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FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE.*

The history of the Provincial Grand Lodge, or at least of so much of it as is supported by minutes that are still extant, fills upwards of 200 pages, and by reason of the light that it throws upon the manner in which the Province was carried on, as well as from the particulars which Bro. ARMSTRONG has made it his business to furnish where possible about the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, is full of interest, and will be read with pleasure not only by our Cheshire brethren, but likewise by members of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. In the first place, Cheshire is the oldest of our Provinces, dating, as it does unquestionably, from the year 1725, while it may have been organised as a Province—as the author suggests—for many years prior even to that early date. But not only is it recognised by our Grand Lodge as the earliest of our Provinces, but a mere glance at the Statement giving the "Succession of Provincial and District Grand Masters in Provinces and Districts in the Grand Lodge and United Grand Lodge of England, now existing, from 1717 to the Present Time," which is published in our Grand Lodge Calendar, and to which we had occasion to refer in our former article, will show that there are but very few Provinces which, if all their minutes of proceedings from the grant of their earliest Deputations had been religiously preserved till now, could go further back than a few years beyond the date of the earliest Provincial Cheshire record—the re-election of Captain Robert Newton, of Chester, as Provincial Grand Master on December 27th, 1743. Exclusive of Cheshire, the number of districts for which Provincial Deputations were granted before 1743 is, according to the Calendar, eight—namely, North Wales, South Wales, Warwickshire, Shropshire, Northumberland, Durham, Lancashire, and Yorkshire—and it is not a little singular that, excepting, of course, the two divisions of Wales, nearly all these districts are in the North of England, where the Grand Lodge of all England at York, though it does not appear to have claimed or exercised authority over the Masons in the other counties, must certainly have exercised a considerable influence. Hence, as we have said, the exceptionally great value of this history, supported as it

is by evidence than which it will be difficult to discover much that relates to an earlier period.

We have seen that Col. F. Columbine was Provincial Grand Master in 1725, and in Chapter I. will be found a letter addressed to the Grand Master of England, dated from the "Castle and Falcon" Lodge in Chester, 15th April, 1727, and signed by H. Warburton as P.G.M., his Deputy (Samuel Smith, who was also Col. Columbine's Deputy), and his Wardens (Roger Comberbach and John Coleclough). How long Warburton remained in office cannot, in the absence of any definite statement, be shown; but in 1742 Captain Robert Newton was P.G.M., and he was re-elected on St. John's Day in winter in the following year. Under Bro. Newton's auspices Freemasonry does not appear to have greatly prospered. There were lodges at Congleton and Macclesfield, but they do not seem to have sent representatives to the Provincial Grand Lodge at Chester. The old "Castle and Falcon" had been erased in 1739 and the "Spread Eagle" Lodge, though still on the register, was, as Bro. ARMSTRONG suggests, very probably in a moribund state, as it was erased soon afterwards. Thus the only active lodge was the Royal Oak, No. 180, Chester, which, apparently not without reason, Bro. ARMSTRONG considers to have one and the same with the old "Sunn" Lodge, of Chester, of which both Col. Columbine and H. Warburton were members. The Master of the Royal Oak Lodge—Bro. Edward Orme—was elected Dep. Prov. G.M. to Captain Newton, while the old P.G. Wardens remained in office. In 1744, the Prov. Grand Officers were re-elected, and in 1745, the P.G.M. and his Deputy were re-elected, but new Wardens were chosen, nor was there any further change until 1754. Bro. Newton after 1745 appears to have neglected his duties, and in 1749 we are told that the one active lodge in Chester had only seven members. He seems to have died in 1750, at all events, letters of administration were granted to his widow in October of that year.

In 1750, Alderman John Page was admitted a Mason in the "Royal Oak" Lodge, and on the 27th December, 1754, was elected Prov. Grand Master. Under his rule the fortunes of the Craft were greatly bettered. In the year following his election, when he filled the office of Mayor of Chester as well as that of P.G.M., 18 new members were admitted into the old or "Sunn" Lodge and two new lodges in Chester, at the "Raven" and "Plume of Feathers" respectively, were constituted, while many valuable presents were made to the lodge, notably certain chairs given by Thomas Farrington, which are still in use in the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425. On St. John's Day—in winter, 1755, a Prov. Grand Secretary was for the first time elected, and in 1756, the roll of Provincial Officers was still further extended by the election of a Treasurer. Till now, the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge had been elected at the meetings in December, but in 1757, the deputation from the Grand Master appointing John Page, P.G.M., was read in open lodge, and henceforth the P.G.M. appointed his officers—the Prov. G. Treasurer being included. The next year further evidence was forthcoming of the increased activity of the brethren. A quarterly communication of Prov. Grand Lodge was held in November, and on the following St. John's Day, the P.G.M., his officers, and the brethren went in procession to the parish Church of St. John the Baptist for divine service, the custom then inaugurated having been since observed most religiously, "notwithstanding hints from the highest quarters that it is no longer in keeping with the dignity of the Order." In 1760, the custom of "Inter-lodge Visitations" appears to have been introduced, and for the

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

first time we read of the Prov. G. Officers being invested with their respective badges of office. In 1765, R. Salusbury Cotton, father of Viscount Combermere, was initiated in the Senior Lodge in the presence of the P.G.M. and his officers, while in the following year the Star Lodge was constituted. Other matters of moment are also recorded, including certain correspondence which passed between the P.G. Lodge and the Grand Lodge and when in 1771, the P.G.M. found it necessary on the score of health to resign his office, and the Hon. John Smith Barry, who had been made in the Senior Lodge in 1758, was unanimously recommended to the Grand Master to be his successor, there can be no question as to the marked progress the Craft had made under his able guidance.

During the Prov. G. Mastership of Bro. the Hon. John Smith Barry—which lasted until his death in 1784—the Craft maintained its position, without, however, making any further advance, the chief events during this period being the death of Bro. Edward Orme in 1777, after occupying the responsible office of Dep. P.G.M. for 35 years; and the laying the foundation stone of the new “Bridge Gate” at Chester, in 1782, by Bro. Philip Egerton as Prov. G. Master. It may also be mentioned that a proposal for forming a Charitable Association with a view to raising a fund for the relief of distressed Masons within the Province was made at the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge in June, 1780, and that the office of Prov. G. Orator was created, and the Rev. Bro. Crane appointed to fill it in 1782. As regards Bro. Orme—who was succeeded by Bro. Pattison Ellames—the loss created by his death was indeed a serious one. He had served as Deputy to three Prov. G. Masters, and it is due to him, in Bro. ARMSTRONG’S opinion, that Masonry was able to survive the dark days which marked its career during the closing years of Bro. Newton’s rule.

On the Hon. J. Smith Barry’s death, Sir R. Salusbury Cotton was unanimously recommended, and in 1785 was appointed, his successor, to the great advantage of the Province. The number of lodges on the roll was considerably augmented, and when the P.G.M. died, early in 1809, there were upwards of a dozen in active working. His successor was Bro. John—who, in 1814, succeeded to the baronetcy, and so became Sir John—Egerton, who, though apparently very popular with the Craft as well as throughout the county, does not seem to have busied himself greatly about the affairs of his Province. He died and was buried with Masonic honours in 1825, but during the 15 years he was in office he only attended Prov. G. Lodge three times, the first time in 1810, when he was installed, and the second time in 1816. In September of the latter year, however, he laid the foundation stone of Delamere Church, and a special Prov. G. Lodge was held at Kelsall, whence the brethren were driven to within half a mile of the church and then walked in procession to the spot where the ceremony was appointed to take place. When the proceedings were over, the Prov. G.M. invited the brethren to refreshment at Oulton Park, where they and their friends were most hospitably entertained. But if Sir John Egerton was not over zealous in the performance of his duties he had a most able Deputy in Bro. Charles Hamilton, who had succeeded Bro. Ellames in 1798, and remained in office till his death in 1818. He seems to have done his best to settle the difficulties and dissensions which from time to time arose. His successor was Bro. E. V. Townshend, in respect of whose installation what might have proved a serious trouble appears to have arisen. It was, in the first instance, arranged that it should take place in the Loyal British Lodge, No. 148, meeting at the Coach and Horses, Chester, instead of in the Royal Chester Lodge, No. 80, as on all previous occasions. Lodge 80, however, waxed indignant, and would probably not have been represented at the ceremony, but the arrangements were ultimately left in its hands, and on the 9th November, at a Prov. Grand Lodge at which Sir John Grey Egerton, Bart., P.G.M., presided, Bro. Townshend was duly obligated and installed in office, after which the Prov. G. Officers were appointed, and a resolution unanimously adopted for the formation of a Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. In connection with Bro. Townshend’s installation, we note a most unusual circumstance. Before the hour fixed for the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, the Royal Chester Lodge, No. 80, met, “when the W.M. resigned

his office, and at once ‘Bro. Townshend was installed his successor as R.W.M. of Lodge 80,’ the new qualification for a D.P.G.M. being that he must previously have been installed and served the office of Master of a regular lodge.”

Only one more meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge after that at which Bro. Townshend was installed Deputy, was held during the remaining years of Sir John’s rule, and that was on the 20th June, 1820, when Bro. Townshend presided, and an address of congratulation to his Majesty King GEORGE IV. was agreed to. Sir John died on the 25th May, 1825, and was buried, as we have said, with Masonic honours, the number of lodges summoned to attend the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge being 17. Three years passed before any steps were taken to secure a successor, and then the Royal Chester Lodge addressed a letter to H.R.H. the Duke of SUSSEX, Grand Master, in which they recommended Sir John’s brother, the Rev. Sir Philip Grey Egerton, Bart., a Past Master of their lodge, to fill the vacant office. But his Royal Highness seems to have ignored the letter and its recommendation, and on the 21st October, 1831, appointed Viscount Combermere to be the new Prov. G.M. of Cheshire.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The esteemed honorary Librarian of the celebrated and valuable Masonic Collection of West Yorkshire, Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, has inaugurated an excellent plan to permanently record the services of eminent Craftsmen connected with that great province.

I believe no one else has ever done such a thing for any other province, though, now that the system has been started, it seems simplicity itself, provided competent brethren can be found to write the memoirs.

With the cordial sanction and warm approval of the esteemed D. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D. of England), there was circulated this week with the summons for holding the ensuing Prov. Grand Lodge at Bradford on the 30th instant, two brief, but appreciative and excellent memoirs of the late Bro. William Gaukroger, P. Prov. G.D., and Bro. Charles Lingard, P. Prov. G. Std. Br., prepared and edited by Bro. William Watson, a portrait of each accompanying the welcome biographies.

This is another new departure by this progressive and enterprising Provincial Grand Lodge, and one, I think, that will soon be imitated by other Provincial authorities, the plan being so useful in providing a means to preserve particulars of departed worthies, locally or generally prominent, and alike valuable as souvenirs for the brethren who have warmly appreciated their devotion to the Fraternity, and as faithful records for the Prov. G. Lodge of zealous Craftsmen, who have “been called upon to join the majority.”

I congratulate the D. Prov. G.M., who is always so ready and anxious to advance the best interests of the Province, and also the indefatigable Honorary Librarian, on this excellent method being started, and I feel assured it will meet with general and hearty acceptance.

W. J. HUGHAN.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons’ Hall. Bro. D. D. Mercer, Senior Vice-President; Bro. Henry Garrod, Junior Vice-President; and Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. Bros. E. Letchworth, G.S.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, G. S. Recknell, and Henry Sadler, G.T., represented the official department. The other brethren who attended were:

Bros. W. Fisher, E. W. Nightingale, James Block, F. W. Hancock, R. W. Ker, Imre Kiralfy, G. M. E. Hamilton, H. Hyde, Thomas Jones, S. J. Notley, S. H. Goldschmidt, Charles Henry Stone, E. W. Pillinger, John Ellinger, Major Hugh W. H. Cary Elwes, F. Rossiter, William Chapman, G. Wakefield, Stephen Knight, jun., C. H. Webb, Thomas H. Hobbs, J. P. Forman, George Bartlett, Henry Smith Syer, T. H. Thompson, H. Massey, J. S. Pointon, E. C. Symmons, Alfred C. Bradley, William H. Storks, J. W. Malcolmson, H. Hudson, Edward Bennett, F. T. Karkman, T. Napoli, T. C. Dyer, W. Busby, John Freer, F. Demstan, F. Stötzer, Zodiac Sidders, S. J. Cowley, C. Gray, George Edwards, W. Cleghorn, and A. G. Duck.

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended at last meeting for the approval of the Grand Master to the amount of £140. One grant of £30 recommended at that meeting had lapsed by the subsequent death of the grantee. The new list contained 48 petitions—a very large number for the commencement of the Masonic season. The petitioners were authenticated through lodges in the London district, and at Sidcup, Enfield, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Halifax, Hull, Hastings, Sunderland, Feltham, Bodmin, Hampton Court, St. John’s, Antigua, Newbury, Calcutta.

Sydney, N.S.W., Croydon, Norwich, Derby, Whitehaven, Halifax, N.Z., High Barnet, Cambridge, Kingston-on-Thames, Knutsford, Bedford, Lowestoft, Birkenhead, Twickenham, Dover, and Port of Spain. The ages of some of the petitioners were very high. One was 83, another 82, one 79, one 78, one was 76, one 75, one 74, two were 73, and two 71. One had subscribed 47 years to his lodge, another 38 years, three 30 years and over, others 26, 25, 17, 16, and 15. Three of these 48 cases were deferred. The remainder were voted a total of £1185. Two petitioners were recommended to Grand Lodge for £100 each, and one case of three orphans for £50. In five instances £40 was referred to the Grand Master for his approval, and in 12 cases £30 was recommended to the Grand Master. Thirteen petitioners were voted £20 each, and 11 were voted £10 each. One petitioner got £5.

IMPORTANT MASONIC GATHERING AT WIGAN.

NEW HALL OPENED BY THE EARL OF LATHOM.

On the 15th instant an important function took place at Wigan in connection with Freemasonry. The united lodges of the town, housed previously in Leader's-buildings, decided upon more commodious premises. The inaugural ceremony of opening the Masonic Hall, now situated in Tower-buildings, Wallgate, took place on the 15th instant, the ceremony being performed by the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, P.G.W., who was supported by many other officers of distinction associated with Masonry in the Province of West Lancashire.

The Earl of Lathom, who was received in the approach of the hall by the principal officers of the province and local W.M.s., along with the Masonic brethren of the district, was presented with a handsome gold key, with which he opened the premises. In a congratulatory speech upon the progress in West Lancashire, the Earl dwelt upon the significant part Wigan had played, and complimented the brethren upon the handsome premises in which they had become located.

The ceremony was followed by the installation of Bro. Edward Hughes, of the Holmes Lodge, No. 2708, after which a banquet took place.

The golden key presented to the Earl of Lathom is hand wrought. The stem is richly chased, and from it laurel leaves spring in the form of a capital and support the bow of the key. On the front shield is beautifully enamelled in true heraldic colours the Wigan coat of arms, and on the reverse side is artistically engraved the following inscription: "Presented to the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom on the occasion of the opening of the new Masonic Hall, Tower-buildings, Wigan, 15th October, 1901." The key is surmounted by the Royal crown, and the whole is enclosed in a handsome dark blue velvet case.

The Craft Abroad.

Triune Brotherhood Lodge, No. 2121 (E.C.).

