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THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The autumn School Elections were held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday and Friday of last week, and the hopes and fears which for the greater part of the last six months have buoyed up or depressed the friends and supporters of the several candidates, cease for the time being, to be renewed in the case of those of the children who failed to win places as the time for the elections in the spring of 1902 draws nigh. Over the Girls' election there was very little excitement for the reason we have before stated, that there was a very fair proportion of vacancies to be competed for, but the polling was heavy, and the excitement great in the case of the Boys' School contest, there being more than two candidates for every vacancy that was to be filled.

The Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers of

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was held on Thursday, the 10th instant, when 16 children were elected from an approved list of 25 candidates reduced by the nomination of the Girl at No. 13 under the "Earl Amherst" Presentation to 24. The highest place on the poll was taken by one of the four London candidates, who had but this one chance of being elected, and whose friends polled for her 5814 votes. Next in order came one of the two Suffolk Girls with 5713, and then a candidate from distant "Northern China and China" with 5693 votes. The fourth on the list was a London Girl, for whom 5241 votes were polled, while the fifth, from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, who had 1206 votes to her credit from the April election, had her total increased to 5232 votes. The Hertfordshire candidate came next in order with 5224 votes, the Northants and Hunts being close up with 5140 votes, and one of the two Essex children next with 5130 votes. The ninth on the poll had this remaining chance of securing admission into the School, and having 430 votes in hand, and plenty of help forthcoming from her friends in Malta and London, she finished up the day with 5104 votes to her credit, the West Yorkshire girl, who was similarly placed in the matter of chances, being placed 10th, with 4808 votes. The Cornish candidate was next on the list with 4653 votes, and then came the second Suffolk, with 4398 votes. One of the two Warwickshire girls won the 13th place, with 4343 votes, and the North

Wales lassie was close at her heels with 4301, the West Lancashire girl and the second candidate from Essex having the good fortune to secure the remaining two vacancies, the former with 4160 votes, and the latter with 3862, of which 3229 already stood to her credit from April last. Only one of the unsuccessful candidates polled appreciably near to the lowest successful, and she was a London girl, who scored 3050 votes, the next in order—from Middlesex—receiving support to the extent of 1549 votes, there being three others who polled over 1000. However, the three "last chances," we rejoice to say, found places among the successful, and those who failed on this occasion will carry forward such votes as were polled for them to the election in April, 1902. The number of votes brought forward from the Spring elections was 5101, and the number issued for this 92,266, making a total available of 97,367 votes, but the number of fresh votes passed by the Scrutineers was only 83,166, and the number unused or spoilt 9100.

The election of 20 from an approved list of 46 candidates into

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—one other at No. 37 having been withdrawn from nomination under the "BEACH" Presentation—took place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers on Friday, the 11th instant, and, as will be seen from the figures we quote, the polling, as we have already admitted, was exceedingly heavy. The Worcestershire and Surrey lad, who had only this single chance of gaining admission into the School, and about whose success his friends seem to have been determined there should be no mistake, took the first place with 7137 votes, or more by upwards of 1300 than the 5811 votes which were polled for No. 2, who was also a "last chance," and had claims on Kent, Essex, and London. No. 3, from Hertfordshire, had 5551 votes recorded for him, and was closely followed by a group of three candidates, of whom the boy from South Africa (W.D.) and Hants and the Isle of Wight increased his total of 312 from the April election to 5476, and thereby secured the fourth place; the Surrey youth, who stood fifth with 5470 votes, and the Kent boy, who brought forward 1690 votes and augmenting that number to 5449, was placed sixth. A boy with claims on London and Kent came next with 5300 votes, of which 2566 were already to his credit, and was followed by one of the two Bristol lads with 5228 votes, while the Cumberland and Westmorland candidate stood next with only two less—5226 votes. One of the Warwickshire boys secured the 10th place with 5219 votes; the second Hertfordshire boy the 11th place with 5217 votes; and the second Bristol boy the 12th place with 5121 votes. No. 13 hailing from Somersetshire, obtained 5096 votes, and No. 14, one of two lads from West Lancashire, polled 5085 votes. The Staffordshire boy came out 15th with 5060 votes, and the candidate from the Argentine Republic who started with 2465 votes in hand, finished the day with 4984 votes. Durham secured the 17th place for its candidate with 4893 votes, and then came two of the three boys from West Yorkshire with 4858 and 4827 votes respectively, and, last of all, the boy with claims on Middlesex and West Australia, who increased the 993 with which he started to 4617. The three highest Unsuccessful candidates polled 4528, 4506, and 4241 votes respectively, the first of the three being from South Wales (W.D.), and the other two London. A third London boy obtained 3413 votes, and the three that followed

him with 2952, 2910, and 2575 votes respectively, were also London candidates, while the remaining five deriving their claims from the same source were lower down in the list. Thus of the 11 purely London candidates not one succeeded in winning a place, and the cases from Provinces and Abroad appear to have carried all before them, there being only two elected in which London had a part interest. However, if the two "last chances" were successful those who failed will carry forward their votes, and have the opportunity of trying their luck again in April, 1902. There were 13,023 votes brought forward from the last election, 32 votes added under Law 33, and 135,791 issued for this election, making a total available of 148,846. The number of fresh votes that passed the Scrutineers was 128,903, so that 6888 were unused or spoiled.

We cannot bring our remarks to a conclusion without expressing the pleasure we experience on finding that the *last* cases—Nos. 5, 9, and 20 on the Girls' list, and Nos. 16 and 41 on the Boys' list—in whose behalf we made our usual earnest appeal, have been elected. The friends of the unsuccessful children of necessity feel regret at their failure, but they have at least the consolation of knowing that they will have certainly one, and possibly more than one, chance of being admitted.

ANOTHER OLD CERTIFICATE.

In the "Masonic Sun" (Toronto) for September 14th, 1901, is an interesting article by Bro. D. Lightbourn, under the heading "An Old Parchment." There has recently come into the hands of Bro. Jno. N. Lightbourn, W.M. "Harmonic Lodge," No. 356, Island of St. Thomas, West Indies, a Craft certificate issued by the "Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held under the sanction of the Unity Lodge of St. Eustatius," of the year 1792. Bro. D. Lightbourn, son of the W.M. No. 356, writes that "Judging by the style of printing on the document, it might have been worked under an English register. Unfortunately, there is no number attached to the Lodge."

This surmise is amply justified by reference to the indispensable work, the late Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records, 1717—1894," wherein it is recorded that the regular Grand Lodge, known as the "Moderns," chartered three lodges in the Island of St. Eustatius, the first being dated 6th June, 1747 (payment being made in 1755, and was erased in 1813, its numbers being 268, 133, 104, 84, and 77); the second, styled No. 2, was in 1754, also erased in 1813, and bore the numbers 269, 190, 150, 119, 120, and 109 in the several enumerations, and also paid for warrant in 1755; and the *third* and last was in 1772, which was named the "Union" in 1774. Its erasure occurred in that fatal year to many lodges—1813—and its numbers were 428, 336, 337, and 278. This undoubtedly is the lodge under whose sanction the R.A. chapter assembled, and hence, had the same custom prevailed before the "Union of December, 1813," as since, the chapter would in 1792 have been numbered 278.

It will be noted that some of the companions who signed the document were also Knights Templar, but by what authority these two Degrees were worked I have failed to discover, as neither Body can be traced in the Registers of the Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons and the Knights Templar of England. The companion to whom the certificate was granted, so Bro. Lightbourn, sen., believes was a Swedish officer, and Governor of the near Island of St. Barcholomew, then in possession of Sweden, and on the parchment signs his name as "A. Runnell, G. Sov.," so he was likely a member of still another Degree.

COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE.

"We, the H.P. etc., etc., etc., of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Excellent Masons held under the Sanction of the Unity Lodge of St. Eustatius.

Do hereby Certify, Declare, and Attest, that the Bearer, our faithful, True, and well beloved brother *Abraham Runnell, G.S.*, Past Master of said Lodge, was by us initiated in the Sublime Degree of a ROYAL ARCH EXCELLENT MASON, he having, with due honor and Justice, supported the Amazing Trials of skill and valour, attending his admission.

As such We therefore recommend him to all true and faithful BROTHERS of the ROYAL community.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our UNITY LODGE, at St. Eustatius, this second day of June, 1792, and of ROYAL ARCH EXCELLENT MASONRY 2794.

Sir Samuel A. Mathews, K.T., H.P.
Sir John Martinus de Clarencins } Lts.
Name not readable.

John Brooks } Grand
J. N. Lafarrier } Captains.
Wm. Chadwick

By Order

Robert Clinton } R.A.E.
Jas. R. Simmons } Scribes.

It is interesting to note that there are two endorsements, one in French dated "Amsterdam, 22nd Aug., 1792," from

Lodge "La Charita," the other being in Dutch from "La Paix," of the same city, and of 5th Sept., 1792. There is still a bit of salmon colour ribbon attached to the parchment.

Brother Lightbourn sent this curious relic of the past to his son that he might see "there are some Masonic treasures, even outside of Bro. Robertson's realm." That is so, but depend upon it, had the matter concerned Canada my esteemed friend M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G. Master, and Masonic Historiographer of the Grand Lodge of Canada, would have secured it for his colossal History, even if he had to charter a steamer for the purpose.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Friday, the 11th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., Patron and Treasurer of the Institution, was voted to the chair, and among the members of the Board of Management who supported him were Bros. H. Bevir, S. Attenborough, J. E. Lefevre, J. Whitaker Burgess, J. Willing, jun., A. C. Spaul, O. Papworth, F. B. Westlake, E. Margrett, C. Pulman, S. R. Walker, H. Smith, W. Beavis, E. Broad, J. Gould, E. M. Money, Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton, and W. A. Scurrah.

In the course of the minutes of the meeting of July 12th, which was read by Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Secretary, the letter from General Sir Dighton Probyn, Keeper of the Privy Purse to the King, was laid before the brethren, announcing that his Majesty was pleased to become Grand Patron of the Institution; and the gift of 1550 guineas from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight to found a "Beach Presentation" in perpetuity of one boy of the province to the School was also announced. The minutes were confirmed, and the minutes of the Council, held on July 26th and September 27th, were read for information.

The CHAIRMAN then said that formally it became his duty at the present period of the proceedings to report the death of the Right Worshipful the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, who was a Trustee of the Institution, and Chairman of the last Festival on June 26th, but it was really not necessary to report it, because all the brethren knew the fact of the melancholy occurrence. They all felt that this Institution, and the other Institutions in Freemasonry, as well as Freemasonry throughout the world had lost a great friend and supporter by the death of Bro. Beach; they felt it was a great privilege that as such Bro. Beach consented as the head of one of English Masonry's most powerful provinces and as one of the most distinguished of Masons and of Grand Lodge, to preside at the last Festival of the Boys' School. The brethren knew how successful that Festival was, and no one was more pleased at that success than Bro. Beach himself. He (Bro. Keyser) saw him a week after the Festival, and congratulated him on the great achievement, which had been produced under very difficult conditions. But Bro. Beach had been taken away from us, and all deplored their loss. He thought he need say no more, for he knew that he should have the brethren's support when he asked them to agree to a motion that he had to make that this Court express its deep sense of the great loss the Institution had sustained by the death of Bro. Beach, who was one of the Trustees of the Institution.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.G.D., in seconding the motion, said it was scarcely necessary to add anything to the feeling and well-chosen remarks of Bro. Keyser on the great loss the Craft and the Institution had suffered by the death of Bro. Beach, and he therefore would only second the motion.

All the brethren stood when the motion was put by the Chairman, who declared it carried unanimously.

Bro. KEYSER said it would be the brethren's wish that the Secretary should write to Mrs. Beach forwarding a copy of the resolution in proper form, and expressing the brethren's deep sympathy with her in her sad bereavement; also that the resolution be entered on the minutes.

The brethren assented.

On the subject of the next item on the business paper—to report the withdrawal of Leonard Darby (No. 37) from the list of candidates for election, he being presented by the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight under the Beach Presentation," Bro. KEYSER said it should be a great gratification to feel that the name of Bro. Beach would be perpetuated in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys by the foundation of this presentation.

The next business was the reception of a statement from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the building of the Bushey New Schools, and

Bro. C. E. KEYSER said he did not propose to give the Court a long report, which would be wearying; all he could say was that a very large amount of work had been done by the Committee with respect to the building; but he was sorry to say the buildings had not been completed at the proper time. The contract was that the building should be finished by Michaelmas Day this year. They were not, however, finished, and the Committee did not know when they would be. Still, great progress had been made, and an enormous building was springing up at Bushey. No doubt the Committee had cause to grumble at the delay; but yet there had been changes made which might give excuse for some delay, and himself and his colleagues would have to consider the matter as to the contract. He, however, threw out the suggestion that if any brother would take the trouble to go down to Bushey he would see for himself what had been done, and he could not help thinking that anyone so going down would be struck with the magnificent building that he would see, although it was behind the time for completion. The Building Committee, of which he was Chairman, were doing everything they could, and going into all the detail with regard to the sanitary arrangements—seeing that everything was as perfect as possible. If the expense was high, they hoped that the immediate capital expenditure would save the Institution future income expenditure. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS suggested the propriety of sending out invitations to brethren to pay a visit to Bushey.

Bro. KEYSER said perhaps if any one would like to go down he might

get a card of admission from the Secretary's office; but even without this he did not think there would be any difficulty. They had only to walk in. There had been a very savage bull-dog there, but that difficulty had been got rid off. There were officials there, and he had no doubt any visitors would be received with courtesy.

Scrutineers of the ballot were then appointed.

Bro. McLEOD read a letter from Sir Dighton Probyn, in which the Keeper of the King's Privy Purse said that his Majesty would be glad to continue the subscription of 10 guineas a year which her late Majesty had subscribed as Patron for 40 years. (Cheers.)

After the Court had heard a complaint of Bro. Thomas Owens that he had not received his balloting paper for the last April election, and had received the explanation that as far as scrutiny was possible it had been found they had been posted, Bro. OWENS, having said he made no motion on the subject, the matter dropped.

On the motion of Bro. KEYSER, seconded by Bro. JAMES WILLING, jun., a vote of regret on the death of Bro. Col. George Lambert and of Bro. Henry Pritchard, a member of the Board of Management since its commencement, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. McLEOD announced that Bro. Col. John Davis, A.D.C., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, would preside at the next Festival of the Institution on June 25th, 1902.

The election of 20 boys out of a list of 46 candidates was then proceeded with. The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Brook, Edmund Lionel	4528	Burfield, Wilfred Algerton	718
Binett, Francis	4506	Bonney, William	529
Newsom, Douglas Percy	4241	Taylor, Albert Reuben	526
Boyce, William Stanley	3413	Colbeck, William Clarence	382
Bartlett, William John	2952	Richardson, Leslie Whitman	355
Reed, Frank Barras	2910	Davies, Evan Harte	327
Flint, Charles Sydney	2575	Slingsby, Thomas William	298
McRae, Frederick Newberry	1942	Jeffery, Cyril Lewis	136
Wright, Cecil William Stuart	1754	Wessendorff, Francis Reginald	40
Walker, James Towers	1237	Topley, James Stewart	33
Cakebread, Leslie Malcolm	1164	Crossley, Frank	26
Gozzett, Henry John	879	Nelson, John Ball	24
Williams, Stanley Charles	798	Chambers, Cyril Bertram Gerald	9

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

Craft Masonry.

United Mariners Lodge, No. 30.

