand Master has not been long in appointing a successor to Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and the choice which his Royal Highness has been pleased to make is not only excellent in itself, but will be recognised as such by our Hampshire and Isle of Wight brethren. Sir AUGUSTUS F. W. E. WEBSTER, Bart., who has been selected to fill the vacant office, was appointed Senior G. Deacon of United Grand Lodge in 1897, and according to the particulars we were able to furnish at the time of his Masonic career, he had even in those early days very greatly distinguished himself in the Craft. Though it was only in June, 1890, that he was initiated in the United Lodge, No. 1629, yet five years later he was elected and installed its W. Master, and in July, 1896, had the honour of being re-elected for a second term. He became a joining member of the St. Hubert Lodge, No. 1373, Andover, in 1895, and on 11th August of the following year was appointed and invested Senior G. Warden of the Province over which he has been now called upon to preside. He was also a founder and first S.W. of the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 1614, which was constituted by our then illustrious G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, who became its permanent Master. In 1897 he served as Deputy Master, and now ranks among the Past Masters of this distinguished lodge. He is also a Royal Arch and Rose Croix Mason, having been exalted in the United Chapter, No. 1629, of which he is now a Past First Principal Z., and perfected in the Studholme Chapter, No. 67. Thus the Prov. G.M. nominate enjoys already a high reputation for the work he has done and the great interest he takes in Freemasonry; and though he has before him a by no means enviable task in following immediately so experienced, able, and deservedly popular a ruler as our lamented Bro. BEACH, yet Sir AUGUSTUS WEBSTER has given the evidence we have recounted above of his sterling merits, and, moreover, is *persona grata* with all classes of the

community in his Province, and more particularly among his brethren in the Craft. Hence we congratulate both him and them on the appointment, and sincerely hope that the new Prov. G. Master—who will unquestionably justify the choice of his Royal Highness the Grand Master—will have before him a long and prosperous term of office as the ruler of one of our strongest and best-ordered Provinces in the south of England.

FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE.*

It is a subject of deep and ever-increasing regret that in the period of transition from purely Operative to purely Speculative Masonry, and still more, in the early years of the latter organisation, those charged with the duty of recording the events that occurred in our lodges should have taken but little, if any, trouble to fulfil that duty, and thereby shown themselves worthy of the trust reposed in them. The number of brethren who, from pure love of the Craft or other worthy motive, have endeavoured to compile trustworthy, and, therefore, acceptable annals of an early lodge or lodges, may not be exactly legion, but an earnest spirit of inquiry has been amongst us of late years, and where, a quarter of a century ago and even longer, there may have been just a few brethren here and there who cared to know something about the oldest lodges on our Register, and what manner of men they were who formed them, there are now scores and scores of Masons who are ready and even anxious to devote their time and ability to the compilation of lodge and Provincial lodge histories. Hence the number of works which have recently appeared about Freemasonry in Northumbria, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Shropshire, Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Dorsetshire, Sussex, &c., &c., &c., and to this formidable array must now be added this "History of Freemasonry in Cheshire," which has been written by Bro. JOHN ARMSTRONG, Past G. Warden and Past Grand H. of his Province, and which, as will be seen hereafter, is, in our opinion, one of the most valuable of the additions that have recently been made to our still slender store of works on Masonic History. He has, indeed, been more fortunate than the authors of most of the histories we have mentioned. In the opening paragraph of Chapter II. he tells us that "the oldest Minute Book relating to the Province of Cheshire now accessible commences with the re-election of Captain ROBERT NEWTON, of Chester, as Provincial Grand Master, on December 27th, 1743," and that "from this date until to-day the minutes are continuous." Moreover, he goes on to say that "they have been beautifully kept by a long series of D.P.G. Masters and Provincial G. Secretaries. For something like 40 years Bro. EDWARD ORME, D.P.G.M., attended to them; then we have CHARLES TOWNSEND and JOHN LARDEN for a similar period. SAMUEL HUMPHREYS minutes for nearly 30 years are a model of neatness and good penmanship. Bro. EDWARD H. GRIFFITHS, who for nearly 50 years wielded the pen as P.G. Secretary, leaves nothing untold of the great doings in his time; he, some 15 years ago, was succeeded by our present veteran P.G. Secretary, Bro. RICHARD NEWHOUSE, who will in 1902 celebrate his jubilee as a Mason. His minutes are illuminated throughout, and

* A HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE, being a Record of all Extinct and Existing Lodges, Craft and Mark, and Royal Arch Chapters, Provincial Grand Lodges, Craft and Mark, and Provincial Grand Chapter. By John Armstrong, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.H. London: Bro. George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, W.C., 1901.

are splendid examples of penmanship, to be handed down from generation to generation as specimens worthy of emulation." Thus from the end of 1743, for a period extending to nearly 158 years, Bro. ARMSTRONG has had authentic material to work from, and has turned this enormous advantage to the best possible account, but it is for the years preceding the commencement of this oldest Provincial Cheshire Minute Book that authentic material is needed, and, though Bro. ARMSTRONG has done much to enlighten us as to the early proceedings of the Cheshire Craft, he has not, as we have said, had trustworthy help to any appreciable extent. He has done what he could, and it is his misfortune, not his fault, that he has not been able to accomplish more. We cordially echo the hope expressed by the author on p. 17, that some of the earlier volumes of records "may yet be found in some public or private collection of MSS., just as the 1743 to 1767 volume was found some few years ago in Mr. BLACK'S collection."

That Cheshire was an early home of Freemasonry is a most natural conjecture on the part of Bro. ARMSTRONG; whether it was introduced into Britain by the Roman Collegium, or whether it came into the country in Saxon times with the introduction of Gothic architecture. What is certain—and we are indebted to RANDLE HOLME for the information, amplified as it has since been by the painstaking researches of Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, P.A.G.D.C.—is that there was a speculative lodge at Chester "in or about the year 1660." RANDLE HOLME has recorded the names of 26 members forming it, and Bro. RYLANDS has "found them to be men of some social status, certainly above that of a working mason, and many of them possessed a considerable estate." Following the list of members of the Chester speculative lodge aforesaid come lists of the members of the three lodges in Chester included in the list of "Regular Constituted Lodges" as delivered at a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on the 27th November, 1725. These lodges were held at the "Sunn" Inn, Bridge-street; the "Spread Eagle," and the "Castle and Faulkon" respectively, and Bro. ARMSTRONG gives complete lists of the members as entered in the records of Grand Lodge, the list of the "Sunn" members being headed by "Coll. Francis Columbine, Provincial Grand Mr.;" followed by "Samuel Smith, Deputy," and "Coll. Herbert Lawrence and Captain Hugh Warburton, Wardens." Then come the names of Master, Wardens, and members of the lodge. In the next few pages the author states what he has been able to learn as to the social status of the brethren, those forming the "Sunn" Lodge being of higher position in this respect than those belonging to the other two lodges.

In the remaining portion of Chapter I, Bro. ARMSTRONG traverses the opinion expressed by Bro. HENRY SADLER as to the lodge constituted at the Horse and Groom in Chester in 1739, having been an entirely new lodge, and he does this, on evidence which he considers "is sufficient to prove with little doubt that the No. 180 of 1739 and the lodge at the 'Sunn' in 1725 were one and the same lodge." He also quotes a letter furnished by Bro. SADLER from the Grand Lodge Records addressed by Bro. HUGH WARBURTON, P.G.M., his Deputy, Bro. S. SMITH, and his Wardens, to the Grand Master in London, the letter bearing date the 15th April, 1727, and being written from the "Castle and Falcon" Lodge. Lastly, he states that "Colonel COLUMBINE and his successors were annually elected, from 1725 to 1757 by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge just as Grand Lodge now annually elects the Grand Master, but for how many years a Prov. G.M. was elected before 1725 we do not know." This will doubtless account for the fact that the Captain ROBERT NEWTON whose re-election as Prov. G.M. on the 27th December, 1743, is the first event recorded in the oldest Prov. minute book, is not included in the "Succession of Provincial and District Grand Masters . . . from 1717 to the Present time," as published at pp. 207-216 in our Grand Lodge Calendar.

We shall take an early opportunity of describing the further contents of Bro. ARMSTRONG'S ably written and interesting work in a future article or articles.

BRO. SIR JOSEPH C. DIMSDALE, M.P., has resigned his seat upon the London board of Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited.

CONSECRATION OF THE LONDON HOSPITAL LODGE, No. 2815.

The consecration of a new lodge in connection with the London Hospital took place at the Hotel Cecil on the 2nd instant, the ceremony of consecration being admirably performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Clement Godson, M.D., P.G.D., as S.W.; Alfred Cooper, F.R.C.S., P.G.D., as J.W.; Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., M.A., G. Chap., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Reg., as D.C.; and Lieut.-Col. Kiallmark, P.G.D., as I.G.

Bro. A. Ernest Sansom, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., P.M., was the W.M. designate; Bro. F. S. Eve, F.R.C.S., P.M., the S.W. designate; and Bro. F. J. Smith, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., P.M., the J.W. designate.

The founders of the lodge—each of whom received a memento of the interesting occasion in the shape of a very handsome founder's jewel—were—

Bros. Wm. Gayton, M.D., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Reg. Essex; A. Ernest Sansom, M.D., P.M., P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. Middx.; Fred. S. Eve, F.R.C.S., P.M.; Fred. J. Smith, M.A., M.D., P.M.; Wm. J. Best, P.M., P.Z.; G. F. Rogers, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.W. Cambs; T. H. Openshaw, C.M.G., F.R.C.S., P.M.; S. Luther Martin, M.D., P.M.; B. Hubert Gardiner, M.D., P.M.; J. Atkinson Hosker, P.M.; E. C. Montgomery Smith, M.D., P.M.; T. Gilbert Smith, M.D.; Percy Furnivall, F.R.C.S.; Gustave I. Schorstein, M.A., M.D.; Bertrand Dawson, M.D.; Probyn Williams, M.D.; William Rawes, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Charles H. Millar, H. H. Benham, M.D., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Bristol; E. Shedd, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Reg.; W. A. Wetman, P.M., P.Z., P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; W. A. Grogono, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. E. S. Passmore, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd. Lines; F. H. Kyngdon, M.D., P.M., P.G.D. Australia; Dandis Grant, M.A., M.D., P.M.; James Harrison P.M.; Macdonald Brown, P.M.; Seymour Tuke, M.A., M.D.; Edwd. Woakes, M.D.; F. J. Wethered, M.D.; Hope Grant, M.D.; James Godding, J. M. Carvell, Ernest Burchell, W. C. Jarvis, H. J. Sequeira, Jno. S. Crone, F. W. Collingwood, G. D. K. Bannerman, Fred Ellis, Hutchinson Swanton, Morley Agar, H. Shapter Robinson, A. B. Davies, Hunter Tod, and F. W. Barrett, M.B.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers, entered in procession, and taking the chair appointed his officers *pro tem*. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution being delivered by the Chaplain. The direction of the musical portion of the programme was in the hands of Bro. Edmund Branscombe, P.P.G.O. Surrey, assisted by Bros. Geo. May, Dan Price, and Fountain Meen, G.O.

The lodge having been duly dedicated and constituted, the ceremony of installation of the W.M. designate was proceeded with.

Bro. A. E. Sansom having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., appointed the following as his principal officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. S. Eve, S.W.; F. J. Smith, J.W.; Dr. S. Luther Martin, Treas.; and T. H. Openshaw, C.M.G., F.R.C.S., Sec.

After the election of a Committee to frame bye-laws, and the transaction of other routine business, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the elegant banquet provided for the occasion by the hotel management.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, and the other Consecrating Officers," paid a well-deserved tribute to the ability and devotion displayed by those officers in the performance of their duties, and to the manner in which the Consecrating Officer had performed the ceremony of consecration that evening.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER suitably responded.

The proposal of "The Health of the W.M." was the occasion for the proposer to pay a high tribute to the W.M.'s past career, and to prophesy the prosperity of the newly-formed lodge under his guidance.

The remaining toasts were those of "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

At intervals during the toast list an excellent programme of music was carried out, under the direction of Bro. Edward Branscombe, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, in which, besides the conductor, Mdme. Marie Hooton, and Bros. Walter Churcher, Dan Price, and R. B. Hopkins took part.

PROVINCIAL GRAND (MARK) LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on the 2nd instant at the Town Hall, Todmorden, where there was an attendance of about 200 brethren. The R.W. Prov. G. Mark Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, presided, and amongst others present were Bros. A. H. Jeffries, Dep. Prov. G. Master; Alderman John Houlding, P.G.D. Eng.; J. D. Murray, Past G. Treas.; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; and others representing the lodges within the province.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the roll of lodges was called, and after the transaction of other business the following officers were appointed:

Bro. Dr. J. E. Dunn	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" H. Pretty	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. H. Peel	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" T. J. Hayes	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" W. H. Moore	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" the Rev. H. V. Pigot	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" the Rev. W. H. Healey	...	...	...
" Robert Gibson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. C. K. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Goodacre	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Brown	...	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" John Gregson	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Whitehead	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Jas. Stopford	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. J. Boothroyd	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" R. Christopher	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Turkington	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.

Bro. James Fielding ... Prov. G. Org.
 " J. Holt ... Prov. G.I.G.
 " J. S. Buck ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
 " J. J. Boyle ... }
 " J. Doran ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Notice of motion was given by Bro. J. D. MURRAY, that the proposed alterations of the bye-laws then before the meeting should be considered at the next Prov. Grand Lodge.

It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. HOULding, seconded by Bro. BARROW, that the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge should be held at Southport.

Notice of motion was also given by Bro. E. R. LATHOM, P.G. Treas., to the effect that he would propose, at the next meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge that the sum of 20 guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in view of the fact that the Earl of Lathom will preside at the next annual festival.

The proceedings were then closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of luncheon at the White Hart Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Soane-street, Ipswich, on the 2nd instant, when a fairly representative gathering of the province assembled. The presence-book was signed, among others, by the following Past and Present Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and companions:

Comps. Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, Grand Superintendent elect; F. A. Philbrick, K.C., Grand Superintendent Essex, Installing Principal; N. Tracy, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G.S.E.; H. J. Wright, P.P.G.J.; J. M. Harvey, P.P.G.H.; H. C. Monteith, P.P.G.N.; C. E. Brown, M.E.Z.; W. H. Hunt, M.E.Z.; A. E. Trew, P.S.J.; W. Kemp, M.E.Z.; W. J. Wilton, P.P.G.H.; H. W. H. Cary-Elwes, P.P.G.H.; Alma Cocks, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. R. Anness, P.P.G.H.; E. W. Lynch, P.P.G.R.; C. W. Biden, S. G. Carley, P.P.G.H.; J. M. Canova, P.P.G.T.; W. Armstrong, P.P.G.H.; W. H. Cook, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Geo. Gould, P.G. Janitor; H. Jones, M.E.Z.; W. G. Normandale, P.Z.; M. Reid, M.E.Z.; W. Parker, Org. 225; T. Thwaites, H.; H. J. Sparks, Grand Superintendent designate Norfolk; J. Talbot, P.Z.; T. Ralling, P.G.S. and P.G.S.E. Essex; Rev. Dr. Davies, G. Abbott, P.P.G.S.; C. C. Vincent, P.P.A.G.S.; James Green, P.P.A.G.S.; B. Peart, P.Z.; J. Durrant, H.; C. F. Bennewitz, P.Z.; C. Youngman, P.P.G.R.; T. Stevenson, H.; W. Philipps, P.Z.; E. U. Adnams, P.G.S.B.; and G. H. Garrett, P.Z.

The principal business before the Prov. Grand Chapter was the installation of Comp. Rev. J. Holme Pilkington into the Grand Superintendent's chair, vacant by the lamented death of Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Comp. Philbrick, Grand Superintendent of Essex, for which service the Prov. Grand Chapter recorded its hearty thanks.

After his installation, the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Comp. N. Tracy, 376	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Youngman, 305	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" S. R. Anness, 376	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" E. W. Lynch, 555	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. J. Carthew, 81	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. W. Normandale, 1224	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Jones, 376	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. H. Hunt, 71	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" C. S. Brown, 225	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" M. Reid, 1224	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Green, 1631	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Alma Cocks, 959	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. Stevenson, 1983	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. Hills, 959	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Geo. Gould, 959	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

For the second year in succession the annual festival in connection with the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Fund was held at the Hotel Metropole, Blackpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 25th ult. The Institution has been founded with the sole object of providing annuities for the widows of deceased brethren in the West Lancashire province, and the festival is the principal social gathering amongst Freemasons in this part of Lancashire. The event was one of the most successful ever held, the arrangements being splendidly organised and carried out.

The post of honour had been conferred on Bro. G. Harradon, P.P.G.T., by his being elected President for the festival. During the 21 years of his Masonic career he was elected Prov. G. Treasurer about 10 years ago. He was a founder and first Master of Prince's Lodge, No. 2316, and was again elected W.M. of that lodge about four years ago. He was initiated in the Wilbraham Lodge, of which he is a Past Master, and has also passed through the chair of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, and at present is its Treasurer. He is also a P.Z. of the Hamer Chapter, and P.P.G. Treasurer of West Lancashire (Royal Arch). He is a P.M. of the Clarence Mark Lodge, No. 447, and P.P.S.G.W. of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire; P.M.W.S. of the Crawford Rose Croix Chapter; P.G.D. Allied Degrees; and a member of 30, and knight of St. George's Preceptory. For these services and his self-denying labours in connection with the Masonic Charities, his brethren unanimously had placed him in the highest position it was in their power to bestow. The local Committee had for its Chairman Bro. Edmund Taylor, P.G.S., and preparations for the banquet were made by Bro. W. R. Brandwood, P.P.G.D., who also acted as Hon. Treasurer to the Festival Committee. Altogether 200 persons sat down to a sumptuous repast, which was excellently served by Bro. Stevenson, the manager of the Hotel Metropole.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. D. MURRAY, P.G. Treas. Eng., who officiated as the Director of Ceremonies, announced that the toast list would be short, after which the donations would be read.

The loyal toasts were proposed by Bro. Geo. A. HARRADON, P.P.G. Treas., who celebrated his coming of age as a Freemason at this Festival.

"The President of the Institution, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom," was proposed by Bro. JOHN HOULding, P.S.G.D. Eng., who mentioned that the Institution commemorated the memory of Bro. Alpass, who for many years acted as Secretary to the West Lancashire Province, and who was a most devoted

servant in the interests of Charity. Whatever donations were given—and every subscription was given voluntarily—it went without any deduction for expenses of any kind direct to the purposes for which it was intended. By these means they had kept a number of widows from applying for parish relief.

"The Chairman of the Festival, Bro. Geo. A. Harradon," was proposed by Bro. ROBERT WYLIE, who said that of all the brethren he had met during the many years he had been associated with Freemasonry, he had never met a brother who had discharged his duty equal to Bro. Harradon. For a number of years he had been Hon. Treasurer of the Alpass Institution, and without his assistance it could never have reached such a position financially and in usefulness as it had attained that day.

Bro. HARRADON, in reply, said he felt it an honour to occupy the position of Chairman for the year, and remarked that when he was appointed the Treasurer seven years ago there were 25 annuitants: at the present time there were 70, and between £1100 and £1200 per annum was expended, while there were four more applicants under consideration. Since the formation of the Institution, the brethren of the province had paid something like £19,000 to the cause alone, to say nothing of what they subscribed towards the support of three other Benevolent Institutions of Freemasonry.

Bro. T. HENSHAW then announced that the donations amounted to £1406 14s., which had been surpassed only once since the foundation, and was £200 better than last year.

"The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Dr. CRAWFORD, after which formality was dispensed with, and a most enjoyable time ensued, songs being given by Miss Alice Aineworth, Bro. W. Paul (formerly of the Carl Rosa Opera Company), and others.

The following were the officers responsible for the smooth working of the function: Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas. Eng.; Capt. of Stewards, Bros. T. Bush and H. Brooks, P.M.; Wine Steward, Bro. J. A. Brown; Treasurer, Bro. W. R. Brandwood, P.P.G.D.; Secretaries, Bros. T. Henshaw (Liverpool) and S. S. Waterhouse (Blackpool).

Craft Masonry.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

The above lodge held its regular meeting at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. A. Fergusson, W.M.; A. J. Rippin, S.W.; R. F. Roche, J.W.; T. Cobu, P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Lockett, S.D.; W. J. Fishleigh, J.D.; Thos. Stokes, I.P.M.; William Baker, P.M., D.C.; J. Collins, I.G.; E. Chatterton, P.M. 879, Org.; F. H. Farr and W. Lloyd, Stwds.; J. G. Robeson, P.M.; C. Garton, P.M.; J. M. Mower, P.M.; F. Hughes, P.M.; Brough, Ellis, Dearsley, Press, Robinson, Adams, Grims, J. W. Fishleigh, Gishon, Cowderoy, Durrant, Preston, T. E. Fergusson, Allerton, Hamlett, Bayley, Grimdale, Prevost, Willey, Hipwell, Cashman, Williams, Ward, Auckland, Bissett, A. A. Jones, Meers, Barclay, Browne, Crawshaw, Rack, Stevenson, R. W. Jones, Ullmann, and Mills. Visitors: Bros. Newman, P.M. 2518; R. Hurst, P.M. 95; Johnson, J.W. 453; Jackson, I.G. 1421; Richardson, 1613; Potter, 1677; and Johnson, 2479.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Ellis, Press, Dearsley, and Robinson were raised, and Bros. Gishon and Preston passed, after which Messrs. Stevenson and Rack were initiated. Two gentlemen having been proposed as candidates for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Pillar Hall for dinner, after which the toasts were duly honoured, interspersed by some capital songs and recitations by Miss Elliott, Messrs. T. H. Brandon, Parsons, and H. Gallagher.