INSTALLATION OF BRO. CAPTAIN BLACKHAM, R.A.M.C.

Bro. Captain R. J. Blackham, R.A.M.C., was installed W.M. of the above lodge at Kasaali, Punjab, India, on the 18th ult.

The installation banquet was held after the ceremony. Among the guests were: Major Forde, Commandant of Kasaali; Colonel Barrow, F.M.O.; Major Maxwell, Mr. Minns, Deputy Commissioner; Bro. Barker, Deputy Commissioner, and nearly all the leading officers and civilians of the neighbourhood.

The dinner was provided by Bro. Sparke, P.M., P.D.S.G.W. Bengal, and was worthy of the occasion.

A delightful programme was performed by Sanawar School Board, and the after-dinner speeches were enhanced by numerous songs by brethren and visitors. Bro. Jenn, Dist. G. Org. Punjab, presided at the piano after dinner.

The chief musical event of the evening was a song specially composed in honour of the new W.M., and sung by Bro. Major Carter, second in command Essex Regiment.

Himalaya Preceptory Knights Templar.

Sir Knight Colonel Shearer, D.S.O., was installed Eminent Preceptor and Eminent Prior of the Simla Preceptory and Priory on the 5th instant.

Himalaya (Rose Croix) Chapter, No. 80.

Bro. Lieut. W. Alves was installed M.W.S. of this chapter on the 14th ult. The following brethren were appointed by the new M.W.S. to principal offices: Bros. Lieut.-Col. C. P. Lukis, High Prelate; Captain R. J. Blackham, 1st General; and the Earl of Suffolk, 2nd General.

The November Magazines.

The Pall Mall Magazine opens with an appreciative article on the late President McKinley, by William Waldorf Astor, which is followed by an instructive paper entitled "The Race to the Poles," by Dr. Nansen, in which the present conditions and problems of Polar exploration are carefully examined. There are interesting articles on the Old Bailey and book-hunting as a business, the latter setting forth the romance, reality, and possibilities of collecting. A resident of Bermuda sketches the life of the Boer prisoners in that West Indian paradise; while William Archer's "Real Conversation" is this time with Professor David Masson. "Insect Weapons and Tools" contains some revelations of the microscope, exhibited by a series of photo-micrographs. There is a verbatim translation of Lieut.-Col. Delannay's sensational paper on the possibility of a French invasion of England, illustrated by a series of photographs showing the rapid embarking and landing of troops. Interesting articles on the Aiguilles of the Mont Blanc group, and the scenery of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, together with some capital complete stories, go to make a really splendid number.

The Playgoer is a new illustrated monthly magazine of the stage and amusements generally, edited by Fred. Dangerfield, at Ellingham House, Arundel-street, Strand. The first number is of the greatest interest to all playgoers, the principal contents comprising papers on the Art of Ellen Terry by Bram Stoker; first night criticism by Clement Scott, a review of "The Silver Slipper," a sketch of the famous juggler, Paul Cinquevalli, and critical articles on the hero plays of Meran and the stage of to-day. "Familiar Faces" is the title of a series of photographs of well-known plays, which with the illustrations generally are excellent.

The Royal Magazine reproduces some very fascinating faces in "From the Stalls." "Pictures that cost over a pound" deals with the marvels of modern pyrotechny, and there is an interesting account of how the Rev. F. W. G. Gilby succeeds in preaching to the deaf and dumb; also a sketch of Franco Piper, the banjo king, and papers on chalk sculptures and deep sea diving. The supply of fiction is as good as ever, and special mention may be made of the following complete tale: "The Kiss of the Sun God," "A Matter of Assurance," "The Infatuation of Cotterwink-Dane," "Circumstantial Evidence," "The Seat of the Scornful," and "Hallindina and the King's Lair," a story for children.

The Smart Set has contributions by five titled writers. Prince Vladimir Vaniatsky is the author of a clever story, "The Sensation of the Archduchess;" Countess Loveau de Chavanne relates the mystery of a beautiful Parisian known as "The Black Rose;" Lady Violet Greville writes entertainingly of "Fashion in the Garden;" Baroness von Hutten tells the story of an artist's love for a girl whom he calls "Bread and Butter;" and Lady Katharine Morgan contributes an amusing poem, "From One to Twelve." A reading of these contributions does not suggest that they have been printed merely for the names of the authors; on the contrary, the work is in every case of an unusually interesting and brilliant character. Other contributions that may be mentioned are "The Wonderful Idea," which is the leading novelette of the current number; "The Ambassador's Burglar," a humorous play in two scenes; "At the End of the Cruise," a running story; "The Princess of Lilies," and several excellent selections of verse.

Craft Masonry.

Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359.

There was a large gathering of brethren at the meeting of this lodge on Monday evening, the 21st instant, visiting night, at Southampton. The proceedings after the banquet were varied by a pleasant interlude. The Junior Warden of the lodge, Bro. A. Smith, presented the W.M., Bro. Lovell Stevens, on behalf of the subscribers, with a small solid silver cradle in remembrance of the interesting fact that during his year of office a son and heir had been born to him. Bro. Smith added that the initiative for the presentation was due to the Senior Warden, Bro. J. L. Adams.

The W.M. expressed his warm thanks to the brethren for their gift, which he and his wife would for ever treasure, not merely for its intrinsic value, but as an expression of the kindly feelings entertained towards them in connection with an event which, he believed, "broke the record" in the history of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony.

The visitors included several brethren from the ancient Lodge of Economy at Winchester, and during the evening it was stated that Bro. Beach, son of the late lamented Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, was about to become a joining member of that lodge, of which his late revered father was the Senior Past Master.

Benevolence Lodge, No. 489.

PORTRAIT PRESENTATION.

A very pleasant gathering took place at Bideford, on the 17th inst., when a ceremony interesting especially to Bideford and Barnstaple brethren was observed. The members of the lodge present were Bros. E. J. Tattersill, W.M.; W. Ascott, I.P.M.; G. H. Andrew, P.M.; F. Baxter, S.W.; J. W. Land, J.W.; the Rev. R. W. J. Smart, Chap.; F. A. Searle, Treas.; H. Ascott, Sec.; Caleb Squire, S.D.; D. Andrew, J.D.; T. Fry, I.G.; H. W. Huxham, Org.; W. H. Puddicombe, D.C.; J. Rattenbury, Stwd.; R. Grant, Tyler; W. B. Seldon, F. W. Purchase, W. B. Dart, R. E. L. Hookaway, W. Giddie, R. C. Maye, J. T. White, 251; and the Rev. Thomas Russell, 251. There were, in addition, a large number of visitors from Barnstaple, including Bros. T. R. Seldon, H. Brooks, J. Cummings, F. Elliott, J. F. Fox, C. Lock, W. J. Lord, H. W. Sly, F. J. Ford, R. Hosegood, H. J. Hancock, and R. Matta, 481.

The lodge having been opened, the usual business was transacted. The W.M. then reminded the brethren that they had a particularly pleasant task to perform that evening—and that was to present Bro. Russell with a large-sized portrait of himself and to ask him, after accepting it, to hand it back to the lodge, to be hung upon its walls, and thus make a worthy addition to the picture portrait gallery, which was commenced some time ago. He spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Russell's services to Freemasonry, not only in the Bideford Lodge in years gone by, not only at present in the Barnstaple Lodge, but also in the Province of Devon. He hoped that Bro. Russell would live many years to be able to occasionally look upon his own picture. Bro. Rev. T. Russell said he found it difficult to express himself as he should like in return for the very kind expressions which the Worshipful Master had used towards him. But it was his first duty to accept, as he did most gratefully, the presentation which they had made to him on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, and to thank them most sincerely for the feelings of fraternal regard which had prompted the presentation. He had also to request that the lodge would in turn accept it from himself, and, if thought worthy of a place among so many brethren more worthy than himself, to allow it to hang in the lodge room. It was said that it was the unexpected that happened, and certainly, when he joined the lodge a quarter of a century ago, and shared with others the work of resuscitating it, he never expected that the little he had had the opportunity of doing would lead to his being a Warden of this large and important province, nor did he expect he should have been honoured in the other ways that he had been. He again thanked the lodge for the picture, which, if it could not, unfortunately, be called the portrait of a handsome man, was, at least, thanks to Bro. Puddicombe's skill, a handsome portrait.

The lodge was afterwards closed in the usual way.

A Masonic banquet was subsequently held at Bro. Ascott's New Inn Hotel. The W.M. presided over a large company.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were interspersed with good examples of vocal ability.

Beadon Lodge, No. 619.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. MORGAN BEEDLE.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, Bro. Lorenzo A. J. Faull, W.M., in the chair, and there were also present Bros. Morgan Beedle, S.W.; W. Greenaway, J.W.; J. C. Hayes, P.M.; Treas.; C. Norrington, P.M., Sec.; J. Swallow, S.D.; S. J. J. Wise, J.D.; W. H. Lilly, I.G.; C. Meierhoff, P.M., D.C.; C. J. Jones, Stwd.; H. Massey, P.M.; J. W. Avery, P.M.; Moss Chapman, P.M.; W. Szaman, P.M.; Carl T. Fleck, P.M.; F. Croft Wise, P.M.; G. Perry, F. W. Antill, A. Caley, R. Beam, G. J. Fowler, G. Budd, J. W. Rose, J. Taylor, H. J. Moodie, R. Mason, W. M. Foster, A. C. Ardley, G. W. Barnard, W. L. Davies, G. J. Randall, R. Hensley, J. Kent, S. Campbell, J. E. Ohlschlai, H. C. Phillips, J. W. Harrison, F. Willis Pailpot, A. E. Gisborne, W. I. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; and a large number of visitors.

Bro. Lorenzo Faull opened the lodge, and Bro. C. Meierhoff, P.M., D.C., presented to him Bro. Morgan Beedle, S.W., and W.M. elect, for installation. Bro. Faull then installed Bro. Morgan Beedle as the Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. Faull was invested as the I.P.M., and the other brethren chosen as officers were Bros. W. J. Greenaway, S.W.; J. Swallow, J.W.; J. C. Hayes, P.M., Treas.; C. Norrington, P.M., Sec.; S. J. J. Wise, S.D.; W. H. Lilly, J.D.; C. J. Jones, I.G.; C. Meierhoff, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Ohlschlager, Stwd.; G. Budd, Org.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered by Bro. Faull, and the whole of the ceremony performed to perfection, Bro. Beedle initiated Bro. Martin Edward Chamberlain. Bro. Norrington, P.M., Sec., moved that the lodge should vote 50 guineas to the list of Bro. Hayes, P.M., Treas., who was going to stand as lodge Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The motion was seconded by Bro. Meierhoff, P.M., D.C., and carried unanimously.

Another motion was also carried, giving 25 guineas to the list of Bro. Morgan Beedle, W.M., who stands as Steward for the Girls' School at its Festival. The brethren were individually asked to support each list.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and honoured the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Vocal music was contributed by Miss Florence Machin, Mr. Walter Keast, and Bros. Stuart Walker, Will Edwards, and Wallis Arthur. Bro. Mark Attwood was at the piano.

The Benevolent box yielded £2 8s. 6d.

Bro. Faull proposed "The W.M.," whose work, he said, everyone knew was always done thoroughly. In his year of office he would show himself worthy of his position.

Bro. Beedle acknowledged the toast, saying it had always been his ambition to fill the chair of the Beadon Lodge since he became a member of it. Now that the brethren had placed him in the chair he would endeavour to discharge the duties in a way which would reflect credit on the lodge. He announced that he had obtained 75½ guineas on his list for the Girls' School.

Bro. Chamberlain responded to the toast of "The Initiate."

The toast of "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who presented Bro. Faull with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his services during the past year.

Bro. Faull replied, saying he had tried to do his duty properly, and he was pleased the brethren were satisfied.

The list of Bro. Hayes, P.M., as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, was made up to 194 guineas, of which fact he informed the brethren in the course of his reply to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Other toasts followed.

Nelson Lodge, No. 700.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WILLIAM J. HARRIS.

The above prosperous lodge celebrated in grand style its annual festival on the 16th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Plumstead, when the above-named esteemed brother was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. There was a great gathering of the brethren of the lodge and visitors from neighbouring lodges, no less than 35 installed Masters forming the "Board." Bro. W. Chambers, W.M., was the Installing Officer, and did his work splendidly. The W.M. installed his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Chambers, I.P.M.; F. S. Folkes, S.W.; W. Reynolds, J.W.; H. Tufnill, P.M., Treas.; W. Lawson, P.M., Sec.; J. Warren, P.M., Consulting Sec.; W. Long, P.M., D.C.; F. Wright, S.D.; C. W. Benstead, J.D.; C. Ketley, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; R. Taylor and G. Brown, Assist. D. of Cs.; and G. H. Porter, P.M., J. H. Hodgkin, and A. G. Rodstone, Stwds. Bro. Chambers gave the addresses in a most eloquent and impressive manner, and for the excellence of the whole of the working he was voted a cordial resolution of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, for which he feelingly thanked the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Hotel Cecil, London, and was much enjoyed. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

The speeches were of the good old order, nothing new, but decidedly friendly and true, pleasant, and congratulatory, and the toasts were received and drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Chambers was highly complimented on his performance of the installation ceremony, which was certainly a meritorious and indeed brilliant effort, and well deserved the encomiums showered on it. The W.M. received an ovation when his health was drunk, and eloquently responded. Bro. J. H. Roberts, P.M., and late Treasurer, was presented with a gold watch and guard on his retiring from the office which he had held for many years, and returned thanks for the handsome present. The Past Masters, visitors, and officers were toasted, and the whole affair was most enjoyable.

Among the brethren present were: Bros. E. Carter, P.S.G.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.G. Treas.; T. Butt, P.M.; G. Crawford, P.M.; E. B. Hobson, P.M.; R. J. Naylor, P.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; W. Webber, P.M.; G. R. Nichols, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; T. Sydney Smith, P.M.; G. F. Taylor, P.M.; S. Southgate, P.M.; H. King, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent; E. J. Valon, P.M.; A. Walklin, P.M.; E. Carter, P.M.; G. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Kent; H. Pamment, P.M.; G. B. Davies, P.M. (Hon.); C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.), P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; and some 100 of the lay brethren of the lodge. Among the visitors were: Bros. C. H. Canning, P.M. and Treas. 1472, P.M. and Treas. 2854, P.P.J.G.D. Essex; S. Chaplin, W.M.; A. T. Ives, P.M.; W. Turvey, P.M., Asst. Sec.; C. Carter, J.W.; F. S. Charlton and W. Welsh, S.W., of 1472; J. H. Bull, W.M. elect, W. C. Hallam, J. Daniels, W. H. Pryce, D. C. Capon, W. P. Jackson, E. W. Sampson, and J. Murphy, P.M. of 913; J. Jones, J.W.; A. Hill, P.M.; R. Cockrane, S.W.; W. Palmer, and W. Sinnett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent, Sec., of 1526; W. Steer, W.M.; R. Price, J.W., and G. Reynolds, S.W., of 2399; J. Quick, W.M.; J. Horne, S.W.; J. Woodley, J. Hall, G. Dennison, J.W.; A. Surft, G. Gable, T. Hards, and A. Coudry, P.M., of 13; L. Wheeler, S.W., and L. Chapman, D.C., of 1305; H. Van-Gildie, 2432; J. Coombes, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent; H. Forman, T. Coombes, S.W.; J. Reed, H. Fenn, and H. Sheerman, of 829; H. Samuels, 2396; W. Edmonds, 319; J. Spencer, 1437, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; R. Cork, P.M. 157; H. Gibbs, 733; A. Avery, 1314, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent; W. Mackley, 1837; F. Quick, 733; A. Pusey, 179; J. Mosery, P.M. 1716; F. Collins, 749; R. Dipple, 860; J. Folkes, 147; and others.