The members of the above lodge opened their new session at the Restaurant Frascati, Oxford-street, on the 15th instant. Both the muster of members and the visitors' list were restricted. The former, judging by the apologies received, preferred, for the time being at all events, to follow the fortunes of the fishing-rod to attending to the duties of the Craft. The visitors' list contained but a couple of names, that of Bro. J. Prentice, P.M. 1185, and one of the minor officers of the Kingsland Lodge. Owing to the absence of some of the officers, Bro. Thos. Smith, P.M., donned the collar of the S.W.; A. E. Remington, P.M., that of S.D.; and H. R. Boyles that of J.D. The work included the initiation of Mr. H. V. Dorey, and the passing of Bro. A. E. Prentice.

The adjournment for the Fourth Degree was made somewhat later than usual. Ample justice having been done to the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were disposed of.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to Bro. Le Beau, who introduced "The Toreador," who was apparently responsible for his determination to be "Off to Philadelphia in the morning"; Bro. Newbold, whose "Still" and "D'ist wie eine Blume" were well received; Bro. D. Humphries, who responded to repeated calls for "Tally at the Pantomime"; Bro. Mitchell, who dreamed "A Dream of Paradise"; whilst Bro. Thos. Smith, P.M., recounted his adventures in Ashanti, "where they painted his teeth green," and did other things which it is unnecessary to mention. Bro. Remington, P.M., with "Father O'Flynn," brought a capital evening's amusement to an end.

New Forest Lodge, No. 319.

The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Lymington, on the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance, and amongst the visitors was Bro. Edward Prince, P.M., Sec. 2671, D. of C. 2760, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks, an old Lymingtonian, who has always done credit to his native town, especially in railway work. The ceremonies of the day included that of passing and raising, and were impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Boggeln, ably assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. G. S. Love. This was the first meeting since the W.M. was installed.

At the close of the lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the Bugle Hotel, and thoroughly enjoyed the banquet prepared by Bro. Dore, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., and a very interesting evening followed, deserved compliments being paid to Bro. Boggeln on the splendid start he had made, and the excellence and correctness of his working.

The brethren separated at 8 p.m., the visitors having to leave by the last evening train.

Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. R. JOHNSON.

Much interest attached to the annual installation meeting of the members of the above lodge, which took place on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the festival gathering being attended by about 130 brethren of various ranks. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. D. Robertson, W.M., who installed Bro. R. Johnson as his successor in the chair. The following officers were subsequently invested: Bro. D. Robertson, I.P.M.; Walter Allison, S.W.; John Stakey, J.W.; A. Morris, P.M., Treas.; John C. Bowman, Sec.; Robert Wright, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Redmond, Org.; Thos. W. Outhwaite, S.D.; Jos. Clark, J.D.; John Houston, I.G.; Frederick McClune, Edward Sephton, James Clark, Edward Clark, Robert Goodburn, and William May, Stwds.; and Dr. Johnson was re-elected Charity Representative. In the course of the evening a Past Master's gold jewel, and also a massive chased silver Past Master's jewel, collar and apron were presented to Bro. Robertson.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. RICHARD BALL.

The annual installation meeting in connection with the above lodge was held in the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the evening of Thursday, the 10th instant. Bro. G. B. Catt, W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, including several W.Ms. and P.Ms.

The lodge having been opened, and routine business transacted, Bro. Nicholls was passed. A satisfactory report was received from the Audit Committee, and the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Arthur Blenkarn, P.M., P.P.G.T. Middx., being the Installing Master. The ceremony was performed with the exceptional ability for which Bro. Blenkarn is well-known. Bro. Richard Ball, the W.M. elect, having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Geo. B. Catt, I.P.M.; J. H. Keene, S.W.;

H. Pink, J.W.; Thos. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; Frank V. Catt, P.M., Sec.; Arthur Blenkarn, P.M., P.P.G.T., D. of C.; W. D. Osborne, S.D.; R. B. Brett, J.D.; E. Schreier, I.G.; Walter Taylor, Org.; C. R. Cockerill, Joseph Gaskell, and Joseph Beasley, Stwds.; and H. Whiteman, Tyler. Before closing the lodge the newly-installed W.M. presented Bro. G. B. Catt, I.P.M., with a handsome and massive Past Master's jewel, in token of the brethren's appreciation of Bro. Catt's exertions during his year of office. Bro. Catt suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The brethren and their visitors subsequently sat down to the customary installation banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. G. B. Catt, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," observed that the latter had for some years preferred to act as Wine Steward sooner than go forward. But now that he had gone on until he reached the chair he gave promise of putting in a good year of office, and he felt sure would make a good W.M., who would materially benefit the lodge.

Bro. Ball, W.M., who was received with applause, expressed the hope that the flattering remarks the I.P.M. had made about him would be justified. He had stood back for some years as he had not had the time he could wish to devote to office, but now they had elected him to such an honourable position, he hoped to discharge the duties to the satisfaction of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said that he himself considered that to be really the toast of the evening. The I.P.M. had had a hard year, during which he had given general satisfaction.

Bro. G. B. Catt, I.P.M., in response, took the opportunity of publicly thanking the brethren for the jewel he had received, and which he would always wear with pride. He had been heartily welcomed at every lodge he had visited as W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, which was looked on as one of the best in South London. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had rallied round him. They had had a good year for initiates, and the officers had all done their work splendidly. He hoped the W.M. would have as good a year as he had himself.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master."

Bro. Blenkarn thanked the brethren for the gratifying reception they had given him as Installing Master and one of the old Past Masters of the lodge. He was glad to think he had been surrounded by so many old Masonic friends, assembled to see him instal one whom he had originally initiated.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by several of the large number of visitors present.

The remaining toasts on the list comprised "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The arrangements and accompaniments of the various musical selections rendered during the evening were by Bro. Walter Taylor, Org., the others who took part in the performance being Miss Alice Taylor, Miss M. R. Shelton, Bros. McEwan, Schreier, and Woodward, P.M., and Mr. W. Hendon.

New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.

The regular meeting of this well-known and flourishing lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., on Friday, the 11th inst., under the very able and efficient W.M., Bro. Samuel E. Firminger, supported by Bros. H. G. Walden, S.W.; J. S. Targett, P.M., acting J.W.; Thos. Grummant, P.M., Sec.; J. Wilson, S.D.; W. Knill, J.D.; A. Hammond, I.G.; G. G. Honour, Stwd.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; G. D. Graham, P.M., D.C.; A. Cogliati, P.M.; W. Menninger, P.M.; W. T. Winsor, P.M.; P. A. Ettelin, E. Parmini, B. A. Calot, C. Allio, J. H. Callcott, F. Hudson, H. H. Targett, A. Upright, W. Abbiss, G. Faaz, C. W. Warren, O. P. Goring, C. Norwall, R. W. Davey, P. Cavalle, W. N. Smith, P. Cariello, G. H. Fisher, G. W. Kriegbaum, G. Fietta, J. R. Wight, O. Simmon, O. Davia, A. Formaggia, L. French, W. E. Smith, M. Erde, E. Abra, A. Tinelli, E. Robinson, A. Crippa, C. A. Antonelli, and H. D. Chibnall. The visitors were Bros. Valentine Hill, 1641; J. E. Culverhouse, W.M. 543; D. Channon, P.M. 1745; W. H. Making, W.M. 2535; H. Baker, P.M. 1284; G. Yates, 2156; F. Arnold, 2550; G. F. Cutts, 1991; A. Morandi, 2682; J. R. McGill, S.D. 2484; Geo. S. Elliott, 749; Sidney Gandy, 1360; T. B. Reed, 15; G. H. Straus, 189; P. F. Atkins, 2432; and Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. H. V. Gettcliffe, Percival Smith, and Louis Liotard, which proved unanimous, and they were initiated in a most impressive and perfect manner by the W.M., Bro. S. E. Firminger. The W.M. also passed Bro. A. Upright very capably. Bro. Thos. Grummant, P.M., assumed the chair and Bro. F. Hudson was raised in a very able manner. Bro. S. E. Firminger, W.M., assumed the chair, and three propositions were handed in for initiation, which augurs well. The W.M. rose, and in well chosen and appreciative remarks dilated on the splendid achievement and strenuous efforts of Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., and Bro. Chas. Hy. Stone, P.M., in the election of the girl Odone being placed No. 1 on the list, and it was resolved "That the best thanks of the meeting be given to those two brethren for their exertions on behalf of the case." In reply, Bro. T. Grummant accepted the kind remarks and thanks, and gave special praise to the brethren of the New Cross Lodge and also the Lodge Italia, which had done yeoman service in the election. Bro. C. H. Stone also thanked the brethren for being included in the vote, and said he was proud to assist in so good a cause, as it was his special delight, and hoped he should be able to carry out the same kind of work for long to come. He should be glad at the coming election of the Benevolent if the brethren could assist him in the election of a very worthy brother to the benefits of that Institution. The W.M. announced it was his intention to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and he hoped he should be able to take up such a list that would be worthy of the lodge.

The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, at the close of which the W.M. presented the loyal and Masonic toasts in a most worthy manner.

In proposing "The King and the Craft," he spoke of his Majesty as a worthy Protector of the Order.

The W.M., in giving "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M.," said he had the honour of attending at his installation, and those brethren who were privileged to attend could not but be struck at the admirable manner he presided over them.

The toasts were right loyally received.

The W.M. next proposed "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," and said they were most capable and excellent in their work for the good of Freemasonry.

Bro. Menninger, P.M., in most cordial terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," of whom all were justly proud, and especially that year on the occasion of the election of the child Odone. The year had been a most successful and happy one, and he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength and spare him for many years. He asked the brethren to drink in bumpers.

In reply, Bro. Firminger, W.M., said he was exceedingly grateful for the kind words that were spoken by Bro. Menninger. The lodge had had many excellent Masters, who had done their work well, and he hoped to emulate them, and whatever he could do for the lodge he should be only too proud. That day he felt doubly proud after the event of the election on the previous day, and it would only be to him a source of pleasure to work in so good a cause on any future occasion. He tendered the brethren his most hearty thanks.

The toast of "The Initiates" was given by the W.M. in strong terms of recommendation, and congratulated them on their initiation. They had come of their own free will and accord, and would prove a great credit to the lodge.

Bros. H. V. Gettcliffe, P. Smith, and L. Liotard most forcibly replied, each acknowledging the great honour done them.

The W.M. relegated the toast of "The Visitors" to Bro. T. Grummant, P.M., who presented it in terms of great cordiality, for it was one which the brethren of the New Cross Lodge considered the toast of the evening, as their exuberance of feeling showed. The presence of visitors always called forth such expressions, and all they desired was to make them comfortable. He asked the brethren to drink to the toast with all enthusiasm.

The toast was most ably and appreciatively replied to by Bros. W. H. Making, Charles H. Stone, D. Channon, and T. B. Reed.

Bro. S. Firminger, W.M., next proposed the toast of "The Past Masters and Bro. Grummant, Secretary," in most able terms, congratulating the lodge on having such an array who rendered excellent services to the lodge. As to Bro. Grummant it would be impossible to find a better Secretary, and one who was ever ready and willing to assist all who desired his assistance.

The toast was most pertinently responded to by Bros. Menninger, Graham, and Grumant, who remarked that he had now been a quarter of a century in the New Cross Lodge, and it gave him immense pleasure to see its prosperity. He should like to remind the brethren that the W.M. was standing Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped that his list would reach three figures, and redound to the credit of the New Cross Lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Officers" in well-deserved remarks, which was duly responded to.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was arranged. Those taking part and giving immense gratification were: Bros. Sidney Gandy (ventriloquist), Valentine Hill (reciter), Harrison Hill (musical sketch and song), B. Scott Russell, and Geo. Robins (entertainer). Bro. W. T. Winsor, P.M., was toastmaster throughout the evening, and proved himself most capable.

Bertie Lodge, No. 1515.

The first regular meeting for the winter session of the members of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Bro. R. P. Thomas, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M., presided over a full attendance, which was augmented by many visitors. Among those present were Bros. J. Hardy McLean, I.P.M.; R. Foort, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; A. D. Mosley, J.W.; J. B. Lucas, S.D.; R. H. J. Bartlett, J.D.; W. E. Williams, I.G.; G. Gardiner, D. of C.; H. M. Lane, Asst. D. of C.; E. Wilmer Madge, Org.; W. Harris, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. J. King, Asst. Sec.; G. M. Cockburn, Stwd.; R. J. Verney, P.M.; J. J. Collcutt, P.M.; J. Hastings, P.M.; W. H. White, P.M.; J. Rogers, P.M.; D. Symes, P.M.; F. Ford, P.M., Treas.; I. O. Winstedt, P.M.; A. E. Hunt, P.M.; C. R. Madge, R. J. Axtell, F. W. Richmond, J. Jackson, J. Colegrove, G. W. Meadows, W. H. Rembridge, C. G. Balk, H. M. Turner, and other brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. A. Rowley, P.M. 340, P.A.G. Sec.; P. Colville Smith, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; E. J. Day, I.P.M. 340; R. Harford, P.M. 103, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Darby, I.P.M. 526; the Rev. I. O. H. Carter, 3571; J. V. Roberts, Mus. Doc., P.P.G. Org.; and many others.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last regular and two emergency lodges read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. George Henry Meeking as a rejoining member, and he was declared duly elected. Messrs. Frank J. Wigmore, Gilbert W. Blackall, and William H. Nurse were balloted for, and being duly elected, were initiated by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The W.M. reported the work of the Committee re the proposed new Masonic temple, and expressed great regret that the scheme had fallen through. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded the lodge representatives who had worked on the Committee. A Grand Lodge certificate was presented to Bro. A. Simmonds, recently returned from active service in South Africa. Three propositions for initiation were received, and the lodge was closed. The charge, given by the S.W., elicited high encomium from all present. The lodge has every reason to be proud of its officers, who sustain the working of the ritual with dignity and precision.

After the Fourth Degree had been honoured, the W.M. proposed "The King and the Craft" which was heartily received.

Bro. W. H. White, P.M., in the absence of the I.P.M., Bro. J. Hardy McLean, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the brethren were well aware of Bro. Thomas's efficiency in the work. The lodge had seen him work upward from the many subordinate offices, and from the way in which he had done his work all through, they were led to expect that he would make an able Master. That expectation had been more than verified. He had made a record attendance in connection with the work. The W.M. had had that evening to face a very large assembly of brethren of this and other lodges, and on his right sat the Prov. Grand Secretary of Oxfordshire and other Grand Officers. Visitors could see how ably the W.M. also performed the social duties pertaining to Freemasonry of the Fourth Degree. The Bertie Lodge had had good Masters before, but none who had done more to uphold the dignity of the chair and the prosperity of the lodge.

The W.M. briefly but appropriately responded to the toast, which had been enthusiastically honoured.

In a humorous speech Bro. Ford proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and remarked that those present represented eight different lodges. Visitors were always welcomed, and the Bertie Lodge delighted to entertain them.

"The Initiates" received a hearty reception, and was responded to by the three accepted brethren.

Bro. J. Hastings, P.M., proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of Bro. A. Simmonds," who had rendered yeoman service to the country in South Africa.

The toast was received with a hearty firing of the brethren.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

The Tyler's toast closed the harmony of the evening.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. E. MANNING.