St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The first meeting of this lodge after the recess was held on the 4th instant, in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster. Present: Bros. J. Shires, W.M.; J. W. Hainsworth, I.P.M.; C. Reasbeck, S.W.; J. Denison, J.W.; H. C. White, Sec.; A. W. Fretwell, P.A.G.D.C., Chap.; J. Hurst, S.D.; F. King, J.D.; W. H. Ord, W. F. Duthie, G. Fennell, and F. W. Deighton, Stwds.; Mason, Hon. Tyler; J. Marsden, Tyler; E. J. Pratt, Asst. Tyler; T. W. Turner, Almshouse; G. H. Laughton, F. E. Shires, W. Nicholson, J. F. King, J. W. Brown, D. C. Charles, J. F. Forth, P.M.; and C. Goldthorpe, P.M. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Fryer, 2477; E. Stoddard, 376; and J. Constable, 2259.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. G. F. Carter was duly initiated by the W.M., the J.W. giving the working tools, and the S.W. the charge. Bro. J. W. Brown presented a beautiful sword for use in the lodge, for which the W.M. heartily thanked him. The lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of light refreshment in the club room.

Portland Lodge, No. 637.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOS. SMALL.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 3rd instant, at the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent. Bro. T. Small was installed W.M. by Bro. J. E. Egerton, the retiring W.M. He then invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. E. Egerton, I.P.M.; J. H. Bamber, S.W.; J. Prince, J.W.; T. R. Voxall, P.P.G.D. of C., Treas.; W. H. Bamber, Sec.; T. Turpin, S.D.; E. Butler, J.D.; G. Course, Org.; J. B. Ashwell, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; F. A. Woodbridge, I.G.; W. Jenkins and E. Sale, Stwds.; and A. Kingston, Tyler.

Other Past Masters present included Bros. R. Tooth, P.P.G.R.; J. Eardley, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Harding, P.G.S.B.; C. Carter, G. Bennett, and S. Leese.

Subsequently the annual banquet was held at the Copeland Arms Hotel, and a long toast list was gone through.

Bro. J. B. Ashwell proposed "The M.W.G.M., the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G."

"The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Earl of Dartmouth," was proposed by Bro. Bennett.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. A. F. HARDYMENT.

The first Friday in October again brought together many of the same old friends who have been in the habit of meeting under the banner of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge for very many of the 27 years of the lodge's existence. On Friday week they met at the Holborn Restaurant, under the Mastership of Bro. F. A. King, and there were also present Bros. A. F. Hardyment, S.W.; W. J. Scrivener, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; A. Hammond, S.D.; W. G. Symonds, J.D.; John Britton, Org.; E. H. Raynham, I.G.; F. E. George and W. G. Manning, Stwds.; Horace A. Huntley, P.M.; J. H. Clare, P.M.; R. J. Campbell, P.M.; R. W. Huntley, P.M.; T. V. Mills, P.M.; John Sparrow, P.M.; C. H. Fisher, P.M.; W. T. Burgin, W. Hayes, H. Barratts, J. Dale Cooke, J. Adams, C. T. Pannell, W. Goodridge, Samuel Baker, M. Lofting, W. J. Macqueen, Ralph Woodman, Thos. Rose, Norman E. Richings, Henry Garrett, Charles Feist, A. Miller, Harry Bushby, Alex. Green, J. E. Hayes, F. C. Straker, F. R. Williams, W. Guthrie, Evan C. Newell, and W. G. Pinhorn. The visitors were Bros. B. Stocker, P.M. 754; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Adams, 1692; H. Coxon, S.W. 59; Arthur Barlow, S.D. 2737; Alfred Hammond, I.G. 1559; N. Frank Crocker, 2736; A. R. Banfield, W.M. 145; G. N. Cochrane, George Aylett, C. A. Peach, T. G. Palmer, E. H. Line, A. H. Ordey, E. C. Morris, and Isgar Aylett, all of 2698; Edward Robins, 2728; J. H. Edwards, P.M. 217; J. Horstind, I.G. 2361; M. Belpy, J.W.

59; James Gawthrop, P.M. 1706; F. Garrett, 2032; F. S. Hopkins, 1063; H. E. Dun, W.M. 1766; A. Hooper, 1728; W. H. Bullerst, I.P.M. 410; W. Kingshott, 1681; H. Massev, P.M. 619 and 1928; Walter Hancock, P.M. 2101; I. R. McGill, S.W. 2484; H. J. Dunaway, Org. 59; T. H. Howden, 1339; W. J. Harris, P.M. 1321; R. N. Cattle, 1538; David Strong, 1706; J. Duncan, 59; J. A. Hall, 43; and Ernest Taylor.

As is customary of late years with this lodge, the installation was the only ceremony on the programme, and this was performed by Bro. Edwin George, P.M., Secretary. Bro. R. J. Campbell, as Director of Ceremonies, presented to him Bro. A. F. Hardymont, P.M. Walpole Lodge, 1500, Norwich, a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Norfolk, S.W., and W.M. elect. The ceremony was very ably carried out and much commended. When Bro. Hardymont had been placed in the chair, Bro. F. S. King was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren invested as officers were: Bros. W. J. Scrivener, S.W.; A. Hammond, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Symmons, S.D.; E. H. Raynham, J.D.; W. Goodridge, I.G.; W. G. Manning, D.C.; John Britton, Org.; F. E. George and W. G. R. Hayes, Stwds.; and David Legg, P.M., Tyler. At the Worshipful Master's obligation Bro. James Gawthrop, P.M. 1706, beautifully rendered Mendelssohn's "Be thou faithful." When the ceremonies were finished the Auditors' report was adopted, and Bro. Walford, Treasurer, congratulated the brethren on the very favourable state of the figures. Afterwards, on the motion of Bro. Walford, seconded by Bro. R. J. Campbell, a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Edwin George for performing the installation ceremony, was unanimously adopted, and then gracefully acknowledged by the recipient. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. A. King was the next step, which was taken by Bro. Hardymont, who informed the lodge of its indebtedness to Bro. King for his conduct of the business and for handing over to the present Master's year a balance increased from £65 to £100. Bro. King had done his level best to make his year a success. Every meeting had been most enjoyable. Bro. King, replying, said he accepted the W.M.'s kind observations in the spirit in which they were meant. He was pleased to be in the position of leaving the chair to one much more worthy to fill it than himself, but he was very glad to hand it over with such a good account of the year that had gone by.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, and the toasts afterwards were enlivened with some charming musical performances under the direction of Bro. James Gawthrop, by the following artists: Alto, Bro. Ernest Taylor; tenors, Bros. James Gawthrop and David Strong; baritone, Bro. Arthur Barlow. Bro. Will Edwards was the humorist performer, and the accompanist was Bro. John Britton, Organist of the lodge.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., at the W.M.'s request, replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers" coupled with that of "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of doing so, remarked that Bro. Hardymont had consented to act as Steward for the Benevolent Institution at the next festival, at which next February Sir Augustus F. Gosson, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Worcestershire, would take the chair. It was the first time that Worcester's Grand Master had taken that position. Worcester was a small province, but he had no doubt the province would well support its chief. Bro. Terry proceeded to give a narrative of what the Girls' School and the Boys' School had achieved in the past; but, with respect to the latter, he could not help thinking that the new and extensive establishment when completed would lead to a large drain on the Institution's resources. He then referred to the Institution with which he was more particularly concerned, and which for the last 65 years had kept many old people from the tender mercies of the poorhouse. It had on its books now 480 annuitants, who were absorbing a sum of £18,000 a year. He heartily commended to all the brethren the charitable associations connected with lodges of instruction, which enabled brethren, by an outlay of a shilling a week, to become life governors of the three Masonic Charities, with a voice in the management of those great Institutions. He instanced himself as one who had benefited by these Institutions, saying that but for them he could not have borne upon his breast the adornments which indicated the sums he had contributed to the Masonic Institutions, and he added that he could not have managed to put down an immediate payment of the great sums required to obtain his position. He made these observations on account of its having come to his knowledge that another association of this kind was about to be commenced in connection with the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. He was one of the four founders of such associations; the other three were dead; but the result of the scheme was that now by this means alone £7000 or £8000 a year was subscribed to the Charities. He exhorted all the brethren to support Bro. Hardymont.

Bro. King, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Hardymont was particularly qualified for the position of maintaining the prestige of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge.

Bro. Hardymont, W.M., responded. As the brethren had been good enough to place him in the chair, he promised to do his very best during his year of office to make it a great success. It would not be his fault, and it would not be Bro. George's fault, if he did not make it a success. He should endeavour to make his year pleasant. He had come to that position of W.M. by gradation. He had been Master of two other lodges, but the present was to be his wind up. In the two other lodges of which he had been Master he had represented the Charities, and had been very successful, and he had no doubt that in February next he would take up a good substantial sum to the Benevolent Institution. He did not want to surpass other brethren who had gone before him in the amount; he would like to do so, and he would be pleased if his successor did better. He would put 20 guineas himself, and if there were an odd sum he would be happy to make it even money; he would like to have 150 or 200 guineas. Many brethren of the Brondesbury Lodge were present; perhaps they would assist him.

The result of the list which was passed round the table was a total of £178 10s.

Bros. Harris, P.M., and Hancock, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Visitors"; Bro. King, in replying, along with Bro. George, for "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," again thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel, and for the assistance all had rendered him during his year.

The S.W. replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Rose Lodge, No. 1622.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIMON J. COHEN.

This lodge may be justly considered one of the most successful in South London, having also attached to it a chapter, and there is as well a Rose Mark Lodge, and all meeting in the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. This circumstance is somewhat unique, as the brethren and companions who comprise them are for the greater part one and the same. The present occasion proved no exception to the rule, as it was marked with the same cordial and fraternal feeling which is quite characteristic of the lodge. To do honour to the new W.M. there attended no less than 91 brethren. Those present were: Bros. Geo. Thompson, W.M.; Rd. Brambleby, S.W.; S. J. Cohen, J.W., and W.M. elect; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; Chas. H. Mayo, S.D.; W. J. Frampton, J.D.; T. J. Smith, I.G.; J. Parr, Stwd.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; D. Rose, P.M.; Thos. Pickett, P.M.; J. H. Pullen, P.M.; H. Vickery, P.M.; S. I. Derham, P.M.; Walter Jeffery, P.M.; W. Jeffries, P.M.; H. A. Potter, P.M.; W. T. Nelthorpe, P.M.; J. J. Drayner, J. Wiggins, J. P. King, Herbert Arkcoll, O. E. Crisp, A. C. Crisp, J. S. B. Higgs, C. Isaacs, Walter G. Kirby, Charles Archer, J. A. Johnson, H. Tolley, P. T. Black, E. Smith, J. Muttit, A. Brown, J. Cross, J. P. Noble, A. Bradgate, O. Henke, A. Searle, R. Sobel, J. Hight, J. H. Reap, F. W. Wright, G. F. Seaman, A. D. Jenkins, D. J. Wright, Goddard Clarke, J. P., E. G. Taylor, William Shaw, J. N. Davis, and W. Wisdom. The visitors were: Bros. W. T. Greenland, J.W. 1861; H. Bates, Stwd. 1076; E. Howes, 2589; F. Nash, 820; R. G. Minton, P.M. 1708; Hugh Scott, P.M. 1302; W. Underdown, 1801; W. R. Bennet, W.M. 2580; G. Billes, 1320; S. Isaacs, 2580; J. Cunningham, 1086; C. B. Butcher, W.M. 288; Charles H. Lawson, I.P.M. 1073; H. Hookey, 907; Arthur Taylor, 217; Arthur E. Smith, 2683; G. Raven, 1624; Ernest J. Hall, 1348; P. G. King, I.G. 211; T. W. A. Ratcliffe, 1085; R. J. Richards, S.W. 1059; Jas. Lawson, P.M. 107; E. K. Young, 1503; W. Pottinger, W.M. 2083; E. Angel, P.M. 2398; F. E. Lyre, 2400; E. A. Whitby, P.M. and Sec. 1475; W. Roots, P.M. 2589; Arthur Kemp, 250; Thos. Hobley, P.M. 1321; F. Pollitzer, 1017; A. Atkins, P.M. 1348; R. Copley, 87; R. A. Robinson, 1366; J. W. Chapman, J.W. 101; G. Twitchie, 1320; F. Butler, P.M. 1300; Geo. Richards, 1059; and Charles Henry Stone, P.M. 507 and 1041.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Dawson, P.M., assumed the chair, and performed the ceremony, the three brethren being raised

in a most impressive manner. Bro. Geo. Thompson assumed the chair, and Bro. Simon J. Cohen, I.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. Dawson, P.M., D.C., to the W.M., to receive from him the benefit of installation, which was performed in a perfect manner, and elicited the encomiums of all present, there being a Board of 27 Installed Masters. Bro. Simon J. Cohen, W.M., invested his officers most gracefully as follows: Bros. Rd. Brambleby, S.W.; Chas. Hy. Mayo, J.W.; Isaac Dunn, P.M., Treas.; John T. Loader, P.M., Sec.; Wm. J. Frampton, S.D.; Thos. J. Smith, J.D.; Wm. C. Wisdom, I.G.; Wm. Dawson, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Pickett, P.M., A.D.C.; F. E. Choveaux, Org.; Jas. E. Parr and F. W. Wright, Stwds.; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were rendered faultlessly by the Installing Master, Bro. Geo. Thompson. The balance-sheet was presented and adopted, and showed the lodge to be financially sound, with a good balance in hand. A proposition was handed in for initiation, and apologies were tendered for absence through various causes.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to the large banqueting hall, where Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, had provided excellent viands, which were done justice to.

The cloth removed, the W.M. presented the toast of "His Majesty the King and the Craft," which he said was always received by Freemasons with the utmost enthusiasm. He trusted that his Majesty's health would continue good for many years to remain the Protector of the Order.

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said it was indeed a great privilege to him to present it. It was his privilege to witness the installation of his Royal Highness, and all realised that he was the right man in the right place. The brethren had every confidence in him to carry out the duties as efficiently as our King had done.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said all who were allowed to attend Grand Lodge found them most ardent workers, for they threw their whole heart and soul into their work and the brethren were justly proud of them.

Bro. Geo. Thompson, I.P.M., next rose and proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and stated the great pleasure indeed it gave him in presenting it. He feared he had not the words, nor eloquence sufficient to do it justice, as it was proposed at the last installation by Bro. Hy. Potter, the I.P.M., but, at least, he would say there was nothing but what was good that could be applied with all sincerity to the W.M. All knew the excellent work he had accomplished in the Rose Lodge of Instruction, and the manner he had performed the duties that evening left nothing to be desired, and he was confident that he would prove as efficient and do his duty as well as any Master in the lodge before him. He certainly was the right man in the right place.

Bro. S. J. Cohen, W.M., on rising, was unable to respond for some short time on account of the ovation, but at length said it was a very proud moment in his life to be in the position of W.M. It almost appeared to him a dream, for some eight years since he was initiated by Bro. S. J. Derham, P.M., and was very deeply impressed by the ceremony. He had progressed, and now to make the most of it was their W.M. He was much gratified that evening for Bro. Cross was present who was his sponsor into Freemasonry, and that brother had said he should continue a member of the Rose Lodge until he saw Bro. Cohen as its W.M. That time had now arrived, and the W.M. hoped that Bro. Cross would still continue a member. He (the W.M.) could not thank the brethren sufficiently for the honour done him, but he would do all he could to uphold the prestige of the Rose Lodge. It was a great responsibility, but by dint of hard work which must be at least 22 carat, he would do his very best, and the best could do no more. He most cordially thanked the brethren.

Bro. Hy. Potter, P.M., next rose and said, by the W.M.'s desire, he had been entrusted with the next toast—that of "The Visitors"—which he proposed in very cordial terms, dilating upon the benefit attending the various lodges in creating good feeling and witnessing the various work. The brethren of the lodge always extended a hearty greeting to their visitors, and he hoped they were thoroughly satisfied with the work they had seen in the lodge and the welcome given them at the festive board.

The toast was most ably responded to by Bros. Pottinger, Butcher, and Lawson, each acknowledging with thanks their kind reception, and congratulating the lodge upon having such a W.M. and workers in the lodge.

Bro. Lawson expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, as he had known the W.M. for very many years, and he was confident the brethren had made an excellent choice, and he would certainly make his mark.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," which was always received by the brethren with the utmost enthusiasm. He would commence with Bro. G. Thompson, the Installing Master, who had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year to their entire satisfaction, and so admirably performed the installation ceremony. The I.P.M. had had a record year in the lodge as regards the number of meetings, and had also an exceptionally large number of good and true men as initiates, and he had presided over them with grace and kindness. He (the W.M.) hoped he might leave the chair at the end of his year with as great a satisfaction as the I.P.M. and with no regret. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure to pin the jewel to the I.P.M.'s collar; many I.P.M.s. had had similar jewels, but none were more deserving. He also enumerated Bros. D. Rose and H. Vickery, founders of the lodge, and spoke of the valuable assistance he had received from Bro. D. Rose in the Rose Lodge of Instruction. There were also Bros. Isaac Dunn, J. Loader, T. Pickett, W. Jeffery, J. H. Pullen, W. Jeffries, E. J. Derham, W. Dawson, and H. Potter present. They were the pillars of the lodge, and all had done excellent service.

The toast was replied to by Bro. Geo. Thompson, I.P.M., who said it was a difficult task, but he sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kindness. For himself he was gratified to have given them satisfaction, and to receive the lovely jewel for his services, which he should very highly prize. He most cordially thanked them.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Isaac Dunn, P.M., and J. T. Loader, P.M., respectively, said those two officers were brethren of the greatest efficiency and capable workers, always carrying out their duties with grace and good feeling. The worthy Treasurer looked after the funds most carefully, and during his office they had steadily increased, and he hoped he would remain their Treasurer for many years. Of Bro. J. T. Loader, P.M., Secretary, nothing was too much for him to do for the lodge, and he was the right hand of the W.M. He carried out his duties to their entire satisfaction, and in the most genial manner. Last year Bro. Loader had the pleasure of celebrating his silver wedding, and the W.M. hoped he might celebrate his golden wedding as the Secretary of the Rose Lodge.

In reply Bro. Dunn, P.M., thanked the W.M., and said it was to him a great pleasure to be the custodian of the funds, which had steadily increased. He would assure the brethren they were in safe keeping, and banked in the name of the lodge, and to the credit of the lodge, a circumstance which had been copied by another lodge quite recently. Any service he could render the lodge he should always be most happy.

Bro. J. T. Loader, P.M., most sincerely thanked the W.M. and the brethren for their great kindness always extended to him. His services to the lodge were a labour of love, and anything he could do for the lodge and to promote its interests, it was only for the W.M. to command him, and he would most readily obey.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Officers," whom he described as most efficient, especially enumerating their various duties. Of Bro. R. Brambleby, S.W. (who had stood aside this year for the W.M.), all knew his worth, and the W.M. hoped this time next year he should instal him into the chair as efficiently as the ceremony had been conducted that evening. Of Bro. Ch. H. Mayo, J.W., they had great confidence, and his work as S.D. that evening had never been excelled in the Rose Lodge, that when his time arrived he would prove himself a most capable Master.

The toast was gratefully responded to by Bros. Brambleby, S.W., and Mayo, J.W.

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

An excellent programme of music was arranged, under the direction of Bro. F. E. Choveaux. The artistes were Miss Edith Kingstord, Miss Helen Blain, and Bros. Wm. Llewellyn, Harry Stubbs, and S. J. Derham, P.M. (flautist). Bro. F. E. Choveaux ably accompanied.

The Past Master's jewel was manufactured by Bros. Geo. Kenning and Son, and was greatly admired. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Geo. Thompson, P.M., by the brethren of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, as a token of their appreciation of his services as W.M. 1900-1901. October 5th, 1901."

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.

A most successful meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. The following brethren were present: Bros. Edward Bennett, W.M.; Howard Gandy, I.P.M.; H. Dolling Smith, S.W.; G. H. Russel, J.W.; J. M. Wohlgenuth, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; H. Wharton Wells, P.Z., P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, Sec.; William Soole, S.D.; Henry J. Sparrow, J.D.; F. W. Garnham, D.C.; H. W. Taylor, O.G.; Alfred Loft, P.P.G.D., I.G.; C. Huntingford, F. C. Hampton, W. W. J. Lyons, H. G. Barton, P.M.; W. H. Rohrs, P.M.; R. T. Wood, and G. H. Ellis. Visitors: J. W. Folkard, W.M. 1903; John Latham, P.M. 1903; J. B. Dixon, S.W. 2513; W. H. Ball, S.W. 1420; F. A. Baker, J.W. 1420; F. W. King, S.W. 2417; R. O'neash, 1287; E. Hancock, 87; G. C. L. Le Brum, 1609; A. Moorhead, W.M. 2607; P. Morgan, 2744; C. W. Cornish, J.D. 1044; A. Thompson, 1656; and G. E. Hertslet, 1503.