Miss M. Bilsland, Miss Edith Blanchard, and Bros. C. Regan, P. Wilkes, and Mr. H. Wright were the singers, and Bro. H. J. Roberts accompanied.

Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

On the 16th instant, at Kingston-on-Thames, an unusually large assemblage of members and visitors came together to meet the Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, who was paying his first visit to this lodge, one of the oldest and strongest in the district. Bro. C. T. Lewis, W.M., had the opportunity of showing his ability to work the ceremonies correctly, for he passed Bro. Hubert Todd and initiated two accepted candidates. He was supported very ably by all the officers who had any part in the work, and throughout the display was most creditable.

The Prov. G. Master (Bro. Colonel John Davis) arrived soon after lodge was opened, and before closing he addressed the brethren. He remarked that he had set himself the task of visiting every lodge in the province, and so far it had been a great pleasure to him, for he had found excellent working and true Masonic spirit prevailing. The Dobie Lodge had been well spoken of to him, and he was very glad to pay that visit. What he had seen that night proved that the lodge was worthily upholding its own fame, and that of the province, for excellency of working; and he was highly pleased with the proficiency of the W.M. and all the officers.

Among the visitors was Bro. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., and after dinner, he made one of his well-known effective speeches in behalf of the Institution which is so dear to him. He aroused interest and enthusiasm as he told of "Our Boys," their daily life at school, their successes in searching examinations, and of the needs of the Committee to enable the good work to be carried on; and the worthy Secretary of the R.M.I.B. hopes that the seed sown by him may bring forth abundant fruit at the Festival next year, under the presidency of Surrey's popular Prov. G. Master. So mote it be!

Weyside Lodge, No. 1395.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. S. S. BOORMAN.

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 13th instant at the Masonic Hall, Woking, when there were present: Bro. C. T. Tyler, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., as W.M., in the temporary absence of Bro. Viscount Cranley, who was detained in London until a later period of the evening; Bros. S. S. Boorman, S.W., W.M. elect; J. H. W. Cleave, J.W.; J. Smythe, J.D.; G. H. White, P.M., Treas.; H. Curling Hope, I.G.; A. H. Bowles, P.M., P.G.D.; A. W. R. Sowman, P.M.; S. C. Knight, P.M.; Ralph Nevill, P.M.; F. C. Gytton, P.M.; R. Mossop, P.M.; R. E. Spence, C. E. Bowles, W. Dickinson, J. W. Barton, and A. B. Burnell. Visitors: Bros. Colonel John Davis, A.D.C., P.G.M.; F. West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; S. G. Kirchoffer, D.G.D.C.; the Rev. J. H. Robson, P.P.G.

Chap.; W. G. Jones 2521; J. Cleave, 256; W. F. Knight, 1636; C. F. Waters, W.M. 2317; H. J. Bidwell, P.M., 2120; H. B. Whitburn, I.P.M. 2317; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec. 2317; R. Wasley, I.G. 2317; J. J. Black, P.M., Sec. 1564; and B. P. Boorman, 503.

The minutes of the last regular and of several emergency meetings having been confirmed the Master elect, Bro. S. S. Boorman, S.W., was duly presented, and afterwards installed by the acting W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The following are the other officers for the year: Bros. Viscount Cranley, I.P.M.; J. H. W. Cleave, S.W.; J. Smythe, J.W.; Gilbert H. White, P.M., Treas.; C. T. Tyler, P.M., P.G. Sec.; H. Curling Hope, S.D.; W. Dickenson, J.D.; Patrick H. White, Org.; H. T. Thomas, and W. Chapman, Tyler.

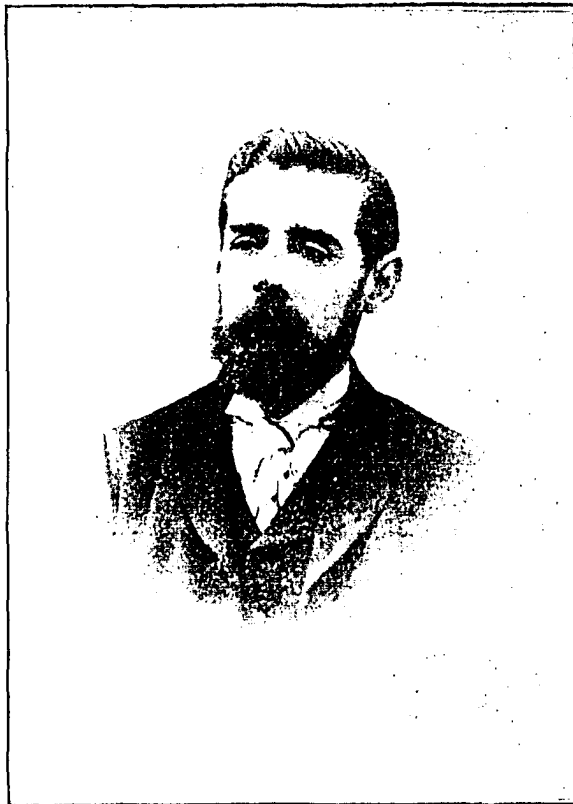
All business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and a banquet followed, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. H. CORNFORD, P.M.

This interesting ceremony took place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 17th inst. The occasion was marked with much cordiality and good feeling towards the W.M., who was filling the chair for two years in succession, a circumstance which does not fall to the lot of many brethren. There were present Bros. H. Cornford, W.M.; W. T. Tempest, S.W.; T. Tucker, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; A. Hezekiel, S.D.; R. Brown, I.G.; J. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; C. Martin, Stwd.; J. Whiteman, Tyler; W. R. King, I.P.M.; T. G. Hobley, P.M.; T. R. Cass, P.M.; A. W. Le Cren, P.M.; W. Rushbrook, G. T. Birkbeck, C. Taylor, C. Willoughby, F. Houlton, and T. P. Bliss. Visitors: Bros. W. S. Whitaker, P.A.G.P.; L. S. Shipton, Asst. Sec. 1922; A. R. Carpenter, I.P.M. 15; E. J. S. Ware, I.P.M. 1922; H. J. Harriss, P.M., Sec. 65; S. S. Holt, W.M. elect 1580; F. G. Messent, 1922; R. M. Sharpin, S.W. 1585; G. Thompson, P.M. 1744; A. Millbourn, 1237; F. C. Hinton, 1563; J. Chubb, 1706; F. Swinford, P.M. 2272. P.P.G. Org. Middx.; W. J. Frampton, S.D. 1622; G. A. Costello, 1922; J. B. Cass, 199; J. Hay; P. T. Block, 1622; and C. H. Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wm. Rushbrook was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in a very impressive and perfect manner. Bro. W. King, I.P.M., next rose, and very appropriately remarked that circumstances had arisen in the lodge that, at the election meeting, the brethren had unanimously re-elected the W.M., Bro. H. Cornford, for the second year. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. W. R. King, I.P.M.; T. Tucker, S.W.; A. Hezekiel, J.W.; W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.; H. A. Stunt, P.M., Sec.; P. H. B. Twitchin, S.D.; R. Brown, J.D.; C. Martin, I.G.; Frank Swinford, P.M., Org.; J. Hooper, P.M., D. of C.; H. W. Parker and J. P. Bliss, Stwds.; and J. Whiteman, Tyler. The addresses to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. W. King very impressively. The balance-sheet was presented, received, and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a sound financial position. The following notice of motion was given by Bro. W. H. Morson, P.M., Treas.: "That the sum of £10 be voted from the funds of the lodge in order to present the W.M. with a jewel in appreciation of his excellent services in the chair."



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served by Bro. Callingham, the proprietor, in his usual capable style, which was much appreciated.

The W.M. presented the toast of "The King and the Craft," whom the brethren were justly proud of. When he was the Grand Master he held that exalted position excellently and especially showed a very deep interest in the Masonic Charities, the subscriptions and donations to them during his term of office being unprecedented.

That of "H.R.H. M.W.G.M., the Duke of Connaught," the W.M. said he would prove a worthy successor to the King. He had gained distinction when Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, and all the brethren who were privileged to witness his installation at the Royal Albert Hall must have been struck by the admirable manner he carried out the duties.

In presenting the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said they carried out their various functions with great credit to themselves and to the benefit of the Craft. The lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. Whitaker, P.A.G.P., a brother loved and respected all over South London. The W.M. had gained all his Masonic knowledge from him as also many others, and a kinder and abler Preceptor there could not be. He (the W.M.) hoped that Bro. Whitaker might be spared for many years to carry on his excellent work in South London.

Bro. Whitaker, in reply, said it gave him a very great deal of pleasure to respond for the Grand Officers. His experience of them in Great Queen-street was that they carried out their duties admirably. The W.M. had spoken of the grand function at the Albert Hall; it was so, and most magnificently carried out. At last Grand Lodge a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the G.D. of Ceremonies and his brother helpers, which was very rightly deserved. It was an extreme pleasure to be present at the installation of the W.M., who was a dear friend of many years' standing. They had long worked together, and it was his delight to assist the brethren so that they could properly discharge their various duties. Being present there called up many happy recollections, for some 25 years ago he was initiated in the lodge of St. James, No. 765, in that building. He most cordially thanked the brethren for such a reception.

Bro. Walter King, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M." which he said was the toast of the evening on an installation night. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure to present it, for the W.M. was a most worthy brother and an exceptional worker. There had been four Masters in the Blackheath Lodge, Bro. Martin three times, Bro. Morson twice, and Bro. J. Hooper twice, and now the W.M. twice in succession, which was the exception. All knew the esteem he was held in, not only in the Blackheath Lodge, but also in the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, of which he was a Past Master. He asked his acceptance of the beautiful jewel as a token of esteem and regard. He asked the brethren to drink to the toast in bumpers.

The inscription on the jewel was: "Presented to Bro. Hy. Cornford, P.M., by the members of the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, as W.M. during the year 1900 to 1901, in recognition of his valuable services."

In reply Bro. H. Cornford, W.M., tendered his hearty thanks for the manner the I.P.M. had proposed and the brethren had received the toast of his health. He could assure them the past year had been one of the proudest in his life, for he had met so many kind friends, and the brethren and officers had supported him so splendidly. He should be very proud to wear that beautiful jewel as the testimony of their regard, and as a P.M. of the Blackheath Lodge. He was very proud, too, of the honour of being elected the second year, and he trusted there might be plenty of work. He had performed the duties of the lodge to his best ability, and should continue to do so, if only to make the coming year more successful than the last. He again most heartily thanked them.

The W.M. next presented the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. W. King," and said when he was Master of the lodge he carried out his duties in an admirable manner, and during the past year he had given great assistance, and the W.M. hoped that during the coming year he would continue to do so, and with as great zeal.

Bro. King, in reply, said he was grateful for the manner the toast had been proposed and received. He felt very keenly the honour that had been bestowed upon Bro. Cornford in his again occupying the chair of W.M., and he would do his best to support him. His duties were very light, for the W.M. was such an excellent worker, the ceremony of raising that evening having never been worked better.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Visitors" with much cordiality, and it was exhaustively responded to by Bros. Carpenter, Stone, Thompson, Ware, and Harris.

The toast of "The Past Masters" received at the hands of the W.M. its share of praise for the able services they were always ready to give when required. Among them were Bros. King, Morson, Stunt, Cass, J. Hooper, and Le Cren, all of whom duly responded.

In presenting the toast of "Bros. Morson, Treas., and Stunt, Sec.," the W.M. congratulated himself and the lodge upon having two such efficient officers. The brethren had thought it a very fitting opportunity to present Bro. Morson, P.M., Treas., on his second marriage, with a tea service, which the W.M. asked his kind acceptance of to mark their appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge as Treasurer, and also to wish him and Mrs. Morson long life and happiness.

Bro. Morson, P.M., most suitably replied, acknowledging their handsome present, which was indeed most gratifying.

Bro. Stunt, P.M., also ably responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was given by the W.M. in commendable terms, and ably responded to by Bros. Tucker, S.W., and Hezekiel, J.W.

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

A capital programme of music was arranged by Bro. Frank Swinford, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx., ably assisted by Mr. Albert Pearce, and Bros. Stunt, P.M., Jos. Hay, Frank Swinford, and G. A. Costello, all of whom were well received. Bro. Frank Swinford, Organist of the lodge, ably presided at the piano.

Bro. H. Cornford, W.M., is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, and also of those of the Mark. He is a P.M. of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, M.E.Z. of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901, and H. of the Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329. He is also W.M. of the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 323, M.O. in the Rose Mark, No. 534, and has had the office of Prov. G. Std. Br. Kent in the Mark Degree conferred upon him. He is also Dep. Preceptor in two lodges of instruction in South London—a Masonic record of which any brother may be proud.

Sir Watkin Lodge, No. 1477.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. SAMUEL BERRESFORD.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mold. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among whom were Bros. T. W. Hughes, P.M. 2423, P.P.G. Stwd.; Gwilt Catterall, P.M. 1336, P.P.G.D.; Samuel Berresford, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; John C. Robinson, P.M. 1070, 2826, P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanes; and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the retiring W.M., Bro. John Wynne Williams, then proceeded with the installation of Bro. Samuel Berresford, S.W., which ceremony he performed in a masterly manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Wynne Williams, I.P.M.; David Cruickshank, S.W.; Robt. Morris, J.W.; J. P. Poole-Hughes, Chap.; T. B. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. B. Rowdon, P.M., P.P.G.S., Sec.; Osborne Lunt, S.D.; John H. Jones, J.D.; E. J. Hughes, I.G.; H. Haselden, Org.; E. C. Manley and J. Hughes, Stwds.; and Sergt.-Major Summerton, Tyler. During the evening the I.P.M. was presented with a massive 18-ct. gold bar for his Past Master's jewel, he having occupied the chair for a second time.

The brethren dined together at the Black Lion Hotel.

Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. RALPH LANGTON, I.P.M., AND MRS. LANGTON.

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Dr. C. E. Milnes Hey, W.M.; Ralph Langton, I.P.M.; H. F. Woodward, S.W.; T. H. James, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; A. C. Williams, J.D.; H. Blennerhassett, I.G.; Arthur B. Hudson, P.M., D.C.; George Rawlinson, P.M., and A. A. Barnes, Stwds.; Thos. Briggs, P.M.; Rupert Smyth, P.M.; Septimus Croft, P.M.; C. R. Leedham, James C. Hayes, and R. S. Ellis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. informed the brethren that he attended the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, when he had the pleasure of representing the Aldersgate Lodge with a list of subscriptions amounting to 81 guineas. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and three gentlemen for initiation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dine together under the gavel of the W.M.

In giving the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. referred to the complimentary banquet that the brethren had proposed giving last summer in honour of the I.P.M. and his wife. Unfortunately, however, several of the brethren were unable to attend on the date selected by the Committee, while ill-health prevented some others. Under these circumstances the gathering could have been but a small one, so the brethren reluctantly felt that the proposal must be abandoned. But this cloud of disappointment had a silver lining. This took the form of the silver tea service, which, in the name of the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge, he (the W.M.) asked Bro. Langton to accept on behalf of his wife, as some recollection of the year that he occupied the chair as W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, all the brethren wishing him and Mrs. Langton health, happiness, and prosperity.