At the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, the 8th instant, there was held a very successful installation meeting of the above lodge. The brethren present were Bros. L. Cully, W.M.; W. E. Manning, S.W.; W. J. Robinson, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; E. Dimes, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Doubtless, S.D.; T. Reeves, J.D.; F. C. Forward, acting I.G.; J. S. Sunderland, A.D.C.; J. Brittan, Org.; A. White, P.M.; J. Potter, P.M.; L. Simon, P.M.; C. K. Killick, P.M.; H. Hall, P.M.; H. J. Hazel, P.M.; H. P. Isaac, P.M.; S. Robson, P.M.; C. Sheppard, Tyler; H. F. Bangs, H. Lovesay, W. J. Middleton, William Budd, S. J. Gregory, W. C. Lewis, H. R. Harding, R. T. Bignave, R. W. J. Meyer, R. Carter, S. S. Christey, J. H. B. Drewe, H. A. B. Otley, R. C. Coy, E. White, E. Kluge, H. Leach, W. H. Drury, A. A. Brand, W. J. Hardiman, Walter Budd, R. Kingston, E. W. Bond, A. L. Burlin, S. J. Edwards, and A. Davis. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. W. Hall, 1677; E. Aklucht, 1686; A. W. Smith, P.M. 403; C. W. Austin, P.M. 160; A. W. Battey, 141; S. A. Gladdage, 1708; J. H. Frankenstein, Sydney, N.S.W.; A. E. Turner, W.M. 1839; and K. Smith, 1829. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last three regular and emergent lodges were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. The Worshipful Master, in feeling terms, alluded to the deaths of the late Secretary, Bro. Fenner, P.M., and Bro. J. Moore. The W.M. then presented a handsome jewel to Bro. Forward to mark the appreciation of the brethren of his untiring efforts to make the summer outing a success. Bro. Cooper, P.M., then presented Bro. W. E. Manning, W.M. elect, for installation, who was duly obligated, and all brethren below the degree of Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was duly formed, and Bro. W. E. Manning was regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, who then invested Bro. Cully as I.P.M. of the lodge. The Board of Installed Masters having been duly closed, the brethren were admitted, who saluted the W.M. The new W.M. having been duly proclaimed, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Robinson, S.W.; J. W. Doubtless, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; E. Dimes, P.M., Sec.; T. Reeves, S.D.; T. G. Rimell, J.D.; F. C. Forward, I.G.; J. Brittan, Org.; J. S. Sunderland, D.C.; Wm. Budd, A.D.C.; W. Harris and H. A. Otley, Stwds.; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. Bro. Cully then, in a very impressive manner, gave the three addresses, which completed the ceremony. Bro. Cooper, P.M., acted as D.C. in a very able manner. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Burlin and Edwards as candidates for initiation, and proving unanimous, they, being in attendance, were initiated, Bro. White, P.M., acting as J.D. Bro. Robson, P.M., proposed, and Bro. White, P.M., seconded, "That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Fenner upon her sad bereavement." It was also proposed by Bro. Cully, P.M., and seconded by Bro. W. J. Robinson, S.W., "That a letter should be sent to Mrs. Moore sympathising with her in her loss." Both propositions were carried unanimously. Bro. Hazel, P.M., then handed to Bro. Cully, P.M., a cheque for £5 5s. 8d., being the proceeds of the summer outing of 1901, and it was decided to place it to the Benevolent Fund account. By special desire and in memory of Bros. Fenner, P.M., and Moore, P.M., the Organist gave a very beautiful rendering of the Dead March in "Saul."

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular, the lodge was closed.

Masonic business having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to one of the spacious chambers, where, seated round tastefully-arranged tables, they partook of an excellent banquet. The expeditious service of a host of active waiters, under the

personal supervision of Mr. Hamp, jun., deserves the high commendation of the brethren, and expressions of satisfaction were frequently heard from all directions.

The toasts of "The King and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," "The Pro G. Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been loyally acknowledged,

Bro. L. Cully, I.P.M., congratulated the W.M., Bro. Walter Emmanuel Manning, upon his being raised to the exalted office. Everyone was delighted at the admirable work done that evening by the W.M., and the brethren extended to him the heartiest of hearty welcomes, sincerely hoping that a most successful and prosperous year would ensue from his period of Mastership.

Bro. Manning, W.M., in reply, returned thanks for the kind greeting he had received, and for the cordial manner in which his toast had been drunk. He (the speaker) was very proud of the honoured position to which he had been unanimously elected by the brethren last month. With their help, without which no Master could hope for success, he trusted that the welfare of the Kingsland Lodge would be advanced, and that additional light and lustre would be shed upon its annals by his occupation of King Solomon's chair.

The next toast was an important one—"The Initiates." Without initiates, said the W.M. in proposing it, no lodge could hope for much progress. The introduction of new brothers was absolutely necessary, because by them new blood was infused into the lodge, and the energy and enthusiasm of the youthful was transmitted to the older and experienced members. With regard to Bros. Burlin and Edwards, who that evening had had their first insight into the great and glorious world of Freemasonry, he was convinced that the ceremony of initiation had impressed them, and he desired to seriously exhort them to practise outside the lodge those principles they had had inculcated upon them within. Then they would never have the slightest cause to regret their acceptance as Freemasons.

Bros. Edwards and Burlin having expressed their heartfelt thanks for the honour bestowed upon them,

The W.M. next referred to the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Lewis Cully." It was, said the W.M., an exceedingly pleasant duty to drink to the health of Bro. Cully, who had had a very successful year of office, which had been marked by his complete knowledge of the intricacies of the work. Bro. Cully had not only carried out his Masonic duties in the most commendable manner, but he had organised a ladies' banquet and dance, and a summer outing on the upper reaches of the Thames. These gatherings had led to unlimited enjoyment, and, besides that, the substantial profits had been passed on to Masonic Charities. As a mark of esteem the Kingsland Lodge through him (the W.M.) now presented Bro. Cully with a magnificent gold Past Master's jewel, which carried with it not only the admiration of the brethren, but the fervent wish that Bro. Cully would be long spared to wear it.

Bro. Cully, in response, thanked the W.M. for his kind and flattering remarks. Everyone upon their admittance into Freemasonry aspired to the high position he had just vacated. Some having the powers of ready speech shone, perhaps, more than those who worked energetically in the interests of the lodge amongst its members, but no one could possibly do more than his best. He (the speaker) had done all in his power for the proper fulfilment of his duties, and if that had met with the unqualified approbation of the brethren he was indeed a happy and honoured Mason.

A hearty fraternal greeting having been extended to the visitors, which included Bro. Frankenstein from Sydney, N.S.W., and appropriate replies given, the W.M. passed on to the toast of "The Past Masters." These were, indeed, as he remarked, the pillars of the lodge, their assistance and support being most valuable.

The Past Masters replied individually, but space prevents us giving detailed accounts of their utterances.

Bro. Simon, P.M., facetiously observed that if all the Past Masters were to reply, the lodge had better engage the chamber for another night or arrange a matinee, because, although hardly credited, they were all so fond of making speeches. He, however, set them a good example by congratulating the lodge and the brethren on the selection of so efficient a W.M., stating that the Past Masters were ever anxious to render any service which they might be called upon to perform. He would add one thing. Would the brethren just look carefully at the splendid array of Past Masters present? They were all good-looking—except, of course, the speaker. Bro. Manning, W.M., was the youngest of the Masters, but he was also the handsomest. (Loud laughter.)

Bro. Cooper, P.M., whilst happy when looking to the right, and seeing the promising youthful members, felt many pangs of regret when, glancing to the left, he saw gaps in the ranks of the Past Masters and brethren caused by death.

Words of encouragement having been offered by the W.M. to the officers, and expressions of thanks having been uttered by them in general, the Tyler's toast followed, and the installation banquet came to an harmonious end.

During the evening Bro. T. Brittan presided at the piano, and songs, sentimental and humorous, were given by Bros. Will Edwards, Henry Barratt, and Walter Percins, and Messrs. Walter Toomer and Cecil Tresilian.

Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CHARLES WOOD, JUN.

An interesting installation took place in connection with the above lodge at the Black Horse Hotel, Walton, on the 8th instant, when Bro. Charles Wood, jun. (son of Mr. Charles Wood so long associated with musical and theatrical business in Liverpool) was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The principal officers invested were: Bros. J. J. Tinsley, I.P.M.; E. Williams, S.W.; H. E. Cox, J.W.; A. Drysdale, Sec.; J. Stopford, Treas. (re-elected); A. Cross, P.P.G.D., D.C.; R. Howe, S.D.; Warwick Fowle, J.D.; H. Chappell, I.G.; and Bro. G. A. Harradon, P.P.G. Treas., was re-elected Charity Representative.

A choice musical programme was given by the Cathedral Quartette (Bros. Davies, Roberts, Platt, and Weber), H. Fairchild, and H. C. Arnold, W.M. 1609, and brother-in-law of the newly-installed Master.

During the evening the retiring W.M., Bro. J. J. Tinsley, was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ARTHUR E. TURNER.

The annual installation ceremony in connection with the above lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the evening of Saturday, the 12th instant. There was a large attendance of members, including the following P.M.s.: Bros. J. W. Brooke, J. W. Dewsnap, A. Williams, H. Cattermole, C. H. Cox, J. Bladon, J. Culver, W. H. Foot, W. H. Lowry, C. Heinckey, W. Wright, C. H. Knuth, F. H. Stollery, and J. F. Perrins. The visitors present included the following: Bros. H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D. Surrey; R. E. Maskall, W.M. 820; E. Lucas, W.M. 834; E. Dimes, P.M. 1693; H. Sutton Boffey, P.M. 144; A. W. Humphreys, P.M. 1677; S. H. Pearsall, P.M. 1298; J. Finch, P.M. 1743; J. Potter, P.M. 1693; A. Wood, P.M. 1185; W. Winter, I.P.M. 860; and A. Boffey, 26, Cape Town.

The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. F. Perrins. Bro. A. E. Turner having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. James F. Perrins, I.P.M.; Alfred J. Blake, S.W.; T. J. Jackson, J.W.; Jno. Culver, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Bailey, S.D.; Alfred Perkins, J.D.; Henry King, I.G.; N. N. Stansbury, D. of C.; F. Corbett, P.M., and H. E. Toon, Stwds.; Walter J. Perrins, Musical Director; and Geo. Bryant, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. also initiated three candidates—Messrs. Sinclair, Kleboe, and Turner, the last-named a son of the W.M.

The lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the Crown room of the Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant banquet had been prepared.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically received.

Bro. J. F. Perrins, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," prophesied that he would worthily fill and grace the chair of K.S. during the ensuing year. He had begun his year of office well by initiating three candidates, and he was to be congratulated on the unique experience of initiating his son into Masonry on the night he was himself installed. He had performed the beautiful ceremony of initiation with

and impressiveness, and in such a way that it could not but leave a lasting impression on the mind of each of the initiates. If the W.M. needed any assurance of the respect and esteem in which he was held, he had only to look round on the array of visitors and friends who had met to wish him prosperity and a successful reign.

Bro. Arthur E. Turner, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. most heartily for the way in which he had been pleased to refer to him, and thought he could look forward with confidence to a successful year of office, relying as he did on the cordial assistance and co-operation of his officers. Given that, he felt sure he would leave the chair on the expiry of his term of office with the same satisfaction to himself and them as his predecessor had been able to do.

The toast of "The Initiates" was replied to in rotation by Bros. Sinclair, Kleboe, and Turner, the last named exciting considerable amusement by the remark that it seemed strange how such a thing could come to pass, but that it appeared indubitable that his father was now his brother.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Francis, Maskall, Sutton, Boffey (Capetown), and Bladon.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," the W.M. took the opportunity of presenting Bro. Perrins with a handsome Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the lodge, a compliment to which the I.P.M. made a brief, but suitable, acknowledgment.

The remaining toasts comprised those of "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

The musical selections with which the toast list was interspersed were rendered by Miss Alice Motterway, Miss Marie Kehrein, Miss Elsie Steadman, Master C. Potter, Bros. Walter Perrins, Charles Ortner, and James Halle.

Londonderry Lodge, No. 2039.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. G. PHILLIPS.

On Monday, the 7th inst., the annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland. The W.M., Bro. E. J. Willis, presided, and was supported by Bros. J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.W.; F. S. Cowper, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Jas. Lee, P.P.G.P.; Nicholas Lee, P.P.G.P.; John Deans, P.P.G.P.; T. E. Campbell, P.M.; Thos. Naisbitt, P.M. 2039; J. G. Phillips, S.W., W.M. elect; H. T. Halfpenny, W.M. 94; Thomas James, W.M. 97; Robert Scott, W.M. 99; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.S.B.; John Nicholls, P.P.G.S.B.; John Smith, P.P.G.P.; S. J. Cockburn, P.P.G.P.; R. E. Beveridge, P.G.D.; M. Marks, P.M. 2557; T. W. Barker, P.M. 1902; L. Winstone, P.P.G.O.; and T. Grieve, P.G.T.

After the approval of the balance sheet of the lodge, which showed the finances to be in a very satisfactory state, reflecting great credit upon the Treasurer, Bro. N. Lee, P.G.P., the ceremony of the installation was proceeded with. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. G. Phillips, Mus. Bac., was introduced by Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. E. J. Willis, by whom the ceremony was most efficiently performed. Bro. J. G. Phillips, the newly-installed W.M., afterwards appointed and invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Edward J. Willis, I.P.M.; Wm. J. Oliver, S.W.; Thomas H. R. Meriton, J.W.; Nicholas Lee, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Treas.; George W. Clark, Sec.; Charles R. Walker, S.D.; John Boddy, J.D.; Henry Havelock, P.M., D. of C.; L. Winston, P.P.G. Org., Org.; Chas. B. Lax, I.G.; John T. Sinclair, Thos. Swan, and Thos. Southern, Stwds.; Thos. Grieve, P.M., P.G.T., Tyler; and J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Charities Representative. After further business the lodge was closed.

The festival afterwards took the form of a high tea and musical entertainment. The W.M., Bro. J. G. Phillips, presided, and there was a large gathering. A reception of members and ladies took place by the W.M. and Miss Phillips. A programme of music and concert was ably conducted by Bro. L. Winston, P.P.G. Org. Later in the evening a period was spent in dancing, Bro. W. Scott, P.M., acting as M.C., music being provided by Bro. L. S. Nicholson, A.C.O.

In the concert programme the following took part: Bro. J. G. Phillips, Mus Bac., Miss Brewer, Miss Hilda Wilson, and Bros. L. Winston and E. J. Willis, I.P.M.

Egerton Lodge, No. 2152.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. T. HINDLE.

That Freemasonry flourishes in the Province of Cheshire was clearly shown by the gratifying results and reports at the recent meeting held at West Kirby, and there are no better supporters of the Order than the brethren who are attached to the various lodges in the Wirral Peninsula. One of the most prominent of these is the above lodge, whose members celebrated the annual installation festival, on the 10th instant, at the Albert Masonic Hall, New Brighton, the whole of the proceedings being of an eminently enjoyable and satisfactory nature.

Bro. J. T. Hindle, P.P.G.O., was installed W.M. by Bro. Godden, and the official appointments were as follows: Bros. G. J. Coombs, I.P.M.; E. A. Ash, S.W.; T. W. Atkinson, P.P.G.S., J.W.; R. Grundy, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Owen, Sec.; H. J. Charlton, S.D.; H. Pemberton, J.D.; E. B. Godden, P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. C. Bulmer, I.G.; C. E. Evans, Org.; C. E. Sinclair, W. Boughey, D. Mackenzie, J. A. Heap, R. F. Cowpland, W. H. T. Brown, and J. H. Lawson, Stewards; T. C. Rome, Tyler; and Dr. Napier, P.J.G.W., was elected Charity Representative.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and Bro. J. R. Owen was the recipient of a case of cutlery in view of his marriage.

Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. R. CLEAVE, P.P.G.D. SURREY.