Bro. G. H. Ellis was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., who worked the ceremony in a creditable and impressive manner. Bro. H. Dolling Smith, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Wohlgenuth, P.P.S.G.D., was elected Treasurer of the lodge, a position he has held for 23 years.

On the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

The toasts of "The King and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master," were put and honoured.

The toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., the W. Deputy Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was received with enthusiasm, and replied to by Bros. Wohlgenuth, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Loft, P.P.G.S.; and Rohrs, P.P.G. Std. B.

Bro. Gandy, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said no words of his were needed to point out the excellent manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties during his year of office. They all saw how he did his work, and they could not withhold appreciation for the careful and feeling way in which he performed the ceremonies.

The W.M., in replying, thanked Bro. Gandy for his kind tribute to his conduct in the chair. It was with regret he was reminded that his term of office was almost expired. He would never forget the honour they had done him in placing him in the position of W.M. He did not feel he could hold out any hope of being added to the roll of honour—so many distinguished brethren had preceded him—but no Master had ever entered on the duties of the office with a firmer determination to do his level best; the officers and brethren had ably assisted him. The lodge was now in a prosperous condition, which he hoped would continue.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Folkard, Latham, Moorhead, F. W. King, W. H. Ball, and H. W. Cornish.

In proposing the toast of "The Master Elect," the W.M. said he had followed the Masonic career of their Master elect with very great interest, and in every office which he filled he was found equal to the duties and the occasion. Bro. Dolling Smith well deserved all that could be said in his praise; he was a good Mason, who unobtrusively assisted in every worthy cause, and could best be described as one of those who

"Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame."

The Master elect, Bro. D. Smith, said that he found it impossible to adequately reply to the kind words of the W.M. The highest compliment that can be paid to a brother is to say he is a good Mason, and it would be his endeavour to be found worthy of the kind things said of him. He had full knowledge of the high influence and good done the lodge by the W.M., whose example he would, as far as possible, imitate.

The toast of "The I.P.M.," also included the Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary, to all of whom the W.M. expressed his gratitude for their support, which he fully appreciated. That was the 30th anniversary of the initiation in that lodge of their Treasurer, Bro. Wohlgenuth, one of their esteemed Past Masters, who had attained to Provincial honours, and whose lengthy career proved conclusively he had Masonry at heart.

Bro. Wohlgenuth, in his reply, reviewed the history of the lodge and Masonry in the province, giving many interesting details. He was connected with other lodges, but in none did he experience the same feeling of satisfaction as in that—his mother-lodge, and he hoped to be spared to respond as Treasurer in 30 years' time.

The toast of "The Officers" brought from the W.M. an expression of indebtedness to all of them.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most happy reunion.

An excellent musical programme was provided under the direction of Bro. Eustace Wallace, consisting of songs by Bro. Sparrow, cello solo, Mr. Jan Maller, and musical sketches by Bro. Chas. Frood and Mr. Walter Graham.

De La Pole Lodge, No. 1605.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS KEMP.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Hull, on the 4th instant. At the opening of the lodge the retiring Master, Bro. John W. Tindell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. E. Wickens, I.P.M.; E. Ryley, P.M.; G. Petch, P.M.; J. Mackaill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Barton, Treas.; T. Kemp, S.W., W.M. elect; E. Leonard, J.W.; E. H. Parling, Sec.; T. S. Kaye, S.D.; F. E. Sherriss, J.D.; J. Silvester Sage, D.C.; T. Rippon, Org.; T. Branton, I.G.; A. A. Dunn, Stwd.; W. H. Christian, Tyler; J. Williams, G. Westmoreland, W. Burgess, T. Seddon, F. E. Hart, W. Dodson, G. Beaumont, S. Rainforth, W. J. Milne, J. W. Harrison, J. Walsh, F. Kent-Smith, and W. H. Evans.

After some introductory business had been disposed of, the installation ceremony was proceeded with. The Installing Officer was Bro. Edward Corris, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., the ceremony throughout being most solemn and impressive. The usual Grand honours were accorded to Bro. Thomas Kemp, the new W.M., and subsequently the latter invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John W. Tindell, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Charity Representative, I.P.M.; Thomas S. Kaye, S.W.; James Williams, J.W.; Edward Ryley, P.M., Chaplain and Lecture Master; James Barton, P.M., Treas., and Treasurer of Benevolent Fund; Edward H. Barling, Sec.; Arthur A. Dunn, S.D.; Arthur Marritt, J.D.; William Burgess, I.G.; W. H. Christian, Tyler; T. Rippon, O.G.; Fred Stringer, Asst. Org.; Frederick E. Sherriss, D. of C.; John Mackaill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Almoner; James W. Gillies, Fred Stringer, Arthur A. Hagestad, and James Findlay, Stwds. At the close of the ceremony Bro. Edwin Leonard, the retiring J.W., in eulogistic terms, presented to Bro. Tindell, I.P.M., a magnificent diamond pin and signet ring, which had been subscribed for by members of the lodge as a token of their high esteem for, and appreciation of, the valuable services rendered to the lodge by the recipient during his year of office. Bro. Tindell acknowledged with many thanks the handsome tokens presented to him and subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge.

The installation banquet followed, Bro. T. Kemp, W.M., in the chair.

"The King and the Craft," and other Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured.

Bro. Tindell, I.P.M., proposed in his usual happy style "The Worshipful Master of the De La Pole Lodge and his Officers," the sentiment being duly responded to by Bro. T. Kemp, W.M., who next submitted "The I.P.M. and Retiring Officers," which was also responded to.

"The Health of the Installing Officer," likewise given from the chair, was ably replied to by Bro. E. Corris, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.

Other toasts followed.

Caxton Lodge, No. 1853.

At the meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 7th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, the following brethren were present: Bros. Thomas Baker, W.M.; E. P. Luke, I.P.M.; Alfred Woods, S.W.; Edward Rice, J.W.; Edward Cole, P.M., Treas.; Ernest A. Jehring, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Gill, S.D.; C. J. Taylor, J.D.; H. J. Evans, I.G.; G. L. Rait, D.C.; P. A. Houston, Stwd.; G. A. Proust, Org.; J. Lackland, Tyler; G. J. Dawson, P.M.; S. Morby, P.M.; B. Wynne, P.M.; R. Q. Moody, P.M.; J. Buchanan, P.M.; R. J. Hearnden, P.M.; W. J. Brewer, H. House, J. H. Derman, P. O'Byrne, R. Dixon, W. Woods, and J. M. Foreman. Visitors: Bros. Dodson, P.M.; W. J. Gardiner, P.M.; Bradford, Tuck, Cockell, Moyer, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the installation meeting in April last were read and confirmed. Bro. Foreman was raised to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. P. Luke, I.P.M., who initiated him at the previous meeting. There were three candidates for initiation—Messrs. Horace R. Hearnden, Walter J. Bruce, and George W. Higgins. The ballot having proved unanimous in each case, these gentlemen were duly initiated by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Bro. Tuck was nominated as a joining member, after which the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Luke, I.P.M., said that although installed into the chair as far back as April last, Bro. Baker might be said to have only just commenced his work in earnest. He had, however, from the first taken the warmest interest in the lodge, and had given ample evidence that no effort of his would be spared in promoting its welfare during his term of office. His conduct of the work in the lodge was such as to merit the fullest approbation, and was a worthy example for the brethren who were to succeed him.

The W.M., in responding, assured the brethren of his keen sense of the responsibility they had imposed upon him in placing him in the proud position he occupied, and expressed the hope that they would continue to accord him hearty support in his endeavours to maintain the best traditions of the Caxton Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" was then submitted by the W.M., who said how glad he was to welcome three brethren who had come forward with such excellent recommendations.

Bros. R. H. Hearnden, Bruce, and Higgins responded in suitable terms.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Dodson, P.M., and Moyer, U.S.A., both of whom bore testimony to the excellent quality of the work they had witnessed in the lodge.

Bros. Dawson, P.M.; Wynne, P.M.; and Buchanan, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Woods, S.W., acknowledged the kindly remarks which fell from the W.M. in speaking of the able assistance rendered by his officers.

A most enjoyable musical entertainment was provided during the evening under the direction of Bro. G. A. Proust, Org., among those taking part being Bros. J. H. Denman, William Woods, W. H. Gill, E. Rice, R. Dixon, Higgins, and H. R. Hearnden.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 4th instant, at five p.m., when there were present: Bros. E. Conder, jun., W.M.; G. Greiner, S.W.; J. T. Thorp, as J.W.; W. H. Rylands, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Admiral A. H. Markham, P. Dist. G. Master Malta, S.D.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, J.D.; G. L. Shackles, I.G.; and Dr. Wynn Westcott. Also 31 members of the Correspondence Circle and three visitors.

Fifty societies and brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle as follows: Lodge Unity, Peace and Concord, No. 316, 2nd Batt. the Royal Scots, Poona, India; Lodge Port Curtis, No. 2235, Glaston, Queensland; Lodge Braemar, No. 816 (S.C.), Gympie, Queensland; Lodge Clydesdale, No. 821 (S.C.), Caboolture, Queensland; United Lodge of Instruction, Maritzburg, Natal; Bros. Hon. J. W. Hackett, Grand Master, Perth, W. Australia; J. F. Cheshire, 833 (S.C.), Inglewood, Queensland; G. A. Ward, 833 (S.C.), Texas, Queensland; W. H. Morrison, P.M. 2051, Longreach, Queensland; W. S. R. Woodforde, M.D., P.M. 862 (S.C.), Goondiwindi, Queensland; W. H. Adcock, 635 (S.C.), Herbyton, Queensland; G. Hewett, 835 (S.C.), Cunnamulla, Queensland; S. C. Bingham, Asst. G. Sec. Christchurch, New Zealand; Rev. Canon H. B. Cartwright, 776, St. John's, Newfoundland; Dr. A. Polasky, 210, Des Moines, Iowa; H. A. Stanhope, 610, Philadelphia; G. S. E. Wisner, W.M. Anaconda, Montana, U.S.A.; F. H. C. Boutell, 2329, Buenos Aires; A. F. G. Warrington, 542, Calcutta; J. A. Cumming, 2356, Madras, Madras; Lieut. A. H. Buchanan-Dunlop, 1022, Bloemfontein; G. Nieuwoudt, M.B., Lodge San Jan (D.C.), Malmesbury, Cape Colony; C. W. Finch and A. McDowall, 2678, Umtali, Rhodesia; J. A. Davidson, 69, and T. Filt, P. B. Snashall, R. Atkinson, and F. Hunt, all of 2479, Salisbury, Rhodesia; J. B. Nicholls, Prov. G. Sec. Guernsey; A. Walker, 873, Glasgow; T. M. Woodhead, 2665, Bradford; Capt. W. Beer, 1754, Abergavenny, S. Wales; J. H. Holland, 1276, Sea-combe; and Dr. Lunt, 1565, Lymm, Cheshire; W. H. Keys, W. Bromwich, Staffords; H. Myers, P.M. 1180, J. W. Alcock, P.M. 1782, and J. Smith, W.M. 1782, all of Birmingham; W. Forrester, 2660, Staplehurst, Kent; and J. Mansbridge, Capt. A. J. V. Durell, 2537, Rev. H. Gunson, 2843, H. P. Hewson, W.M. 2427, J. N. North, P.M. 614, H. Bladon, 2523, J. G. Young, 749, W. Dawson, P.M. 788, all of London; William Patrick Alexander, Captain Royal Artillery, Fort Delhi, Punjab, India, Lodge Jumna, Delhi; and W. H. Wellsman, P.M. 1539.

The Secretary called attention to the following exhibits: By Bro. J. M. McLeod, a cream ware transfer mug, bearing the arms used by the Atholl Grand Lodge, and the number 225, now the Lodge of Temperance, No. 169; after being exhibited that evening, Bro. H. A. Steer, the owner, intended presenting it to the Museum of the Grand Lodge; by Bro. Dr. Westcott, on behalf of Bro. F. E. Hamel, a certificate granted to Alexander Cockburn, on his leaving Havanna, by Lodge No. 218, on the Registry of Ireland, held in the 48th Regiment of Foot, dated 8th of May, 1763. The thanks of the lodge were proposed to the exhibitors. Bro. Shackles submitted a complete set of plates and proof-sheets of the "Book of British Medals," shortly to be issued by the lodge, and stated that it would very soon be ready for publication. Two short papers were then read by the Secretary—the first was by the Rev. W. E. Wille, entitled "The Testament of Solomon," a contribution to the legendary history of the Temple, remarks being added by Bros. Horsley, Dr. Hutchinson, Conder, and Rylands; the other was by Bro. A. F. Calvert on "Anthony Sayer," remarks being made by Bros. Shackles, Thorp, Rylands, Conder, Dr. Hutchinson, and Ebbelwhite. A vote of thanks was passed for these papers.

The brethren subsequently dined at the Holborn Restaurant.

Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, No. 2181.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN HILLS.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the King's Head Hotel, Chigwell, Essex, on Thursday, the 26th ult., and was a most successful function, Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.G.D.C., P.P.G. Sec. of the Province, being present, and receiving, as was his due, the honours worthy of his rank.

Bro. W. Catt, W.M., opened his lodge soon after three p.m. His year has been a most successful one, and through his continued and strenuous exertions, aided by that of the esteemed Treasurer, Bro. C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., the lodge has achieved a proud position among the lodges of the Province of Essex; nor must the splendid work of Bro. F. J. Eddle, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, be forgotten. The minutes of the previous meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates, and they were approved of. Bro. F. J. Eddle, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, then, by request of the W.M., assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. Canning, acting as D. of C., introduced to him Bro. John Hill, P.M., W.M. elect, and in due course Bro. Hill was inducted into the chair of K.S. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Catt, I.P.M.; R. J. Mitchell, S.W.; G. F. Penney, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; F. G. Goodman, Sec.; C. W. Millington, S.D.; A. Peterson, J.D.; R. A. Dickson, I.G.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. 13, 700, 1536, and 913 (Honorary), D. of C.; J. D. Ayles, Organist; J. W. Baines and W. P. Baines, Stewards; and J. Ives, Tyler. The candidates were then initiated by the new W.M. in a most perfect manner, which won the approbation of all present. Bro. Eddle then gave the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, in his own inimitably perfect manner, and after he had received a hearty vote of thanks for his services that day as Installing Officer, and the I.P.M., Bro. Catt, had been presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, as a token of the esteem of the brethren for his valuable services that year, the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of in the Grand Hall of the establishment and was much enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present and not enumerated were Bros. Jos. Cohen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Carlton, P.M.; Jas. Cain, P.M.; J. Millin, P.M.; J. Fincher-Dennis, Penney, Millin W. Reynolds, P.S.G.W.; Norman Brown, P.M. 1401 and 1990, P.P.G.S.B. Hants; Elliott, 720; Butler, 1441; Weggsworth, 172;

Prill, 2272; Bradley, 1441; Dickason, 1861; Beach, 445; Dickson, 879; Harrison, 901; Street, P.M. 1598; Street, I.G. 2772; and others.

The toasts were most eloquently given and heartily received. The singing, more especially of Bro. Eedle, was most enjoyable. The speeches were good, and one universal feeling of brotherly love, and good feeling marked the installation of Bro. John Hills, the "Peckham Preceptor," who certainly is *primus inter pares* amongst the Masons of the South Western district.

Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241.

The first meeting of the session of the above lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Bro. A. T. Walmisley, W.M., opened the lodge. The business consisted of the passing of Bro. Carter and the initiation of Mr. James Hindsley.

The members present were Bros. J. Dangerfield, I.P.M.; P. Braby, S.W.; R. A. Love, J.W.; H. J. Adams, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. Johnson, S.D.; G. W. Johnson, J.D.; H. G. Longdon, I.G.; C. Braby, Stwd.; R. E. Tilly, H. E. Goode, A. F. Baynam, J. L. Cartwright, and F. B. Dobree. Bro. Arthur Rawles was elected Tyler in the place of his late father.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. J. SMITH.

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, W. Yorks, on the 2nd instant. Present: Bros. E. Simpson, W.M.; G. Eland, I.P.M.; T. J. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; B. Maskill, J.W.; E. Donkin, Treas.; J. Constable, Sec.; W. W. Peacock, S.D.; T. R. R. Marsdin, J.D.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; Theo. Barber, D.C.; W. P. Robotham, Org.; S. H. C. Ashlin, S.B.; J. Acaster, I.G.; C. F. Budds, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler; H. A. Fenton, P.M.; J. Dugdale, J. H. Pawson, P.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, P.M.; F. T. Turner, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. Stanforth, W.M., J. Barratt, J.W., and A. Alexander, I.G., of 1482; W. Hainsworth, W. H. Ord, and T. W. Turner, of 242; and others.

A successful ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Ord as a joining member. Bro. Stanforth presented Bro. T. J. Smith for installation, and Bro. S. H. C. Ashlin, P.P.G.S.B., performed the ceremony in a most impressive and correct manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. Simpson, I.P.M.; B. Maskill, S.W.; W. W. Peacock, J.W.; E. Donkin, Treas.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; J. Constable, P.P.G.S.B., Sec. *pro tem*; J. Acaster, Asst. Sec.; T. R. R. Marsdin, S.D.; J. Dugdale, J.D.; W. Hallgarth, Almoner; W. P. Robotham, Org.; Theo. Barber, D.C.; S. H. C. Ashlin, S.B.; C. F. Budds, I.G.; W. H. Ord and J. T. Robotham, Stwds.; and F. Pine, Tyler. Bro. Constable was re-elected Charity Representatives.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the club room, where a splendid repast had been prepared by Host Acaster.

The following toasts were gone through, interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Simpson, Hainsworth, Woodhouse, Peacock, Barber, Turner, and others: "The King and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., the W. Deputy P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past;" "The Worshipful Master;" "The I.P.M. and Retiring Officers;" "The Installing Master;" "The Visitors;" "The Officers;" "The Masonic Charities;" and the Tyler's toast.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. C. F. WATERS.

The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on the 3rd instant. Present: Bros. H. A. Whitburn, W.M.; G. J. Wooldridge, S.W.; C. F. Waters, J.W., Master elect; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; J. B. Walker, S.D.; J. E. O'Connor, J.D.; J. Tomlinson, P.M., D. of C.; H. W. Gloster, I.G.; W. A. Shaw, P.M.; Captain J. Hoey, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. M. Kennett, P.M.; F. J. Kemp, R. R. Wasley, A. G. Clinton, and H. B. Osburn, Visitors: Bros. Colonel John Davis, A.D.C., Prov. G. Master; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Charles T. Tyler, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Steggle, W.M., H. G. Herbert, P.M., R. M. Palmer, Sec., and R. Bryett, J.D., all of 2101; T. P. Whately, P.M. 777; R. J. Hunt, W.M., and H. J. Bedwell, P.M., Sec. 2120; S. C. Knight, P.M., W. E. Robinson, P.M., S. S. Boorman, S.W., J. H. W. Cleave, J.W., and J. W. Barton, all of 1395; J. H. Ingram, I.G., W. Ireland, and James Whitburn, all of 1564; F. Reeves, 19; Norman Clinton, 723, P.G.O. Hampshire; Arthur Grace, S.W., Master elect, W. A. Chalmers, and W. G. Jones, all of 2521; G. W. Smith, 1681; W. Marks, P.M. 2211; A. W. Smith, 1608; F. F. Strutt, P.M. 1679; and E. Head, 1631.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. F. Waters, J.W., the Master elect, was duly presented, and afterwards installed in the chair with the usual solemnities by Bro. J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M. The W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. A. Whitburn, I.P.M.; J. B. Walker, S.W.; J. E. O'Connor, J.W.; J. W. H. Littleboy, P.M., Treas.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Clinton, S.D.; Dr. H. Osburn, J.D.; J. Tomlinson, P.M., D.C.; R. Wasley, I.G.; F. Kemp, Stwd.; and W. Chapman, Tyler. The customary Past Master's jewel was then presented to the retiring Master, Bro. H. A. Whitburn.

After which, there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The tables were decorated with flowers and ferns, and tastefully laid out. The menu was a varied and excellent one. The viands were served up in a masterly and finished style, and the waiting was all that could be desired.

The usual toasts followed.

That of "The Provincial Grand Master" was received with much enthusiasm, and, in replying, Bro. Colonel Davis, A.D.C., said that he had greatly enjoyed himself, and paid a well-merited tribute to the excellent manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed.

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., replied for "The Grand," and Bro. C. T. Tyler, P.G. Sec., for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M.," which was proposed by Bro. H. A. Whitburn, I.P.M., was warmly received, and very suitably acknowledged.

Bros. W. H. Steggle, W.M. 2101; R. J. Hunt, W.M. 2120; and A. Grace, W.M. elect 2521, responded for the toast of "The Visitors"; and the I.P.M. and Bro. J. Tomlinson, P.M., for that of "The Past Masters of the Bisley Lodge."