Bro. Thomas Briggs, P.M., then briefly spoke, and, in a few well-chosen words, told the brethren that, after obtaining the presentation service, the Committee found that they still had some money in hand; and with this handsome bottles of scent had been obtained, that the brethren might present to their ladies at home, to show that they, too, had not been forgotten that evening.

Bro. Langton, I.P.M., in a short speech, thanked the brethren for their handsome presentation.

Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. B. WOOD.

The installation ceremony of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Belvedere, Kent, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 19th inst. The hall is beautifully situated on the edge of a wide expanse of wooded park and is adjacent to the Royal

Alfred Home for Aged Merchant Seamen. There was a large muster of brethren and visitors, the latter including Bros. S. J. Cohen, W.M. 1622; E. P. Willcock, 931; F. Pollitzen, 1017; W. E. Harding, 97; W. H. Hayles, 206; C. B. Andrews, 1558; J. Hooper, P.M. 1320; W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C. and Treas. Kent; Col. F. W. Frigout, P.S.G.D. Kent; W. Falkner, 2500; W. Francis, W.M. 615; T. Browne, 47; and W. Viney, 1076.

The lodge having been opened, and routine business transacted, Bros. Raby and Horsley were elected Auditors. Bro. F. Corbett, P.M., was re-elected to serve on the Charity Committee of the province, and Bros. Newstead and G. Lawson to serve on the General Purposes Committee. Bye-law No. 4 was amended, thereby raising the subscription for both resident and non-resident members from £2 2s. to £2 12s. 6d. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. B. Wood, was then installed, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. D. Brooks. Bro. J. B. Wood having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. D. Brooks, I.P.M.; W. J. Lawson, S.W.; W. J. Newstead, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A. Chap.; F. Corbett, P.M., Treas.; W. Reeve, P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Wks., Sec.; G. Golding, S.D.; C. H. Lawson, J.D.; L. Hancock, I.G.; W. Tailby, P.M., D. of C.; H. Bennett, A. E. Gould, and F. Raby, Stwds.; and E. Hitchcock, Tyler. A vote of thanks was accorded by the lodge, on his retirement, to Bro. Gale, who had acted as Tyler for many years, on the motion of Bros. Corbett, P.M., and Wood, P.M. The lodge voted a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. in recognition of his services while in the chair, on the motion of Bros. Corbett, P.M., and Wood, P.M. A proposition for initiation having been received, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room.

At the conclusion of the banquet full honours were accorded to the customary loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Brooks, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He had been the W.M.'s sponsor at his initiation, and he had now had the honour to instal him, and he appealed to the brethren individually and collectively to accord him their most cordial support.

Bro. J. B. Wood, W.M., who was received with the utmost enthusiasm, expressed the intention of doing his best to perform the duties devolving on one who had been elected to his high office, and more than that no man could do. Nevertheless, he felt that in the I.P.M. he had a very difficult man to follow. He was acquainted with the ritual almost in its entirety, and the way in which he had performed his work that afternoon showed how great was the task imposed on the one who had to follow Bro. Brooks.

Bro. Brooks, I.P.M., in reply to the toast of his health, stated that his year of office had been a year of pleasure, for which his heartiest thanks were due to the officers who had served under him. Never for one moment had he had cause to think if any one of them would be in his place in the lodge, or if he would know his work. His thanks were especially due for the help he had received from the ability and experience of the Secretary, Bro. Reeve, P.M.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Holmes, W.M. 2499; Willcock, New Zealand; Viney, Hooper Wood, and Lawson.

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

At intervals in the toast list musical selections and songs were rendered by Messrs. H. Gage, G. Betsen, O. Morgan, and others, Bro. H. Roberts presiding at the piano.

Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508.

FIRST LADIES' NIGHT.

On Saturday, the 19th instant, the members of this lodge gave their first ladies' evening. It consisted of a soiree and concert, and was throughout so great a success that in future it is hoped to hold these meetings annually. Messrs. John Brinsmead and Sons, Ltd., through the kindness of one of the directors and Secretary, Bro. Henry Billingham, placed the whole of their extensive premises in Wigmore-street, W.—including their charming concert hall—at the disposal of the lodge for the evening.

Owing to the recent death of his father, the W.M., Bro. Frank Ward, was unable to welcome the numerous guests, but his place was taken by Bro. Percy Griffith, I.P.M., who, during the interval in the programme, addressed a few words to the audience, expressing deep sympathy with the W.M. in his bereavement, and thanks to the artists for their assistance, and to Messrs. Brinsmead and Bro. Billingham for the loan of their magnificent premises.

Refreshments were served at a buffet, and the whole entertainment which had been arranged by Bros. Harvey Lohr, S.W., C. H. Kempling, Organist; and H. Billingham, was in every respect excellent.

There is no doubt the evening was most enjoyably spent by all present.

Weald Lodge, No. 2707.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. DR. SAMUEL FRAZER.

The annual installation ceremony of the above lodge was held at the Drill Hall, Brentwood, Essex, on the evening of Thursday, the 17th instant, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The latter included: Bros. J. S. Hammond, P.M. 1437; J. Bilton, P.M. 2399; Childs, P.M.; F. W. Chadwick, 312; C. Church, 1427; Johnson, 2757; Godfrey, 276; T. Wing, 2134; and Burgess, 1421.

The report of the audit was received, and the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on the 29th ult. were read, in which was recorded a vote of thanks passed to Bro. E. Grove Johnson, who has acted as Secretary since the consecration of the lodge, four years ago, for the efficient manner in which he had submitted his accounts, and regretting his resignation. In this connection it may be stated that when Bro. Johnson became Secretary there was a deficit of about £20, whereas now there is a credit balance of £20 and £65 worth of assets, the membership of the lodge numbering 34 paying members. Bro. Sergt.-Major S. A. Smith was passed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. S. Frazer, was then installed, the ceremony of installation being very ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. I. G. Woods, P.P.G.S. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. I. G. Woods, P.P.G.S., I.P.M. and Treas.; John Edwards, S.W.; R. Blunden, J.W.; Canon W. Quennell, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. W. Armour, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. Lloyd, P.P.A.G. Sec. Berks, Org.; J. B. Bell, S.D.; O. C. Cramphorn, J.D.; A. S. Gardiner, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., D. of C.; A. Shephard, I.G.; A. S. Rippin and A. W. Coventry, Stwds.; and Watkinson, Tyler. The Secretary, Bro. J. M. Armour, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was elected to serve on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and three propositions for initiation were received.

The lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the Lion and Lamb Hotel, where 35 members and guests sat down to the banquet.

At its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bros. Johnson, Armour, Gardiner, Hammond, and Childs responding on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Woods, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him health during the ensuing year to attend all lodge meetings and Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and perform all the other duties of a Master.

Bro. Frazer, W.M., in reply, said he had taken office with the full determination to fulfil the duties to the best of his ability and to the satisfaction of the brethren. When a government took office they frequently made a declaration of policy, and he wished to state that during the ensuing year he meant to act so as to leave his successor a clean sheet. It was the duty of the brethren to practise the tenets of Freemasonry which they professed outside the lodge, so that all might know the tendency of Freemasonry was for the good of all. He would, advocate, as he had done before, the building of a Masonic hall in the district, as he felt sure the result would be to advance Freemasonry.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," presenting him, on behalf of the lodge, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Woods, I.P.M., in reply, observed that he felt more than he could well express. The duties of the chair were sacred and difficult, and the jewel they considered he had earned by the discharge of those duties would ever remind him of his year of office.

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

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Masonic Notes.

In our Article last week on the School Elections, we drew attention to the lamentable failure of London to carry any of its candidates for the Boys' School. After enumerating the votes given for sundry of the highest unsuccessful candidates, of whom six hailed from the Metropolitan District, we added: "Thus of the 11 purely London candidates not one succeeded in winning a place, and the cases from the Provinces and Abroad appear to have carried all before them, there being only two elected in which London had a part interest." In our Correspondence columns in the same issue there appeared a letter from Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald, in which he drew attention to the same lamentable failure, and offered sundry suggestions, which, at all events, the London Governors and Subscribers will do well to consider.

Having regard to the fact that the Provinces organise their voting strength in such a manner as to be able almost to command the success of their candidates, it seems to be about time that London should be up and doing, and taking such steps as may be necessary in order to ensure the success of at least a fair proportion of its candidates at these elections. At the Girls' School Election it carried two of its four candidates, and helped to secure the election of another Girl in which it had a joint interest with Malta. But this is a poor set-off to the failure at the Boys'

School Election, where, with as nearly as possible a third of the children relying on its efforts, either absolutely or jointly with a Province or Provinces, it had a hand in carrying the election of two out of the 20 that were successful.

Bro. Fitzgerald's suggestion for remedying this utter absence of organisation among the London voters is a very good one. He proposes that London should be "divided into four sections, each with its Committee, Treasurer, and Secretary, and presided over by the most influential Mason possible to get in each," and that supreme over these should be some kind of central authority, which should regulate and direct the voting powers of the four sections. There is no doubt that if some such organisation as this could be formed, the result would be very advantageous to the London candidates for our Central Institutions. London is immensely strong in votes, but its strength is frittered away, because there is no one available to regulate and direct it, so that it may be turned to the best account both immediately and for future elections. The question is—Can such a Central Organisation with sectional branches be formed? There is no reason why it should not be; but past experience of a similar attempt is the reverse of encouraging.

London, as we have said, is a huge power as regards its voting strength. Except on very special occasions, when the whole of the Provinces have been represented, its contributions to our three central Masonic Festivals have averaged, as a rule, about one half, or as nearly as possible, one half of the total sum contributed. It numbers at the present time just over 500 lodges, or as many as are to be found in our six strongest Provinces of West Lancashire, East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Kent, Devonshire, and Cheshire. These latter never have any difficulty in securing the election of their candidates when they have made up their minds to do so, but London, as a whole, seldom appears to know—or even care—whether its candidates are elected or not.

Bro. Fitzgerald's idea is an excellent one, and if the lodges in the North, South, East, and West of London can be brought to act together firstly in their own sections and then under the guidance of the central directing power, there is no reason why it should not, as a rule, carry its fair proportion of candidates. But Bro. Fitzgerald, equally with ourselves, is no doubt aware that some such plan as he is now proposing was started some 18 or 20 years since, and that after a precarious existence extending over two or three years, it died a natural death.

Why the old scheme came to an untimely end is of no great moment. Our present purpose is to instil into the London voters such an amount of interest as will enable them to secure, as we have said, the election of a fair proportion of their candidates. The Provinces organise when they desire to elect their cases, while London, as on this occasion, has been left out in the cold—or rather its candidates have been so left—because there has been no central advisory Committee to direct them how to vote to the best advantage. At the Boys' Election, on the 11th instant, there were two candidates who polled over 4000 votes each, one over 3400, and three over 2500 each, the votes cast for the remaining five candidates ranging from 526 to 1237, and yet not a single London boy obtained a vacancy in the School. Had there been some central directing power to regulate the distribution of votes, some of these boys might have been elected and the prospects of the others proportionately brightened.

Kent has lost a good man in Bro. Horatio Ward, Past Dep. G.S.B. England, who, though not originally a Kentish Mason, had been a prominent member of the Craft in that Province for the last quarter of a century. Bro. Ward was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and more particularly in Canterbury, where he resided, and was looked upon as one of the kindest and most genial members of our Order. It will have been seen from the record we published last week that Bro. Ward had attained to high rank in all the branches of our Masonic system with which he was connected. He was prominent not only in the Craft and Royal Arch, but also in the Mark, the Order of the Temple, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and the fact of his having been elected honorary member of so many Masonic bodies shows how greatly his services were appreciated. There are plenty of good Masons in Kent, but not many Horatio Wards.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, who is the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, last week attended the Jubilee celebration of the Cotteswold Lodge, Cirencester, of which he is the senior member, and also senior Past Master, having been elected in 1855 and occupied the chair in 1861. Sir Michael's son, Bro. Michael Hugh Hicks Beach, was, during the evening, elected a joining member of the lodge, having been initiated in the St. Helena Lodge, during his period of service in that island with the 4th Gloucestershire Regiment. During the last 23 years the Cotteswold Lodge, with a membership of less than 60, has subscribed £2500 to the Masonic Charities. Among the brethren present were Earl Bathurst, the S.W. of the lodge, and the Hon. A. B. Bathurst, M.P., a Past Master.

The petitioners for the new lodge, to be called the Robert Freke Gould Lodge, No. 2874, Gibraltar, are all members of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar, of which Bro. Gould was W.M. (on its revival) in 1858. The Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, now consists of 208 members, of whom 120 are resident at Gibraltar.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Malden Lodge, No. 2875, New Malden—the latest addition to the Surrey lodges—is to be consecrated on Saturday, the 2nd prox., by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Col. John Davis, A.D.C., assisted by his officers. The ceremony takes place at The Cottage, New Malden, by kind permission of Bro. Streeter, P.M. of St. Mark's Lodge.

The Toronto *Freemason* states in one of its Editorial Notes in its September issue that "the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the installation of the Duke of Connaught as G.M. of England had to pay his own expenses, and it is now in order for Grand Lodge to recoup R.W. Bro. Bennett." We are not in a position to say what amount of expense "R.W. Bro. Bennett" may have incurred in attending the meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on the 17th July last, but unless he came all the way from Canada for the purpose, it cannot have been very serious, and probably amounted to a few shillings for cab hire. In English Masonry there is nothing in the shape of mileage allowance to those attending a great Masonic function. Those who attend pay their own expenses.

From the several accounts we have read of the funeral of the late Bro. R. B. Hungerford, M.W. G.M. Canada (Province of Ontario), who died of paralysis on the 9th September, the proceedings appear to have been of the most solemn and imposing character, and yet marked by great simplicity. The wreaths sent as marks of respect to our deceased brother were very numerous and very beautiful. There was a large attendance of the general public in the church where a portion of the service was conducted, while among the pall-bearers were Past Grand Masters W. Gibson, Hugh Murray, and E. T. Malone, with other prominent members of the Order. The Masonic service at the graveside was conducted by Bro. Judge Harding, Dep. G.M., acting as Grand Master, while those unable to be present, among whom were Bros. J. Ross Robertson, Past G.M.; J. J. Mason, Past G.M.; Henry Robertson, Past G.M.; Comp. Geo. O. Stanton, G.Z.; and others, sent telegrams of regret at their inability to attend. In short, every possible respect was shown to our late distinguished brother.

The Freemasons of Bermuda assembled from all parts of the colony to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Prince Alfred Lodge, which was held at Somerset, Bermuda, on the 28th ult. The band of the Warwickshire Regiment headed the procession to and from St. James's Church, at which Divine Service was held, Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Tucker, M.A., a Mason of 40 years' standing, preaching from the text "Let brotherly love continue." The offertory taken up at the church was handed over to the Cottage Hospital. A largely-attended banquet was subsequently held in the Masonic Hall, during the progress of which the band of the Warwickshire Regiment again entertained the brethren.