The installation ceremony of the above lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the evening of Friday, the 11th instant. There was a numerous company present, including over 30 P.Ms., irrespective of Grand Officers. The number of visitors present was very large, and included the following: Bros. Col. Probyn, P.G.T.; Ald. Vaughan Morgan; P.G.T.; Guy Repton, P.G.D.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; Jas. Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; Imre Kiraly, P.A.G.D.C.; T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; W. R. Fendick, P.G. Std. Br.; C. O. Burgess, P.P.J.G.W. Berks; J. Barlow, P.P.G.D. Lancs; W. Dennis, P.P.G.T. Surrey; E. S. Berry, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. S. Bunting, P.G.T. Essex; Beeching, P.G.S. Bucks, W.M. 2430; W. Lewis Barret, W.M. 2190; and E. Rutherford, W.M. 1563.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Fraser. Bro. J. R. Cleave having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Fraser, I.P.M.; W. E. Garstin, S.W.; R. S. King, J.W.; W. J. W. Beard, P.M., Treas.; W. S. Hooper, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Horner, P.M., S.D.; W. Drew, J.D.; Claude A. Hooper, D. of C.; R. Pugh, I.G.; Jas. Kift, Org.; A. Tite, H. S. Simmons, E. Lockwood, and C. E. Liles, Stwds.; and S. Ellis, P.M., Tyler.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to one of those *recherche* banquets for which this celebrated restaurant is famous, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. Fraser, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," observed that they all knew what an excellent Master they had for the ensuing year. Of his excellence as a Master there could be no doubt, "no possible doubt whatever." He appealed to the brethren to render unbounded loyalty to the W.M., and then 12 months hence they would have no cause to regret their choice.

Bro. J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D., W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the position they had placed him in that evening. He only hoped he would be able to come up to their expectations.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," observed that he was one of the first initiates in the Eccentric Lodge, and paid a high tribute to the energy, ability, and earnestness for which he was well known to all. As regarded the Charities, the I.P.M. had received a medal as the premier Steward in London. He was not only that, but also the premier Steward for the country.

Bro. Fraser, I.P.M., thanked the W.M. for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and the officers who had worked with him for a most successful year of office. He had to thank Bro. Hooper especially for the work he had done as Freceptor of their lodge of instruction. As regarded the Charities, the lodge had never been

found wanting, and he thought the position they occupied in the lists of all the Charities a feather in the cap of the Eccentric Lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. W. Lewis Barret, W.M. of the Savage Club Lodge, and Bro. Rev. C. J. Smith.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a musical entertainment was provided under the direction of Bro. Jas. Kift, Org., in which Bros. W. Churcher, W. R. Maxwell, E. J. Wood, Frank Boor, Mervyn Dene, and R. Radford took part.

Cornish Lodge, No. 2369.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. EDWARD SYMONS.

This prosperous lodge, which although confined to Cornishmen by birth, residence, or parentage, now numbers some 80 members, held its annual installation meeting on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The following members attended: Bros. Thomas Hawken, W.M.; Edward Symons, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Cope, J.W.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., Treas.; Richard Greenwood, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Church, S.D.; F. E. Grose, J.D.; J. Leach Barrett, P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. H. Simons, I.G.; R. Vivian Bennetts, Org.; L. Vague, C. Lawrence, and A. G. Fowler, Stwds.; Sholto Hare, P.P.J.G.D. Cornwall; John Curnow, M.D., P.M.; John Roberts, P.M.; C. Rawle, P.M.; Rev. E. Geard, P.M.; A. Cairn Hodge, P.M.; E. P. Broad, P.P.G. Treas. Cornwall; E. B. Rogers, A. Helmore, E. G. Pooley, G. Hamlyn, and many others. Amongst the many visitors present were Bros. P. T. Chirgwin, P.P.J.G.W. Cornwall; Rev. E. S. Shuttleworth, P.P.G.C. Cornwall; W. Dennis, P.P.G. Treas. Surrey; Layman, W.M. 2348; Goslin, W.M. 1931; W. Turner, I.P.M. 2003; A. Johnson, P.M. 2729; T. Dexter, I.P.M. 2513; and R. Margetson, 183.

After a very satisfactory report had been presented by the Audit Committee, Bro. Edward Symons was installed as W.M. by Bro. T. Hawken, I.P.M., who delivered the whole of the addresses, and the following officers were invested: Bros. T. Hawken, I.P.M.; Samuel Cope, S.W.; W. R. Church, J.W.; William Lake, Asst. G. Sec., Treas.; Richard Greenwood, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Grose, S.D.; A. H. Simons, J.D.; Lewis Vague, I.G.; J. Leach Barrett, P.G.S.B., D.C.; Vivian Bennetts, Org.; Charles Lawrence and A. G. Fowler, Stwds. Bro. T. Hawken was next presented with a Past Master's collar and jewel in token of the lodge's appreciation of his services as W.M., and Messrs. Arthur Pooley and Cyril Herbert Rundell, having been elected, were duly initiated into Freemasonry.

Two candidates for membership having been proposed, and other necessary business disposed of, about 50 brethren dined together at Freemasons' Tavern.

In proposing the first toast—that of "His Majesty the King"—Bro. Symons said that while a certain section of the press were attacking Freemasonry, and seeking to identify their Society with Socialists and Anarchists, they should be glad that no less a person than the King was the Protector of the Order.

The other loyal toasts having been given, the W.M. proposed that of "The Grand Officers." He was proud to say that the lodge could now boast of three Grand Officers in their midst, Bro. Leach Barrett having on the occasion of the installation of the G.M. been appointed to the office of Past G.S.B.

Bro. Leach Barrett, in replying, thanked the brethren for coupling his name with the toast. He believed that there were many in the Craft more worthy than he of the Grand office that had been conferred on him. He had always done what he could to help a brother whenever it lay in his power, and if he in his turn had not been also helped he would not hold the position he did that evening. He should always do his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge, and to carry out the principles of Freemasonry—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Bro. W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec., also replied. The toast of "The P.G.M. of Cornwall, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.D.G.M.," was next proposed by the W.M., who said that their distinguished brother was certainly the most popular man in the West, if not in the whole of England—a popularity moreover which was not confined to Freemasonry.

The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. T. Hawken, I.P.M., having proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master,"

Bro. Symons, in reply, said that with the exception of the day on which he was married, that was the proudest time of his life. He hoped that confession would be appreciated by the unmarried brethren present. From the moment he was initiated it had been his intention, if he were worthy of it, to rise to the position which it was his proud privilege to occupy that evening. He had heard it described as an autocratic position, but he hoped they would not find him too autocratic except where it was for the benefit of the lodge. He might make mistakes, but he believed that a man who had never made a mistake had never done anything. He thanked the brethren most cordially for the welcome they had given him, and for the support which he knew they all would give him, from the officers to the newest joining member, while he occupied that chair.

In giving the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. advised the two brethren who had entered Freemasonry that evening to start their Masonic career from that moment. Although the ceremony might occasionally seem monotonous, he assured them that, once they became imbued with the spirit of Masonry, the lodge meetings would be to them not the least instructive occasions of their lives.

Bros. A. Pooley and C. Rundell having responded, the W.M. called upon Bro. E. P. Broad, Charity Representative of Cornwall, to reply for "The Visitors," who said he was most pleased to have to congratulate the lodge on their excellent working and their prosperous financial condition. As Cornwall's Charity Representative he was glad to say that £2000 had been given by the province to the Central Masonic Charities as well as £1200 to their own local funds. It would interest the lodge to know that in one Cornish case of the elections that week 2000 of the 4700 votes which got the candidate in were given by Cornish brethren in London. He reminded them that Bro. Colville Smith, Dep. P.G.M. Cornwall, would represent the province at the next Girls' Festival, when he hoped the lodge would aid in making a big list.

Bros. T. P. Chirgwin, P.P.J.G.W. Cornwall; Layman, W.M. 2348; A. Johnson, P.M. 2729; and Rev. E. S. Shuttleworth, P.P.G.C. Cornwall, also replied, the last named brother thanking the lodge, in the course of his speech, for the generous way in which it had come to the assistance of the family of his late lamented brother, Canon Shuttleworth, in their hour of need.

In proposing "The Installing Master and the Past Masters," the W.M. complimented Bro. Hawken, I.P.M., on the admirable manner in which he had performed the work that evening, the recollection of which would remain with them for a very long time. The work of the Past Masters spoke for itself for the present numerical strength of the lodge was due to the efforts of Worshipful Masters in the past, who had made for the lodge a sure foundation.

Bro. Hawken, I.P.M., was very gratified that what effort he had made had given the lodge satisfaction. He should always continue to do his best both for the lodge and for the Craft.

Bro. Roberts, P.M., said that he had made a special effort to be there that evening, having left Lyons on Thursday in order to get to London at nine o'clock on Friday, to be in time for the lodge. He was sure from the admirable way in which Bro. Symons had done his work on that occasion he would always be equal to the position.

Bro. Widger attempted to follow Bro. Robert's lead in stating that he had done his best to get to the lodge in time. He had, unfortunately, been obliged to travel some distance of the journey on the South Eastern Railway, but had finished it by taking an omnibus, and was, in consequence, only a half an hour late.

Bros. Cope, S.W., Vague, and Hamlyn replied for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Vivian Bennetts, were contributed to by Misses Edith Carte and Dora Thorpe, and Bros. Ralph Norris and Arthur Helmore.

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SUCCESSFUL:—

No.	Name.	Votes.
1	Webster, Reginald Everard Adolphe	7137
2	Coggill, Claude	5811
3	Tucker, James Robert	5551
4	Conway, Reginald	5475
5	Chalk, Sidney Gordon	5470
6	Bates, Herbert Matthew	5440
7	Reddall, Horace Cecil	5300
8	Francis, Alfred Ernest	5228
9	Dowie, Edward Livingstone	5226
10	Houston, David Hutton	5219
11	Griffin, Ralph Edward	5217
12	Chapman, William Henry	5121
13	Cox, Richard Charles	5096
14	Mulock, Henry Collister	5085
15	Dean, Sidney Harry	5060
16	Burt, Arthur Henry Blackburn	4984
17	Arnott, John Edward	4893
18	Smith, George	4858
19	Bradley, Charles Seymour	4827
20	Austin, Arthur Kenneth	4617

Full particulars of the poll may be had on application at the office.

J. MORRISON McLEOD,
Secretary.

* The 10th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL is due to be held on 25th JUNE, 1902, under the distinguished Presidency of Col. JOHN DAVIS, A.D.C., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Vice-President of the Institution. The services of Ladies and Brethren as Stewards on the occasion are earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Masonic Notes.

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We heartily congratulate our respected Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., Past Dep. Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, on the congratulatory address which was

presented to him a fortnight since on behalf of the Province in which he has been a very tower of strength for so many many years, on the occasion of his completing his 80th year. There are but few men who at the age of fourscore have the health and strength and energy to undertake a long journey and preside at so important a meeting as a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of one of our Masonic Institutions, and we trust it may be long ere Bro. Smith finds himself under the necessity of abstaining from that active part in Masonic business which has been one of the chief pleasures of his life.

A worthy successor to our late respected Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, has been found in the person of Comp. the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, who was installed in office at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. The ceremony was performed by Comp. his Honour Judge F. A. Philbrick, K.C., Grand Superintendent of the adjoining Province of Essex. It is hardly necessary to add that the manner in which the office was carried out profoundly impressed all who had the privilege of being present, and that in recognition of his kindness in undertaking the duty, a cordial vote of thanks to Comp. Philbrick was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes of Provincial Grand Chapter. Subsequently the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested, among them being Comp. N. Tracy, who is Dep. Prov. G. Master in the Craft, and was appointed Prov. G.H., and Comp. S. R. Anness, who is now Prov. G. Scribe E., as well as Prov. G. Secretary (Craft) of Suffolk.

It was not to be expected that the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would be allowed to pass without reference to the sad death of Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, who presided with such great success at the recent Festival in behalf of this Institution. It was not the first time he had rendered this service to the School, but it was far and away the more productive of his two Chairmanships in its behalf. Moreover, he had always taken a great interest in the School and hence as soon as the formal proceedings were over, Bro. C. E. Keyser, the Treasurer, who occupied the chair, rose, and in a few kindly and well-chosen sentences, moved a resolution expressive of the loss which the Institution had sustained by Bro. Beach's death, a copy of which will be forwarded to Mrs. Beach. The resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Le Feuvre, a former Deputy of the deceased, was passed in silence.

A similar motion of regret was passed in respect of the late Bro. Lt.-Col. George Lambert, a Patron and well-wisher of the Institution, and of the late Bro. Henry Prichard, who had been a member of the Board of Management from its formation, and this, too, was adopted in a similar manner.

As regards what Bro. Keyser had to report as to the progress made with the erection of the new School buildings at Bushey, all he could tell the Court was that the Building Committee, of which he was the Chairman, had done their part, but that the contractors were behindhand with the erection, which ought to have been completed on Michaelmas Day this year. Those who desired to do so might go down to Bushey and see for themselves, while it would be for the Building Committee to decide what course should be taken in respect of the contract.

It does not often happen that a Lord Mayor of London is installed in the chair of K.S. during the term of his Mayoralty. Generally speaking, if he is a Mason of some years' standing, he has attained that position long before he became London's Chief Magistrate, that is, if he has had leisure to devote to the work of Masonry. But now and then the lodge of which a Masonic Lord Mayor is a P.M. pays his lordship the compliment of inviting him to fill the chair for a second time; or a new lodge that is on the point of being warranted, or that has not long been constituted, may invite him to be the first or an early W. Master with, it may be the twofold object, of paying him a compliment, and conferring a certain amount of prestige upon the lodge itself.

Bro. Lord Mayor Green is not only a P.M. of long standing, but was appointed J.G. Deacon of England in 1883, while in July, on the occasion of the Duke of Connaught's installation as M.W. Grand Master, his

lordship was promoted to the still higher rank of Past Grand Warden. Thus it was hardly possible for him to add to the distinctions already conferred upon him. But his lordship is a member of the St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817, which was only constituted last year with the view of affording Masonic facilities to brethren and others connected with the printing and kindred trades, and it occurred to Bro. C. J. Drummond, W.M., and the rest of the lodge that, perhaps, his lordship might consent to being elected to the chair during the second year of the lodge's career.

At all events his lordship was invited to become the second W.M., and his very natural scruples as to undertaking duties which had become less familiar to him than formerly, and stopping promotion in the lodge for a year having been overcome, he was installed in office on the 7th instant, and, as far as any opinion can be formed, there is very little doubt he will have a brilliant year as the second W. Master of No. 2817. There was a big gathering on the occasion, prominent amongst those present being Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), P.G.W., Bro. Alderman W. Vaughan Morgan, Past G. Treasurer, and Bro. Sheriff Marshall, Grand Treasurer.

Nor must we allow the recent installation meeting of the Streatham Lodge, No. 2729, of which a full report appeared in our issue of last week, without congratulating Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Sheriff of London and Grand Treasurer, who was the principal founder and first Master of the lodge, on the honour done him in recognition of his great services to Freemasonry in general, and more particularly to the Streatham Lodge. There can be no doubt that Bro. Marshall has conferred, as well as received, distinction as a Mason, and by his election to the important office of Sheriff has added to the already numerous claims he possessed on the respect of his brethren, and we sincerely echo the hope that he may be spared for many years to enjoy that respect.

We gather from the report which appeared in the July number of the *Australasian Keystone* of the 10th annual meeting of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution of New South Wales, that this charitable organisation, during the brief period of its existence, has achieved a considerable amount of success, and continues to receive a fair amount of support. Though it depends wholly on the voluntary contributions of brethren in the New South Wales jurisdiction, the Chairman of the Committee which manages it was in a position to report that it now had in the way of investments "£4,000 on fixed deposit at 3½ per cent., and mortgage to the extent of £1300." Its normal income is set down at over £1100, while its expenses for management only amount "to 4.4 per cent. of the income," and the Chairman elicited hearty applause when he remarked that "there are many business firms and institutions in our community that would be very glad to work" them on such a rate.