Then followed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bros. J. B. Walker, S.W.; J. E. O'Connor, J.W.; and F. J. Kemp, Stwd.

The musical programme was under the direction of Bro. R. Bryett, J.D. 2101; who was assisted by Bros. Head, Wood, Smith, and O'Connor (Quartette); together with Bros. W. A. Chalmers, F. Strutt, and E. Head.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Mendelssohn Lodge, No. 2661.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. BENJAMIN BRAMBLE.

This musical lodge held its annual installation meeting on the 5th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, and had a full list of business before it. Bro. Arthur Jones, W.M., presided and opened the lodge, when he was supported by Bros. W. J. Hellyar, I.P.M.; Benjamin Bramble, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Duffield, J.W.; Robert Peachey, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Hennings, P.M., Sec.; J. William Stevens, P.M., S.D.; Mount Brown, P.M., J.D.; C. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M., D.C.; C. E. Gough, I.G.; H. Attwater, Org.; J. Stapleton, Frank J. Fisher, and H. J. Huggett, Stwds.; Charles Stevens, P.M.; F. Inskip, P.M.; F. B. Baxter, P.M.; W. J. Hellyar, Arthur Atwell, Allick C. Nurzey, A. R. Ebling, J. W. Eisenman, Edgar B. Lee, Ralph Currie, H. Savidge, Charles A. Demey, and George P. Ash. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. Claud Moore, J.W. 347; H. M. B. Hardy, 569; John Phillips, 1416; John Hewett, S.W. 1681; F. Bessant Wilkins, P.M. 2087; Frederick H. Ford, P.M. 2301; Robert Morton, 619; G. W. Barter, P.M. 2392; Arthur Geverding, 2182; I. G. Littlechild, S.D. 411; James Gawthrop,

P.M. 1706; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; J. L. Haddon, 1705; J. S. Hammond, P.M. 1437; Sidney L. Evans, 857; Frank J. Pullan, P.M. 1216; J. H. Stanley, 902; Edwin Palmer, I.G. 2182; Alfred Inskip, P.M. 1097; George Inskip, P.M. 2721; C. Spencer West, 2182; and C. H. Kempling, W.M. 1706.

Bro. Hellyar, I.P.M., raised Bros. A. Atwell and E. B. Lee to the Third Degree, and Bro. Charles Stevens, P.M., by permission of the W.M., initiated his friend, Mr. Donald Freeman. Bro. Charles Stevens, P.M., was elected Treasurer. The W.M. then installed Bro. Benjamin Bramble as W.M. The obligation of the W.M. as W.M. elect was followed by Bro. James Gawthrop singing Mendelssohn's "Bethou faithful." Bro. Geverding accompanied on the violoncello. Bro. Attwater was Organist. Bro. A. W. Jones was invested as I.P.M.; Bro. Robert Peachey, P.M., was invested S.W. Bros. Wm. H. Duffield, P.M., J.W.; Charles Stevens, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Hennings, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M., D.C.; John W. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey, S.D.; Mount Brown, P.M., J.D.; C. Gough, I.G.; J. P. Attwater, Org.; H. Corner, James Stapleton, H. Jas. Huggett, and Frank J. Fisher, Stwds.; and R. W. Edgley, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Jones, I.P.M., and a vote of sympathy with Bro. John Freeman in a recent severe domestic affliction was passed.

Banquet followed the working of the lodge, and some beautiful glee and solo part singing was given by Bros. R. J. Hennings, J. L. Haddon, James Gawthrop, A. C. Nurzey, and the choir. A cello and pianoforte duet was played by Bros. Geverding and C. H. Kempling, a flute solo was given by Bro. Spencer West, and Bro. C. H. Kempling performed the pianoforte solo, Rigaudon in G.

The donations to the benevolent box amounted to £1 17s. 6d.

The speeches were very brief, music being the central attraction.

Bro. A. W. Jones, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he was glad that it had been the custom since the Mendelssohn Lodge was founded to cut the speeches short, and to say everything in a few words, but with sincerity. Bro. Bramble's merits were known so well and valued so highly, that to say much about him would be to gild refined gold; he was a right good fellow, and the lodge was to be congratulated on having him as its head for the ensuing year; he had always taken a great interest in the work of the lodge, which he had carried out to the best of his skill and ability, both of which were not of an ordinary character.

Bro. Bramble, replying, said he had not expected such an enthusiastic reception, but as they felt they had placed the right man in the chair, it would be his bounden duty during his year to prove the justice of their choice. He had no doubt they would have a successful year. If there was the work to do he knew there were brethren who would back him up, and his enjoyment was increased thereby, because he knew he could not then fail.

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," Bro. Bramble said Bro. Jones was known so well, had done his duty so admirably, and so endeared himself to all during his year that any mention of him would be superfluous. A proof of the excellence of his work had been given that evening in the installation ceremony. He was one of the best, of whom there were very few left.

Bro. Jones, I.P.M., replied, and again thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel. He would always wear it with pride and satisfaction. He had had to live up to a very high standard, the conception of his predecessors having been so great; but he had tried to do the best he could, and he took it, from the brethren's reception of the toast, that he had not failed to any considerable extent.

Bro. Daniel Freeman responded to the toast of "The Initiate," and Bros. Kempling, Pullan, and A. Inskip to that of "The Visitors."

"The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE LORD MAYOR.

The above lodge, which was consecrated just a twelvemonth ago, held its installation meeting for the present year at the Hotel Cecil on the 7th instant. Constituted for the purpose of Masonic intercourse by members of the printing trade and the trades allied with printing, the lodge secured from the beginning the hearty support of all the best-known members of the trade, and its patrons are found not only in the metropolitan but in the provincial area, as is testified by one of its supporters being Bro. Sir Henry Bemrose. Bro. C. J. Drummond was the first Master of the lodge, and when his year was coming to a close, the brethren unanimously considered that, as Bro. the Lord Mayor was closely identified with the printing trade, he should be invited, he being a member of the lodge, to accept the position of W.M. His lordship consented, and he was elected *nem con*.

Bro. C. J. Drummond, W.M., presided at Monday's meeting, and there were also present the following brethren: Bros. G. C. Barry, P.P.G. Org. Surrey (22 years), I.P.M.; A. W. Lettis, S.W.; C. R. Warden, J.W.; the Rev. W. C. Heaton, Chap.; G. R. Blades, Treas.; W. Hilton, Sec.; Allick Marshall, S.D.; J. Buchanan, D.C.; S. R. Hooker, I.G.; G. W. Blades and G. W. Jacobs, Stwds.; the Lord Mayor, P.G.W.; Alderman Vaughan Morgan, Sir John B. Monckton, J. Ridd Hayman, P.M., Carl Hentschel, C. H. Yeale, O. Nutcutt, D. B. Spearing, R. W. Minter, A. Wise, H. T. Culliford, H. C. Goodall, W. R. Hebditch, Major H. Vane Stow, E. F. Tomlinson, E. Page, W. Seaver, L. T. Stevens, J. T. Bridge, W. S. Wilson, A. V. Hunt, J. Lawrence, A. Bennett, E. Allen Keir, C. C. Eason, W. H. Burchell, Charles J. Pain, and a large number of visitors.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Drummond, who, after Bro. the Lord Mayor had been placed in the chair, was invested as I.P.M. Bro. Alfred W. Lettis was appointed the S.W., and Bros. Charles W. Warde, J.W.; the Rev. W. C. Heaton, M.A., Chap.; G. R. Blades, Treas.; W. Hilton, Sec.; Allick Marshall, S.D.; Alderman Truscott, J.D.; J. R. Hosker, I.G.; J. Buchanan, D.C.; A. F. Blades and G. W. Jones, Stwds.; G. C. Barry, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; and R. Potter, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a handsome jewel of a Past Master was presented in the name of the lodge by Bro. the Lord Mayor to Bro. Drummond, accompanied by some very complimentary remarks on the efficient style in which he had performed the arduous duties of Master during the past year, wherein the initiations, passings, and raisings had been very numerous. Bro. Drummond acknowledged the compliment, and then proposed a vote of congratulation to Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, G. Treas., on his having been elected one of the Sheriffs of London. The motion was seconded by the Treasurer, and carried. After the lodge had adopted a suggestion that the Lancastrian Lodge and the St. Bride Lodge should combine in forming a lodge of instruction, the closing formalities were performed.

A banquet followed.

The Lord Mayor, having another engagement, postponed the musical entertainment by Mr. Henry Yates, Mr. Allick Marshall, Mr. G. Schneider, Mr. Thomas Powell, and Mr. J. Perceval (under the direction of Bro. Barry, Org.), until the toasts had been disposed of.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Sheriff Marshall, in compliance with loud calls for him as one of the Grand Officers, said he rose with very great diffidence to speak after Sir John Monckton, but when he was on the floor of the Grand Lodge he always received so much kindness from the Grand Officers that he felt bound to acknowledge it. When he had the honour of rising to the dais he also received the same kindness from his brother Grand Officers. It was his peculiar satisfaction to bear testimony now to the pleasure with which the Grand Treasurer was received. He was proud of being elected the Grand Treasurer of England, and it seemed fit that he should respond to the toast of the Grand Officers in a lodge of which he was one of the founders. He thanked the brethren for the kind vote of congratulation they had passed in lodge. As he was not present when the motion was proposed, he did not know what was said, but he did know that, coming from the St. Bride Lodge, the vote must have been generously worded.

The Lord Mayor, replying to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was proposed by Bro. Drummond, said that, when that brother paid him the very great compliment of asking him to undertake the Mastership of the lodge, he had a great amount of hesitation in accepting the office for two reasons. One was that, although in years gone by he was a founder of no less than three lodges, and occupied the chair in each of them, it was so long since that he felt that the work of the lodge had gone past him, and that time would not allow him to read it up, so as to enable him to do justice to the important position of Master of a lodge like the St. Bride. His second hesitation arose from feeling that his accepting the position would necessitate the keeping of each officer of the lodge back for one year. When he explained to Bro. Drummond how reluctant he would be to do that, he was at once told that one and all of the

officers had in the kindest and most fraternal manner expressed their readiness to stand by if he would undertake the office. He felt then that a greater compliment could hardly be paid to him, and under those circumstances he could not hesitate. It was his grateful duty now to express his indebtedness to one and all of the officers for having acted thus. He was very proud to be the Master of their rising and prosperous lodge, and to be brought into connection with men he had known for many years past. In afterwards proposing "The I.P.M.," Bro. the Lord Mayor said he had never seen the work of installation performed more completely and ably than it had been by Bro. Drummond.

Bro. Drummond, in reply, said that throughout the year he had tried to do his best, and the work of that evening had been to him a labour of love. He had been actuated all through the year by the conviction that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. Other toasts followed.

Kirby Lodge, No. 2818.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. G. J. V. RANKIN.

In July of last year we gave an account of the consecration of this lodge, when the Recorder of London, Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, was installed first W.M. More than ordinary interest attached to the meeting of the lodge on Saturday, the 5th instant, when Bro. G. J. V. Rankin was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Rankin is so well known as Preceptor of the biggest and most flourishing lodge of instruction in London, and Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, the Installing Master, is so beautiful and impressive a worker that it was not surprising to find quite a large and representative gathering of Freemasons celebrating the interesting event.

The following members were present: Bros. Sir Forrest Fulton, K.C., P.D.G. Reg., W.M.; G. J. V. Rankin, S.W.; W. H. Oldham, J.W.; W. R. Bennett, P.M., Treas.; D. D. West, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Payne, S.D.; Hy. Wakerell, J.D.; Arthur Slee, I.G.; A. G. Wedmore, P.M., and H. R. Appleton, Stwds.; John Curran, Org.; Charles Lewis, P.P.G.D. Essex, D. of C.; A. M. Barnard, P.M.; T. W. Allsop, P.P.G.D.C. Bucks; M. B. Evans, P.G. Stwd.; Percy Griffith, P.M.; Reginald Hughes, P.M.; R. Newton Crane, P.M.; John Crouch; J. H. Jenks, P.G. Stwd.; R. F. Bowmaker, F. G. Rimell, Allan Broman, Walter Glover, H. Barrett, and W. A. H. Buller. Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; R. C. Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Russell, P.G. Std. Br.; F. W. Ward, W.M. 2508; J. Tom Evans, W.M. 1641; T. F. G. Dexter, I.P.M. 2513; J. Bate, P.M. 1507; R. Greening, P.M. 1426; R. E. F. Lander, P.M. 2 6; S. W. Shaw, P.M. 1905; J. Whittingham, J.W. 1415; L. Davis, S.W. 1818; A. E. Young, 1503; J. B. Mann, 1584; E. M. Owens, 2461; S. Billingham, 2508; S. Barter, 957; L. E. Lyne, 2400; W. G. Cleurdax, 2467; and Wm. Biker, P.M. 2205.

The whole of the work in the lodge was rendered in the most perfect manner, Bro. Owens giving a beautiful rendering of Mendelssohn's "Be thou faithful." The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Oldham, S.W.; J. M. Payne, J.W.; W. R. Bennett, Treas.; D. D. West, Sec.; Hy. Wakerell, S.D.; A. Slee, J.D.; T. W. Allsop, D.C.; A. G. Wedmore, I.G.; J. Curran, Org.; A. M. Barnard and M. B. Evans, Stwds.; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler.

The members and visitors then adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, next door, and sat down to an excellent and admirably-served banquet under the personal supervision of Bro. Blanchette.

At the close of the banquet the W.M. said: The toast always placed first at all our meetings requires no single word to recommend it. I give you "The King and the Craft." The toast was duly honoured.

The W.M. then said: There is one other toast immediately following that can well stand without an added word—"The Chief, Head, and Governor of the Craft, the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. Duke of Connaught and Strathearn."

This was also duly honoured.

In giving the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said: We are honoured to-night in having with us many Grand Officers, and to all of them we are personally attached. Our distinguished I.P.M. and our Bro. Sadler are both founders of this lodge. Our Bro. Sudlow, who is known the world over as the ultimate authority on English Craft ritual, is the personal friend of many of us. Bro. Jos. Russell, who has been recently honoured for his great service to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, is also a dear friend of ours, and we were as delighted with his elevation as if the honour had been our own. Bro. Clowes was first Treasurer of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, of which many of us are members, and Sir John Monckton has consented to be our President on the occasion of the festival of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction on November 19th next. For these reasons there will be a quite unusual personal and affectionate note in the response you will give to the toast of the Grand Officers.

The toast was received with cheers.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G. Warden, in replying, said: Your W.M. has certainly given more point to this toast than is usual, and he has lifted it out of the perfunctory category. He has referred most happily to each of the Grand Officers present, and he has said that I have consented to act as President at your festival in November. What I really said was that I would if I could. Your Worshipful Master has had an unusual experience in being installed by the Recorder of London, and I must tell you a little joke I made when I congratulated him on the event. I want to tell it before he gets the chance himself to tell you. I said I hoped Sir Forrest Fulton had to-night sentenced the W.M. to 12 months' hard labour. This is the third time in this week I have responded to the toast of the Grand Officers, and very many times before, but I have never spent a more pleasant evening than this.

The Installing Master, Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton, in giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," spoke of the admirable services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Rankin in the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, and said that he thought the mysterious powers that controlled Grand Lodge honours might more often take into account those brethren who did so much valuable work in teaching the beautiful ritual. The W.M. was not only an admirable teacher of the ceremonies, but also of those beautiful lectures; and, perhaps, at some future time even higher honour might be done him than he had had to-night. He would give them the toast of "The W.M., Bro. George Rankin."

The toast was received with acclamation by the brethren.

Replying to the toast, Bro. Rankin said: As you may all well believe this is a very great night in my life. You know what a great interest I have taken in the working of our beautiful ceremonies, and I have been eager, of course, to have the right to work them in lodge. I was initiated 10 years ago in the Crichton Lodge—a very big lodge, where every brother aspires to be a good worker, and where, consequently, it takes over 20 years after initiation to reach the Master's chair. You will understand how gratified I am that you have shortened my probationary period by one half. Though I have not reached office in my mother lodge, I have done suit and service as a junior officer in other lodges to which I belong. Four years' service in Thomas Ralling Lodge—one as I.G., three as Deacon; over three years' service in Columbia Lodge—two as Deacon, over a year as Warden. Four years I have acted as Preceptor at Kirby Lodge of Instruction. But you have made me Master of the lodge after little more than a year's service here. Sir Forrest Fulton did me the honour to make me first S.W., and you have endorsed his action by electing me his successor in the Master's chair. I

thank you very sincerely for this high honour. I speak in the presence of the W.M. of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, whose Deacon I am, in the presence of very many members of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, and I shall be accepted as speaking no idle word when I say I shall not spare myself in working for the welfare and prosperity of the Kirby Lodge. I thank Sir Forrest Fulton for the extremely kind terms in which he has given you this toast, and I thank you, brethren, for your very cordial and hearty reception of it.

In giving the next toast, Bro. Rankin said the toast of "The I.P.M.," or as it is here put, of Installing Master, has a peculiar interest to-night, from the eminent position of my predecessor, as a distinguished lawyer and Judge, as well as a distinguished Freemason. We may as well be honest and confess that when Sir F. Fulton consented to accept the office of first W.M., some among the founders who did not know him well did not expect him to take a very active or prominent part in the working; those of us who knew him better were not at all surprised to find him an enthusiastic worker; and to-night he has crowned a memorable year's work by rendering that beautiful installation ceremony in a manner that must have impressed all who heard it, and that made so deep an impression on me that I can never forget it. I have already spoken the thanks of the lodge in another place, and it only remains for me personally to express my own obligation to Sir F. Fulton for his long continued kindness to me and the honour he has done me in himself installing me to-night. He is himself to be installed Master of the Norfolk Lodge shortly, and we shall wish him as busy, and I will say as happy a year of office as he has had here. We shall also congratulate Norfolk Lodge in getting so well graced, so well practised a Master. It may be that many years must elapse before the toast of I.P.M. in this lodge will be associated with the name of a distinguished Grand Officer, but you will, for his own sake, and quite apart from his distinguished position, toast most heartily Sir Forrest Fulton.

In replying, Bro. Sir Forrest Fulton said: I have certainly taken a very great interest in Freemasonry in recent years. I was initiated in the British Lodge in 1874, and I had attained to the honourable position of I.G. when the claims of my profession upon my time compelled me to give up Freemasonry for many years. However, when I had got into smoother water, my friend, Sir John Monckton, suggested that I should go into it again and see if I could not make something of it. I did go into it and I have made something of it. I attended the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, then under the direction of Bro. Chas. Lewis, and I did some work there; and I also attended the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, but only to look on, I did not there attempt to do anything, and what I learnt in that way has enabled me to get through somehow with the work to-night. I have attended all the meetings of the lodge and initiated and passed I don't know how many, but I have had to ask Bro. Chas. Lewis to assist me by taking the third ceremony. I have counted it a great honour to be first W.M. of this lodge and to have the privilege of installing so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Rankin in the chair.

In giving the toast of "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," the W.M. said: I am responsible for the addition of the next toast to our list, and I hope that so long as this lodge shall flourish some acknowledgment shall be made from this chair of our great debt to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. I have occasionally been told by Masons that their system is older than the Emulation system of working, or that their system is an improvement on the Emulation system. We are content to believe that when the Lodge of Reconciliation was formed, over 80 years ago, the Grand Officers of both Grand Lodges together were quite able to decide which was the best, the most ancient, the most authentic ritual at that time. We all know that what was then adopted by United Grand Lodge has been handed down to us by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and with little possibility of variation, seeing how few lives separate us from the original workers. Peter Gilkes, S. B. Wilson, Thos. Fenn, R. C. Sudlow—these are the chiefs that have carried on this great institution. Gilkes was a member of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and Thos. Fenn died but yesterday, his mantle falling a few years before he died upon Bro. Sudlow. With so short a line of succession we are certainly nearer to the accepted true workers than any other known system, and for this reason Emulation working is accepted the world all over as the recognised standard of English working. Many of us here are proud to be called personal friend, as well as loyal follower, of Bro. Sudlow, and there will be no lack of warmth in your reception of the toast—"R. C. Sudlow and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement."

Bro. R. C. Sudlow, in reply, said how happy he was to be present and see Bro. Rankin installed, and he asked the brethren to join in wishing the W.M. many happy returns of the day, the previous day having been Bro. Rankin's birthday.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Officers." He said: It is customary on these occasions for the Master, in speaking to this toast, to greatly praise the capabilities of his officers, and the amount of praise bestowed seems to be in inverse proportion to the quality of the work in the lodge. But in Kirby Lodge we are all keen critics of one another's working, and we are quite happy and cheerful in the consciousness that the faults and errors in our work will attract more notice—or shall I say notices—than any excellences we may possess. It is our earnest desire to work to the high standard of that great school where Bro. Sudlow rules so ably, and, though we give ungrudgingly a word of praise to the brother who strenuously aims at that standard, yet we shall, for his own good as well as for the good of the lodge, criticise his work as sharply as we can. We do drop a tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother, but we take care to mention to him the failings, and we direct his earnest attention to the tear. With this healthy and wholesome spirit in the lodge, an officers' lot is not an easy one, and so to encourage the officers in their trying position, I ask you to join me in giving them a send off by heartily drinking their health.