A largely attended Lodge of Sorrow was held at Osawatimic, Kansas, on the 26th ult., in connection with the sad death of the late Bro. William McKinley, President of the United States, at which a memorial address, distinguished for its grace and feeling, was delivered by Bro. C. F. Scott, of Iola, who described their late brother as one who was true to his conscience, his country, his wife, and his friends, and as one who was at the same time a gentleman and a man of the people.

Reviews.

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Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. ALFRED CHARLES BRADLEY.

The installation meeting of this important lodge took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when Bro. Alfred Chas. Bradley was installed with all due ceremony into the Master's chair by his friend and sponsor in Masonry, Bro. Robert Winchester Fraser, who initiated Bro. Bradley in the lodge and has now crowned his work, for which purpose he came up from the country purposely. Bro. Fraser, in addition to being a Past Master of the lodge, is a P.Z. of the Metropolitan Chapter. The officers for the year are as follows: Bros. E. G. Steers, I.P.M.; W. R. Thompson, S.W.; H. W. Newman, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Treas.; F. J. Perks, Sec.; J. W. Honniball, S.D.; John Hess, J.D.; J. Gray, D.C.; A. Hess, I.G.; W. Warren and W. R. Churchill, Stwds.; and Arthur Jackson, Org.; who with 25 visitors, and 45 members, besides 11 Past Masters, made up the company assembled at the E-shaped table.

The three first toasts having been received with enthusiasm, Bro. W. Mason Stiles, P.G. Treas., as the only Grand Officer present, in an amusing speech referred to the good and hard work done by Lord Amherst and the Earl of Warwick, and his own over-worked personality!

Bro. E. G. Steers, I.P.M., then rose, and said it was a great honour and pleasure to him to propose the toast of "The W.M. in the Chair," whose work that evening they had all seen and appreciated.

The W.M. replied that he rose with feelings of trepidation, as he didn't think he really deserved the kind things just said of him. Eight years back he was initiated by Bro. Fraser, to whom at the table later in the same evening he looked up and wondered if he might aspire to the same proud position—a position he that night had the honour to occupy, and for which he desired heartily to thank the brethren.

In giving the toast of "The I.P. and Installing Masters," the W.M. remarked that he had met Bro. Steers, I.P.M., very frequently, and found him very nice, kind, and courteous; in fact, more than kind, as he had asked him to waive his prerogative, and allow Bro. Fraser to install him, as not only had he initiated him, but also raised him in Royal Arch. Something like 20 years ago they met in the street, and when he said he was going to be a Mason the following week, he replied, "Well, when you are made Master you can initiate me." Well, he was made W.M. in 1892, and came and reminded him of the "promise," which he had forgotten, but he was only too glad to give him pleasure, and the promise was fulfilled.

Bro. Steers, I.P.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the appreciative manner in which they had received the toast, and hoped the W.M. would be able one day to stand aside for his initiates, as he himself had done. With regard to his officers, he thanked them for their ready assistance, and the lodge for the kindness he had ever received from it.

Bro. Fraser then said: Bro. Clarke had called his attention to the quotation on the menu that "Brevity was the soul of wit," as Shakespeare had said, and W. N. Shakespeare was present that evening. It had been a great pleasure to him to install Bro. Bradley, and he hoped he would one day have a little boy, whom he could initiate as he had the father.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said the lodge was always glad to see them. Whatever their rank they were always welcome, and he would drink the toast with all heartiness.

Bros. Timson, 1201; Lawrence, P.M. 742; H. Budd, 1319; and Baldwin, 2168, replied.

In responding to the "most important toast of the evening," "The Initiates"—two—returned their thanks, and hoped to be a credit to the Craft in years to come.

In proposing "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," the W.M. said the first was very modest, the second the very epitome of kindness and good nature, and had cut the word "trouble" out of his dictionary years ago; and with regard to the P.Ms., though Bro. Steers was the youngest, he was not the least of a band of good fellows.

Bro. F. J. Perks, Sec., replying in the absence of Bro. Treasurer, said that he seemed to have responded to his toast considerably over a century. It always gave him great satisfaction to do anything for the lodge, and he could only say good officers ever were ready to do that.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given, after thanks from Bros. Knight and W. F. Bates, who expressed his obligations to those who by their votes were instrumental in getting him elected on the Board of General Purposes, the S.W. urged the initiates to go forward, and spoke of the benefits to be derived from a lodge of instruction.

Bro. Whiting, P.M., gave the Tyler's toast, and a late but enjoyable evening came to an end.

During the evening Bros. Brand, Frood, and Neville carried out a very good and entertaining programme of music and singing.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. HUGH McLACHLAN.

The installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford-street. Bro. R. C. Halford, W.M., occupied the chair, and the brethren who attended were Bros. Hugh McLachlan, S.W.; T. Cole, J.W.; C. H. Halford, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Clark, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Loveday, S.D.; W. J. Halford, P.M., J.D.; E. Petfield, I.G.; W. L. Barker, P.M., Org.; E. Holsworth, P.M., and J. Mumford, Stwds.; J. R. Large, P.M.; T. Jones, P.M.; G. E. Wilkinson, P.M.; J. Lawson, P.M.; M. W. Jameson, P.M., Geo. Cunningham, P.M.; A. R. Olley, P.M.; R. H. Halford, P.M.; W. E. Tucker, E. Hetherington, B. H. Jenkinson, C. G. Gregory, J. A. Chubb, C. D. Nelson, F. Maybury, T. T. Taylor, J. S. Blackett, A. W. Shingleton, J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. (Hon. Member); C. H. Webb, P.M. (Hon. Member); and S. E. Ellis, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; G. S. Elliot, P.M. 2603; F. Dunstan, P.M. 1326; Capt. D. C. Whyte, I.P.M. 2310; C. A. C. Berrall, P.M. 1837; H. D. Blake, W.M. 2729; R. A. Kearsey, P.M. 15; W. S. Harvey, P.M. 1216; H. H. Collins, P.M. 23; C. Horth, P.M. 1471; J. R. Brough, P.M. 2397; L. J. Powter, P.M. 1228; A. Cunningham, P.M. 1766; G. H. Clark, P.M. 1756; T. W. Vine; F. W. Budd, 1269; S. S. Smith, 1677; R. Sutherland, 288; L. Williams, 205; A. W. Cone, 205; H. E. Trafford, 205; T. P. Cooper, 205; W. Gibbs, 1716; T. Chesterman, 2024; F. W. Johnson, 1707; G. Cassell, 1531; G. Raven, 1624; G. J. Anderson, 781; A. Barber, 1421; P. L. Lynch, 2652; G. Andrew Marshall, 2255; R. Griggs, 228; M. Weiss, 2278; R. A. Marshall, 2621; P. A. Down, 87; S. Fortescue, 2472; and G. V. Edkins, 1707.

Several letters and telegrams were received from brethren who had promised to attend but had found themselves unable, amongst the latter one from Bro. Rowland Plumbe, P.G. Supt. of Wks.

The first business after the adoption of the minutes was the reception of the Auditors' report and balance-sheet, which were most satisfactory, there being a good balance in hand. Bros. J. S. Blackett and A. W. Shingleton were raised, and Bro. Chas. Harris, having been ballotted for and approved, was admitted as a joining member. The W.M. then installed his successor, Bro. Hugh McLachlan, S.W. and W.M. elect, in a most able manner. This being done, the new W.M. invested as his officers for the year: Bros. R. C. Halford, I.P.M.; T. Cole, S.W.; W. F. Loveday, J.W.; C. H. Halford, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Clark, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Halford, P.M., S.D.; E. Petfield, J.D.; Jas. Mumford, I.G.; Geo. Cunningham, P.M., D.C.; W. L. Barker, P.M., Org.; E. Holsworth, P.M., and Ben. H. Jenkinson, Stwds.; and S. Ellis, P.M., Tyler. The I.P.M. having given the three addresses in a most perfect manner, he was presented and decorated with a Past Master's jewel by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. C. Hart, and having proved unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the W.M. according to ancient rite. Communications having been read, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall in procession, Bro. Sergeant Piper Peter MacLean leading the way.

During the banquet "The Haggis and Dew O' th' Mountain" were brought in according to ancient custom, preceded by the piper.

The ordinary toasts followed, interspersed with a selection of Scotch songs, under the leadership of Bro. W. L. Cocksburn, assisted by Misses Emily Davies and Maude Elliott and Mr. Nicol Anderson, Mr. James Jefferson being the accompanist. Bro. Sergeant Piper MacLean played a march on the bagpipes.

After the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," had been proposed and drunk, Bro. Hy. Lovegrove, P.G.S.B., responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," and thanked the W.M. for promising to become a Steward at the Festival in February next.

Bros. G. S. Elliott and R. A. Kearsey responded for "The Visitors." The Tyler's toast having been given, and "Auld lang syne" sung in Scottish fashion, what was possibly the longest and one of the most enjoyable meetings of the lodge concluded at a late hour.

Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. WESTERBY, C.C.

The above lodge, which was one of the 70 lodges warranted by the late Royal Grand Master during the year 1876, celebrated its first quarter of a century by installing Bro. James Westerby, C.C., P.M., as its Worshipful Master, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on the 17th instant. Bro. A. L. Spiegel, W.M., presided, and there were also present: Bros. B. Groner, I.P.M.; S. L. Unthank, J.W.; T. Berg, P.M., Treas.; F. Stallard, P.M. Sec.; A. Flint, S.D.; P. Groner, I.G.; H. Linwood, Org.; G. Harlow, P.M.; F. Page, P.M.; N. P. Hodgson, P.M.; W. Medwin, P.M.; C. A. Hooper, P.M.; S. Groner, P.M.; J. F. Bell, P.M.; S. Richardson, A. Lewis-Browne, Clifford Orwin, S. H. Gibson, T. Mason, J. Warner, B. Stuart, J. H. Hookey, D. Groner, D. Mossman, G. F. Freeman, J. N. Curle, H. Phippard, S. Flint, H. R. Tyrrell, J. R. Hurst, A. J. Millington, and Morley Warren. The visitors included: Bros. the Lord Mayor-Elect, J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; B. J. Cooke, 766; T. F. Humphreys, 214, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; F. R. Goodwin, 2680; J. Dives, S.W., 2744; G. P. Pointer, P.M., 1613; H. W. Lang, J.D., 1728; H. Massey, P.M., 619 and 1928; Christian Horst, P.M. 1471; T. G. Hodges, P.M., Sec. 1695; W. J. Sowden, J.D., 2264; C. H. Fry, P.M., 167; J. Roll, 481; A. Kelland, Stwd., 1672; and R. Barnes, P.M., 1261.

The first business was the initiation of Mr. A. J. Palmer, and this ceremony was performed by the W.M. Afterwards Bro. B. Groner, P.M., raised Bro. L. Browne to the Third Degree. Later, he installed Bro. James Westerby, C.C., P.M., as the W.M. for the forthcoming 12 months. Bro. A. L. Spiegel was invested as the I.P.M. The other brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. A. L. Unthank, S.W.; A. J. Flint, J.W.; T. C. Berg, P.M., Treas.; F. Stallard, P.M., Sec.; P. A. Groner, S.D.; Adolf Groner, J.D.; J. H. Hookway, I.G.; H. Linwood, Org.; B. Groner, P.M., and E. Richardson, Stwds.; D. Mossman, D.C.; and T. Williams, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. B. Groner proposed Bro. Westerby's son as an initiate.

The Masonic ceremonies were followed by a banquet. The toasts which were honoured were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale, P.G.T., responded to the toast of "The G. Officers," and said that being elected a G. Officer was the greatest honour a Mason could have conferred upon him. Referring to Masonry's principles, he remarked that the kindly feeling among Masonic brethren made them one fraternal whole. Masonry's great principles were our duty to God and our duty to our neighbour.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., responded to the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. A. L. Spiegel, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," saying that he was a most popular member of the Ward of Cripplegate, and was esteemed in every walk of life in which he was engaged.

Bro. Westerby, W.M., in reply, said that 25 years had passed since he was initiated in the Cripplegate Lodge. Sixteen years ago he was elected the W.M., and he was proud to have been elected to the same office for the second time. He entered Cripplegate in the year 1846, and from that time had taken the warmest interest in parochial and civic matters. He assured the brethren that by belonging to the lodge they would create lasting friendships.

Bro. Westerby next proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," to whom he presented a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of the brethren's appreciation of his services as Master.

Bro. Spiegel acknowledged the compliment, and assured the brethren that he had done his best for the lodge and the brethren in his year of office.

Other toasts followed.

Herschel Lodge, No. 1894.

The above lodge held their first meeting after the recess on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Slough, when there were present Bros. George E. Harris, W.M.; W. M. Taylor, S.W.; W. N. Crowhurst, acting J.W.; W. Westmacott, S.D.; C. T. Hoskins, J.D.; E. D. Rabbitt, I.G.; W. D. Shuard, I.P.M.; A. Turner, D.C.; R. H. Hill, Sec.; M. Clapshaw, Org.; F. T. Deverill, J. Deverill, A. Gladwell, W. Dawson, R. J. G. Randall, G. Cary, and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The first business was to read a communication from Grand Lodge, and which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The brethren proceeded to elect the W.M., which, after the ballot being taken, was declared to be unanimously in favour of Bro. W. M. Taylor, S.W., the W.M. duly announced it to him. The W.M. elect, in brief terms, duly returned thanks for the honour they had conferred on him. The Secretary then read a communication from Bro. G. H. Charsley intimating that he must resign the Treasurership after having held the appointment for 13 years, which was received with great regret by the brethren. The W.M. expressed his regret that this intimation was not communicated earlier so that the brethren might have had time to seek a brother to fill this important position, as it was absolutely necessary that the election of Treasurer should take place that evening. He suggested that Bro. W. D. Shuard should be asked to undertake the duties of Treasurer. Bro. Shuard having expressed his willingness, the ballot was then taken and declared to be in his favour. Bro. Shuard, having returned thanks for the honour they had conferred on him, stated he would do his best to merit the confidence and esteem of the brethren. Bro. A. Turner then proposed that the Secretary be instructed to write expressing the regrets of the brethren at the resignation of Bro. Charsley, and moved that the brethren be invited to subscribe to some suitable gift to be presented to him in recognition of his long and faithful services, which was duly seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously. The I.P.M. proposed, seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that a Past Master's jewel be purchased for presentation at the next lodge meeting to the W.M. The election of Tyler then took place, which was unanimous in favour of Bro. Gallop, who duly returned his thanks. After the W.M. had duly risen, and "Hearty good wishes" having been offered by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then proceeded to supper, were, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. rose and gave a *resumé* of the work he had done during his term of office, and returned his thanks for the honour they had conferred on him in electing him to preside over them.

The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M. Elect," in a very neat little speech, which was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The W.M. elect responded in a few well-chosen words, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him, and he hoped and trusted he should be enabled to carry on the work and uphold the reputation as well as the W.M. had done.

The I.P.M. then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and referred to the very able manner he had conducted the affairs of the lodge, and to the splendid work he had done, not only in the lodge, but in the able way he had organised the Fourth Degree suppers; he also hoped he might be long spared to continue his work as Secretary to the lodge of instruction, which, under his and the worthy Preceptor's (Bro. Clapshaw's) care, had risen to be one of the most useful and instructive lodges in the county; and that the junior members of the lodge would get that instruction which would enable them to maintain the reputation of the lodge.

Albert Victor Lodge, No. 2328.