The annual convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria was held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 17th July, when the various reports were presented and adopted, and the Grand Officers for the ensuing year installed and invested. The Grand Principals are Comps. the Hon. A. J. Peacock, M.L.A.—who was absent owing to his official duties, and was only proclaimed—Grand Z.; P. Cohen, Grand H.; and J. Marks, Grand J. The Grand Scribes are Comps. J. Braim, E., and A. T. Morrison, N.; the G. Treasurer, Comp. A. Phillips; the G. Registrar, T. R. Derham; and the G. Pr. Soj., J. Knowles. The G. Treasurer reported the balance in hand at the close of the year as being within a fraction of £130.

The *Masonic Sun* of Toronto, in its issue of the 14th September last, takes what it calls a census of Craft and Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Ontario. Making a start from 1893—that being the earliest year whose proceedings were for the moment available—it finds that the number of Craft Masons then returned as being in good standing under the Grand Lodge of Canada was 22,064. Last year they had increased to 25,922, and our contemporary thinks that when the report for 1901 is issued, it will be found there are, in round numbers, about 27,000, and the increase during the period will consequently be about 5000. In Royal Arch Masonry there were in 1892 4032 subscribing members of chapters, and the number reported at the last convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada was 6215, the increase in the period being 2183.

Correspondence.

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

A MASONIC HALL FOR NORTH LONDON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The suggestion of a brother in your issue of last week is a good one, and if some influential brethren took the matter in hand and put it on a financial basis, I have no doubt that the project would prove successful. The hall, I would suggest, should contain not only a Masonic temple, but a library of Masonic literature, with rooms of a cosy character for study, reflection, or smoking snuggeries for conversation and quiet talks.

I may say that some two years or so ago I expressed to a well-known P.M. in the Northern district my surprise that no effort had been made to found Masonic temples for the four London districts, viz., North, East, South, and West.

Your correspondent refers to the "trade monopoly" danger at present in the Craft, and the hall project would be a good counterblast to one objectionable feature I have, as is usual with one of a minority, vainly protested against, viz., hotels where lodges are held supplying Craft furniture, pedestals, collars, chairs, &c. I think this practice ought to be strongly protested against for several reasons; it certainly places lodges entirely under the thumb of a landlord or proprietors who may not be members of the Craft, and who might, under certain circumstances, seriously cripple the free working of the Craft. I think every lodge ought to work and act freely with its own "tools" and symbols, and possess these implements as lodge property.

In one case this modern fashion has resulted in a humorous deadlock. A lodge possessing its own furniture moves to an hotel where the landlord runs the Craft as part of his business and supplies the furniture, of course, one set does for any number of lodges, but this particular lodge in its bye-laws says "the Auditors must inspect the furniture yearly," the furniture thus lies idle, stored at an annual charge, and can be neither used nor sold, and yet is eating its head off in cost of storage. No one has yet solved the problem of the use or disposal of this lodge furniture, and the deadlock, as you can see, is brought about by the pernicious principle of allowing the "trade" to boss the Craft on the Universal Provider system. Besides, it must be bad for trade for those who live by manufacturing Masonic tools, &c.—Yours fraternally,

T. MAY.

154, High Cross.

PROPOSED LONDON VOTING ORGANISATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Out of the 136,000 votes issued by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for the last election 26,000 votes were polled by the London brethren, and not a single London candidate was successfully returned, the whole 20 vacancies being filled by provincial candidates. Surely the time has arrived when London cases should receive better attention through some kind of voting organisation.

Would it be possible to found a London Masonic Club as headquarters for the purpose of dividing London into four sections, each with its Committee, Treasurer, and Secretary, and presided over by the most influential Mason possible to get in each section, its object being to secure the votes and support candidates upon the same principle as is adopted by the Masonic provinces to-day?

No doubt a much better scheme may be suggested than this by some of your readers. I know many London brethren ready to support something of the kind, including yours fraternally,

J. PERCY FITZGERALD.

Linacre, Balmoral-road, Willesden Green,
14th October.

VIRTUES DEVELOPED BY AFFLICTION.

The colours first the artist's skill
Upon the porcelain lays,
But feebly shadow forth his will
Nor merit present praise;
But long exposed to furnace glow,
The varied tints arise;
And 'neath the heat more brilliant grow,
To charm admiring eyes.

And thus, within the Christian's heart
Rests, for awhile unknown,
E'en to himself, some better part
Where heavenly hues are shown;
God's vessel in Affliction dire,
Bright virtues bring to view,
Pure and unsullied by the fire
And everlasting, too!

F. W. DRIVER, M.A., PROF.

Royal Arch.

Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901.

INSTALLATION OF COMP. H. CORNFORD.

This beautiful ceremony was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, the well-known and appreciated hostelry of Comp. F. E. Pow, on the 10th inst. Present: Comps. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z.; H. Cornford, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. S. Pointon, J., H. elect; E. J. S. Ware, J. elect; Wm. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. M. Wimple, P.S.; C. H. Morrison, 1st A.S.; A. R. Jackson, 2nd A.S.; T. Bowler, Janitor; J. Lightfoot, P.Z.; E. Gauntlett, P.Z.; Thos. Grumman, P.Z. (Hon.); F. E. Pow, P.Z.; C. N. Wedge, J. Bruton, J. E. Wiberg, and H. P. White. Visitors: Comps. J. Block, P.Z. 2184, P.P.G.S. Essex, and Blewett Faull, S.N. 101.

The minutes of previous convocation were read and confirmed. A convocation of Installed First Principals was formed, and Comp. H. Cornford, H., was installed into the chair of Z. by Comp. H. C. Turner, M.E.Z. The conclave was closed, and a conclave of Installed Second Principals formed, and Comp. J. S. Pointon was installed into

the second chair by Comp. H. Cornford, M.E.Z. The conclave was closed, and a conclave of Installed Third Principals formed, and Comp. E. J. S. Ware was installed into the third chair by Comp. J. S. Pointon, H. The installations were carried out in a most exemplary manner by the Installing Principals, it having become the custom in the Selwyn Chapter for some years past for each Principal to install his successor—a circumstance which shows the excellent tuition of Comp. T. Grumman, P.Z., P.P.G.S. Essex, the worthy Preceptor of the Selwyn Chapter, held every fortnight at the above address on the first and third Mondays, except Bank holidays. Comp. C. Hy. Stone, P.Z., presented the Principals. The conclave of Third Principals was closed. The M.E.Z. invested his officers as follows: Comps. W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; J. Lightfoot, P.Z., D.C.; J. M. Wimple, S.N.; C. H. Morrison, P.S.; A. R. Jackson, 1st A.S.; J. R. N. Merrill, 2nd A.S.; J. Wiberg, Stwd.; E. C. L. Hawley, Org.; and Thos. Bowler, Janitor. The Auditors' report was presented, received, and adopted. The M.E.Z., in well-chosen and appreciative remarks, said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure and gratitude for the exceptional manner in which Comp. H. C. Turner, I.P.Z., had carried out the duties of the past year, to present the beautiful Past Principal's jewel, which he had richly earned. He (the M.E.Z.) knew the I.P.Z. in other Degrees of Freemasonry, and the zeal he showed in all he undertook. That was fully exemplified that evening in the presentation to the chapter of the beautiful dais, in the form of the catenarian arch, to hold the three chairs. The M.E.Z. would assure him that he had the love and esteem of all the companions, and his receiving that jewel was the mark of their kindly feeling towards him, and he hoped that he would long wear it in the Selwyn Chapter. To still further show their appreciation the companions asked him to accept the Past Principal's collar and jewel with their cordial greetings. In reply Comp. H. C. Turner said he fully accepted the very kind remarks of the M.E.Z., and thanked the companions for their kindly feeling ever evinced towards him. He received the Past Principal's jewel and beautiful collar and jewel with the greatest pleasure, and assured them he had great love for the chapter, and what he had done in the same degree he should always do towards his mother chapter, which he hoped would be for very many years. It was resolved that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the I.P.Z. for his handsome gift and beautifying the furniture of the chapter. Comp. H. C. Turner again thanked them, and also expressed his best and warmest thanks to the companions of the chapter who so kindly supported him in making the ladies' night, held in April last, such a successful and happy meeting, and he hoped a similar one might be repeated. Telegrams were received from Comps. Wm. Wills, P.Z., and A. H. Fraser, expressing with regret their inability to attend, and wishing the M.E.Z. and companions a very happy year. Also from several companions as visitors who were unable to attend from various causes, and all expressing their kindly feelings.

The convocation being closed, the companions adjourned to a *recherche* banquet supplied by Comp. F. E. Pow, the proprietor, in his usual very capable style.

The customary loyal and R.A. toasts were given in appreciative terms by the M.E.Z., and duly responded to; as also "The Pro G.Z., G.H., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The I.P.Z., Comp. H. C. Turner, in eulogistic terms, presented the toast of "The M.E.Z.," which was responded to most gracefully.

Comp. Hy. Cornford, M.E.Z., in cordial terms, proposed the toast of "His Principals, H. and J.," who replied in excellent terms.

The toast of "The Visitors" was presented by the M.E.Z. in terms of much cordiality, and responded to by Comps. Block, P.Z., and Bluett Faull.

Also the toast of "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. congratulating the chapter on having so excellent an array.

Comps. Ed. Gauntlett, P.Z.; J. Lightfoot, P.Z.; F. E. Pow, P.Z.; and Thos. Grumman, P.Z., most ably replied.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Treasurer, S.E., and Officers of the Chapter," in terms of commendation, which was replied to by Comps. Stone, Wimple, Morrison, and Wiberg.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy convocation.

The jewel was manufactured by Comps. George Kenning and Son, and bore the following inscription: "Presented to Ex. Comp. H. C. Turner for excellent services rendered to the Selwyn Chapter as the ninth M.E.Z., 1900 to 1901."

A capital programme of music was arranged under Comp. Bluett Faull, ably assisted by Mr. Lawrence Harewood and Bro. Langton.

A METHODIST MINISTER

OF 40 YEARS' STANDING, SAYS:

"For years I was troubled with Indigestion and Constipation, and suffered greatly from Giddiness, Nervous Debility and Sleeplessness.

SEIGEL'S SYRUP.

"The best medical skill seemed of no avail, and I quite thought my ministerial work was coming to a close. However, a friend urged me to try Seigel's Syrup, and four bottles sufficed to make my cure complete."—(Rev.) J. SPENSLEY, Winterton, Doncaster, 5/1/01.

Craft Masonry.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2360. INSTALLATION OF BRO. DR. J. H. SYKES.

At the Freemasons' Hall, Eastbank-street, Southport, an installation meeting in connection with the above lodge was held on the 14th instant, when there was a large attendance of visiting brethren. Bro. Dr. J. H. Sykes was installed as W.M. by Bro. W. Porter, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Jas. M'Kinnell, P.P.D.G.D.C., and T. E. Chambers. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. Wm. Porter, I.P.M.; J. L. Roberts, S.W.; F. Walker, J.W.; the Rev. Dr. Porter, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Jos. Sykes, Treas.; W. R. Stoyles, Sec.; J. Bond, S.D.; T. N. Holliday, J.D.; Jas. M'Kinnell, P.P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; T. H. Hickson, Org.; H. E. Taylor, I.G.; C. F. Chinnery, Jos. Saul, Wm. Cunliffe, A. Barker, W. H. Roberts, and C. A. Simon, Stwds.; R. Kay, Tyler; and J. Franklin Hindle, Charity Representative.

Among the visitors were Bros. W. Foulkes, P.P.G.S.; Jas. Hesketh, P.M. 1070, P.G.D.; H. P. M'Laughlin, P.J.G.D.; W. Derry, W.M. 613; Geo. Leigh, W.M. 2325; J. L. Kirkbride, W.M. 1313; Richard Sharrock, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Mark Steel, I.P.M. 1798; Carlo Faro, P.M. 1618; S. Boyce, P.M. 1313; Tudor Davies, P.M. 2325; and G. Stonehouse, I.P.M. 1948.

Furnival Lodge, No. 2558. INSTALLATION OF BRO. HORACE CAWOOD.

The annual festival of the *Furnival* Lodge came round on Friday, the 11th instant, and was duly celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield. Founded in June, 1895, the career of the *Furnival* Lodge has been one of steady and consistent progress. Alike in the unassuming yet effective character of its working, its gracious hospitality, and its open-handed Charity, it has from its foundation taken a distinct and honourable position on the roll of West Yorkshire lodges. For this most satisfactory condition of affairs the credit rests mainly with the founders, the lead of its first Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Stokes, having been followed with exemplary fidelity by his successors. The Past Masters of the *Furnival* Lodge now number six, and all were present to welcome and assist in placing the seventh Worshipful Master in the chair of K.S. The formation of Lodge 2558, with the ceremonial and attendant details of its consecration, was noticed in our columns at the time, and, year by year, it has been our duty to put on record the growing success of this vigorous lodge, and briefly, as it were, to introduce its new Worshipful Masters to the Masonic world. Excessive eulogy, it is generally allowed, is too frequently evident in Masonic circles, and the words of commendation, especially from the lips of visitors, must often be taken *cum grano salis*; we have no hesitation in saying, however, that in their new Worshipful Master, Bro. Horace Cawood, the brethren of the *Furnival* Lodge have promise of an excellent Mason and a worthy and, if our prescience does not deceive us, most efficient Master and leader. Initiated in the *Wentworth* Lodge, No. 1239, of which he is still a subscribing member, Bro. Horace Cawood was invited, in 1895, to join in the formation of the new lodge. This he did, and having served various minor offices up to that of Junior Warden, he was chosen to fill its highest position. The wisdom of that choice bids fair to be amply justified, for, as all present would admit, Bro. Cawood, in the trying position of new Master, acquitted himself both with dignity and ability. "By their fruits shall ye know them," and we venture to assert that the interests of *Furnival* Lodge and the welfare of its brethren are safe whilst they can find candidates for the chair of the calibre of Bro. Horace Cawood.

The retiring W.M., Bro. Walter Sissons, opened the lodge about 5.30 p.m. His officers comprised Bros. C. Stokes, P.M., P.P.G.D., as S.W.; Horace Cawood, J.W.; E. Beck, Sec.; C. Robinson, S.D.; F. Dallaway, J.D.; A. Senior, Asst. Sec.; C. Dolman, D.C.; A. Harlings, I.G.; C. Callum, Org.; E. A. Sampson and J. W. Vessey, Stwds.; and T. Leighton, Tyler. Amongst the other brethren of the *Furnival* Lodge were Bros. W. Fearnough, I.P.M.; G. H. Hutchinson, P.M.; Claude Barker, P.M.; Rev. Geo. Ford, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; also Bros. Eyre, H. C. Robinson, G. Arnold, G. H. Hunt, Wm. Fearnough, Robert Turner, A. A. Smith, J. D. Taylor, W. T. Garnett, F. G. Buxton, J. Nodder, Mayger, W. Shaw, J. Appleyard, E. A. Barkby, C. Walton, and others. The visitors were very numerous, comprising, amongst others, Bros. Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.P.G.W., P.G.D.; W. H. Brittain, J.P., P.M. 139, P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B.; E. Holmes, P.M. 1779, Prov. G.D.; T. Harrison, P.M. 296, P.P.G. Treas.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. E. Darling, P.M. 1239, P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Garnett, P.M. 1239, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Nixon, P.M. 1239, P.P.G.D.; H. W. Pawson, P.M. 296, P.P.G.D.; W. W. Holbrook, P.M., P.P.G.D. Notts; also Bros. John Stokes, P.M., H. Arnold, F. Norton, and A. Truelove, all of 139; F. G. Cornu, P.M., F. Parkin, C. Ellis, H. W. Brown, R. N. Neale, and M. Hartley, of 296; G. Wragg, W.M., W. F. Cole, P.M., T. Rowbotham, P.M., J. T. Thompson, A. G. Harbord, G. L. Wood, J. E. Brooke, T. Nixon, J. P. Frost, Reynolds, J. C. Bramall, and H. Johnson, 1239; A. Howe, W.M., R. C. Honey, W. C. Newton, R. E. Edwards, S. Fenton, and Thompson, 2263; E. B. Glossop, W.M., and D. Flather, 2268; A. W. Roberts, F. Jackson, W. H. Peasegood, J. Atkinson, and A. J. Ward, 2491; H. Gough, W.M. 904; S. A. Creak (Ely); H. R. Proctor, W.M. 2373; W. C. Jackson, 2373; L. F. Shaw, P.M. 2373, P.P.G.S.B. Derby; and W. Sykes, P.M. 2677.