Bros. Oldham, S.W., and Payne, J.W., suitably replied, and the Tyler's toast closed a very memorable evening.

The evening was made more pleasant by the singing of Bros. Bennett, Davis, Owens, and Wood, and the happily-chosen recitals of Bro. Walter Churcher.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, CLAPHAM JUNCTION, S.W.

At a GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held in the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on THURSDAY, the 10th October, 1901, Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire in the Chair, after the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of 16 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 25 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	20	Odore, Erminia Celestina (last)	5814
2	18	Rodwell, Phyllis Mary	5713
3	7	Wright, Elizabeth May	5693
4	16	Davidge, Nellie Alice Louise	5241
5	4	Leftwich, Doris Elizabeth	5232
6	22	Norris, Maud Evelyn	5224
7	12	Chapman, Dorothy	5149
8	25	Gozzett, Elizabeth Beatrice	5130
9	5	Brown, Annie (last)	5104
10	9	Houlden, Ethel Gertrude (last)	4808
11	23	Richards, Caroline Mary Ina	4653
12	24	Kett, Hilda	4398
13	10	Slingsby, Margery Frances	4343
14	17	Lloyd, Florence Marie	4301
15	15	Race, Mary Victoria	4160
16	3	Meade, Dorothy Helena	3862

The number of votes recorded to unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION will be issued on SATURDAY MORNING containing a full Report of the Quarterly Court of the R.M.I. for Boys, with result of the Election.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1901.

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 10th instant. Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, occupied the chair, and the regular business having been dispatched, the poll was opened for the election of 16 from an approved list of 25 candidates. The names of the successful children will be found in our advertisement columns.

The Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in the same place to-day (Friday). The chair was taken by Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, promptly at the appointed hour of 12 noon, and as soon as the regular business had been transacted, a poll was opened for the election of 20 from an approved list of 46 candidates. Great interest was taken in the proceedings, which were not concluded at the time of our going to press. However, we shall publish a supplement to this number to-morrow (Saturday), which will contain a report of what was done and lists of the Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at 4 p.m. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Vincent, P.G. Std. Br., and, on the minutes of the September Committee being read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of one male and one widow annuitant. The Report of the Finance Committee was read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the Committee then dealt with sundry petitions, to the number of three (one man and two widows), with the result that they were approved, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the election in May, 1902.

It is worth while noting that the Provinces whose annual meetings were reported in our issues of the 28th ult. and 5th instant respectively, namely, Cornwall and Cheshire in the former, and Durham in the latter, have all of them Charitable Associations or Organisations of their own, which are liberally supported by the lodges and brethren, and are conse-

quently able to do excellent and efficient work in helping those brethren, their widows, and children, who are in necessitous circumstances. Cheshire, for example, has its Educational Institution, which was established in 1863, and its Benevolent Institution, the formation of which was first contemplated in 1890, while the Festival, to which it owes its establishment, was held in the Town Hall, Chester, under the presidency of the then Provincial Grand Master, Lord—subsequently Earl—Egerton of Tatton, on the 15th June, 1893. Durham has its Hudson Benevolent Fund—so named to commemorate the valuable services of Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G.S.B., Prov. Grand Secretary to the Province—and the Educational Fund, which, we believe, has been in existence about a quarter of a century. Cornwall has an Annuity and Benevolent Fund all in one, which also is doing effective work, as will be seen from our later remarks.

As regards the Cheshire Funds, it will, doubtless, interest our readers if we quote particulars as to its formation from Bro. Armstrong's book, which is the subject of one of our leading articles. At a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was held at Sandbach on the 8th October, 1862, Bro. E. G. Willoughby, in the course of the proceedings—and we cannot do better than quote Bro. Armstrong's account—"drew attention to a scheme for the establishment of an Educational Institution for the children of distressed Freemasons in this Province on the basis of one which had been formed in W. Lancs., and been found to answer remarkably well in that Province. That had begun on a small scale, but in this the 12th year of its existence the Governors had, owing to the very considerable increase in its funds, been enabled to educate 27 children. He and others interested in the undertaking had had an interview with the P.G.M.—the late Viscount Combermere, the hero of Bhurtpore—"who highly approved of the plan, and promised his cordial support. Circulars had also been sent to the W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province, to the Past and Present P.G. Officers, and other influential Masons, detailing the objects of the Institution. As he had not given proper notice before the holding of this P.G. Lodge, the formal proposal and discussion of any motion on the subject would be deferred to a P.G. Lodge of Emergency, which would be held at Crewe in January next."

Accordingly, a P.G. Lodge of Emergency was held at the Crewe Arms Hotel on the 28th January, 1863, when Bro. Willoughby moved "That an Educational Institution for the Province of Cheshire be established on a principle similar to that existing in the Province of W. Lancashire, and that every lodge in the Province shall contribute the sum of 5s. out of every initiation, and 1s. out of every joining fee to the funds of this Institution, the same to be paid through the P.G. Treasurer, and by him handed over to the Treasurer of the Education Fund." Exception was taken to that part of the motion which made it compulsory on the lodges to pay the sums stated, and an amendment having been proposed to substitute the words "and this P.G. Lodge do earnestly recommend that every lodge in the Province shall contribute," and accepted by Bro. Willoughby, the scheme was adopted. The Prov. G. Master was elected President, Lady Combermere Lady Patroness, and the Dep. P.G.M. and Prov. G. Wardens Vice-Presidents. The other officers (Honorary) were also appointed, and also a Working Committee composed of the W. Masters, Treasurers, and Secretaries of the lodges; and the Cheshire Educational Institution was established, and has since proved of the greatest benefit to the children that have been elected to its benefits.

The Cheshire Benevolent Institution, as Bro. Armstrong points out, owes its inception "to the amended Charity Organisation introduced in 1890. At the first meeting of the new Committee of Benevolence, held at Crewe on November 25th, 1890, Bro. Herbert Finch, P.P.G. Registrar, read a paper, in the course of which he pointed out the necessity of such an Institution in the Province, and recommended the newly-appointed Charity Representatives to make it one of their objects to accomplish." The P.G.M. (Lord Egerton) did all in his power to help forward the scheme, and at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Congleton in September, 1892, the Committee of Benevolence, in their Report, gave it as their opinion that it was desirable to "turn their attention in the coming year to a strong effort towards the fund for providing the means of granting annuities to the aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons belonging

to the Province of Cheshire, so as to assist them until they can be elected on the Funds of the London Institution."

The suggestion was acted on, and it was decided at a meeting of the Committee of Benevolence held at Crewe, on November 30th, 1892, that an inaugural Festival should be held at Chester in the following year. Officers were appointed *pro tem.*, and these with the nine Charity Councillors were constituted a Provisional Committee. The Festival was accordingly held in the Town Hall, Chester, on the 15th June, 1893, under the presidency of Bro. James Salmon, the Chairman of the Institution, in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master, as the Chairman, and Bro. R. Newhouse had the pleasure of announcing a total of donations and subscriptions promised amounting to £3180, of which £2500 was already paid into the bank. The Prov. Grand Master headed the list with 50 guineas, and all the lodges in the Province contributed to the result. This year a Festival has been held under the presidency of the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, in aid of this and the Educational Institution, the total of the contributions being returned at upwards of £2000.

As regards the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, according to our report in the *Freemason* of the 28th ult., the total income, including a small balance brought forward from previous account, was stated as £684, the interest on investments being £238, and the donations and subscriptions, £420. The annual charges on the Fund included five annuities to aged Masons, £90; 11 annuities to widows, £162; and six education grants, £75—making a total of £327; and the Committee recommended the addition of five annuities to widows, £90, and three educational grants, £55, thereby raising the total annual charges to £472. The invested capital now amounts to £7199, being an increase of £481 on the year. These figures are most creditable to the Province, and so also are the returns of the Charity Association, from which it appears that the total raised by its means was 345 guineas, or 48 guineas more than in the previous year.

The Province of Durham, the annual meeting of which was reported in our columns last week, is also active in the cause of Charity, and not only contributes regularly to the Central Masonic Institutions, but also has, as we have said, Funds or Institutions of its own, of which one—the Educational Fund—has been in existence for very nearly a quarter of a century, while the other—the Hudson Benevolent Fund—was founded only a few years since, but has already made such progress in the good opinion of the brethren as to be able to grant annuities to sundry aged brethren and widows of brethren who are in necessitous circumstances. As for the older Fund for educational purposes it provides for about 24 children. Each of these Funds has an invested capital of upwards of £3000, a considerable part of which was raised at a Festival held in 1899 under the presidency of the late Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Prov. G. Master, who always readily did what he could to promote their success.

Our readers will no doubt have seen from the report referred to in the preceding Note, that it is in contemplation to hold another Festival, in order to still further strengthen the position of these Funds. The Charities' Committee of the Province recommend the adoption of this course on the twofold ground that it is "the first year of our Provincial Grand Master"—Lord Barnard—"and the first year of our Grand Master presiding over the Craft." An incentive was added in the announcement made at the meeting to the effect that if such a Festival were held, and a sum raised equivalent to the proceeds of the 1899 Festival, the Funds "would be placed in a position to meet all applicants without having recourse to voting, and free from precarious subscriptions." We should think there will be little difficulty in this, as Lord Barnard has promised his help, and "to place such resources as were at his disposal at Raby Castle and Park" in aid of the movement.

It will be gathered from this series of Notes that these Provincial Charities by whatever titles they may be known, are steadily increasing in importance and gradually doing more and more of the beneficent work in Provinces and Districts which is done for the whole country, and on a larger scale, by the Central Institutions.

The October Magazines.

Chambers's Journal has the continuation of "The Love Affairs of Julius Standen" and some capital complete tales. Of the articles the most interesting are those on "The Last Links with Scott," "Personal Experiences of a Revolution in the Colombian Republic," "Dangers of the Drug and Chemical Trade," "How to Get Recruits Cheaply," and Louis Becke's "Mountain Eels of the North-Western Pacific."

The Ladies' Magazine has in fiction, besides the continuation of the "Cat's-Paw," the complete tales "Lady Aldine and Sir Hugh," "Miss Stitts," "Waitin'," "Celia's Maiden Aunt," and "An Episode," besides storyettes. The most interesting of the articles are "Statues to Women," "Women on the Links," and "The Well-dressed Woman."

Macmillan's Magazine opens with a further instalment of the serial "Princess Puck," followed by the second part of "Down the Danube in a Canadian Canoe," and the third part of "The Land of the Poppy." There are excellent papers on Pro-Boer Idealism, Parliament and the Party System, and a study of Shakespeare's King John.

Pearson's Magazine, besides further chapters of H. G. Wells' "Sea-Lady," and the fourth of Max Pemberton's stories of the Lady Zöe, has several interesting complete tales, and many beautiful illustrations. The most interesting of the remaining articles are those on "Why are we Righthanded?" "Anglo-Saxon Sovereigns of the World," and "The Deer."

The Royal Magazine opens with an illustrated article, entitled "From the Stalls." The most notable of the stories this month are "The Mysterious Death in Percy Street," "The Shortest War on Record," "The Doctor's Pe! Python," and "The Steeplejack." There are very interesting articles on "Workers in Mosaic" and "His Majesty's Unwilling Guests," and an amusing paper on "Lady Smokers."

The Smart Set opens with an amusing storyette entitled "The Career of Mrs. Osborne," which narrates the adventures of two young American ladies in London under the fictitious chaperonage of Mrs. Osborne. "The Household Gods," "The Comedy of a Ruined Gentleman," "The Black Swan," and "Sonnets to a Lover," are among the best of the remaining contributions.

The Strand Magazine opens with the continuation of Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles," and has also a further instalment of "At Sunwick Port" and several complete tales. The most interesting of the other articles are "Is the Law too Dear?" "The Lost Land of England," showing the remarkable waste caused by the sea on the western coasts, and "An Hour with a Bird-Doctor."

Tomplo Bar opens with the continuation of G. R. Crockett's "The Firebrand," and has also a miscellany of complete tales, of which special mention may be made of "Villa Farro." The papers on "An American Professor in Literary England," "Mystic Music," "Notes in a Brittany Convent," and "The Millennium of Alfred," will well repay perusal.

The Wido World Magazine opens with the continuation of Conan Doyle's account of the Boer War, and there is also the first of a series of papers on a cycle ride in Central Africa. The descent of the supposed "bottomless pit" in Derbyshire is described, and Dreyfus continues the terrible story of his persecution. There are also tales of travel and adventure in all parts of the world.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when, in the absence of Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W., Treasurer—who sent a letter of apology for not being in attendance, magisterial duties at the Guildhall keeping him away—the chair was occupied by Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., P. Dep. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire. Among the brethren who supported him were—

Bres. Major Woodall, P.G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, A. C. Spaul, George Everett, P.G. Treas.; C. D. Cheetham, G.D.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; Major Herbert Green, A. W. Duret, Robert Wylie, Dep. Prov. G.M. W. Lates.; W. Goodacre, H. A. Tobias, J. S. Cumberland, J. Page, Charles Hammetton, W. Lake, F. R. Spaul, R. C. Elise, E. M. Moncy, J. H. Whadcoat, W. Russell, Prov. G. Treas. Kent; Capt. A. R. Ronaldson, James Newton, E. Larcas.; James Whitaker Burgess, F. Fowler Telfer (Patron), Charles Lee, Warwickshire; Oscar Philipe, C. H. Webb, Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton, Fredk. P. Wright, F. B. Westlake, and Major Oliver Papworth.

After reading and confirmation of the minutes of meeting, July 11th, Bro. Hedges announced that the Earl of Lathom, Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, P.G.W., would preside at the next annual festival of the Institution, and he also reported the receipt of a letter from Bro. Sir Dighton Probyn to the effect that his Majesty the King and her Majesty Queen Alexandra, had graciously consented to become respectively Chief Patron and Chief Patroness of the Institution.

Bro. HEDGES also read a letter from Dr. Orwin, thanking the Institution for his election as Honorary Throat and Ear Physician to the Institution, and assuring the subscribers that his professional services would be readily given.

The withdrawal of Doris Marguerite R. F. Oldfield (No. 13) from the list of candidates for election, she having been admitted into the Institution under the "Earl Amherst" presentation, was reported.

After the summaries of minutes of the General Committee meetings for the last three months had been read for information, Scrutineers for the election of 10 girls into the Institution, out of a list of 25 candidates, were chosen, and the election proceeded.

The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Kirk, Irene Mynette ...	3050	Hodgkinson, Clarice Lillian ...	1049
Dirgley, Violet Kate ...	1549	Powell, Helen Sothorn ...	811
Adames, Helma Ethel ...	1370	Payne, Dorothy ...	331
Mick, Irene Evelyn ...	1075	Edwards, Mary Coslett ...	219

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement column.

IT WAS announced at the Baptist Union Autumnal Assembly, at Edinburgh, on the 10th instant, that the Twentieth Century Fund had reached £185,000. To bring up the amount to the required quarter of a million, a ladies' million shilling fund was started. Subscriptions were promised by the delegates present.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D.

At the meeting of the Charity Committee of the Masons of West Yorkshire, which was held last Saturday, at the Provincial Grand Lodge Offices at Leeds, occasion was taken to present Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Past Prov. G. Sec., and Past Deputy Prov. G. Master, with a beautifully illuminated address in large octavo, bound as a book in a blue cover, congratulating him on the completion of his 80th year of age, he entering on his 81st year that day. The address was as follows:

Offices of Provincial Grand Lodge,
2, Park Place, Leeds,
5th October, 1901.

Dear Brother Smith,
On behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, and of the 4339 Masons under its banner, we desire to offer our most cordial and fraternal greetings on this your eightieth birthday.

We are deeply sensible of, and shall always remember, the great services you have rendered to the Craft in this Province, both as Prov. G. Secretary and as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

We wish you every good wish, and we sincerely hope that you will for many years be spared to the brethren.

We are, dear Brother Smith,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

W. L. JACKSON, R.W. Prov. G. Master.

RICHD. WILSON, W. Dep. Prov. G.M.

JOHN TWEEDALE, Prov. G. Registrar.

HERBERT G. E. GREEN, Prov. G. Sec.

To W. Bro. Henry Smith,
Past Grand Deacon, Past D.P.G.M., &c.

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Streatham Lodge, No. 2729.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HENRY DANIEL BLAKE.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SHERIFF BROOKS MARSHALL, GRAND TREASURER.

The installation meeting of the above lodge, of which Bro. Sheriff Marshall was the first W.M., was held on the 3rd inst., at the Public Hall, Streatham. There was a large attendance of brethren, both members of the lodge and visitors, and special interest attached to the proceedings in view of the presentation made to Bro. Marshall as a mark of his colleagues' esteem. The lodge was presided over by Bro. Arthur Johnson, W.M., and the brethren present included Bros. H. D. Blake, S.W.; C. C. Wakefield, P.M.; the Rev. A. Sargent, Chap.; J. H. Champness, Treas.; S. D. Coates, C.C., Sec.; J. Morrish, S.D.; H. S. Lee, D.C.; A. E. Reed, Org.; G. Siggs, jun., I.G.; C. W. Ware, Stwd.; G. Siggs, J. Calvert Coates, C. J. C. Venning, C.C.; E. G. Harmer, and J. H. Lile, C.C. The visitors included Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton, D.G.D.C.

Following the adoption of the accounts, Bro. C. C. Wakefield, I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. H. Holloway, J.W., seconded, the following motion: "We, the Master, officers, and brethren of the Streatham Lodge, warmly congratulate Very Worshipful Brother Horace Brooks Marshall on his election to the high and influential position of Grand Treasurer, and to the ancient and honourable office of Sheriff of the City of London, and we fervently trust that increasing honours may attend him, and that he may have health and prosperity in rich abundance." The motion was carried unanimously. Bro. Arthur Johnson, W.M., afterwards installed Bro. Henry Daniel Blake Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Arthur Johnson was invested as the I.P.M. The other brethren invested as officers were Bros. H. Holloway, S.W.; J. Morrish, J.W.; J. H. Champness, P.M., Treas.; F. Coates, Sec.; S. D. Coates, C.C., S.D.; A. P. Hedges, J.D.; G. Siggs, jun., I.G.; H. S. Lee, D.C.; the Rev. A. Sargent, Chap.; A. E. Reed, O.G.; C. W. Ware and J. W. F. Ford, Stwds.; and G. Rowe, P.M., Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, subsequently honouring the customary toasts.

Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

In giving the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Sheriff Marshall declared that all who knew Bro. Blake intimately would agree that he would reflect credit on the lodge, do his work perfectly, and enjoy a successful year of office.

Bro. H. D. Blake, W.M., acknowledged the toast, and then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Johnson," presenting him with a valuable jewel of a Past Master, and testifying to the able way in which he had carried out his work.

Bro. Johnson responded.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, and the Corporation of the City of London," saying that the Streatham Lodge felt very highly honoured at the election of Bro. Marshall, firstly as the Grand Treasurer, and then as one of the Sheriffs. The latter office he looked upon as a stepping stone to higher position, and still continued and further usefulness. The Sheriff was the original founder of the Streatham Lodge, its first Master, and its father. He (the W.M.) now asked him to accept two souvenirs as a token of the brethren's regard. One was a silver rose-bowl, with an address expressing the brethren's esteem for Bro. Marshall and his family; and the other was an album with an address. It was hoped that every brother would contribute his photograph, so that in the album the Sheriff would find an embodiment of the Streatham Lodge as now constituted. With the gifts the brethren expressed the hope that the recipient would live long, and, with Mrs. Marshall and his family, appreciate the honour the lodge desired to confer on him.

On the cover of the album was the following inscription: "Presented to V.W. Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., J.P., Sheriff of the City of London, and Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England, by the Streatham Lodge, No. 2729, October 3rd, 1901."

The inscription on the bowl was: "Presented to V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., J.P., by the Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Streatham Lodge, No. 2729, to commemorate his election to the high and honourable offices of Masonic Grand Treasurer of England, and Sheriff of the City of London. October 3rd, 1901."

Bro. Sheriff Marshall, in acknowledging the presentation, said that during his comparatively short life he had been placed on one or two occasions in a somewhat embarrassing position, but he did not think that ever in his life he felt in the same degree the embarrassment which he felt that night. He came before the brethren without preparing a speech, and he anticipated responding to the toast of "The Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, and the Corporation of the City of London" simply. Before going further he would try to perform that duty. He did not think it unright that the toast should be honoured in a Masonic lodge, inasmuch as civic and Masonic life had been very much allied, especially of late years. Many members of the Corporation were Masons. The Lord Mayor held very high office in Grand Lodge, and both his Sheriffs and the Under-Sheriffs were Masons as well. The Lord Mayor elect, too, was a Mason. It was his good fortune to be the third Sheriff of the City of London to occupy the position of G. Treasurer of England in the Craft and in the Royal Arch, too. (Cheers.) The W.M. had referred to him as the father of the lodge. He had been so described so often, that, young as he was, he anticipated very shortly being called "daddy." (Laughter.) He assured the brethren that he very greatly appreciated the exceedingly high honour which had been conferred upon him by the presentation, and he could not thank the brethren sufficiently for the magnificent piece of plate. It would be prized by him and his family, and be regarded by them with affection. The address the W.M. had read was too kind and too flattering. He could assure the brethren that, to the best of his power, he should always have the interests of the Streatham Lodge at heart. He was proud to have been the founder of the lodge, and he congratulated the W.M. on the splendid work of the evening. Throughout his life it would be his aim to do his work in Masonry as well as in civic life, and to uphold the highest, the best, and the purest principles of the Masonic Order. (Cheers.)