At a meeting of this prosperous lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviour Gate, York, on the 22nd instant, Bro. Capt. Cecil Wood was elected W.M., and Bro. H. L. Swift, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Capt. Wood has lately returned from South Africa, where he commanded a detachment of York Volunteers.

Woodgrange Lodge, No. 2409.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. GEORGE H. SCRUTTON.

On Wednesday, the 16th instant, the installation night of this lodge, which meets at the New Masonic Hall, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, was held, and was one of the most successful gatherings that have taken place in connection with it, and the new W.M. is to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which he has inaugurated his year of office.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot for Mr. W. C. Wootton, a candidate for initiation, was taken, and proving unanimous, this gentleman was duly initiated a member of the lodge. Then followed the installation of Bro. George Henry Scrutton, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. A. R. Trew, P.P.G.D. Suffolk. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Jeffrey Stewart, I.P.M.; R. T. W. Tucker, S.W.; W. E. Hutchison, J.W.; A. R. Trew, Treas.; Henry W. Clarke, Sec.; H. F. Wells, S.D.; G. H. Ellis, J.D.; G. B. Gilbert, F.R.C.O., Org.; T. M. Haslam, Asst. Sec.; F. G. Tearle, I.G.; H. J. Titcombe, D.C.; J. R. Coundon, G. Wilson, and W. Cameron, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. Bro. J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br., Sec. R.M.B.I., kindly officiated as D.C. in the regrettable absence of Bro. J. G. Stevens, through illness.

At the banquet which followed (and which was a splendid repast, provided by Bro. J. Copper, the proprietor, and excellently served under the able superintendence of Bro. E. R. Auckland, the manager), over 100 guests sat down, the newly-installed W.M. presiding. Amongst the guests were: Bros. the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking, P.G.C. Eng.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Boulton, P.G.P.; Dillon, P.P.A.G. Sec. Devonshire; Woolley, P.M.; and Fishenden, P.M.; and amongst others the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. A. R. Trew, R. J. Tucker, J. Hay Brown, G. Pidduck, and E. Black.

A list of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts was submitted, excellent speeches being made by Bros. the Bishop of Barking, Terry, and Boulton.

A capital programme of music, under the direction of Bro. S. Gething, was gone through in a manner highly pleasing to the listeners, the following being the contributors: Bros. S. Gething, Fred Lay, Lockwood Harradine, H. Meade, and Messrs. W. Vernon, McRobbie, and Richie Thom, Mr. Benson Ansley ably acting as accompanist.

Willesden Lodge, No. 2489.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. W. CHANT HOBROW.

This lodge has for the past eight years been doing excellent work at its meeting place at St. Andrew's School Room, Willesden Green. It is not what is usually termed a "dining" lodge, but at the installation meeting it is customary to hold the festival at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. This rule was observed on Monday, the 21st inst., when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the installation of Bro. F. W. Chant Hobrow. Amongst the members in attendance were Bros. Frank W. Marrian, W.M.; F. W. Chant Hobrow, S.W., W.M. elect; J. J. Hanbury, J.W.; O. Claude Robson, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Marrian, P.M., Sec.; R. E. H. Fisher, P.M.; Grant Greig, I.P.M.; Bartley Dennis, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; C. Butler, P.M.; Stanley Machin, P.M.; W. F. Webster, S.D.; C. Stanley Gibbs, J.D.; W. Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; Jas. W. Greig, H. Aylward Seagrove, and A. Johnson, Stwds.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. Clarke, P.A.G.D.C.; H. Hartley, P.M. 405; Hilton Carter, R. Stuart, P.M. 1850; F. Murison, W.M. 1228; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G. Chap. Middx.; H. Wilks, 2397; H. W.

Carter, 2098; G. H. Redge, W.M. 2481; R. V. F. Seton, P.P.G.D. Kent; H. Wynne, P.G. Stwd.; G. Gill, 2108; G. R. Stringer, 2698; Percy Machin, P.M. 231; Walter Churcher, 2467; Stanley Smith, 1929; J. Powell, 2177; E. Croager, P.M.; W. W. Lee, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the dispensation from Grand Lodge read, and the minutes confirmed. The report of the Permanent Committee, which was adopted, showed the lodge to be in a very prosperous condition, not the least interesting item being the fact that nearly £200 has been contributed to the Masonic Institutions by the members through the Benevolent Association attached to the lodge. Bro. F. W. Chant Hobrow was next presented for installation, the ceremony being rendered by Bro. Frank Marrian in a manner worthy of all the praise subsequently bestowed. The officers invested were Bros. J. J. Hanbury, S.W.; R. E. H. Fisher, P.M., P.G. Reg. Middx., J.W.; O. Claude Robson, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Marrian, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Webster, S.D.; C. Stanley Gibbs, J.D.; W. Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. W. Greig, I.G.; H. Aylward Seagrove and A. Johnson, Stwds.; and J. White way, Tyler. Four propositions were received, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the W.M., in proposing "The King and the Craft," referred to the loyalty of the Craft. They owed his Majesty a debt of gratitude for presiding as G.M. for a quarter of a century, during which time the lodges doubled in number, and two millions of pounds were distributed in charitable purposes. His Majesty had shown his continued interest by assuming the title of Protector. The progress of the Craft gave them cause for gratitude and thankfulness. They believed Freemasonry was a power for the greatest good, or they would not give their time and attention to it. Their watch words were Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and no man could be a good Mason without being a good man. As they had met on Trafalgar Day, and their thoughts were turned to Nelson, they should remember the legend which surrounded the steering wheel of the old Victory—"Love the Brotherhood, fear God, honour the King."

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W.G.M.," and reminded the brethren of the excellent services rendered to Freemasonry by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. They hoped his Royal Highness would have a long term of office, and that the expansion of Freemasonry would be as remarkable as during the reign of his illustrious brother.

In submitting "The Grand Officers," the W.M. eulogised the excellent arrangements made by the Grand Officers for the Albert Hall meeting. He welcomed the presence that evening of Bro. H. Clarke—an old friend of his and of his father's—and Bro. Wellsman, whose excellent services they were glad to find had been recognised by those at the head of affairs.

Bro. H. Clarke, P.A.G.D.C., in his response, said that when he was initiated, 40 years ago, Masonry was at a low ebb, many lodges having become almost inoperative. He had soon to take the Secretary's office, and had great difficulty in getting officers, and even had to go to other lodges to borrow them. A turn came, however, and in three years the lodge mustered 70 members. That reaction had had a great deal to do with the age of philanthropy and charity which had characterised the Victorian era. There had been no great work but Masons were prominently engaged in it. He was in time that evening to hear one of the addresses of the Installing Master—Bro. Frank Marrian—whom he congratulated upon his success. This lodge was well attended by brethren living in Willesden, and he could conceive nothing better than Masonry to bring men together upon a common platform. Religion could not, unfortunately, do so, but in Masonry they left behind everything which separated them—competition, strife in politics and strife in the world generally.

Bro. Walter Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., also responded, and referred to the presence of Bro. Hilton Carter, whose connection with the Albert Hall enabled him to render great service at the last meeting there.

Bro. Frank W. Marrian, I.P.M., said he had received imperative orders to be brief in proposing the next toast, which was that of "The Worshipful Master." There was, fortunately, no need for him to tell them anything about their W.M. Had it not been for that innate modesty of Bro. Hobrow's, he would unquestionably have occupied the chair some years back. He (the I.P.M.) felt last year, when he had the privilege of appointing Bro. Hobrow as S.W., that they were putting the cart before the horse. By every right of seniority their W.M. should have occupied the chair long ago. The W.M. had been a Mason for some 20 years or more, and they in the Willesden Lodge knew what he had done during the last eight years. It was somewhat difficult to think of him except as Treasurer, as ever since the consecration—until 12 months ago—he had occupied that post. No one had more worthily earned the position of Master than he. From the propositions made that evening they were glad to know he had plenty of work before him, which they were assured would be performed according to the best traditions of Masonry in their lodge. He (the I.P.M.) asked the brethren to join him in drinking to the health of the W.M., wishing him long life and a very happy year of office.

Bro. F. W. Chant Hobrow, W.M., in reply, said he had passed through a few bad quarters of an hour, and one of the most unfortunate had been during the speech of the I.P.M.—to hear an old friend of 25 years' standing say things about him which were not justified in fact. He wished all the good things said of him were true, but he felt in accepting the position of W.M. he had proved the truth of the old adage "fools rush in where angels fear to tread." They would understand his trepidation in accepting the chair of a distinguished lodge like this, and in following a chain of Masters who were second to none in Freemasonry. He assured them that at present he felt a considerable amount of trepidation in following them. It was a fact, and he acknowledged it, that he had been 20 years reaching the chair, but "better late than never." It was a source of legitimate ambition to occupy the chair, and however little a Mason might deserve that honour, the least he could do was to try his best. He was truly sensible of the honour conferred upon him—the highest honour it was in their power to bestow—and nothing should be wanting on his part to justify the confidence shown by his election. He had some small amount of confidence, knowing he was supported by an admirable set of officers, who would do their best, and he believed he possessed the goodwill of the members. He took over the warrant when the lodge was in a very prosperous condition, and he hoped the ensuing year would be a happy one for all. They were a happy and united brotherhood, and might they long continue so! He would only ask them to remember the legend written in some church in the Wild West—"Please do not shoot the Organist, he is doing his best." Their W.M. would do his best, although it might be a poor one. He next wished to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," and desired to say that during the existence of the lodge they had never had a more pleasant, happy, and successful year than under the gavel of Bro. Frank Marrian, I.P.M. Not only had the work reflected honour upon the name of Marrian—which was saying something—but his geniality, kindness, and tactfulness in conducting the affairs had made them all feel at home. His year of office had increased their affection for him, and they hoped for years to come he would be an honoured Past Master. In presenting the I.P.M. with the Past Master's jewel, they one and all considered he had well earned it. Intrinsically it was not of great value, but he (the W.M.) trusted it would be worn as a visible token of the feelings they entertained towards their I.P.M.

Bro. F. Marrian, I.P.M., said it was impossible for him to adequately express his thanks for their hearty reception. The past year had been a very happy one, because he felt he had had the sympathy and support of every brother in the lodge in his endeavours to carry out the principles of Masonry as they should be carried out.

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Bro. Bartley Denniss, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. Redge, W.M. 2484, and Wynne, P.G. Stwd.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," to which Bro. S. Machin, P.M., made suitable response.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. E. G. Croager, P.M., had arranged an excellent programme of music, and was assisted by Miss Katie Thomas, and Bros. Reynolds Wood, Stanley Smith, Arthur Johnson, and Frank Rush. The humorous element was well supplied by Bro. Walter Churcher in his well known imitable recitations.

Bro. F. W. Chant Hobrow, the newly-installed W.M., was initiated in the John Hervey Lodge, afterwards joining the Fitzroy Lodge, and becoming a founder of the Willesden Lodge. He occupied the position of Treasurer from the foundation of the latter lodge until a year ago, when he was appointed S.W., and is also Treasurer of the Willesden Chapter. He has served Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Wandsworth Lodge. No. 1044.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. R. WILES.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Lavender-hill, S.W., on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There was a large and representative assemblage of brethren from lodges in the vicinity who gladly embrace the opportunity of visiting the Wandsworth Lodge, which is justly held in high esteem for the excellence of its working and other good qualities. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. Bray, W.M.; Jones, P.M.; Cannon, P.M.; A. C. Higerty, P.M.; P. P. J. G. W.; J. S. Taverner, P.M.; P. P. G. P.; C. Welch, P.M.; R. R. Monger, P.M.; Roach, Cornish, Allen, Bobby, Small, T. King, Bewlay, Neale, Henigan, Woodroff, Bleach, C. D. Collins, Page, Stonehewer, F. K. Judd, Thomson, and F. Waile. Visitors: Bros. G. T. Dobson, W.M. elect, W. G. King, P.M.; G. B. Wood, P.M.; F. W. King, S.W., and C. A. Martin, of 2417; S. P. Clarke, W.M.; Teldiman, W. D. Jessemann, P.M. 1044; Bertrand Mills, C. Marriott, 141; Ryan, 2006; Browning, F.R.S.; F. H. Baker, W. H. Hall, and others.

Bro. Wiles, S.W., was presented for installation by Bro. A. C. Higerty, P. P. J. G. W. Berks. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. H. Bray, in a feeling and impressive manner, which was admired and appreciated by all present. The W.M., Bro. Wiles, invited his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Bray, I.P.M.; J. S. Kingston, P.M.; S.W.; J. Ortnier, J.W.; J. S. Taverner, P. P. S. G. D., Treas.; R. R. Monger, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Cornish, S.D.; J. D. Small, J.D.; W. Page, I.G.; A. J. Cannon, P.M., D.C.; C. D. Collins, Std. Br.; J. Bobby, Org.; J. Woodroff and J. J. Henigan, Stwds. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Bray, I.P.M., in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. Bray returned thanks, and said he would treasure it as a mark of appreciation and a pleasant reminiscence of his occupancy of the chair. The Auditors' report was highly satisfactory. A sum of 25 guineas was voted for the temporary relief of a brother, but this is not an isolated instance of the munificence with which the lodge dispenses the "seeds of benevolence."

The business having concluded, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was excellently served at Stanley's Restaurant, under the supervision of Bro. Barrow.

The W.M. presided in a graceful manner, and presented the toasts with a pleasing terseness and lucidity.

The toasts of "The King," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," and "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were put and received in the customary hearty manner.

Bro. H. Bray, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said it was a most important toast, which he knew would be received with cordiality. Bro. Wiles was well-skilled, and thoroughly able to do all that was necessary, and they held him in the highest respect and esteem. He was worthy of the exalted position, and, personally, it was a pleasing task to have placed him in the chair; but for Bro. Wiles being W.M. he could not have done so much. He sincerely trusted that during his year of office he would have the opportunity of displaying those talents and powers of mind and memory which he undoubtedly possessed.

In rising to respond, the W.M. was greeted with an ovation, and said he scarcely knew how to reply to the many excellent sentiments which had been expressed by the I.P.M., whose words were coloured with friendship, as they had been associated for many years. They all knew how matured and deliberate were the pronouncements of the I.P.M. All he said was real, and he hoped all he had predicted would be accurate. He could not sufficiently thank the brethren for electing him; they had not yet seen his work; but while in the position he would do his utmost to uphold the position, and discharge the duties annexed to it.

In proposing the toast of "The Installing and other Past Masters of the Lodge," the W.M. said all had witnessed the exceptionally able manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony of installation that evening. They were probably not surprised, as they already knew it was characteristic of Bro. Bray to do everything thoroughly and efficiently. They highly esteemed the other Past Masters, who were young men in vigour, but old in experience and capacity.

In reply, Bro. Jones, P.M., regretted his absence, through illness, for over a year. He was a member for over 30 years, and never saw a more brilliant assemblage or partook of a better banquet. He was nearly the "father" of the lodge, which showed every sign of prosperity.

Bros. Cannon and J. M. Kingston also replied suitably.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," of whom they had an absolute wealth—over two dozen. The lodge was noted for its hospitality, and in its hall he tendered them heartfelt greeting.

Bros. Browning; Ryan W.M.; Moorhead, W.M.; and Clarke, W.M.; replied.

The toast of "The Officers" received special notice from the W.M., who thanked them for the excellence of their work and their efficiency as a body.