After the usual routine and the lodge had been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Horace Cawood, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Charles Stokes. The retiring Master, Bro. W. Sissons, undertook the duty of installation and most ably performed it. The solo from "St. Paul," "Be thou faithful," was very effectively sung by Bro. W. C. Newton. The officers surrendered their collars the W.M. having thanked them individually for their services. The Board of Past Masters numbered 33 and the ceremony was continued. On the re-admission of the brethren the usual proclamations were made and salutes given. The working tools were in brief terms presented by Bros. G. H. Hutchinson, P.M.; Rev. G. Ford, P.M.; and C. Stokes, P.M., respectively. In excellently chosen words the W.M. addressed his officers individually and invested them as follows: Bros. W. Sissons, I.P.M.; Ernest Beck, S.W.; A. Senior, J.W.; Rev. G. Ford, M.A., Chap.; C. Stokes, P.M., Treas.; C. Robinson, Sec.; C. Dolman, Asst. Sec.; F. Dallaway, S.D.; A. Hastings, J.D.; Claude Barker, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Vessey, A.D.C.; E. A. Sampson, I.G.; C. Callum, Org.; R. Turner and W. T. Garnett, Stwds.; and T. Leighton, Tyler. Bro. W. Sissons then completed the ceremony of installation in the ordinary way and delivered the addresses to Master, Wardens, and brethren most impressively. After a very satisfactory report upon the finances of the lodge by the Auditor, Bros. Charles Stokes, P.M., was again unanimously elected Charity member. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master was made by the W. Master. In doing this Bro. Horace Cawood declared that he was much indebted to Bro. W. Sissons for personal help; that his work in the chair had been brilliant, and that he had won the esteem and respect of all his brethren. Bro. W. Sissons expressed his thanks to the lodge for such handsome recognition of his services, and declared that the intrinsic value of the jewel was as nothing in comparison with the fraternal good feeling, of which it was, he believed, valuable evidence. This concluded the business, and the lodge was closed.

Dinner followed in the hall below, and great though the convenience of the room and the resources of the management, they were taxed to their full extent. The tables were simply beautiful, the floral decorations were chrysanthemums, with intertwining sprays of smilax. The plate was magnificent, and was, we understand, most kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. S. A. Creak, of the firm of Hammond and Creak, so well known in Sheffield. This is not the first time Bro. Creak has contributed towards beautifying the table of the *Furnival* Lodge, and his kindness has not lacked recognition amongst the brethren. Covers were laid for 100, and there must have been quite that number seated. The *Furnival* brethren all told are just over 40, so that the presence of so many visitors marks the esteem which in its comparatively brief existence the *Furnival* Lodge has won among the brethren of Sheffield and its vicinity. The dinner was good, and the arrangements reflect much credit upon Bro. H. Beesley, the Steward of the Hall.

There were 10 toasts on the list, the first—that of "The King"—being received with great enthusiasm. In proposing the second—that of "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, M.W.G.M.," the M.W. the Pro G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past"—the W.M. said that no words of his could add to the merits of their M.W.G.M.

or increase the interest which they all felt in the officers of Grand Lodge. As Prov. G.M. for Sussex and as District G.M. for Bombay, their G.M. had acquired experience which, in his present circumstances, would prove valuable. At his installation at the Albert Hall the brethren gave him the warmest welcome. He then declared that he was proud of the position in which they had placed him, and he (Bro. Cawood) could unhesitatingly say that the brethren were proud of their Master. The Pro G.M. was also a brother of long and varied Masonic experience, and was, therefore, deserving of their confidence. The other officers were doubtless good men and true Masons. Of past officers Sheffield had two, and he was very pleased to see them present that night. He would ask them to drink the toast right heartily, and he would couple with it the names of Bros. Ensor Drury, P.G.D., and W. H. Brittain, P.G.S.B. This the brethren did.

Bro. Ensor Drury said he was honoured in being called upon to reply to so important a toast, and that the reception of it had been of a character to satisfy the most exacting of Grand Officers. When, at the death of his mother, the Prince of Wales was called to higher duties, and he felt it impossible to retain his Masonic position, he quite naturally turned to his brother to succeed him as M.W. Grand Master. The unanimous election of the Duke of Connaught gave general satisfaction, and to no one greater pleasure than to the King. He (Bro. Drury) considered it a distinguished honour to hold office under such a chief; and having found so illustrious a successor to his Majesty, even the Pro G. Master and the Deputy could each of them proudly retain their respective positions. Bro. Drury concluded by thanking the brethren generally for their reception of the toast, and the *Furnival* Lodge particularly for their hospitality towards himself.

Bro. W. H. Brittain, J.P., P.G.S.B., also responded. The Worshipful Master again rose, and asked the brethren to drink to "The Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master; Bro. Richard Wilson, W. Dep. Prov. G. Master; and the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Jackson, the W.M. said, in his capacity of Prov. G. Master, consecrated the *Furnival* Lodge in 1895. They had not had the pleasure of seeing him amongst them since, but his Deputy, had been with them on several occasions. Indeed, but for an engagement previously made, he would have attended that evening. The Chairman of the Charity Committee, Bro. Wm. Blackburn; the Vice-Chairman, Bro. H. S. Child; and the Prov. G. Secretary also expressed regret that in consequence of the School Elections in London they were unable to be with their Sheffield friends that night. They had, however, continued the W.M., other brethren sitting at that board who as Prov. Officers had done their share, or were doing it, in the interest of the Province. Of these he would name Bros. C. Holmes, Prov. G. Deacon; T. Harrison, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Pawson, P.P.G.D.; J. Matthewman, for eight years Asst. G. Sec.; Nixon, and Garnett.

The toast was well received, and Bros. Holmes, Harrison and Matthewman responded.

The Tyler's toast followed. "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Horace Cawood," was next given by the I.P.M. Bro. Sissons said what a pleasure the performance of this duty was to him; that he had known Bro. Cawood before he came as a brother into *Wentworth* Lodge, and that after his entry he soon developed into an enthusiastic Mason, as witnessed by the fact that he had not only joined, but had also obtained office in the Royal Arch, Mark, and Rose Croix Degrees. Now that he had attained the highest honour they could confer he was confident Bro. Cawood would fulfil the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of the brethren, and he would assure him that he might count upon the united support of all the members. He called on all to drink to the health, happiness, and success of their Worshipful Master.

The whole company nobly responded, singing "Prosper the Art." The enthusiasm culminated when Bro. J. Atkinson, at the concluding verse of "Here's to his health," advanced and clinked glasses with Bro. Cawood, the brethren warmly applauding.

The W.M. on rising was greeted with renewed acclamations. After thanking the proposer for his kind words and the brethren for the warm reception those words had met, Bro. Cawood said that, like many before him similarly situated, he hardly knew how to express himself. On his initiation some eight years ago he must confess that ambition some day to fill the W.M.'s chair did possess him. It seemed, however, hopeless and almost impossible. A member of a large lodge, it would be years before he could attain to the chair. This, he admitted, was a disappointment, and yet he was secretly glad. Shortly afterwards he was honoured by being asked to associate himself with others in the formation of a new lodge. He supposed that as a certain amount of packing was required in machinery, it was to supply this want that he was selected, but even then he determined that it should be done in the best possible way. However, he became I.G. in *Furnival* Lodge, and since then had steadily advanced through the various offices until he had now reached his present exalted position. He had already found even in this short experience how much better he could do the work of a W.M. when quietly shut up at home, and that he had sometimes felt inclined to wish himself somewhere else that evening. (A voice: "Nay, you don't," and laughter.) He was glad all the ceremony was over, that he would do the best that in him lay to fulfil all his duties, but they must look leniently on all his shortcomings. He knew they would be numerous, but he would at least try to make them as few as possible.

Next followed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Walter Sissons." This was proposed in eloquent terms by Bro. G. H. Hutchinson, P.M.

Bro. Sissons, whose work as Installing Master had been admired by all, said he had entered on his year of office with fear and trembling, yet with an honest determination to do his duty. With the help and support which had been so generously given to him, he thought he might say, without boasting, that the lodge had had a successful year. Six initiations, five passings, and four raisings represented a fair amount of work. Now he was to pass to the ranks of the departed, to join the army of the Past Masters; well, even in that case he was resolved he would, not yet awhile at any rate, suffer himself to become fossilised, but would continue to do all he could, not in the interest of *Furnival* Lodge only, but in that of the Craft generally.

To the toast of "The Past Masters of *Furnival* Lodge," proposed by Bro. Ernest Beck, S.W., Bro. Claude Barker, P.M., responded.

"The Visitors" followed. This was entrusted to the J.W., Bro. A. Senior, and got a very hearty reception.

Replies were given by Bros. G. Wragg, W.M. 1239; A. Howe, W.M. 2263; and F. G. Cornu, P.M. 296.

The toast "Success to the Masonic Charities," was ably advocated by Bro. Claude Barker, and the Charity Member, Bro. Stokes, made response. Bro. Stokes has done much in Sheffield for the Masonic Institutions, and misses no opportunity of pleading their cause. He has been eminently successful and made a practical appeal to the sympathies of the brethren.

The last toast was that of "The Officers." In most encouraging remarks the W.M. commended this toast to the brethren. He knew he had a most earnest band of officers, and would like specially to mention how much help he had already received from his S.W., Bro. Beck; his I.G., Bro. Sampson; and his Organist, Bro. Callum. Bro. Callum had been untiring in his efforts to make the musical arrangements a success, and he would leave the brethren to judge of the result. He (the W.M.) should also like publicly to acknowledge their obligation to Bro. Creak for the plate which he had so lavishly lent to them.

The toast was drunk with heartiness, and Bro. Sampson replied. A complete programme of music was included in the evening's entertainment, items being interspersed between the various speeches.

Bro. R. C. Honey, with the cornet, and Bro. Peasegood at the piano, gave pieces from Mascheroni and Schumann, whilst Mr. Denham performed most skilfully on the mandoline. Songs by Bros. Atkinson, A. J. Ward, and W. W. Holbrook were much appreciated, more especially the humorous ditties for which Bro. Holbrook has become famous.

The whole evening passed harmoniously and rapidly, and there is every reason to believe that the happy commencement under such pleasant auguries of the Mastership of Bro. Horace Cawood will be followed by increased progress and fraternal affection amongst the brethren of the *Furnival* Lodge.

ONE OF General Baden Powell's chief occupations in these days is to avoid being recognised, and thus he has carefully avoided visiting any theatre or other place of entertainment. The other night, however, he broke through his rule, and hid himself in the back row of the dress circle of the Avenue Theatre to see "The Night of the Party," which is the first theatre he has visited since his return to England. A lynx-eyed commissioner, however, who had served under the General, recognised him, and of course, the news soon got round with the usual results.

Mark Masonry.

Macdonald Lodge, No. 104.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CLEMENT STANLEY GIBBS.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 7th instant, at Mark Masons' Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. F. W. Marrian. The lodge was originated at the head-quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, as a supplement to the Macdonald Craft Lodge, No. 1216. There was a very good attendance of brethren and visitors.

The installation of the new W.M. was undertaken by the W.M., Bro. Frank W. Marrian, it being the first time for many years in this lodge that the outgoing Master had installed his successor. Bro. Clement Stanley Gibbs was the elected W.M., and Bro. Marrian installed him in perfect style. Bro. Marrian was invested as the I.P.M., and the other brethren invested as the officers of the lodge for the year were: Bros. H. S. Croker, S.W.; C. G. Butler, J.W.; Charles Butler, M.O.; E. R. Young, S.O.; C. J. Marrian, J.O.; Walter H. Stone, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Bale, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Spaul, S.D.; R. Stuart, J.D.; J. Denyer Hand, I.G.; J. P. Lewin, P.M., D.C.; T. P. Warwick, Org.; A. F. Shepherd, Stwd.; and E. Mills, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were given by Bros. Marrian, H. Sadler, and W. Vincent. This ceremony concluded, the new W.M. performed the advancement to the Mark Degree of Bro. E. Richard Shepherd. The Audit Committee's report was afterwards adopted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Trocadero Restaurant for a banquet, after which the customary toasts were honoured.

Music was admirably interspersed by Miss Kathleen Mayer, Mr. G. Stubbs, and Bro. H. W. Schartau. Sleight of hand and ventriloquial sketches were contributed by Mr. John Warren.

Lathom Lodge, No. 268.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE DUNFIELD.

On Thursday, the 10th instant, at the Masonic-buildings, Eastbank-street, Southport, Bro. George Duxfield was installed W.M. of the above lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bros. R. Sharrock, P.P.A.G.D.C., and Thomas Hayward, P.P.G.R. The officers of the lodge were invested as follows: Bros. J. O. Platt, I.P.M.; A. A. W. Phillipps, S.W.; N. Mason, J.W.; A. S. Robson, M.O.; W. H. Foster, S.O.; J. G. Moody, J.O.; R. T. Duerdin, R. of M.; Jas. Hesketh, Treas.; M. H. Boyd, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; C. Marshall, Sec.; J. Rhodes, S.D.; H. E. Taylor, J.D.; H. W. Hatch, I.G.; W. Wilkinson, Org.; A. Taylor and A. Brown, Stwds.; and D. E. Rimmer, Tyler.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Hatch, T. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; and G. L. Campbell, P.P.G.O.

A banquet followed.

Instruction.

EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984.

ANNUAL SUPPER.

The above lodge held their annual supper at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 17th instant. This flourishing lodge continues to have a firm hold on the Province of Herts in addition to attracting many London and Middlesex brethren to its ranks. Thirty brethren sat down to the banquet, which was splendidly catered for by Bro. Sanderson. Bro. Goodchild, P.P.G.P. Herts, presided.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, when Bro. Goodchild rose and said: Brethren, I have now a most pleasing duty to perform, and that is to present to our worthy and esteemed Preceptor, Bro. J. P. Taylor, this handsome clock as a mark of our respect and esteem. Bro. Taylor has been our valued Preceptor now since the lodge has been established, and in presenting him with this testimonial it is carrying with it the good wishes of every brother in the lodge for the gentlemanly and willing manner in which he has always given his valuable assistance to everyone of us. We trust he may be spared many years to give to Masonry his valuable services, which he has always done with cheerfulness.

Bro. J. P. Taylor, Preceptor, in replying, said: Bro. Goodchild and brethren, I am so much taken by surprise at this handsome and unexpected tribute to my humble efforts that I am quite unable to use that eloquence which one would hope to command at such a time. I have certainly always believed that Masons were taught to be cautious. The brethren on this occasion have certainly acted up to the Masonic tradition. I also thought that I had the confidence of my lodge of instruction—(cries of "So you have")—and that they would hold no secret meetings without my knowledge, but they must have done so to organise such a splendid testimonial as this. I can look back to the many Masonic meetings held under this lodge of instruction, viz., when Bro. James Terry, whom we are all so proud to honour at all times, came down and rehearsed the consecration ceremony—so were present. Again, we had the pleasure of a lecture by Bro. Henry Sadler; and on one occasion when I performed the installation ceremony, 60 brethren were present; so that, at least, we have justified our existence.

The inscription was engraved on a gold plate, and was as follows: "Presented to Bro. J. P. Taylor, P.M., P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts, by the members of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1984, as a token of appreciation of his valuable services as their Preceptor. October 7th, 1901."