Other toasts followed.

Lodge of Sympathy, No. 483. INSTALLATION OF BRO. ERNEST INGMAN.

The annual installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge took place at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, on the evening of Wednesday, the 9th inst. Bro. W. Spencer Bowen, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following Past Masters: Bros. Doughty, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Hill, P.P.G.P.; Ronaldson, P.P.A.G.S.; Jeffery, Beamish, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Hogg, P.G. Std. Br.; Lygo, P.A.G.D.C.; Forss, Hawker, Matthews, Walklin, and Willis. There were a very large number of visitors present.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Ernest Ingman, was presented to the W.M. by the D. of C., and the ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Spencer Bowen. Having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., the newly-elected W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Spencer Bowen, I.P.M.; J. A. Gillett, S.W.; J. A. Axcell, J.W.; T. T. Hogg, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; A. E. Lockhart, Sec.; C. P. Bowen, S.D.; T. A. Mummery, J.D.; J. Hewison, I.G.; R. Matthews, Org.; L. Drake, Asst. Org.; G. A. Grant, D.C.; H. L. Thurnell, A.D.C.; F. Pettingale, A. H. Holland, A. J. E. Walklin, and J. G. Browne, Stwds. Bro. W. Spencer Bowen, I.P.M., was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of the manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during his tenure of the chair.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren, after an interval to allow of a banquet being laid out in the lodge room, sat down to the same, and did full justice to the good things provided by their host.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. Bowen, I.P.M., proposed the toast of the evening—that of "The Newly-Installed W.M." He trusted it needed no words from him to impress on the brethren the excellence of their new W.M. H. possessed all the qualifications for a brother holding such a high position; as a Freemason he might have some equals, but no superiors. They had had an earnest that evening of the work that might be expected from him in the lodge, and they were sure he would prove himself to be a good, all-round Mason.

Bro. Ingman, W.M., who was received with loud and prolonged applause, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had been received. He might quote the line—"Now comes the last and greatest trial." Charity was the last trial of a Freemason, so he would claim their charity towards him as a speech-maker, but he would always do his best for the lodge in which he was initiated.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master."

Bro. Bowen, I.P.M., in reply, observed "How are the mighty fallen." (Laughter.) He would, however, try to show them as I.P.M. the mighty atom could hold its own.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by brethren hailing from Australia and China respectively, the remaining toasts being those of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

An excellent programme of music was rendered during the evening by Miss Henry, Miss Acanth, Bro. F. Noakes, and Mr. F. Chester.

The accompanying design formed the first page of menu.



Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. R. HOSKER.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Hotel Cecil, London. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among whom were the following: Bros. T. H. Booth, W.M.; J. R. Hosker, S.W., and W.M. elect; F. Buxton, J.W.; J. W. Soppitt, Sec.; G. W. Taylor, S.D.; J. N. Blackburn, J.D.; Dr. L. Martin, D.C.; W. Rushton, Org.; J. Spencer, F. Catling, T. J. Parkinson, and W. Grimes, Stwds. Visitors: Bros. J. Gordon Langton, P.M. 66, P.G.T. Middx.; W. J. Woodward, P.M. 720; J. M. Hamm, P.M. 238; W. J. Heath, P.M. 766; C. J. Drummond, P.M. 2817; N. J. Hodgson, P.M. 1613; T. R. Roberts, P.M. 55; C. S. Burdon, W.M. 2738; W. Miles, W.M. 1540; G. R. Huntley, W.M. 720; H. J. Pain, W.M. 2416; S. Holt, W.M. elect 1580; J. B. Boyle, 1328; J. Garner, S.D. 907; W. T. Hunt, I.G. 2264; Colson Phillips, 1185; E. A. Finch, J.W. 890; E. H. Parry, J.D. 1540; T. E. Comins, S.W. 720; A. Lewis-Browne, 1613; F. W. Sears, T. J. Elvidge, 2817; L. A. Stevens, 2817; E. C. Leachman, 2817; W. H. Lock, S.D. 166; W. D. Nott, 1987; F. H. Bowater, J.W. 1987; Wingrove Ives, 1929; J. H. Hill (Harrison Hill), 317; H. Shirreff, 704; C. R. Valentine, S.W. 2824; A. E. Price, 2410; C. H. Miller, 559; W. C. Minnett, 167; J. O. Horton, 2264; and many others.

The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. R. Hosker, was conducted by the I.P.M., Bro. T. H. Booth, assisted by Bros. C. T. Barlow, W. Hearn, W. Woodward, and G. H. Heap.

The W.M. invested the officers of the lodge for the ensuing season, and presented to the I.P.M. a beautiful jewel, in recognition of his services. He afterwards initiated

Bros. A. Upton Phillips, W. Woolnen, and G. A. P. Waite. A Masonic service was introduced, and added considerably to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M., who presented the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bros. T. H. Openshaw, C.M.G., and Dr. J. J. Marsh replied for "The Past Masters," and Bros. J. G. Langton, P.G. Treas. Middx., T. B. Roberts, and W. J. Heath for "The Visitors."

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., spoke on behalf of "The Masonic Charities."

The musical items were rendered by Bros. Wingrove Ives, Wellington, Barrett, and the inimitable Bro. J. H. Hill (Harrison Hill).

It is gratifying to learn and see that the Lancastrian Lodge has considerably grown, and is in a very prosperous position.

Blagdon Lodge, No. 547.

The first regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Beaconsfield-street, Blyth, on the 2nd inst., the W.M., Bro. Adam Dodds, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., presiding. There was a large attendance of provincial and other Mark Masons, including Bros. W. F. Carmon, P.P.J.G.W.; T. R. Johnson, P.P.S.G.D.; W. J. Johnson, P.G.M.O.; Michael Corbitt, P.P.S.G.O.; and others. The officers present were Bros. John Tweedy, S.W.; Edward Forster, J.W.; John Armstrong, M.O.; Joseph Pragnell, S.O.; Charles H. Keay, J.O.; C. W. Hodgson, Treas.; A. A. Askwith, Reg. of Marks; George Graham, Sec.; W. Raper, S.D.; R. L. Manners, J.D.; John B. McKenzie, Asst. Sec.; R. B. Ferry, P.P.G. Org., acting

Org.; James Anderson, I.G.; A. M. Carswell and A. Tinwell, Stwds.; and Thomas Usher, Tyler.

Bro. T. R. Jobson, P.M., officiated as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. W. J. Jobson, as I.P.M. The meeting was of a most interesting kind. After several brethren had been advanced to the honourable Degree, a graphic and elaborate history of the rise and progress of Mark Masonry at Blyth was read. The new lodge is likely to be a great success, as several candidates are already elected for advancement.

At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall for supper, where the loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Merton Lodge, No. 2790.

The first meeting of the above lodge after the summer recess took place at the Masonic Hall, Kingston-road, Merton on the evening of Tuesday, the 8th instant, Bro. W. H. Brand, W.M., presiding. The visitors were eight in number, all of them belonging either to the Dobie Lodge (Kingston-on-Thames) or to the Wimbledon Lodge. Among the former was Bro. Lewis, W.M. of the Dobie Lodge.

Mr. Louis Hanks was initiated, and the brethren, on the lodge being closed, adjourned to the festive board, at which a number of toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

During the intervals of the toast list a well-arranged programme was performed, in which Mdlle. Belle Rosa, Bros. Dr. M. H. Hargreaves, J.W., J. B. Munday, J.D., and T. Pollard, and Messrs. C. Ortnier and Pino Conti took part.

Mark Masonry.

Britannia Lodge, No. 53.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CHARLES STOKES.

VISIT OF THE R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

Wednesday, the 3rd instant, was a very interesting and important day in the busy City of Sheffield. Noted as far back as Chaucer's time for its knives, Sheffield possesses a unique corporation of citizens whose duty it was originally to look after the welfare of the masters and workmen in the cutlery trade. The Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire was incorporated by a bill brought into Parliament by Sir John Savill in 1624, entitled an "Act for the good order and government of the makers of knives, scissars (*sic*), shears, sickles, and other cutlery wares in Hallamshire in the County of York and parts adjoining." It has a Master who is elected annually, two Wardens and other officers, such as searchers and assistants. Like Freemasonry, originally consisting of operative craftsmen, it has become speculative, and membership and even Mastership may now, we believe, be reached by those who have no connection with the trade which the society was first formed to protect. To be elected Master Cutler for the year is to attain a distinguished position in Sheffield, and it is doubtless the ambition—surely both a creditable and laudable one—of many a worthy citizen. Like the Freemasons again, the Cutlers hold a kind of installation function which goes by the name of the Cutlers' Feast. To this yearly festival are invited the highest and noblest in politics, art, science, literature, and commerce throughout the land, and the event is looked forward to, in a smaller degree, somewhat as is the gathering in the Mansion House at the Lord Mayor's banquet on the 9th November of each year.

The connection between the Cutlers' Feast and the corresponding function in the Britannia Mark Lodge is explained by the fact that many of the Society of Cutlers are Freemasons, and even they, ubiquitous as some of them appear to be, cannot be in two places at the same time. In other words, but for the fact that the two events clashed as to date, the installation of Bro. Charles Stokes would have been more numerous attended. What was lacking in numbers was, however, made up in enthusiasm, and the welcome to the chair which Bro. Stokes received must have been to himself of a most gratifying character. Bro. Charles Stokes is well-known in the City of Sheffield, and though he has fortunately up to this kept clear of local politics and municipal matters (from which may he be long preserved!) yet he has taken an active part in connection with scientific societies, musical circles, and particularly in cricket and football affairs. As a member of the Committee of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, and holding at the present moment the responsible position of its treasurer, Bro. Stokes has become in a sense a public man, and has doubtless ere this found what immense demands upon his time and his energies such a position involves. His career as a Craft Mason has on other occasions been referred to in these columns in relation to the *Westworth* and *Furnival* Lodges, and will doubtless again get honourable mention; he has now become Worshipful Master of a Mark lodge, and bids fair to prove that he will show the same zeal and ability in this as in the other Degrees. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, the W. Deputy, and other Grand and Prov. Grand Officers, some from distant parts of the province, marked their appreciation of Bro. Stokes by accepting his invitation to be present.

The lodge was opened at 5.45 p.m.; Bro. J. T. Thompson, W.M., in the chair. Supporting him were Bros. Charles Stokes, S.W.; Wm. Walker, J.W.; E. Rowbotham, as M.O.; J. Nodder, S.O.; J. Barton, J.O.; J. Unwin, P.M.; P.P.G.W., P.G.I.G., Treas.; W. D. Forsdike, Sec.; J. Stringer, S.D.; J. Dickenson, J.D.; Horace Cawood, I.G.; and Thos. Leighton, Tyler; also Bros. H. J. Garnett, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. P. Hewitt, P.M., Prov. G.O.; G. Wragg, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Thos. Rowbotham, P.M., P.P.G.W., Vice-Chairman of Charity Committee; A. W. Forsdike, P.M., P.P.G.R.; P. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. E. Reaney, P.M., P.P.G.W.; and Bros. W. Sissons, T. S. Wood, G. L. Wood, W. Franklin, J. Kerridge, F. Norton, W. Truelove, J. H. R. Hodgkinson, H. A. Creak, and C. Sheppard.

After confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, the reports from the Auditor and Secretary were taken. The first declared the lodge to be in a sound financial condition, whilst the second announced that the members numbered 66, being an increase of six since last return—there having been nine new brethren admitted and three withdrawals.

At this stage the Prov. Grand Master was announced, and the following brethren entered the lodge: Bros. C. Letch Mason, R.W. Prov. G.M.; John Barker, W. Dep. Prov. G.M.; G. H. Parke, P.M. 110, P.P.G.W., P.G. Treas.; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 137 and 493, P.P.G.W., P.G.S., Chairman of the Charity Committee; M. A. Brigg, P.M. 374, P.P.G.O.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; and H. Allingham, P.P.G.W. Devon. These brethren having been saluted according to ancient custom, the interrupted business proceeded.

Bro. H. J. Garnett, the oldest Past Master of *Britannia* presented Bro. Charles Stokes, and the duties of the Installing Master, at the request of Bro. J. T. Thompson, the retiring W.M., were undertaken by Bro. Thos. Rowbotham, P.M. It is needless to add that these duties were ably and most impressively performed, for Bro. Rowbotham has gained a well earned reputation for effective rendering of Masonic ritual in all the usual and in some of the rarer Masonic Degrees. The working tools were presented by Bro. H. J. Garnett, and on the re-admission of the brethren, Bro. Charles Stokes was loyally and heartily greeted as their head. Bro. Stokes appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. J. T. Thompson, I.P.M.; W. Walker, S.W.; W. Fearnborough, J.W.; John Unwin, P.M., Treas.; J. Hastings, M.O.; E. G. Whiteley, S.O.; Edmund Rowbotham, J.O.; W. D. Forsdike, Reg. of Marks; J. Stringer, Sec.; H. Cawood, S.D.; G. F. Y. Dickenson, J.D.; A. J. Forsdike, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D. of C.; C. F. Shepherd, A.D.C.; W. Foxon, Org.; W. Sissons, I.G.; G. L. Wood and G. A. Shipman, Stwds.; and T. Leighton, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. J. T. Thompson, I.P.M., those to the Wardens and Overseers by Bro. A. J. Forsdike, P.M., and the concluding appeal to the brethren by the Installing Master. Bro. T. Rowbotham was again unanimously elected Charity member for the year. At the request of the W.M., the Prov. G. Master then undertook a novel but interesting duty, that of presenting the jewels and bars to the nine Stewards who had so well represented their lodge on the West Yorkshire list at the last Mark Benevolent Festival. These were Bros. F. Cleaves, 15 times a Steward and a Patron; Thomas Rowbotham, seven times a Steward and a Vice-President; J. T. Thompson, five times a Steward and a Vice-President; Charles Stokes, a Steward of three times with promise of a fourth; and Bros. E. G. Whiteley, W. D. Forsdike, Horace Cawood, J. S. Wood, and A. Truelove, who for the first time showed their appreciation of the Mark

Masonic Charity by becoming Stewards. The *Britannia* Mark Lodge for years, the Prov. G. Master explained, had consistently supported the Fund, and this year had nine Stewards, whose united efforts had resulted in a total of 50 guineas. He thanked the brethren in the name of the province, and wished them health long to wear the jewels they had so honourably gained. This concluded the business, the Prov. G. Master and his officers retired, and the lodge was closed.

A very excellent dinner, served in the style for which Sheffield Masonic Hall has become noted, followed. Here, too, the influence of the greater function at the Cutlers' Hall made itself felt. All the available staff of waiters in the city had been commandeered. A band of neat, active, and most obliging waitresses, in coquettish cap and apron, came to the rescue, however, and the meal was served with comfort and despatch. The tables were, as usual, charmingly decorated with flowers, and sparkling glass and glistening silver completed the effect. The *menu* many would, we are sure, examine with pleasure, interspersed, as it was, by brief sentences from Masonic ritual, sometimes amusing and always *apropos*.

After dinner the W.M. briefly proposed "The King."

This, of course, was most heartily received.

Next "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., the Earl of Euston, M.W. Prov. G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Stokes spoke in strong terms of the qualifications of our new Grand Master, who, he said, judging by his tone and method at the Albert Hall, would put his heart into the work his office entailed. He also eulogised the faithful and untiring efforts of Lord Euston in the interest of Mark Masonry, declaring that he allowed neither time nor distance to interfere if by his presence he felt he could give his brethren needed countenance or help.

Bro. G. H. Parke, Past G. Treasurer, responded. He looked forward, he said, with much anticipation to the annual meeting of *Britannia* Lodge. He had been the guest of the W.M. for several years past, and he could appreciate equally their excellent work upstairs and the good cheer offered below. He congratulated the lodge upon having so excellent a W.M., complimented the Installing Master, and hoped *Britannia* would continue to maintain the position of premier lodge of the province. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked the W.M. and brethren for this recognition of their services.

Bro. Stokes next proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire, the W. Deputy, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In their Provincial Grand Master they had a head, Bro. Stokes said, whom they all esteemed; one who had rendered them true and faithful service, who had completed 18 years as Prov. Grand Master, and was entering on another period of three years; who in the cause of Mark Masonry and its Charity came ever to the front; who visited amongst them and made their personal acquaintance, and who, he would venture to say, was always a most welcome guest wherever he might be. As to the Deputy, they all knew his good points, and as to the rest, he believed they were all actuated by true Masonic feeling and inspired by the desire to honourably fulfil their duties.

The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, replied. He said since the formation of the Province of West Yorkshire in the Mark Degree, there had been three Prov. G. Masters, and that he (the speaker) had filled the office three times as long as either of his predecessors; that the lodges during his rule had increased from six, two of which at the time were virtually moribund, to 17, and all might fairly be considered in good working order; that during the whole of the 18 years he had presided over them there had been no unpleasantnesses, or divisions, all had worked harmoniously and peacefully, and that this was to him a matter of great personal satisfaction. The Mark Degree was a most instructive and useful one, and a closer study of it not only revealed its beauties but also emphasised the valuable lessons which could be derived from its teachings. He urged them to cultivate a reverent rendering of the ceremonies so that a suitable and lasting impression might be made upon those who were advanced in the Degree. Freemasonry was continually progressing, and the Mark would go forward in like manner if all would unite in the effective rendering of its ceremonies and the practical illustration of its principles. He congratulated the lodge upon having elected so good a Master, and assured them that to himself, to his Deputy, and to all the officers of the province it was a source of great satisfaction to see *Britannia* in so flourishing and satisfactory a position.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Stokes," was proposed by Bro. John Eadon Reaney, P.M. Bro. Reaney was advanced in *Britannia* Lodge as long ago as 1872, and during the year 1880, in which he filled the chair, he characterised his reign by presenting to the lodge a number of tokens with which to pay the craftsmen their wages. The superscription on the coins is: "Britannia LIII., Sheffield M.M.M." Within a triangle on the same side is Bro. Reaney's mark surrounded by Masonic cryptic writing, which reads: "Bro. J. E. Reaney, Master 1880." These tokens are unique, we believe, and the interpretation of the characters upon them seemed on the point of being lost, when the study of Masonic cipher writing was taken up by Bro. Rowbotham, and the difficulty was solved. On this point space will not permit us at present to say more.

Bro. Reaney, in proposing the toast, thanked Bro. J. T. Thompson, I.P.M., in whose name it stood, for permitting him to have the privilege. He had come, he said, with an anticipation of pleasure, but did not expect so great a concession. Some 20 years ago it was given to him to introduce amongst the Mark workmen of Lodge 53 a stone which at the time, perhaps, seemed an obscure one. Years have passed; that apparently obscure stone, having gone through a process of polishing, adjusting, and testing, has now passed the gates, and met with the approval of the Overseers, and has to-night been placed in a conspicuous and honourable position. It was a great pleasure to him (the speaker) on seeing Bro. Charles Stokes placed in the chair to remember that he had been the means of adding so valued and valuable a member to *Britannia* Lodge. In Bro. Stokes the brethren had got a strong man, a well-trying man, and he felt thoroughly confident that the new W.M. would invigorate his lodge, and would maintain that reputation for good Masonic work so properly insisted upon by the Prov. Grand Master, which it had always been the ambition of *Britannia* at all times to attain.

The toast was drunk enthusiastically, and

Bro. Charles Stokes, on rising to respond, was vociferously cheered. He said it was extremely kind of Bro. Reaney to come all the way from London to be present that evening to witness the installation of the brother whom he had introduced amongst them some 20 years ago. That kindness was emphasised by the warm-hearted and eloquent words used by Bro. Reaney in proposing the toast. As to the beautiful symbolism in illustration of his speech, he (Bro. Stokes) would endeavour to realise some portion of it at any rate. With the help of his officers and brethren he would try to keep *Britannia* in the position in which it then stood: if they were united they would then indeed be strong, and of their unity and loyalty he had many such valued experiences. They must kindly not criticise too keenly his lapses of that evening; he hoped to make ample amends, and looked forward to a pleasant and successful year, a year of happiness and progress.

Bro. Stokes then proposed "The Health of Bro. Reaney," which was well received and feelingly acknowledged.

Other toasts were: "The Immediate Past Master," proposed by Bro. H. J. Garnett; "The Installing Officer, Bro. T. Rowbotham," by Bro. A. J. Forsdike; "The Visiting Brethren," "The Past Masters," and "The Mark Benevolent Fund." To this last the reply was made by Bro. W. E. Smithies, Chairman of the Charity Committee, who explained the position of the province in relation to the Charity, and earnestly advocated the claims which the Mark Benevolent Fund might fairly be said to possess upon their sympathy and their substantial help.

Music, as usual, was a marked feature at this gathering. Sheffield can produce artists both vocal and instrumental—many of them Masons. As a consequence, the musical programmes at Masonic meetings are exceptionally good. Bro. Peasegood (violin) and Bro. Wragg (piano) gave some excellent duets, whilst the songs were rendered most efficiently, and were much appreciated. The evening thus passed delightfully; the brethren, especially the guests, bearing away grateful memories of hospitality gracefully bestowed and fraternal feeling generously manifested. Commenced under such auspices, we feel certain *Britannia* will have an exceptional year, and all good wishes for the success of the lodge we most cordially endorse.