An excellent musical programme was contributed by Bros. A. Wilson, H. Goring, D. C. Atwater, J. Ortnier, and Bray, I.P.M., while Bro. C. W. Cornish rendered recitations with his customary efficiency. Bro. Wilson presided at the piano.

Shirley Woolmer Lodge, No. 2530.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. TYSON CRAWFORD, C.C.

The installation of Bro. Tyson Crawford, C.C., as W.M. of the above lodge took place at St. John's Hall, Sidcup, on the 15th inst., and the occasion brought together a large gathering of brethren, representative of many City lodges, as well as those of the county. Bro. Crawford is not new to the W.M.'s chair, being a P.M. of No. 250. Of the Shirley Woolmer Lodge—one of the youngest, but also one of the strongest lodges in the county—he is a founder, and has ever taken a real interest in Masonic work in the neighbourhood in which he resides. The visitors included Bros. C. L. Hornby, Ringwood Peach, W. E. Dipple, E. Leonard, W. R. Thompson, H. Lawrence Fry, P. P. G. Chap.; E. Whomes, W. G. West, H. Rogers, Montague Borwell, A. C. White, George Biggs, C.C.; A. Clarkson, S. J. Nichol, Alfred Bravis, R. W. James, Charles Smith, G. H. Fellowes Prynn, P.S.G.W.; J. C. Brown, and W. J. Snowden. Amongst the letters of regret for absence was one from Earl Amherst, the Prov. Grand Master of Kent, who regretted that the illness of his wife prevented his attendance.

The brethren assembled at five p.m., when the lodge having been opened by Bro. J. Rogers Creasey, W.M., the W.M. elect was installed in the chair, the Installing Master being Bro. R. Henry Hale, P.M. Upon the completion of this ceremony, the new W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John R. Creasey, P.M.; I.P.M.; F. Baddeley, S.W.; John Fryer, J.W.; C. E. Shirley Woolmer, P.M.; P. P. G. C., Chap.; Edward Blanks, P.M.; P. P. G. R., Treas.; F. T. Wilberforce Goldsmith, Sec.; W. Bullworthy, S.D.; J. H. Baker, J.D.; F. Dewsbury, P.M., D.C.; A. E. Leonard, I.G.; M. Hewitt, A.D.C.; W. Leet and C. T. Knight, Stwds.; Ernest Harris, Org.; and W. Royle, Tyler. The agenda included three items of special interest, viz., the presentation of a handsome jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Creasey, who was cordially thanked for his year's labours; the Chaplain announced that Bro. Crawford had been pleased to present to the lodge a very beautiful symbolic jewel, to be worn by the W.Ms. of the lodge during their year of office; and the thanks of the lodge to Bro. A. E. Leonard for his services as Secretary, were ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The banquet afterwards took place at St. John's Hall, the W.M., Bro. Tyson Crawford, presiding, the other chairs being occupied by Bros. Baddeley and Fryer, the S.W. and J.W. respectively.

After dinner a programme of toast and song was carried out, and a most pleasant evening was passed.

The toasts of "The King and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G.; the M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst;" and "The V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were given, and received with the usual Masonic honours.

Bro. H. Lawrence Fry responded to the last-named toast for the present Prov. G. Officers of Kent, as the Prov. G. Chaplain. They were, he said, almost the premier province in England. They were very proud to be in that position, and they should endeavour to carry on the traditions, and let others see that their great Order was of real value.

Bro. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, as a Past Prov. G. Chaplain of Kent, also replied, and remarked on the beneficent influence which Masonry had in this county in many directions.

Bro. G. H. Fellowes Prynn, as a visitor to the lodge for the third time, also replied, observing that he was delighted to find the spirit of Masonry so admirably carried out in this lodge.

The toast of "The W.M. of the Shirley Woolmer Lodge" was then given by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Rogers Creasey, who reminded the brethren that Bro. Crawford was one of the founders of the lodge, and had always taken a real interest in its welfare, as he did in everything which concerned the welfare of Sidcup. (Applause.) They welcomed him as W.M. of that lodge, and wished him a very happy year of office.

The W.M., in response, said it would be his duty and pleasure to do all he could to further the interests of the lodge.

"The I.P.M." was given by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. J. R. Creasey.

"The Installing Master" was given by the W.M., who spoke of Bro. Hale's valued services to the lodge since its inception.

Bro. Hale said it was his wish to see the Shirley Woolmer Lodge one of the first lodges in Kent, and all the service he could give to make it so he would gladly give.

At this point in the proceedings the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge of instruction, presented a jewel to Bro. Charles Sheath, P.M., in heartfelt recognition of his services in initiating the lodge of instruction, and the valued assistance he had rendered in connection with it. Bro. Sheath, to whom the presentation came quite as a surprise, feelingly acknowledged the gift.

The other toasts were: "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. E. Leonard; "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Shirley Woolmer Lodge," responded to by Bros. Sharp, P. P. G. Org., and Sandercock, P.M.; "The Treasurer and Secretary;" "The Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Sandercock, P.M., responded as the lodge's Charity Representative this year; "The Officers of the Lodge;" and the Tyler's toast.

A delightful musical programme was under the direction of Bro. W. Leet, the artistes being Bros. Montague Borwell, Gilbert Lockyer, Cyril Flamstead, and F. Cozens.

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present: Bros. C. Nicole, W.M.; D. Taylor, S.W.; J. Horstead, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., P. G. D. C. Norfolk, Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P. P. G. D. Herts, Treas.; J. Duncan, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Dunaway, S.D.; E. Richards, J.D.; E. Lucas, I.G.; J. Birks, P.M.; F. M. Wemborn, A. Williams, H. C. Kerly, W. Lee, W. E. Ranger, A. Noel, E. P. Fischer, M. Relph, C. G. Muller, Cragnell, I. Foxcroft, G. Mortlock, P. E. Gates, H. R. Bower, J. Ewings, F. H. Johnson, T. A. P. Usher, and H. Hill, P.M., Preceptor 1288; and others.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The charge in the First Degree was then given, and the lecture on the tracing board in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson being the candidate. The traditional history was recited. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Br. T. A. P. Usher was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was then closed.

EARL OF MORNINGTON LODGE, No. 2000.

The members of this lodge of instruction resumed their regular meetings for the coming season at 51, Queen Anne-street, W., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Hugh T. Taylor, W.M.; A. Dawson Jones, S.W.; G. I. Schorstein, as J.W.; J. Pollard, Treas.; W. A. Bowser, Sec.; W. Turner, I.P.M.; Spencer Lewin S.D.; R. J. Probyn Williams, as J.D.; H. L. Sarson, I.G.; and many others. In the absence of Bro. Charles Fox, Bro. Bowser acted as Preceptor.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. J. D. Pattullo acting as candidate. Bro. W. Turner, I.P.M., then took the chair, and the ceremony of initiation was worked. Bro. H. T. Taylor resumed the chair, and proposed, Bro. J. Pollard seconding, "That the sum of five guineas be paid out of the funds of this lodge of instruction to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, such amount to be placed on Bro. Bowser's list as Steward at the recent festival." Carried unanimously. Bro. Bowser having returned thanks, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The regular convocation of the above chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the evening of the 16th inst., when there were present Comps. William Baker, M.E.Z.; J. G. Robeson, H.; F. Hughes, P.Z.; J. S. M. Banker, P.Z., S.E.; D. Ringrose, S.N.; T. Cohu, P.Z., D.C.; W. Fisher, P.S.; F. Hamlett, 2nd A.S.; J. J. Bassett, Stwd.; W. Haynes Dunn, P.Z.; J. Collins, A. Carter, G. K. Durrant, T. B. Cohu, A. Fergusson, T. H. Maple, G. Wetton, J. Kent, J. M. Barclay, O. T. Jackson, J. O. Lewis, P.Z.; G. Couchman, Janitor; and the following visitors: Comps. W. H. Brough, 174, and T. A. Mobbs, 554.

Comp. James Oliver Lewis, P.Z. of St. John's Chapter, Eastbourne, was unanimously elected a joining member. The election of officers for the year resulted as follows: Comps. J. G. Robeson, M.E.Z.; Fred Hughes, H.; William Baker, J.; S. M. Barker, Scribe E.; D. Ringrose, Scribe N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer (re-elected); W. Fisher, P.S.; G. Wetton, 1st A.S.; J. J. Bassett, 2nd A.S.; T. Cohu, D. of C.; J. Vaughan Sherrin, Stwd.; and G. Couchman, Janitor. Comp. J. Collins was elected to assist in auditing the chapter accounts. Four brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next regular convocation in January next.

Royal Alfred Chapter, No. 777.

A meeting of the above chapter was held at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, on the 16th inst., when there were present Comps. T. P. Whateley, M.E.Z.; the Rev. J. Arnan Tait, H.; H. G. Herbert, J.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.Z., S.E.; A. Gibbs, P.Z., as S.N.; Dr. C. Haig-Brown, P.S.; G. H. Robinson, 1st A.S.; W. H. Jacques, 2nd A.S.; and W. H. Steggle. Visitors: Comps. R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92, and C. T. Tyler, Prov. G.S.E.

A ballot was taken for Bro. F. J. Ashby, 2101, which proved favourable, and the candidate being in attendance, he was duly elected as a Royal Arch Mason. The mystical lecture was delivered by the Prov. G.S.E.

The chapter was closed, and the companions dined together.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

A POSSIBLE ELECTORAL REVOLUTION.

The thought must have often entered into the minds of our modern statesmen, what a saving of time, labour, and expense would ensue if electoral voting by ballot could be managed so that it should be rendered automatic, self-registering, and, more important still, incapable of error. This has been dismissed by the practical politician as a mere day dream, only possible to exist in the land of Utopia. And yet this vision of fancy may become an actual reality in our present work-day world. A modern inventor, Mr. W. H. Howe, has elaborated a system of electoral procedure—not only perfect in results, but also perfect in its method of attaining them. The inventor claims to have accomplished this without altering the present election law, except that it would be necessary to pass an Act rendering it legal to record votes by mechanical means. Let us consider what this naturally means. Every duty would be taken off the returning officer and his staff, except that of identifying the elector, that of keeping order at the various polling stations, and that of adding together the totals of the distinct records at the close of the poll—a matter of three or four minutes. The duties above mentioned this new invention undertakes, and, what is more, performs with unerring accuracy. We will endeavour to describe the working of this wonderful new machine. Quoting from *The Times*, "The most complete method of Electoral Voting seems to be one quite recently patented, by Mr. W. H. Howe. In this, the voter passes into the polling chamber by a turnstile, which locks itself after him, and is unlocked by the simple act of the elector choosing a candidate. Inside, the voter sees the names of the candidates, printed up in a row before him. He pulls out the handle, or handles, of the men he wishes to vote for, and passes on. His vote is recorded by a printing apparatus, set working by the turnstile. Thus each person who enters is absolutely precluded from voting more than once, or tampering with the apparatus, because he can only vote at all by leaving it. This ingenious invention, which we have indicated in the barest outline, fulfils all, and more than all, the provisions and intention of the Ballot Act. It secures absolute secrecy, gives effect to the voter's intentions, without fail, provides for a scrutiny, by which each vote can be traced in a moment, and abolishes counting. The votes are printed in consecutive numbers, and, therefore, the last one recorded, for each candidate, gives the total of his poll." It is reckoned that the votes forfeited, by one blunder or another, are as many as 20,000 in all, or an average of 50 each, in 400 constituencies. The number of results which might have been changed, if all the spoilt papers had been valid, may easily be imagined. As to the second great division of errors—those which come from faulty counting—we get some hint of its extent from what has happened in electoral recounts. We verify, from our own experience, the facts stated above. We paid a visit to the office where the machine is exhibited, in Fleet-street—saw the inventor, who showed us the working of the system—went through the whole proceedings of a supposed election recorded, printed, and registered our votes by one automatic action. In addition, the inventor showed us an ingenious method by which a cripple, unable to walk, can be wheeled in his carriage into the polling chamber, without any personal discomfort, or his identity being known—he recording, printing, and registering his vote by one automatic action. One of the most important points is this. The illiterate elector is able to vote, without any one's aid, for the first time in the history of voting. No official employed at a polling-station—not even the returning officer himself—can ever find out how an elector has voted. The returning officer never sees the books of the poll clerk—these, with the marked registers, being carefully sealed up before the ballot rolls are examined, and no poll clerk ever sees the ballot rolls—these being examined by the Returning Officers and the candidates and their agents only. A comparison of poll books with ballot rolls can only be made by the High Court, in case of a petition with demand for a scrutiny. We have thus given a brief description of this desiderated machine for voting by ballot, and have mentioned its most important uses. The inventor, Mr. W. H. Howe, told us he has patented his machine, and offered it to the British Government. What the result will be is utterly unknown; Government departments do not, as a rule, extend a welcome to new inventions; the cut-and-dried tape system is still in vogue, and is a great bar to enquiry and enterprise. We would suggest to those interested a visit to this ingenious and useful machine.

THE GOLDEN EPOCH OF VICTORIA, R.I.

NEW BURLINGTON-STREET, BOND-STREET, W.

This important work is by Arthur Drummond, who painted the well-known picture of "Bobs and the Baby"—"Don't you see I am engaged." The artist has endeavoured to group together the illustrious personages who in the departments of the Church, Army, Navy, Law, Science, Art in all its various branches, Music, the Drama, &c., contributed to add a lustre to the Golden Epoch of our late illustrious Queen. It is a noble work; but the artist has attempted too much, the inevitable result being that the picture is over-crowded by the groups of celebrities. We regret this the more, as many of the portraits are excellent and life-like; we would especially mention those of Marquis of Salisbury and Earl Roberts. The biographical notes with the key-plate are of great use in examining the picture.

THE DORE GALLERY.

35, NEW BOND-STREET, W.

There has been lately added to the great art collection at the above gallery a remarkable picture entitled "Suffer little children to come unto Me," the work of James E. Christie. The artist has gone out of the ordinary beaten track, and has given quite a new conception of the text, bringing our Saviour's influence to bear upon every-day life. The picture does not at first make a deep impression, but it grows upon one in a wonderful way. The varied groups of young children are naturally depicted; the lights and shadows of child life are pathetically depicted. At the command of her late Majesty the Queen, Mr. Christie's religious picture, "Suffer little children," was conveyed from Aberdeen to Balmoral Castle for the Queen's inspection, who expressed herself as being highly pleased with the work, and her Majesty graciously ordered a copy of the reproduction.

THE CENTURY THEATRE.

It is not our custom to review a piece when it has been withdrawn, but we are tempted to do so in the case of "The Whirl of the Town," which took its farewell of the stage, at all events for the present, on Saturday evening, the 19th instant. We have been surprised at the fierce attacks that have been made against it by the leading dramatic critics. The piece was entitled a musical absurdity, and as such might surely have been more leniently judged. Severe criticism on such a harmless production is like breaking a butterfly on a wheel. It might have been permitted to flutter out its ephemeral existence without hastening its end. Some of the critics say the piece had no story—here we must differ from them; it has a plot, though, confessedly, of a slight nature, in the 1st Act, and there is a distinct originality in its treatment. The story seems to have been nearly lost in the 2nd Act, this we believe to have caused the wreckage of the piece. To the series of musical turns, which had no connection with the plot, and only tended to unduly prolong the performance, may be attributed the failure of "The Whirl of the Town" to catch the taste of the British public. In spite of its serious defects, there is some good material in it, which might be worked up into a success. Mr. John Le Hay had an amusing part as Neptune, Miss Madge Lessing was most graceful as the runaway Mermaid, amongst other musical pieces, she had a coon song, with the cake-walk order of dance, encored several times, which certainly took on. Mr. H. E. Dixey, as the Kleptomaniac, had a great deal of "go," being a graceful dancer. The Champagne Dance of Miss Mabel Love was an agreeable feature of the entertainment medley. We say "au revoir" to "The Whirl of the Town." We believe we shall see it again.