A capital musical programme was gone through.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. HORATIO WARD, OF CANTERBURY.

We regret having to announce the death of Bro. Horatio Ward, host of the Fleur-de-lis Hotel, Canterbury, which occurred at 2, Hanover-place, Canterbury, on Thursday, the 10th instant, at the age of 66 years, after a comparatively short illness. Bro. Horatio Ward was born in Hampshire, and subsequently carried on business as the keeper of a large restaurant at Salisbury, where he was also manager of the White Hart Hotel. In 1876 he removed to Canterbury, where he became the landlord of the Fleur-de-lis Hotel, and a few years later became the tenant of the Royal Fountain Hotel, continuing till last year, when failing health compelled him to relinquish this portion of the business. About three weeks ago he was removed from the Fleur-de-lis Hotel to Hanover-place, where his death occurred. Deceased was widely and favourably known as a caterer of considerable ability, having acted in that capacity for the Mayoral and Cattle Show banquets, for Masonic banquets, and for Cricket Week visitors. He served for a couple of years on the Canterbury Board of Guardians, but it was in the Masonic world that he especially shone, and we therefore append particulars of his Masonic career. Bro. Horatio Ward, P.D.G.S.B. Eng. and P.G. Std. Br. in the Supreme Grand Chapter, was initiated into Freemasonry in St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne, Dorset, on March 7, 1859. After filling the various offices he was installed W.M. in 1865. In the same year he joined the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, of which lodge he was elected W.M. in 1870, and again in 1871. In 1866 he was a founder and first W.M. of the Vale of Avon Lodge, No. 1112 (now the Shirley Lodge, Southampton). In 1872 he was appointed to the chair of Prov. Junior Grand Warden of Wilts; and at the installation of the

Prince of Wales as Grand Master, in 1875, acted as one of the Special Stewards for the province, and was presented in Prov. Grand Lodge, by the P.G.M., with the jewel, which all the Special Stewards on that occasion were authorised to wear. In 1876 he removed to Canterbury, and met with a very cordial reception from the brethren in that city. In 1878 Bro. Ward took a prominent part in removing the lodges to private premises, which resulted in the erection, in 1880, of the Masonic Temple; in 1881 Bro. Ward assisted in founding the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, Whitstable, acting as the I.P.M. for the first two years; in 1883 was elected W.M. of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, and was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Kent in 1885. Bro. Ward was an Honorary Member of Lodges No. 586, 622, 1112, 1449, 1478, 1915, 1965, 2099, 2147, 2148, 2195, 2200, 2404, 2499, 2539, 2587, 2660. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Ward took a very high position; he was exalted in the Amity Chapter, Poole, in 1863; was one of the founders of the St. Cuthberga Chapter, No. 622, Wimborne, and in 1868 was elected and installed M.E.Z.; he was also a founder and P.Z. of the Elias de Derham Chapter, No. 586, Salisbury, and a founder of the Harmony Chapter, No. 632, Devizes (but formerly of Trowbridge); he took an active part in promoting the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire. In the Province of Kent he was the principal founder of the Bertha Chapter, No. 31, Canterbury; the Harmony Chapter, No. 133, Faversham; the Gundulph Chapter, No. 1050, Rochester; the St. George's Chapter, No. 2099, Herne Bay (of which he was the first M.E.Z.); he also filled the chair of First Principal of Michael's Chapter, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, two years in succession; a Past Provincial Grand Scribe N. Dorset; Past Provincial Grand J. Kent; Past Provincial Grand H. Wilts; and an honorary member of the following chapters: 127, 133, 483, 632, 663, 874, 2099, 2195, 2404, 2587. Bro. Ward was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having been perfected a member of the Rose Croix Chapter, St. Peter and St. Paul, Bath, in 1869; he was one of the founders of the Ethelbert Chapter, Rose Croix, Canterbury, in 1878; took the 30° in 1879; and in 1887 the Supreme Council conferred upon him the 31°, and in 1894 the 32°; he was also P.M.W.S. of the chapter; also one of the founders of the Cœur de Lion Chapter, Rose Croix, of which he was an honorary member; also a Knight Templar and Past Prior of



Malta; was the founder and first Eminent Preceptor of the Black Prince Preceptory, Canterbury; a P.G.S.B. of Great Priory, and held the high office of Prov. Great Sub-Prior of the united Provinces of Kent and Surrey. In Mark Masonry Bro. Ward was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Lodge of Economy, No. 52, Winchester, in the year 1871; a founder of the St. Martin's Mark Lodge, No. 262, Canterbury, and a P.P.S.G.W. Kent; and was invested by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his installation, in 1886, as Grand Mark Master Mason of England, with the collar of J.G.D. of England; also a Royal Ark Mariner; in 1887 he took the Degrees of Royal Select and Super Excellent Master, and in 1888 became one of the founders and first T.I.M. of the Invicta Council of Cryptic Degrees in Canterbury, and a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Council of England; likewise a member of Allied Masonic Degrees, St. Lawrence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, Knight of the Red Cross of Babylon and G. High Priest, and P.J.G.W. in the Grand Council of England; also a member of the Order of the Secret Monitor, and a P.G. Councillor of the Order; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a Past Grand Officer of the Province of London and Metropolitan District. Bro. Ward had also been honoured with many tokens of respect and esteem from many lodges and chapters with which he had been associated. He was a Life Governor of all three Institutions; served the office of Steward for the Girls' and Boys' Institutions; and three Stewardships for the Benevolent Institution; also a Vice-President of the Mark Benevolent Institution, for which he served three times as Steward.

The funeral took place on Monday at 1.30 p.m., a service being held at St. Dunstan's Church prior to the interment at the cemetery. The coffin was followed by a large number of local Masons, headed by Bro. Eastes, P.M., Dep. Prov. G. Master of Kent. Bro. Henniker Heaton, M.P. for Canterbury, was also present.

Our readers will remember also that the late Bro. Horatio Ward was the father of Bro. Frank W. Ward, W.M. of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, whom he installed in the chair of K.S. only last summer, having previously initiated, passed, raised, and exalted him.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON will probably be the next Chairman of the London County Council.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR has through Count Metternich, his Minister-Plenipotentiary in London, sent to Bro. the Lord Mayor his photograph with his Majesty's signature, in remembrance of the Emperor's sojourn in this country in January last. At the same time his Majesty has forwarded his photograph, in the uniform of the Royal Dragoons, to the Lady Mayoress. Both bear suitable inscriptions in the Imperial handwriting.

Red Cross of Rome & Constantine.

Plantagenet Conclave, No. 2.

The regular meeting was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Sir Knights C. E. W. Boughton-Leigh, M.A., M.P.S.; J. Briggs, M.A., V.E.; R. H. Adie, M.A., I.P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.A., P.S., H.P.; Wm. Briggs, LL.D., G. Historiographer, P.S., Treas.; E. M. Money, P.G.P., P.S., Recorder; W. G. Mills, S. Gen.; F. A. Powell, Prefect; W. J. Songhurst, Std. Br.; A. J. Thomas, 1st A.D.C.; S. H. Hare, and T. C. Edmonds, Sentinel.

The conclave having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Sir Knight Adie took the chair, and Bro. Henri Saunion (Era Lodge) was very ably installed as a Knight of the Order, the concluding lecture of the Degree being admirably rendered by Sir Knight J. Briggs, V.E. The M.P.S. having resumed the chair, a ballot was taken for the officers for the year ensuing, when the following were unanimously elected: Sir Knights J. Briggs, M.P.S.; W. G. Mills, V.E.; W. Briggs, Treas.; and Frater T. C. Edmonds was re-elected Sentinel.

The Past Sovereign's jewel was voted to the outgoing M.P.S., and, after some formal business, the conclave was closed.

The knights adjourned to the banquet table, where a pleasant evening was spent, under the presidency of the M.P.S.

The Craft Abroad.

Bulawayo Lodge, No. 2566 (E.C.).

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HARRY S. HOPKINS.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th ult., at the Stock Exchange Hall, Bulawayo, and was largely attended by brethren of the three other local lodges—Cecil Rhodes (E.C.), Zambesia (Netherlands C.), and Alan Wilson (S.C.). There were also present visitors representing lodges in India, Australia, New Zealand, as well as British, many visiting brethren wearing the King's uniform. In the absence of Bro. Marshall Hole, W.M., Bro. J. W. Howard, P.M., installed Bro. H. S. Hopkins into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed Master appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Marshall Hole, I.P.M.; Edgar H. Strong, S.W.; C. T. Holland, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Wimbush, Chap.; E. C. Baxter, Treas.; H. E. O. Green, Sec.; A. E. Hardy, S.D.; J. W. Sly, J.D.; J. W. Howard, D.C.; G. W. Cearn, I.G.; T. Chivers, Org.; G. Johnson and H. White, Stewards; and F. Rembridge, Tyler.

A short, but hearty, service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Wimbush in St. John's Church before the business of the day commenced.

The evening was concluded with a most pleasant supper, at which upwards of 50 brethren were present.

The W.M., Bro. H. S. Hopkins, was the recipient of many congratulatory fraternal greetings from various parts of South Africa.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

FALSE GEMS.

In the production of hyalite, silicic ether and moist air are principally employed, and a variety of colours could be imparted by the admixture of different coloured alcoholic solutions. Chloride of gold produces a beautiful topaz yellow, and by exposing the crystal for a time to light the gold is dispersed through it in flakes, as in aventurine, and kept in sunlight, the flakes change to a violet or rose colour, and become transparent. In this fact we have an extraordinary instance of molecular action—the distribution of metallic scales through a solid mass; one which, as some geologists suppose, helps to throw light on the mode of formation of rocks and minerals. That pieces of wood, plants, and animal substances will become silicified, or as is commonly said, petrified, is well known, and though often wondered at, the diffusion of the gold flakes through the crystal is yet more marvellous. Besides Ebelman, two other savants—Tenarmont and Becquerel—have obtained surprising results in the artificial formation of crystals and minerals. Some among their specimens of chrysolite and chrysoberyl were hard enough to cut glass. And many curious effects have been noted in the course of their investigations and experiments. Glass containing arsenic, though at first transparent, becomes cloudy and opaque, then waxy, and finally crystalline. A familiar example of a similar effect is offered by barley-sugar, which gradually loses its transparency, and becomes somewhat waxy in texture. Another discovery was that pounded loaf-sugar, mixed with sulphuric acid, forms a glutinous substance, which, when dry, detonates like gun-cotton. We might go on with these interesting results, which open novel views of the capabilities of chemical science, but for the present we content ourselves with a few words on ultramarine—a substance much used by artists and by a certain class of artificers. Some years ago it was prepared exclusively from *lapis lazuli*, a mineral found in Siberia, and was sold at prices varying from seven to 20 guineas the ounce, according to the quality. But the chemists set to work upon it, prying, weighing, testing, and eventually discovered its constituents, but were long at a loss for the colouring principle. At last, Gaiquet, of Lyons, hit on the idea of trying to combine the constituents in their natural proportions, as in the native mineral; and the result was that the colour was produced, and ultramarine could be sold at two guineas a pound; and now, from increased facilities in its manufacture, it may be bought at 1s. 3d. per lb. But there is still another way of manufacturing artificial gems. Just outside the Barrière du Trone, at Paris, stands a large factory, where a species of sand, brought from the Forest of Fontainebleau, is converted into emerald, topaz, sapphire, and ruby. But it is for the manufacture of diamonds that the factory is most celebrated—diamonds that deceive the eye of everybody but the maker. Thomas Carlyle has given us, among his *Essays*, a story concerning *The Diamond Necklace*, which lets us into the secret of a stupendous fraud, successfully accomplished before the very eyes of Royalty; and if we could get at the history of the transactions of this diamond factory we should find the fraudulent business still lively. Many have been deceived who never found out the cheat put upon them; others have discovered it to their sorrow. We give one instance, among many, as an illustration: "A few years ago, an English lady entered the shop belonging to the proprietor of the factory, situated on the Boulevard, looking rather flushed and excited, and drawing from her muff a number of morocco cases of many shapes and sizes, opened them one after another, and spread their contents on the counter. "I wish," she said, "to enquire the price of a *parure*, to be made in exact imitation of this; that is, if you can imitate the workmanship with sufficient precision for the distinction never to be observed." M. B.—examined the articles attentively, named his price, and gave the most

unequivocal promise that the *parure* should be an exact counterpart of the one before him. The lady insisted again. She was urgent overmuch, as is the case with the fair sex in general. Was he sure the imitation would be perfect? Had he observed the beauty and purity of these stones? Could he imitate the peculiar manner in which they were cut, &c.? "Soyez tranquille, madame," replied M. B.—; "the same workman shall have the job, and you may rely on having an exact counterpart of his former work." The lady opened her eyes in astonishment and alarm; and M. B.— added, by way of reassuring her: "I will attend to the order myself, as I did when I received the commands of milor—who ordered this very *parure*, I think, last February"; and, with the greatest unconcern, he proceeded to search his ledger, to ascertain which of the workmen had made it, and the date of its delivery. Meanwhile the lady had sunk down in a swoon. The milor named by the tradesman was no other than her own treacherous lord and master, who had forestalled her by exchanging Rundell and Bridges goodly work against M. B.—'s deceptive counterfeit, no doubt to liquidate his obligations on the turf. The vexation of the lady on recovering from her fainting-fit may be imagined; she reproached the diamond maker with having assisted her husband in deceiving her, and retired mortified at the idea that she herself had never detected the difference between the false and the real. Many times had she worn the glittering gems, believing them to be the same she had brought in her casket from England." It has been said that many of the snuff boxes given away as marks of royal and imperial favour, are adorned with diamonds made in M. B.—'s factory; and that Mehemet Ali, the late Pacha of Egypt, was the first to give away the costly looking shams. If this be true, it would only be fair to expose the mighty personages, as well as cheating grocers. Let the recipients of snuff-boxes and diamond rings see to it. A mock tiara that may be bought for 600 francs, will look as well as a real one worth £1000. What, then, shall be said of minor articles?

THE CATALOGUES OF CHARLES I.

The pictures of the King, in the catalogue of which we have spoken, were placed in the several apartments of the palace of Whitehall. Those of the Duke of Mantua's cabinet are each called "a Mantua piece," and amount to 82 pictures, principally by Giulio Romano, Titian, and Correggio. Others are marked "a Whitehall piece," which is thus explained in the margin "all these olde pictures collected in former times." Many in Henry VIII.'s catalogue may be identified upon examination. King Charles willingly received paintings as presents; and as the names of Lord Cottington, Sir Arthur Hopton, Sir Dudley Carlton, and others, occur generally, from his ambassadors. His agents for purchase were Sir James Palmer and Endymion Porter. Of the 77 limnings, or miniatures, 12 of the most ancient were given by the Earl of Suffolk. There were 54 books of limnings and drawings which were mostly presented. As to the price paid for the Mantua cabinet, the lowest is said to have been £20,000. So. R. Symondes stated. There were at Kensington Palace several pieces of the Venetian and Lombard schools, in uniform frames of black and gold, the pictures themselves much damaged. These evidently were part of the Mantua collection. As an average, each picture would be worth £300, supposing that we have the exact number of the whole collection in the catalogue of which we have spoken. *The sleeping Venus*, by Correggio, and the *Venus del Pardo*, by Titian, were sold by the Commissioners, in 1649, for £1600. Vanderdoort's bad English is, at least, better than Felibien's "Duc de Bonquingam" (*Buckingham*) "Blaifore" (*Blackfriars*), &c., and is not so difficult to be understood by any person conversant with the collection of Charles I. In the British Museum is a folio by Vanderdoort containing "an inventory of pictures, medals, and other rarities in the privy garden at Whitehall." It is in his handwriting. "In 1636, the King going alone into the Chair-room (Presence Chamber) with his servant Vanderdoort, shewed him 27 golden medals, in black turned hoops, lying on a table, and sayde, 'Looke, Abraham, how came these here?' I answered, 'I see by this there are more kings than one, which your Majesty has given mee'; and he said, 'Yes, I have one,' which 27 medals the King gave me in charge, and also 38 in sylver repaired medals, at the same time." The collection made by Charles I. should be considered as the first grand effort sanctioned by royalty to introduce a taste for and knowledge of art, especially of painting, into this kingdom. This catalogue gives the opportunity of presenting a general view of it, confining the information to an enumeration of the pictures, and the masters by whom they were painted. In Whitehall 400 pictures were disposed in various apartments.