St. Eilian Lodge, No. 360.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WESTLAKE-MORGAN, P.G. ORG.

The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Amlwch, Anglesey, on Monday, the 30th ult., the ceremony being performed by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. Thomas Edwards, P.G. Chap. of England, rector of

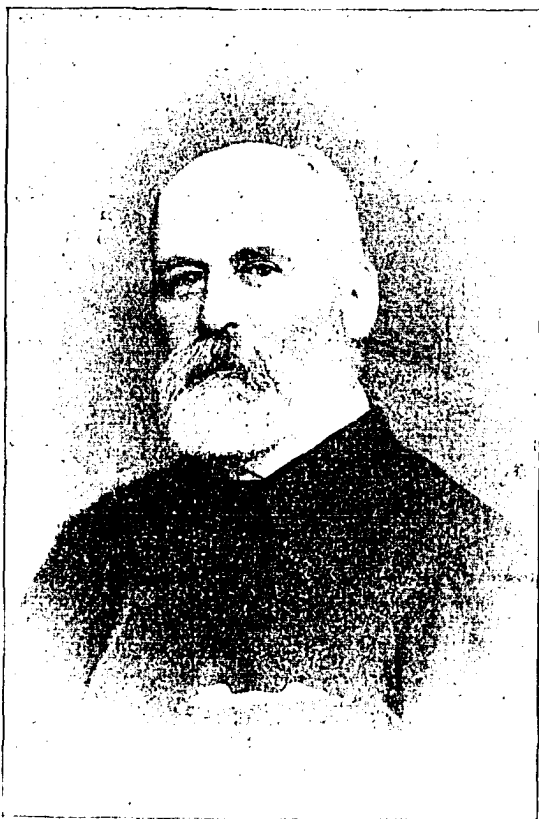
Aber. Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan, P.G. Org. of Ehglad, organist of Bangor Cathedral, by special dispensation from the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., was installed in the chair, this being his fourth installation within two years, he having been Master of two Craft lodges simultaneously, and now Master of two Mark lodges. He afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. William Jones, P.M., acting I.P.M.; R. E. Pritchard, S.W.; W. Bulkley Hughes-Hunter, J.W.; Robert Roberts, M.O.; Samuel Evans, S.O.; Richard Pritchard, J.O.; William Jones, P.M., R. of M.; Hugh Pritchard, Sec.; Thomas P. Leche, S.D.; Hugh Thomas, J.D.; and Robert Griffith, Tyler.

Owing to the recent death of the late Secretary, Bro. John Hughes, there was no installation banquet. There was a large attendance of visiting brethren.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES STEPHENS, PROV. G. TREAS. BERKS.

By the death of Bro. Charles Stephens, elder brother of the Dean of Winchester, which occurred at his residence, at Woodley Hill, near Reading, on Friday last, Berkshire loses one of its most prominent and respected public men. Bro. Stephens, who was in his 71st year, was a son of the late Mr. Charles Stephens, the head of the well-known banking firm of Stephens, Blandy, and Co., of Reading, Maidenhead, and elsewhere. He was a magistrate for Reading and Berkshire, and served the office of High Sheriff of that county in 1884-85. When the Volunteer movement was inaugurated, he supported the arrangements made by the late Bro. Lord Wantage for the formation of the 1st Administrative Battalion of Berks Rifle Volunteers, and held a commission in the regiment until 1869, when he retired with the rank of major, and was presented with an illuminated address from the officers and men. Throughout his life he was actively engaged in the banking business, and eventually became the head of the firm, retiring from that position a few years ago when the business was transferred to Lloyds Bank (Limited). For a lengthened period Bro. Stephens took a great personal interest in Freemasonry, and up to the time of his death he held the office of Prov. G. Treasurer. He took a prominent part in the formation of the Mark Masonic Province of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, and was appointed by Bro. the Earl of Jersey (the first Prov. G. Master) as his Deputy. He was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading, in 1875, and served as W.M. in 1881, and was W.M. of the Leopold Mark Lodge in 1880. He was Past Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons, and a liberal supporter of the Masonic Charities. Deceased was also a companion of the Union Chapter at Reading. Declining health in recent years unfortunately prevented him from taking an active part in Masonic functions, but he was to have been proposed for re-election



THE LATE BRO. CHARLES STEPHENS, M.A., J.P.,
Provincial Grand Treasurer for Berkshire, Past Deputy Provincial
Grand Master, Berks & Oxon, (Mark), &c.

as Prov. G. Treasurer at the forthcoming Prov. G. Lodge, to be held at Windsor. Mainly in consequence of his association with one of the old Reading banks, he acted as treasurer to a large number of public bodies and institutions. In this capacity he did much to promote the welfare of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, which he had served as treasurer since 1867. He was also treasurer to the Corporation of Reading and the Royal Berkshire Friendly Society, with which he had been associated from 1872, when it was founded by the late Bro. Lord Wantage, Mr. Benyon, Mr. John Walter, and other large Berkshire landowners. He rendered great service as local hon. secretary to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, towards the funds of which he had annually raised a considerable sum of money. On his retirement through ill-health, he received a letter of thanks from the King (then Prince of Wales).

The funeral took place at St. Peter's Earley, on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. In this parish deceased had been churchwarden for something like a quarter of a century. The obsequies were attended by Mrs. Stephens, the widow, and her brother-in-law, the Dean of Winchester, and many other relatives from different parts of the country. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master (in charge of the Province of Berkshire), Bro. J. T. Morland, M.A., and the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. John W. Martin, were prevented attending through an important engagement at a legal conference being held at Oxford, but there was a numerous assemblage of well-known Masons including Bros. the Rev. Canon Garry (who took part in the service); F. J. Ferguson, R. C. Mount, and W. Ferguson, P.P.S.G.Ws.; W. W. Ridley, P.P.J.G.W.; D. H. Heron, W.M. 1101; G. J. Cosburn, P.P.G. Purst.; A. H. Bull, Mayor of Reading; H. J. Mount, W. Page Phillips, P.P.S.G.W. Suffolk; E. Margrett, P.G. Treas. (Mark) Berks and Oxon; R. Penson, F. A. Sargeant,

and others. Among the principal Berkshire residents present were the High Sheriff, Alderman Blackall Simonds; Colonel Blandy, Chief Constable; Alderman Monck, Mr. W. W. Cowslade, Mr. Heelas, Mr. Day, Town Clerk; Mr. Alfred Palmer, Colonel James Simonds, Mr. F. W. Cowslade, Mr. H. A. Cowslade, and a number of the local clergy. A large number of beautiful floral wreaths and crosses were contributed.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Bro. G. J. Cosburn, of Newbury, the printer and publisher of the "Berkshire Masonic Register and Calendar," for the life-like portrait of the deceased which accompanies this notice.

Instruction.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 107.

The above lodge working upon Emulation lines under the sanction of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, held its annual festival in the Masonic Hall, King's Lynn, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the Three Sections of the Third Lecture were worked. Present: Bros. G. W. Page, P.M., P.P.G.T., Preceptor, as W.M.; Chas. E. Ward, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Lines, P.P.G.R. Norfolk, Deputy Preceptor, as Lecture Master; E. W. Oakley, as S.W.; F. J. Knight, Sec., as J.W.; R. W. Bryant, as S.D.; A. J. Williams, as J.D.; Geo. Oswell, as Org.; B. Johnson, I.G.; Jas. Brown, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. H. Hodd, Rev. A. H. Hayes, Jno. Wilson, W. J. Hyner, and T. Caldwell.

The Sections were worked as follows, Bro. Ward asking the questions: 1st, Bros. F. J. Knight, A. J. Williams, and Ben Johnson; 2nd, Bro. R. W. Bryant; 3rd, Bro. W. Oakley. After lodge had been closed down to First Degree, officers for the year were re-elected: Bros. G. W. Page, Preceptor; Chas. E. Ward, Dep. Preceptor; and F. J. Knight, Sec. On the proposition of Bro. Ward, it was agreed to rehearse the First Lecture, all Seven Sections for next year's festival, alternate lodges of instruction being set apart for that purpose. The members of lodge and workers were congratulated on their work, regret, however, being expressed that meetings were not better attended, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

In connection with the lodge a library is being formed under the supervision of Bro. Chas. E. Ward, 3, Tuesday-market, Lynn, who will be pleased to receive duplicates of Masonic works or Provincial Calendars for same. The library possesses a full set of Q.A.C. and book case on the Wernicke system, which has been purchased.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. H. Coxen, W.M.; M. Relph, S.W.; C. G. Nicole, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; D. Taylor, S.D.; J. Horstead, J.D.; G. Mortlock, I.G.; H. J. Dunaway, E. Richards, H. C. Kerly, W. Lee, C. Weston, J. Foxcroft, H. R. Bower, T. E. Newman, A. Williams, and F. H. Johnson.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Williams and Bower as candidates. Bro. Relph was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed the officers in rotation. A ballot was taken for a Life Subscribership which fell to the lot of Bro. C. M. Coxon. The lodge was then closed.

SAVINGS IN THE NAVY.

Admiral Young would appear to clear up the origin of savings in the Navy tolerably well. "We understand," he writes, "that it has become the practice of the men to sell the savings of their provisions to anyone who will buy them on shore. As this may at times be attended with very great inconvenience, it ought to be prevented, and the Admiralty have thought of ordering the pursers to pay at fixed prices for all the savings, allowing them to draw for the money every three months, but we are not quite determined at what price he shall purchase them (*sic*). Will you have the goodness to inform yourself, as well as you can, what the men have generally got for their bread, beef, pork, pease, and oatmeal, and what price the men would probably be satisfied with for the provisions they have lately been accustomed to sell?" The correspondence of the Admiralty at the Record Office must presumably contain at least traces of an answer from Sir Charles Thomson, or some other officer, for he was doubtless not the only authority consulted. In any case, here we have the origin of "savings" indicated in a general way. First, the men saved part of their rations, and sold them on their own behalf; then the Admiralty took to paying for what the crews would have saved, and the name was retained as being familiar and convenient.—*Navy and Army*.

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FALSE GEMS.

That many things glitter which are not gold is well known; but do the wearers of jewellery know that the bright and beautiful colours exhibited by most of their much prized gems are purely artificial? Nature supplies the raw material, and art steps in to embellish it. The brilliant necklace or bracelet, which, with the native hue of the stone, would, by no means, be considered ornamental, becomes matchless in tint and lustre after passing through the hands of the artificer. The chemist, always discovering something, and always ready with marvellous transformations, is truly a remarkable personage. He is jealous of his secrets; but not always able to keep them. If he could set a seal on his doings, the world would not become acquainted with some of his processes. Let us take the agate, rather a common stone, found almost everywhere, and in numerous varieties, among which are the chalcedony, cornelian, onyx, sardonyx, and heliotrope. They all consist principally of quartz, and are more or less pellucid. In some places they are surprisingly abundant. One of these places is Oberstein, some 30 or 40 miles up the valley of the Nahe, a region not often visited by summer tourists, yet interesting enough to repay him who shall explore its devious by-ways and paths along the river. At the village just mentioned and at Idal, four miles distant, formations of coarse red conglomerate are met with, interposed with trap and greenstone, and in a soft stratum in these rocks, agates are found in considerable quantities. The workings may, indeed, be called agate-quarries, for they are carried on in the precipitous side of a hill, and to him who sees them for the first time there is something remarkable in the species of industry, created by the presence of the stones. The nodules of agate, as they come from their long undisturbed bed, are generally of an ashen-grey colour. The first operation in the process of transformation is to wash them perfectly clean; then to put them into a vessel containing a mixture of honey and water, which, being closely covered, is plunged into hot ashes for two or three weeks. The essential thing is to keep the liquid from boiling, but at a high temperature. After a sufficient interval, the stones are taken out, cleansed, passed through a bath of sulphuric acid, and then they undergo a second course of roasting in the hot ashes. To produce a colour in the stones, it is necessary they should be penetrated by some carbonisable substance. This is effected by the honey, which, under the influence of long-continued heat, finds its way into the interior of the crystal, where its carbonisation, if not complete in the first instance, is finished by the sulphuric acid. Some lapidaries use olive-oil instead of honey. The shade of colour depends on the porosity of the layers of the stone; the most porous become, at times, perfectly black. Some are coloured in two or three hours, others in as many days, others in a week or two, and some resist all attempts to change their natural hue. Some, when taken out of the pan, are found to be a rich dark brown or chocolate; others, again, having been penetrated by the colouring matter between the layers, are striped alternately white, grey, and brown, like the onyx and sardonyx. By soaking the stones in a solution of sulphate of iron, and then placing them for a few hours in the oven, a fine cornelian-red is produced in the porous layers, while those not porous remain unaltered. Thus it not unfrequently happens that very coarse and common stones—muddy yellow or cloudy grey—which in their natural condition would be valueless, are passed off as stones of the first quality. It is only within the last 40 years that this process has been known in Germany; but the Italian lapidaries were acquainted with it centuries ago. Hence we can account for the exquisite colour of antique cameos and other ornaments once numerous in the cabinets of Italy, and now to be seen in museums and private collections in all parts of the world. The dealers, when making their purchases of what we may call the raw material, select what appears to be a desirable piece, and chipping off a minute portion, they moisten the exposed surface with the tongue, and watch the absorption of the moisture. If regular and equal, the stone is good for an onyx; if not, it is added to the heap of inferior varieties. This, however, is but a rough-and-ready test, and not always decisive. The pores of the stones by which the colour is conveyed and retained are visible with the microscope, and the effect of various tints is produced according as the light falls upon them at different angles. The rainbow-agate is full of minute cells, which when exposed to the sun, produce prismatic colours, as is observed of the strice of mother-of-pearl. To detect cavities in the stones they are soaked in water, which, slowly penetrating, reveals the hollows. Some already contain water when first found; and it is a remarkable fact that, if kept in a dry place, the water disappears, but without leaving the slightest trace of moisture on the surface, and the stones can only be refilled by boiling them. Balls of striped red chalcedony are much prized; a large one, weighing 100 lbs., was found in 1844 near Weisselberg, and was sold in the rough for 700 guilders. Some kinds of chalcedony are made to appear of a citron yellow by two days' roasting in an oven, and a subsequent immersion in a close hot bath of spirit of salt for two or three weeks. A blue colour, which has all the effect of a turquoise, is also produced, but the particular colouring process has hitherto been kept a secret. Those stones which are naturally coloured are, at times, roasted, to heighten the tint and add to its permanency. The Brazilian cornelian becomes singularly lustrous under the process. The smallest stones are roasted before polishing, but the large ones, of which saucers, vases, cups, plates, &c., are made, are first cut into the required shape and thinness—otherwise they fly to pieces when exposed to heat. After all the colouring operations have been gone through, the stones are ground on a wheel, soaked in oil for a day to conceal the fine scratches and give a good polish, and then cleaned off with bran. We now come to gems that are *not* found in the side of a quarry, but formed in a chemist's laboratory. The chemist in his work produces wonderful results. He produces crystals at pleasure, and in lumps that would astonish those who once laboured so hard in search of the philosopher's stone. Some years ago, M. Ebelman laid before the French Academy of Sciences, specimens of artificial quartz—some white, others blue, red, and violet—and by mixing chloruret of gold with the silicic acid used in the composition, he produced a mass traversed throughout with delicate veins of gold, similar to the lumps brought from Australia or California—he also produced hydrophane—a species of opal which is transparent only when immersed in water; and specimens also of the allied crystal hyalite.

(To be continued.)

THE PAINTER VANDERDORT—TEMP. CHARLES I.

Having mentioned Vanderdort, in connection with the King's catalogue, it will be as well to give some account of him. Abraham Vanderdort, a Dutchman, had worked for the Emperor Rodolphus, whose service he left, it is not known on what occasion. He brought away with him a bust of a woman modelled in wax, as large as life, which he had begun for that monarch, but Prince Henry was so struck with it, that though the Emperor wrote several times for it, the young Prince would neither part with the work nor the workman, telling him he would give him as good entertainment as any emperor would; and, indeed, Vanderdort seems to have made no bad bargain. He parted with the bust to the Prince, upon condition, that as soon as the cabinet, then building from a design of Inigo Jones should be finished, he should be made keeper of his Royal Highness's medals, with a salary of £50 a year; a contract voided by the death of the Prince. However, upon the accession of King Charles, Vanderdort was immediately retained in his service, with a salary of £40 a year, and appointed keeper of the cabinet. This room was erected about the middle of Whitehall, running across from the Thames towards the banqueting-house and fronting westward to the privy garden. Several warrants for payment to Vanderdort are extant in Rymer and among the Conway papers; one of the latter is singular indeed, and shows in what favour he stood with his royal master: "The 2nd day of April, 1625, at St. James. His Majesty was pleased by my Lord Duke of Buckingham's means to send for Sir Edward Villiers, warden of his Majesties mint, as also for his owne servant Abraham Vanderdort, where his Majesty did command in the presence of the said Lord Duke and Sir Edward Villiers, that the said Abraham Vanderdort should make patterns for his Majesties coynes, and also give his assistance to the engravers, and his furtherance that the same may be well engraven, according to their abilities. For which he desireth a warrant with an annual fee of £40 a year, whereby it may appear that it was his Majesties pleasure to appoint him for that service." (Conway Papers.) At the bottom of this paper is this entry: "It is his Majesty's pleasure that the clerk of his Majesties signett, for the tyme being, doe cause a booke to be prepared fitt for his Majesties signature of the office, with the annuities or fee, beforementioned, to be paid out of the exchequer duringe his life." The patent gave him likewise the privilege of being the king's medallist, "in gold, silver, brasse," &c.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS, 5A, PALL MALL EAST, S.W. SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF THE WORKS OF THE LATE WM. STOTT, OF OLDHAM.

We have visited this collection. The artist has a style of his own, "non captandum vulgus." Some of his pictures evince careful study, and are worthy of attention. Deep poetical feeling is shown in many of his works—not to be recognised by a mere casual glance. Among his pictures we notice Nos. 2, "The Awakening of the Spirit of the Rose," delicately treated; 13, "The White Mountain," fine Alpine scene; 14, Idlers; 19, Portrait of T. Millie Dow, life like; 21, Eiger, a noble picture; 24, Tristram's Farewell, fine colour, artistically treated; 26, Barn at Gasgarth; 30, The Irish Channel, good seascape; 37, The Happy Valley, a beautiful poetical conception; 44, Morning in the Alps, another mountain scene; 45, Waterfall, the rushing torrent well depicted; 47, Hide-and-Seek; In the Garden of Epicurus, a notable instance of the artist's original style.

THE CRITERION THEATRE.

We have all of us, on many occasions, derived so much pleasure from the ingenious and well-constructed plots of Mr. R. C. Carton that we must confess to a feeling of disappointment at the dramatist's new four-act comedy, "The Undercurrent," now playing at the Criterion. There is much brilliant writing, as we might naturally expect, but the story is hardly intelligible, and is of so hazy a nature that, at its conclusion, it would be difficult to give a complete summary. The title of the piece is open to two or three meanings; we imagine that the gifted author by "The Undercurrent" means the influence of fair woman on all the relations of life, whether for good or ill. The artists exert their utmost to develop their respective parts. We would notice (place aux dames) the clever acting of Miss Compton, the "Dea ex machina" of the piece; Miss Anna Robinson as the American heiress. Among the actors we had Mr. Arthur Bouchier, who has little opportunity of displaying his talent; Messrs. Arthur Williams and Ernest Hendrie showed some skill in bringing out the comic phase of their respective parts. Great gaps in the main plot, such as it is, are filled up with a rehearsal of private theatricals, given by the castle guests. We were reminded of the well-known piece "The Pantomime Rehearsal," but it fails in its witty dialogue and action. We regret to say that the piece had only "un succès d'estime."

GENERAL NOTES.

At the Playgoers' Club, Clement's Inn, an informal debate on the piece "Becky Sharpe" (at present running so successful a career at the Prince of Wales Theatre) took place last Thursday. The discussion was opened by Mr. F. S. Hess.

"Les Papillons" still deservedly continues an attractive feature of the Empire programme. Nothing more beautiful or more truly fairylike has been seen on the stage for many a long day.

Miss Julia Neilson, Mr. Fred Terry, and the entire Globe Theatre, paid a welcome return visit to Kennington Theatre last week with "Sweet Nell of Old Drury."

BRO. EARL ROBERTS, on the 10th inst., unveiled a memorial statue of Queen Victoria, the work of Mr. Onslow Ford, in front of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester. His lordship said he could not help thinking that but for the intense anxiety caused by the South African war her Majesty might still have been with us. When he took his leave of our late Sovereign, in December, 1899, she seemed to be in as good health as he had seen her in for several years, but on his return to England he was startled by the change that had taken place in her appearance. The Commander-in-Chief went on to refer to the keen interest taken by Queen Victoria in the Army, the Navy, and the welfare of her whole people.

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, October 19, 1901.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13.

THE ST. JOHN'S CLUB.

1, Marjorie Grove, Sisters' Avenue, Clapham Junction, S.W., at 11 a.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

58, Felicity, Prince's Restaurant.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel.
193, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
957, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
1305, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
2030, The Holborn Restaurant.
2272, Kye, Holborn Restaurant.
2032, Byfield, Great Eastern Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
2191, Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

104, Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.
224, Menatschin, Cafe Royal.
410, Eclectic, Mark Masons' Hall.

MASONIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

The Salisbury, 91, Strand, at 5.30.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Brondesbury, Earl Derby Hotel, High-road, Kilburn.
Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial road, E., at 8.

Dalhousie, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, Bristol Room, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.

Eleanor, Red Lion, High Road, Tottenham, at 8.
Erkenwald, Railway Hotel, Barking, at 7.45.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.

Friendship, Simpson's, Bird-in-Hand-court, Cheapside, at 5.30.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.

Italia, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 13, Wilton-road, Victoria, 9 to 11.30.

Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridley's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.

Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 31, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Royal Savoy, Earl Russell, 2 Pancras-road, King's Cross, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.

St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, W., 8.

Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
South Norwood, Goat House Bridge Hotel, Penge-rd., at 8.
Tysen Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-rd., Rectory-rd., N., 7.30.

Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
Walthamstow, Chequer's Hotel, High-st., Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.

Woodrow, Stone's, 24, Pantons-street, Haymarket, S.W., at 3.
Zetland, "The Falkland," Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.

Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, United Mariners, Frascati Restaurant.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
1330, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Holborn Restaurant.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2045, Wharton, Holborn Restaurant.
2191, Anglo-American, Hotel Cecil.
2233, Old Westminster, Cafe Royal.
2295, Barnato, Cafe Monico.
2500, Old Boys, Criterion.
2742, Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, Finchley-road.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
19, Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel.
186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
204, Jordan, Guildhall Tavern.
1397, Anerley, Thicket Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alfred Newton, Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.

Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Cursitor-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.

Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High street, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.

Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street, Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.

Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.

Excelsior, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, Victoria-station, S.W., at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Balaam-street, Plaistow, E., at 7.30.

Faith, Fumagalli's, 13, Old Bailey, Victoria Station, S.W.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.

Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.

Hendon, The Volunteer Hotel, Upper Baker-st., W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.

Isotta, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.

Mount Edgecumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.

New Cross, Kenble's Head, Long Acre, W.C., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.

Plucknett, Woodside Hall, North Finchley, at 8.
Richmond, The Freemasons' Club, Richmond, at 8.30.
Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.

Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.

St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.

Strand, The Salisbury, 91 & 92 Strand, at 7.

Stockwell, Callingham's Restaurant, 94, Cannon-st., E.C., at 6.

Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.

Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.

Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.

Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.

Worborough, Mitre Tavern, Fish-street-hill, E.C., at 7.30.

Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.

Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street, at 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

General Committee Grand Chapter at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
169, Temperance, Tower Bridge Hotel.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
619, Beadon, Holborn Restaurant.
700, Nelson, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead.
1044, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings, Lavender-hill.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1352, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1571, Leopold, Holborn Restaurant.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
1677, Crusaders, Holborn Restaurant.
2266, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.
2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common.
2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2391, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
2580, Borough, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
2603, London County Council, Hotel Cecil.
2743, Maida Vale, Crown Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

141, Faith, Anderson's Hotel.
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
554, Warborough, London Tavern.
1595, Ley Spring, Anderson's Hotel.
1706, St. Leonard, Great Eastern Hotel.
2190, Savage Club, Mark Masons' Hall.
2489, Willesden, Freemasons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX.

105, Cour de Lion, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alley, George Canning Hotel, Effra-road, Brixton, at 8.
Beach, London and South Western Railway Institute, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.

Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
City of Westminster, Cafe Royal, "B" Room, at 8.
Claremont, Newland's Hotel, Peckham Rye, at 8.

Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crouch End, The Broadway Hall, Crouch End, at 8.30.

Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.

Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., 8.
Eyre, Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8.
Fidelity, Castle Hotel, 81, Holloway-road, N., at 8.

Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-rd., E., at 8.
Hammersmith, Wycombe House, 263, Hammersmith-rd., 7.45.
Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.

La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
Londesborough, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.

Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
Mount Lebanon, Foresters' Arms, 294, Boro' High-street, at 8.

New Concord, Farleigh Hotel, Amherst-road, N., at 8.
Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.

Prosperity, Manchester Hotel, 145, Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.

Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-road, Euston-road, at 8.
Wanderers, Fumagalli's Restaurant, 12 and 13, Wilton-road Victoria-station, S.W., at 7.30.

West Smithfield, City Scotch Stores, 27, Knight-riders-st., E.C.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.

Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 8.
Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross P.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

49, Gibson, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
170, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel.
733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1508, Ley Spring, Anderson's Hotel.
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
1651, Londresborough, Cafe Royal.
1710, All Saints, Office of Board of Works, Poplar.
1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
2351, Clissold, Great Eastern Hotel.
2612, Navy, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1353, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.

CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—

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

MARK LODGE.

533, Empress, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.

Caxton, Carr's, 265, Strand W.C., at 7.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.

Earl's Court, Greyhound Hotel, Kensington-sq., W., at 8.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
Great City, Red Cross, Paternoster-square, at 7.

High Cross, Red Lion, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.

Ivy, Half Moon & French Horn Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
La France, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, at 8.
Langton, Simpson's Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand Court, E.C., at 5.30.

Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.

Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.

Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.

Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.

Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.45.

St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.

St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.

St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.

Southern Star, Ship Tavern, Kennington Road, S.E., at 8.

Temple, Upland Tavern, Crystal Palace-road, S.E., at 6.

Tranquillity, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, W., at 8.

Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.

United Military, Star & Garter Hotel, Powis-st., Woolwich, at 8.

Highgate Chapter, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, at 8.30.

Kintore Mark Lodge, Montpelier Arms, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.30.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderson's Hotel.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
2243, Argonauts, Frascati Restaurant.
2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.
2721, Light, Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.
2621, Military, Hotel Cecil.

ROSE CROIX.

10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

Chough, Forest Hill Hotel, Forest Hill, at 7.30.
Citadel, Farleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N.
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.

Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, 205, Goswell-rd., E.C., at 8.30.
Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 7.

Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.

Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
Hugh Owen, Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, at 7.30.

Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
Lewisham, White Hart, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.

Loyalty, Private Rooms, 91, Church-st., Stoke Newington, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.

Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, delphi-terrace, at 6.

Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.

Stuart, The Deacon's, Walbrook, City, at 8.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.

United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Warner, Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, at 8.15.
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.

Camden Chapter, Stanley's Restaurant, Lavender-hill, S.W., 1st and 3rd Fridays, at 8.

Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.

Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Westbourne Chapter, Town Hall Tavern, High-st., Kensington, at 8.

Grand Masters' Mark Lodge, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m. sharp.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.

CRAFT LODGES.

1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion.
1185, Lewis, Holborn Restaurant.
1304, Earl of Zetland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Frascati Restaurant.
1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel.
2773, Assistance, Freemasons' Hall.
2795, Commercial Travellers, Hotel Cecil.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

143, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
2202, Regent's Park, Anderson's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell News-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.

Duke of Connaught, The Windsor Castle, 135, Lower Clapton-rd at 8.
Ebury, The Rockingham, Newington Causeway, at 8.

Eccleston, 12 and 13, Wilton-road, S.W., at 7.30.
Evening Star, Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.

King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.

Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

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Grand Chaplain of England,

Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of Oxon, Wilts, and Somerset,
P.M. 379 and 1633, &c.

FOR THE CHAPLAINS' USE IN CRAFT LODGES

GEORGE KENNING, 16 and 16a, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire will be held at Birkenhead on the 28th inst.

THE RECEPTION of Bro. the Lord Mayor-Elect by the Lord Chancellor has been fixed for Thursday, the 24th instant.

BRO. THE HON. TATTON EGERTON, M.P., will lay with Masonic honours the corner stone of Christ Church new school, Stalybridge, on the 19th inst.

A HEARTY Highland welcome was on Monday accorded to the King and Queen when they arrived at Mar Lodge on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife.

MR. WALDO R. BRIGGS, the son of Bro. George Briggs, C.C., has passed the preliminary examination, and been admitted a law student at Christ's College, Cambridge.

A GRAND "send-off" was accorded Bro. Sir Henry Irving, Miss Ellen Terry, and the rest of the Lyceum Theatre company, who left London on Saturday for the United States.

A REQUISITION has been signed by 60 Aldermen and Councillors of the Paddington Borough Council requesting Bro. Sir J. Aird, M.P., to allow himself to be nominated as Mayor for the ensuing year.

THE KING has conferred upon Mr. P. Crémieu-Javal the "Order of Mercy," in recognition of services rendered to the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund and other benevolent organisations in the metropolis.

THE TIVOLI, always up-to-date, announces that on and after the 12th instant the prices of admission to the Saturday matinees will be reduced by about one-half. The present programme is a very strong and popular one.

AUCTIONEERS' BENEVOLENT FUND.—The annual general meeting of the supporters of the Incorporated Auctioneers' Benevolent Fund will be held at the Auction Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, E.C., at three o'clock on the 21st instant.

SOUTH KENSINGTON SKETCHING CLUB.—The Club's Annual Exhibition of Holiday Sketches will open on Monday, the 14th instant, in the buildings at the back of the Natural History Museum, and will remain open for about a fortnight.

IN VIEW of the fact that Islington is the largest of the metropolitan boroughs in point of population, the Mayor, Bro. W. J. Crump, proposes that the Council should petition the King to permit the mayor, aldermen, and councillors to be represented at the forthcoming Coronation.

FOUNDLING HOSPITAL CHAPEL.—Sunday next will be observed as the harvest festival. The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock, and a special afternoon service at 3.30, when Adams' Harvest Cantata, "The Rainbow of Peace," will be sung by the children and choir as an anthem.

THE INSTALLATION BANQUET in connection with the Lodge of Union, No. 38, postponed from the usual date in February owing to the death of Queen Victoria, took place at Chichester on the 1st instant, and proved a successful and enjoyable function. The W.M., Bro. E. B. Wannop, was in the chair.

SALE OF ROYAL CATTLE.—His Majesty the King sent four beautiful Highland Scotch bullocks from Windsor Great Park to the Slough cattle market on the 8th instant. They attracted considerable attention, and were very much admired by all who saw them. They were offered for sale by auction, and fetched exceedingly good prices.

BRO. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K.C., is to be installed as Grand Master of Mark Masons for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight at a Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Portsmouth on the 25th instant. The Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master, and the officers of Mark Grand Lodge will attend on the occasion.

A TEMPERANCE LODGE, "Temperantia," has been established at Whitehaven. The consecration was performed by Bro. Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., P.G. Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, assisted by Bro. Colonel F. R. Sewell, D.L., P.G.D. of England, D.P.G.M., and other officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

THE LONDON SKETCH CLUB.—The private view of the seventh exhibition of sketches by the members of the London Sketch Club will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at the Modern Gallery, 175, Bond-street, W., and the exhibition will be open to the public from the 14th to the 26th inst. inclusive. Major-General Baden Powell has been elected a member of the club.

A STATUE of the late Queen Victoria, which has been presented to the Trustees of the Alexandra Palace by Mr. Onslow Ford, was unveiled on Saturday last by Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, who attended in state, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. The Lord Mayor subsequently opened an exhibition of the presents made to Queen Victoria on the celebrations of her Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee.

BRO. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has contributed to the sixth volume of Mr. Laird Clowes's history of "The Royal Navy" a long and critical account of the naval operations of the war between Great Britain and the United States in 1812-15. The volume will be published in a few days. The characteristic of Bro. Colonel Roosevelt's chapter is its unflinching impartiality in the bestowal alike of praise and of blame.

FREEMASONRY IN BERKSHIRE.—Bro. John Thornhill Morland, who has been in charge of the Province of Berkshire since the death of Bro. Lord Wantage, the Prov. G. Master, has fixed Tuesday, the 29th instant, for the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, and also the Prov. G. Chapter, at Windsor. The last time the Prov. G. Lodge was held in the Royal borough was in July, 1892 (nine years ago), and Bro. Lord Wantage had intended to hold the meeting there in July last, but in consequence of his lamented death it was postponed until the autumn. Great interest is expected in the forthcoming meetings, not only on account of the appointment of officers for the ensuing year, but also in the number of members who have qualified for the Charity jewels and bars.

A NOTABLE ACADEMY PICTURE.—One of the most notable pictures in the Royal Academy this year was Professor Von Herkomer's portraits of his own class in his famous life school at Bushey. The professor is seen playing his mandoline to them, and the young men are indolently listening in characteristic pose or graceful attitude, whilst they smoke, to the great artist, who is also an accomplished musician. Many of the portraits are speaking likenesses of men who will be famous some day, like the great master, who it is said, by the bye, makes £30,000 a year by his works. Marcus Holmes, formerly of the Aberdeen School of Art, figures among the rest of the students depicted with such marvellous skill. It is a wonder the picture has not been bought for the Chantry bequest.—*North in Figaro*. (The young artist is a son of Bro. Emra Holmes, whose father, also Marcus Holmes was a notable artist, and studied at the Royal Academy under Fuseli in 1824.)

FROM THE 22nd annual report of the Minnehaha Amateur Minstrels, we see that during the past season the sum raised was £163 10s. 5d., being the second largest amount contributed in any session to the various charitable institutions in and around this city, and making a grand total, since the formation of the Society, of £17,567 0s. 2d. nett. It is gratifying to state that another record has been made as the effort of a single night's troupe performance; the entertainment given on behalf of the Railway Servants' Orphanage, at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, March 9th, realised the magnificent sum of £656 11s. 6d., with which result the members may feel justly proud. It is also pleasing to record the fact that in connection with the various sums, amounting in the aggregate to £3732 19s. 9d. nett, raised on behalf of the Railway Servants' Orphanage, the committee of the institution have granted a permanent presentation to the troupe, our esteemed President now having the privilege of nominating, for immediate admission into the orphanage, the child of any deceased railway officer or servant. The work of the season has necessitated extra and lengthy rehearsals, and your committee think it only right to place on record the cheerful way in which the acting members have complied with their requests; they feel that so long as this *esprit de corps* is maintained no apprehension need be felt for the continued success of the Minnehaha Amateur Minstrels.

BRO. SHERIFF H. B. MARSHALL, G. Treas., will preside at the forthcoming annual festival of the Coffee and Eating-House Keepers' Benevolent Association.

THE Paddington Borough Council have unanimously decided to ask Bro. Sir John Aird, Bart., M.P., to accept the office of Mayor of the borough for a second year.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR ELECT, the treasurer, will preside at the autumn election of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 31st instant.

A DANGER TO THE PUBLIC.—Sir Edward Bradford, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has issued a notice cautioning the public against the dangerous practice of throwing banana skins on the footpaths.

ON THURSDAY, the 10th inst., Mr. Weedon Grossmith took "The Night of Party" to the Theatre Royal, Brighton, for a flying matinee, of course, returning to town in time to play at the Avenue Theatre the same evening.

THE LORD MAYOR ELECT (Pro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P.) has appointed the Rev. William Page Roberts, M.A., Canon of Canterbury and Incumbent of St. Peter's, Vere-street, to be his Chaplain during his year of office.

THERE is every prospect of the Australasian exhibits from the Glasgow Exhibition coming to the City, as at a meeting at Mercers' Hall it was decided to place half the inside space of the Royal Exchange at the disposal of the promoters.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL CONVOCATION of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire will be held at the Rectitude Chapter, No. 502, at the Masonic Hall, Castle-street, Rugby, on Monday, the 28th inst., at 4 o'clock precisely.

MR. HUGH KELLY told a Laffan representative on the 10th instant that Sir Thomas Lipton will not challenge in 1902. Members of the New York Yacht Club are sceptical about the report that the German Emperor will issue a challenge.

FROM WASHINGTON comes the news that Miss Stone and her captors have indeed been definitely located, but telegrams from places near the scene of the abduction still differ as to whether the bandits' hiding place is in Turkish or Bulgarian territory.

THE ANNUAL financial returns of the Ancient Order of Foresters for the year ended December 31st, just issued, show total funds of £5,972,128, which represents an amount equal to an average worth of £8 18s. 9d., or 6s. 1d. more than the average at the end of 1899.

THE honorary Secretaries of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London have received at the Bank of England the sum of 100 guineas from the King, who has been pleased to continue the annual subscription which his Majesty—as Prince of Wales—has hitherto contributed to this Fund.

THE LOYAL CAMBRIAN LODGE, No. 110, Merthyr, of which Bro. Julius Pragg is W.M., entertained at a banquet at the Globe Hotel, on the 3rd inst., the officers and brethren of the Barry, St. George, Brecknock, Fforest, St. David's, Aberdare, Tennant, Cardiff, and Rhymney Lodges.

"WHAT puzzling questions some of our readers ask?" growled the able editor of an agricultural paper. "Here is a city man, lately removed to the country, who wants to know how long cows should be milked!" "Oh, that's easy!" interjected the office boy. "Tell him just the same as short cows."

"NOTHING, indeed, under the Bible itself," declares Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair, "can be more healthy, invigorating, and helpful than the strong, manly purity and idealism of the Waverley Novels; they are the example to all time of what an admirable educational force may be found in wholesome fiction."

IT HAS BEEN definitely decided to submit the historic property known as Bittle Abbey to auction. The estate, which includes the domain of the ancient abbey, and extends over 6000 acres, will be sold under the hammer by Mr. Joseph Stower on Tuesday, the 27th prox., unless otherwise disposed of in the meantime.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES has received the thanks of the Queen for his poem "Kiaora," addressed to the Duke and Duchess of York on their tour, which originally appeared in the columns of the *Freemason*. Her Majesty has been pleased to accept from the author a copy of the verses, which have since been widely published in our contemporaries here and abroad.

LADY ISAACS, the wife of Bro. Sir Henry Aaron Isaacs, who was Sheriff of London and Middlesex in the Queen's Jubilee Year (1887), when he was knighted, and was Lord Mayor in 1890, has just died at her residence at Lawrie Park, Sydenham, after a long illness. The deceased lady was an admirable Lady Mayoress, and was much esteemed in corporation circles, where the news of her death has occasioned sincere regret.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR inducted the Rev. A. Boyd Carpenter as the new rector of the united parish of St. Olave, Hart-street, and All Hallows Staining, the ceremony taking place in the interesting old church where Pepys, the famous diarist, lies buried, and which escaped the Great Fire of 1666. It derives its name from a Norwegian King and saint, and of the 15 churches in London dedicated to his memory three are in the City of London.

IN MEMORY OF QUEEN VICTORIA an impressive service was held on Thursday evening last in the chapel of Hickey's Almshouses, Richmond, at which a stained-glass window was unveiled as a memorial of her Majesty. Artistically the work is very successful. In the congregation were Sir James Sclumper, Sir Charles and Lady Rugge-Price, and many of the principal residents in the town. The Vicar of Richmond preached the sermon, and the Rev. Lionel Welsh dedicated the window.

THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE.—The fifth annual concert, in aid of the fund for the relief of needy survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, will be held at St. James's Hall, on the evening of Friday, the 25th inst., the 47th anniversary of the memorable ride. The services of a long list of artists have been secured, while Mrs. Brown-Potter has consented to recite "The Charge of the Light Brigade," the survivors of the charge being present on the stage.

THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The first of the monthly dinners of the London Chamber of Commerce will take place at the Trocadero on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Bro. Lord Brassey, K.C.B. (president of the Chamber), will preside, and the subject for discussion will be "The Navy and Colonial Defence." The guests will include Admiral Sir John Ommanney Hopkins, Rear-Admiral Eardley Wilmot, General the Hon. Sir Andrew Clarke, Colonel Bingham, R.A., and the Agent-General for South Australia.

IN CONNECTION with the National Commemoration of the thousandth anniversary of the death of King Alfred the Great, a meeting of the committee was held at the Mansion House, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, when it was decided that the Mayor of Winchester should be requested to act as the representative of the National Committee at the King Alfred Celebration of New York on the 28th instant. It was also agreed that should there be any surplus after the payment of all expenses the same should be devoted towards raising and removing to a suitable site in Winchester the Viking boat now embedded in the Hamble river.

CHRISTMAS POSTING FOR PLACES ABROAD.—The public are reminded that, in order to ensure whatever they post to places abroad reaching their destination in time for Christmas, they must post some time in advance. For the Continent, letters, cards, books, &c., should be posted not less than from one to seven days before Christmas Day or New Year's Day, according to their destination; and in the case of parcels from one to 10 days. The dates for posting for countries beyond the Continent of Europe are fully set out in a notice issued from St. Martin's-le-Grand. Letters sent to the forces in South Africa should be posted a week earlier than the tabulated dates.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT to found a penny weekly review of literature, politics, and social affairs is to be started to-morrow (Saturday). *The Week's Survey*, as it will be called, is strongly supported both on the literary and the business sides, and it seems to have an exceptional prospect of permanent success. The prompt reviewing of new books is to be a feature, and there will be special articles on literary and social questions by distinguished writers, a short story, the latest gossip from bookland, and notes on events of the week, including commerce and sport. The politics will be Liberal Imperialist. The ideal of the paper is to be at once substantial and interesting, and so on account of the price to reach a much larger number of readers than is possible for a more expensive review.