COMEDY THEATRE.

It is some time since we have been so thoroughly satisfied with the dramatic fare offered for our consideration as we were last week at the above theatre. It is a play by H. V. Esmond entitled "When we were Twenty-one." The keynote of this well-written interesting piece is the pure unselfish affection of Richard Carewe, one of the four guardians of the "Imp." It is not our intention to relate the story—it would spoil the interest gradually awakened, and intensified as the piece progresses. The author is much indebted to Mr. N. C. Goodwin for the sympathetic manner, free from exaggeration, and yet full of convincing force, in which he depicts the chief character. Mr. Goodwin is ably assisted by his charming wife (Miss Maxime Elliott), who displays deep feeling in her part. Miss Constance Collier, as "The Firefly," has a thankless repulsive task, in which she has the good sense not to overstep the bounds of nature. Good contrasts of character are seen in the three other guardians of the "Imp."—Sir Horace Plumley, Bart., Col. Miles Graham, and Terrance McGrath, the Doctor, represented by Messrs. Neil O'Brien, J. R. Crauford, and F. H. Tyler. We consider the play in its literary aspect and the clever construction of the plot one of the best that Mr. H. V. Esmond has written. We would say to the hesitating visitor "verbum sap," go and judge for yourself.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.

This theatre continues to be a source of great attraction to its many patrons. The ballets are as popular as ever. As an experiment, some years ago the then manager left the ballet out of the programme, substituting other items, which he thought would prove as attractive, but the general public did not approve of the change, and the receipts began to be

seriously diminished. Under the present regime, by the re-introduction of the ballet, the prosperity of the Alhambra has been renewed. We visited the theatre last week, and were much pleased with "The Gay City" (since withdrawn) and "Inspiration," though we failed to see the *raison d'être* of the title. On our next visit we shall report on the present ballet, "Gretna Green."

CORONET THEATRE.

This charming little theatre continues to be well supported by its many patrons. It is a public boon to the neighbourhood of Notting Hill and its immediate vicinity. The piece on the occasion of our last visit was "The Thirty Thieves." It went off with great *eclat*, and seemed to be appreciated by the public. Giving precedence to the ladies, as the heroine, Mariana, Miss Florence Perry entered into her part with spirit and *verve*. Miss Lyddie Edmonds, as Rhoda, the Lord Mayor's daughter, was very fascinating. We would specially notice Mr. C. A. White, as Appy, the poor wood-cutter, who in his make-up and acting was a great success.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. W. J. BATHO was awarded two first prizes for grapes at the Crystal Palace Show on Thursday, the 10th inst.

THE INFLUENCE of the Logic Club is far-reaching. A lodge in Western Australia is adopting the well-known working.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., has again accepted office as the President of the Richmond Philanthropic Society.

BRO. ALDERMAN ALLISTON and Mrs. Alliston left town last week for Alsace, in order to be present at their son's wedding at Mulhausen on Tuesday.

LADY WARWICK has consented to be initiated next month as a member of the Royal Female Lodge of Oddfellows, which is to be inaugurated at Leamington next month.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT desires that his installation as Grand Master of Mark Masons shall take place either at the end of January or the beginning of February of next year.

BRO. LORD ROBERTS will preside at a festival dinner in aid of the building fund of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, at the Hotel Cecil, on Wednesday, the 20th prox.

BRO. SIR JOHN AIRD, M.P., will go to Egypt at the beginning of December in order to prepare for the Khedive's inspection of the great irrigation works, which are now approaching completion.

THE RESIGNATION by Bro. James Berry of the office of Prov. G. Master of Forfarshire will come before the Prov. G. Lodge for consideration at a meeting to be held in Arbroath about the end of the present month.

THE BOOK SALES in London during the past season have produced an aggregate sum of nearly a quarter of a million sterling, which is said to be the largest amount realised in a single season for 10 years.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that Lord Zetland has just acquired the fine sporting estate of Letterewe, in Ross-shire, which is described as a charming place, with a deer forest of 45,000 acres. The price paid is said to be £70,000.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON entertained the crews of his yachts Shamrock II. and Erin at dinner last week. He praised all concerned for their conduct in connection with the America Cup races, and declared that if he raced again he would not change a single man.

BRO. DR. CHARLES FORSHAW, LL.D., has been seriously ill with a malignant nasal tumour, and will be confined to his room for some time. Dr. Rabagliati removed the tumour on Wednesday, the 9th instant, and the patient is progressing as rapidly as can be expected.

"THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY" must, in consequence of arrangements already entered into by Mr. Weedon Grossmith, be withdrawn at the Avenue Theatre after it has reached its 200th consecutive London performance, which will take place during the second week in November.

A SALARY FOR HAMPSTEAD'S MAYOR.—The Hampstead Borough Council has decided to pay an annual salary to the Mayor, to cover the reasonable expenses of his year of office. The amount is to be fixed at the next meeting. The present Mayor (Bro. Sir Henry Harben) has intimated that he is not an aspirant for office a second time.

IT IS REPORTED that the Duke of Connaught, Commander of the Forces in Ireland, will, along with the Duchess, visit Glasgow Exhibition towards the end of the present month, the dates provisionally spoken of being the 28th, 29th, or 30th. Should the arrangements for the visit be carried through, it is proposed that the Duke should present medals to the Glasgow men who have served in South Africa.

FROM THE returns compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, it appears that, excluding warships, there were 477 vessels of 1,414,120 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended 30th September last. Compared with last quarter's return, the present figures show an increase in the tonnage under construction of 105,000 tons. They are the highest on record.

THE KING ALFRED MILLENNARY CELEBRATION.—At a meeting of the King Alfred Millenary Committee at the Mansion House last week, Bro. the Lord Mayor presiding, the Mayor of Winchester conveyed the thanks of his citizens to Bro. the Lord Mayor and the members of the Executive Committee for the great services they had rendered in connection with the commemoration in that ancient city.

THE THRENODY on the death of the Empress Frederick, which recently appeared in the *Freemason*, having been sent to the German Emperor, the author has received the following acknowledgment: "Count P. Metternich, German Minister on Special Mission at the Court of St. James, presents his compliments to Mr. Emra Holmes, and is instructed to thank him for his letter, offering verses on the death of her Majesty the Empress Frederick for his Majesty the Emperor's acceptance.—German Embassy, London, October 10th, 1901."

INSTEAD of moving the Court to London on the 19th instant, the King and Queen have decided to slightly extend their stay at Balmoral, and will follow the example of the late Queen in avoiding Sunday travelling. This will postpone their departure till Monday, the 21st, and their Majesties are likely to arrive in London on the afternoon or evening of the following day. It is understood that one of the reasons why the King and Queen, like Queen Victoria, object to Sunday travelling is that it entails work and responsibility on the part of many railway officials who ordinarily obtain some relaxation on that day.

A MUNICIPAL THEATRE.—Bro. Dr. H. W. Cummings is a warm advocate of the scheme for the establishment of a municipal theatre in London. "Why it has not become an accomplished fact by this," he has remarked to a representative of the *Morning Leader*, "and why the London County Council cannot see their way to promoting what cannot fail to be in the interests of the public, are questions to me inexplicable. The running of such a theatre must be a profitable thing, and, in addition, must give employment to many hundreds of people. Just to give you one example which we can put to the credit of the London County Council. Take the Sunday bands in the parks. How many thousands does this music keep from public-houses or otherwise restrain from getting into mischief? A theatre run on popular lines and at popular prices would do more to benefit the working-classes morally and intellectually than all the orators on the 'Rights of Man' in Great Britain."

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR will open the Queen's Jubilee Hospital at Earl's Court on Tuesday next.

THE SHIPWRIGHTS' COMPANY.—Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Savory, Bart., has been installed as Master for the year ensuing.

THE TIVOLI management announces the exclusive engagement of "The Sousa Girl"—Miss Elsie Fay—who has achieved such an unequivocal success in her humorous parody of the methods of the great American chef d'orchestre.

MASONIC MEETING AT BRIGHTON.—The annual installation meeting of the Royal Pavilion Chapter, No. 315, was held at the Pavilion on the 15th instant, when Comp. T. Garrett was installed M.E.Z. for the ensuing year.

THE *Bournemouth Guardian* has now weekly notes on Freemasonry, contributed by Bro. J. J. Brazier, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., of the Isle of Wight. They are smartly written, and should be a great advantage to the brethren in the district.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, as Sovereign of the Order of the Temple, has appointed Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, K.C., to be Provincial Grand Prior of the Order for Hampshire, and the installation of the learned brother will take place at Aldershot on November 30th.

ALGERIAN GRAPES FOR LONDON.—It is stated in his annual report by the British Agent in Algiers that the question of supplying fresh Algerian grapes to the London market is being studied, and that an effort will be made shortly to create a market for that fruit.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire has been convened by Bro. Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., to be held at Christ Church Schoolroom, Stalybridge, this (Saturday) afternoon, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of Christ Church new school, Stalybridge, after which a service will be held at the church.

PRIVY PURSE OFFICE, Buckingham Palace, S.W., 18th March, 1901.—Sir, I have submitted your letter of the 15th inst. to the King, and I am now commanded to inform you that his Majesty is happy to continue his patronage to the Bethnal Green Free Library.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant, D. M. PROBYN (General), Keeper of the Privy Purse.—G. F. Hilcken, Esq.

THE PROVINCIAL PRIOR OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR for Devon has ordered a Provincial Prior to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 3.30 p.m. (not five o'clock, as stated previously), when it is hoped a good attendance of brethren will assemble to greet Bro. Major G. C. Davie, K.C.T., Past Great Constable of England. The usual business will be transacted, and the officers for the ensuing year appointed.

AN INTERESTING and comparatively rare Masonic function took place in the British Temple, Capetown, recently, the occasion being the consecration of a new lodge of Mark Master Masons, to be known as the St. George's Lodge, under the English Constitution. Bro. C. J. Hogg, D.G.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by a good muster of Grand Lodge visiting brethren, while some 40 Masons, representing the English, Scottish, and Irish Constitutions, assembled to aid in launching this new effort of the Craft. The usual ceremonial having been gone through, Bro. Hall installed Bro. C. W. Steward as the first Master of the newly-formed lodge.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR will receive Bro. the Lord Mayor elect at the House of Lords on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 11.15 a.m. On the same day, at 11.45 a.m., there will be a special service at Westminster Abbey. Places will be reserved for the Judges, King's Counsel, and officers of the Supreme Court who may attend. The Dean will receive the Judges at the West Door. The service will be over at 12.30. King's Counsel, officers, and other judicial and official persons will enter by Dean's Yard. The Junior Bar will enter by Jerusalem Chamber. The Lord Chancellor's reception at the House of Lords will take place at 12.45.

THE MICHAELMAS COURT of the Loriners' Company was held at the Albion Tavern last week, a dinner following under the presidency of Bro. Ald. Sir William Treloar, the Master. The members of the Court on assembling passed a vote of condolence with Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs, a popular past master, on the death of Lady Isaacs. After the performance of that melancholy duty, the Court came to a more pleasing one, viz., the election as a member of Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, who has filled the office of clerk to the company for 33 years with great success. The Master, at the subsequent dinner, made a graceful reference to the compliment the Court had paid Bro. Col. Sewell.

BETHNAL GREEN FREE LIBRARY.—The committee of the above are in great want of funds to wipe out a debt that sadly cripples the extension of their unique work, especially now that the long dark nights are set in, and bring the usual crowd who seek admission. As stated by a writer lately, the Free Library is far-reaching in its efforts, for it gives the girls and boys a bright warm room to read in, with literature which they wish to read, saving them from the terror of the street, and gives the men a cheery room to sit and read the papers in, thus proving a veritable "Place of Refuge." Contributions in any form will be gratefully received by the treasurer, F. A. Bevan, Esq., at the Bank, 54, Lombard-street, E.C.; by the bankers, Barclay and Co., at the same address; or by the secretary and librarian at the Bethnal Green Free Library, London, N.E.

THE ISLE OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA.—Not many of our readers are likely to be thrilled by the announcement that a mail has just been despatched to Tristan da Cunha, but the incident is none the less of very considerable interest. The island was last officially visited in 1897, when the population numbered 64, under the benign sway of Mr. Peter Green, who succeeded to the Governorship vice Governor Glass, formerly a corporal in the Royal Artillery, and founder of the settlement. The inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, which was taken possession of by a military force during the residence of Napoleon at St. Helena, practically enjoy their possessions in common, and are an eminently healthy and moral little community. The younger and more ambitious members migrate in batches to the Cape, and very possibly some descendants or kinsfolk of the late Corporal Glass, R.A., may be at this moment fighting for us in South Africa.—*Navy and Army*.

ON THE 15th inst., the Fruiterers' Company, in accordance with ancient precedent, made its accustomed presentation of home-grown fruit to the Lord Mayor. A few years ago there seemed to be every probability of the company taking once again its right place at the head of the fruit-growing industry. Exhibitions were organised, and an educational movement was entered upon; but, alas! the activity proved only temporary, and to-day the company is to all intents and purposes non-existent as far as its usefulness is concerned. Now, to judge by the interesting book, "The Wasted Orchards of England," published by the "Gardeners' Magazine," the need of such a movement as that inaugurated by Sir James Whitehead, Bart., when Master of the company is greater than ever. A great opportunity is, therefore, afforded to the company to confer a valuable service on the country, and in this direction to justify its existence as one of the great guilds of the City of London. No very great expenditure is called for, and consequently the company cannot plead poverty as a reason for a display of the indifference that now unfortunately prevails.—*City Press*.

A DINNER was given to Bro. Alfred J. Thomas by a few of his friends to congratulate him on his recent appointment as P.A.G.D.C. The dinner took place at Oddenino's Imperial Restaurant, Regent-street, and was of a most enjoyable character. The chair was taken by Bro. Thos. Fraser, W.M. of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, which is one of the lodges to which Bro. Alfred Thomas belongs. In addition there were present Bros. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treas.; Colonel Probyn, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C.; Thos. Hy. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C.; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; L. Bergmann, W. J. Songhurst, Gordon Harvey, S. G. Asher, L. W. Harris, O. Oliver, C. R. Evans, Carl Hentschel, H. E. Scott, F. Brewer, S. Jousiffe, W. H. Arber, H. T. Culliford, H. J. Homer, J. R. Cleave, W. S. Hooper, W. H. White, A. Ellis, W. J. W. Beard, H. Peck, J. Woodhouse, W. A. Perry, A. Oddenino, H. Bateman, A. J. Weber, E. Lockwood, W. E. Garstib, Denby Hare, L. W. Thomas, A. Tite, W. Brass, V. B. M. Zanchi, T. McKeeggie, T. C. Strong, and M. R. Sewill. Bro. Fraser, in proposing "The Health of the Guest of the Evening," expressed the pleasure that was felt by all Bro. Thomas's friends on his receiving Grand honours, and Bro. Thomas having replied, the toast of "The Grand Officers" was proposed, which Bros. Alderman Vaughan Morgan and McLeod replied to, Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan afterwards proposing "The Health of the Chairman."