THE CAMDEN THEATRE.

What the Coronet Theatre is to the inhabitants of Notting Hill and its vicinity, that is the Camden Theatre to the people of Camden Town and its outlying districts. The two theatres are both under the direction of Mr. E. G. Saunders, are built on the same lines, and under a liberal management the comforts of its numerous patrons are carefully tended. We paid a visit to the Camden Theatre last week, and were so well pleased that we hope, ere long, to renew our acquaintance. The dramatic fare provided was "The Shadow Dance," being a melodrama founded on that world-renowned story of Victor Hugo, "Notre Dame de Paris." We object, however, to the title of the version—it seems to us that the "Hunchback of Notre Dame" would have been more suitable, and more likely to attract. This piece was represented by Mr. Charles Cartwright and his company. Mr. Cartwright, as Quasimodo, the deformed hunchback, gave an intelligent and powerful rendering of the character. He is a good actor, without rant, even in the fiercest outburst of passion, "not o'erstepping the modesty of nature." His daughter, Miss Edith Cartwright, enacted the part of Esmeralda with grace and feeling. The other characters were well sustained. We would especially notice Pierre Gringoire, a poet, Mr. Joseph Tapley. Claude Frolo, Mr. Edward O'Neill, was enacted with intelligence. The part of Zillah, the revengeful gypsy, fell to the lot of Miss Lindsay Fincham. The piece was well mounted, the costumes correct. The music, specially composed by Napoleon Lambelet, was melodious and appropriate.

AT A MEETING of the United Wards' Club, held at the Cannon-street Hotel, last week, an illuminated address was presented to Bro. A. B. Hudson, C.C., in recognition of his services as President. The scroll, which was framed, bore the City coat-of-arms and the club's emblem—"clasped hands."

CHRISTMAS COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.—Bro. the Lord Mayor of London has received a letter from the Mayor of Capetown inviting his co-operation and assistance in connection with the movement now being made to provide Christmas comforts, literature, and books to the troops and Volunteers serving at the front, and in the blockhouses guarding the lines of communication. What is specially wanted is the regular collection of literature, such as interesting books and magazines for distribution to the forces. In response to this letter, the Lord Mayor has made a grant from the War Fund (Discretionary Branch) of £250 to the Mayor's collection. Gifts of Christmas fare (for transmission to the Capetown Committee) may be sent to Messrs. Hayter and Hayter, the Government packers, George-yard, Upper Thames-street, London, who will forward them free of charge to the donors.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE United States navy estimates for the fiscal year amount to 98,910,984 dollars.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON will, it is stated, be asked to accept the Mayoralty of High Wycombe for the ensuing year.

IT IS proposed to confer the freedom of Maidstone upon Bro. Alderman Frank Green, Lord Mayor of London, who is a native of the town.

THE BOROUGH COUNCILS.—Bro. T. H. Brooke-Hitchings, C.C., J.P., will probably be elected the Mayor of Marylebone for the ensuing year.

WE REGRET to announce that Bro. Maurice Spiegel, P.M., has undergone a serious operation in one of Mr. Buckston Browne's Nursing Homes, 49, Beaumont-street, Weymouth-street, W.

ACCORDING to a contemporary, the office of Grand Organist has been created in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the name of Comp. A. Louis Reis is mentioned as having received the appointment.

WITH the approval of the King, and by arrangement with the Office of Works, the whole of the plans submitted for the proposed memorial of the late Queen Victoria at the head of the Mall, will be open to public inspection at St. James's Palace on the 1st prox.

THE ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL.—The King, who was recently graciously pleased to become Patron of the New Dental Hospital of London, in Leicester-square, has now commanded that in future the Institution shall be known as the Royal Dental Hospital of London.

GUY'S HOSPITAL.—The Lord Mayor-Elect, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, M.P., will preside at a Mansion House meeting in January in furtherance of the appeal of this hospital for assistance in raising the sum of £180,000 which is required to meet the cost of works of renovation and extension.

THE ANNUAL Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hants and the Isle of Wight will be held at the Southsea Esplanade Assembly Rooms to-morrow (Saturday), the 26th instant, when Bro. Loveland Loveland, who was recently elected Prov. Grand Master, will be installed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that Bro. the Rev. Richard Lee is resigning the head-mastership of Christ's Hospital. Bro. Lee has been connected with the ancient school for nearly 30 years, and his tenure of office has proved a brilliant success. But he naturally desires to transfer to younger hands the task of initiating a new era on the approaching migration to Horsham.

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.—The Lord Mayor's Fund for the National Memorial to Queen Victoria now amounts to £156,233. Recent donations include: County of Chester (first instalment), per Earl Egerton of Tatton, Lord Lieutenant, £500; City of Birmingham (balance), per the Lord Mayor £262 6s. 6d., making a total of £154 16s. 6d.

MAYOR OF GREENWICH MARRIED.—On the 19th instant, in the quietest manner possible, at All Souls', Langham-place, W., the marriage of Bro. Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Gooding, the present Mayor of Greenwich, to Miss Laura Frances Baillie-Hamilton, youngest daughter of the late Admiral and Lady Harriet Baillie-Hamilton, was celebrated. Sir William Baillie-Hamilton, the brother of the bride, gave her away.

COMP. THE HON. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, M.P., Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for the Province of Cheshire, has summoned a Prov. Grand Chapter, to be held at the Masonic Rooms, Birkenhead, at 3.15 to-morrow (Saturday), for the purpose of transacting the annual business of the Prov. Grand Chapter, including the appointment and investiture of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year. High tea will be served at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, at five p.m.

IT IS NOT generally known that Lord Rosebery possesses the costliest collection of snuff-boxes in the world. Many of them are of solid gold, and some are set with brilliants. A curious inlaid enamel snuff-box was at one time the property of Napoleon Bonaparte. A small black box studded with three diamonds belonged to the eminent statesman Pitt, while another plainly inlaid with fine gold was used by Fox. Although the collection only comprises 23 boxes altogether, its estimated value is £35,000.

THE COUNCIL of the Society of Authors has resolved to raise a memorial to Bro. Sir Walter Besant, the original founder of the Society. They have approached the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral, and have obtained permission to erect a wall monument in the crypt, close to the tablet placed to the memory of Charles Reade. Mr. George Frampton, A.R.A., has promised to execute the work, which will commemorate Bro. Sir Walter Besant's unique services to his struggling fellow-writers, as well as his great distinction as novelist and historian.

BRO. SIR JAMES BUCHANAN of Craigend Castle will be missed in Masonic circles in Glasgow, and especially amongst the higher Degrees and red Masonry. He was always a welcome guest at the festival of Lodge Prince's, and at the dinners in connection with the higher Degrees he was always much in evidence. He was a delightful companion, and though he had the bluff, outspoken manner of the sailor, he was in his youth, he had a very kind heart, and was a very close and true friend. No one who heard him reply for "The Army and Navy" will forget the enthusiasm with which he spoke of his profession, and his fine disdain of its critics.—*Glasgow Evening News*.

WE HAVE received from Bro. Lieut. Learmont, R.A., Secretary of the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789 (Bro. Major A. C. T. Boileau, W.M.), a copy of the Ubique Masonic Calendar for 1901-2, which should prove of use and interest not only to brethren of the Royal Artillery quartered at home, but also to those who are abroad "wherever dispersed." The roll of subscribing members to the Craft lodge number 179, ranging in military rank from Major-General to N.C.O. The Ubique Royal Arch Chapter and Mark Lodge have each a goodly roll of members, and the Calendar also discloses that the lodge has contributed very largely to the Masonic Charities since its foundation.

THE SITE OF THE ALEXANDRA WING.—The British and Foreign Sailors' Society have received from Mrs. Sam Lewis £1000, the cost of the site on which will be erected the "Alexandra Wing" of the Passmore Edwards Sailors' Palace. Mrs. Lewis desires the gift to be of an In Memoriam character, and associated with her late husband. Now that the site is cleared, and building commenced, the value of the opportune extension is much more appreciated. The Marquis of Lansdowne has sent £5 towards the endowment of a bed in the Sailors' Palace, to be associated with the county of which his lordship is Lord-Lieutenant.

BRO. DR. W. H. CUMMINGS will, we learn, shortly issue a volume dealing with the history of the words and music of "God save the King." Bro. Dr. Cummings, who has made a collection of early editions of our National Anthem, about 23 years ago, contributed to a monthly paper a remarkable series of articles on the subject; but they are not, of course, now easily available. The forthcoming book will at any rate prevent, it is hoped, the almost annual recurrence in print of the absurd fiction that the tune was derived from France. The claim that the melody was composed by Lully in mid-seventeenth century rests entirely upon a hoax contained in the spurious "Memoirs de la Marquise de Créquy," which were written by Cousen de St. Maso as recently as 1834.

BRO. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR AND THE JEWS.—At the Whitechapel Parish Church, on the 19th instant, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair addressed a congregation consisting entirely of Jews. He based his discourse on the words, "I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you, and your land shall be desolate and your cities waste." In the course of his sermon, which was translated, phrase by phrase, into Yiddish by Mr. Neugertz, the Archdeacon referred to the fact that on several previous occasions the Hebrew people had been taken captive from their native land and that they had returned thereto. Their expatriation, however, had never before extended to over 1800 years. He suggested that that remarkable fact should cause the Jews to consider whether their position was not due to the attitude they had taken up, which was originally adopted at the dictation of priests who were beside themselves at the idea that their authority was to be taken away from them. Not until that attitude was changed would the Jews be able to return to their own land if they wished, and Jerusalem be rebuilt.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS to Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who, although he is now the Father of the House of Commons, was only 64 on the 23rd inst.

AS the chairman of the City Lands Committee, Bro. T. Hastings Miller has issued invitations for a ladies' dinner at the Hotel Cecil on Monday, the 28th inst.

BRO. PENLEY has decided to revive the three-act farce, "Uncles and Aunts," at the Great Queen-street Theatre. He will play his original part of Zedekiah Aspen.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES has received the thanks of H.R.H. the Duchess of Cornwall and York for his poem "Kiaora," recently published in our columns, and copied by a large number of our contemporaries.

AFTER formally accepting custody of the Elcho Shield, the National Challenge Trophy, and the China Cup at Guildhall on the 19th inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained the members of the winning teams at dinner at the Mansion House. Bro. Lord Roberts, who was amongst the guests, responded to the toast of "The Imperial Forces," bearing testimony to the intelligence, perseverance, and determination of all branches of the British force in South Africa.

IN CONNECTION with the autumn election for the Asylum for Idiots at Earlswood, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 31st instant, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, M.P., Treasurer, in the chair, a strong appeal is being made for funds, as the charity is in straitened circumstances. Amounts overdue amounting to £3500 are waiting to be paid, but funds do not permit. This is a heavy responsibility in addition to the debt due to the bankers, and the Board have been reluctantly compelled to reduce the admissions to the foundation.

THE ALDERSGATE PAST OFFICERS' CLUB.—The first meeting of the season was held on the 21st instant, at the Manchester Hotel. The President, Bro. V. I. R. Longman, C.C., occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. T. Murray Jones and James Mayhew, Hon. Sec. The Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary were reappointed. At the supper which followed, under the presidency of the Hon. Secretary, a few toasts were given and songs rendered. The winter dinner of the club was fixed to take place at the Manchester Hotel on Thursday, the 28th prox.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT will be nominated on December 3rd for re-election on March 4th, 1902, as Grand Master of Mark Masons. His Royal Highness has not yet been installed in that office, to which he was elected for the first time on February 19th, but it is his desire, I believe, that the ceremony shall take place at the end of January or the beginning of February next. His nomination for re-election as Grand Master of Craft Masonry will be made in United Grand Lodge of December 4th. No election is required for First Grand Principal in Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as that office, and the offices of Pro Grand Principal and Second Principal, follow the holder of the positions of Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master of English Free and Accepted Masons.

MEDALS FROM GERMANY.—English medallists are showing resentment at the introduction of Coronation medals from Germany without any indication as to their origin, and a memorial has been prepared for presentation to the King, which sets forth that at the present time German manufacturers are able to send medals into the United Kingdom with the country of origin marked on the paper bags or boxes containing them only, which bags or boxes can be changed after the goods are received, so that the medals can be sold then without any disclosure as to the place of manufacture. The request is made that his Majesty shall cause some regulation to be promulgated which shall ensure that the country of origin shall be indelibly marked on such medals and similar articles.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE AND CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—The annual dinner in commemoration of the birthday of King Edward VI., founder of the Christ's Hospital, was given in the great hall of the school on Wednesday, his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Governor of the hospital since 1841, and President since 1854, presiding. In responding to the toast of "The King and other Members of the Royal Family," his Royal Highness said the members of his family had from time immemorial shown a lively interest in the institution. He deeply deplored that the school was about to sever itself from its antecedents in the City of London and remove to Horsham. He looked as cheerfully to the future as was possible to him. If he had differed from the authorities of the School in the past, he had done his best. He had been President of the School for 47 years. They ought to get a younger man for the post, but they could never get anyone who wished them better than he did. He hoped the School would be as successful in the future as in the past. (Cheers.) The President subsequently proposed "The Religious, Royal, and Ancient Foundation of Christ's Hospital." The Rev. G. C. Bell, M.A., Master of Marlborough College, proposed subsequently "The Masters and Officers of Christ's Hospital." Bro. Rev. Richard Lee, the Head Master of the School, responded.

BRO. EMRA HOLMES, whose poem on the death of the Empress Frederick which recently appeared in the *Freemason*, having expressed a hope that the Empress's friend, Princess Stephanie, might favour Dovercourt with her presence on her next visit to England for her health, has received the following characteristic letter from Count Lonyay, the husband of her Royal Highness. It is understood that the Threnody on the death of the Empress was inspired by the Princess:

"Austerlitz, Ber Brünn Mähren,

"Austria, 13 Octr., 1901.

"Dear Mr. Holmes,

"The Princess Stephanie asked me to tell you she is very sorry your letter was not answered before our departure from London; but we left suddenly, being obliged to return to Austria. H.R.H. is thanking you for the lovely poem, and was deeply touched by your beautiful words about the late Empress Frederic, whom she worshipped quite especially. The Princess and myself will be very glad to meet you another year if our travellings will bring us to the perfect coast of your country, to which we are both so devoted.—Believe me, yours faithfully,

"Count E. LONYAY."

AMONG LONDON RESTAURANTS there is none more palatial, more rich and artistic in its decorations, more luxurious in its surroundings and general appointments than the Monico, which, since its establishment in 1877, has been repeatedly enlarged, and, by the judgment and liberality of the proprietors in catering, has steadily advanced in public favour. The Messrs. Monico have recently made great alterations in connection with their table d'hôte room and their hall, which is called the International. The table d'hôte room from the decorative point of view, may now be regarded as an entirely new feature—a creation suggested by drawings and documents of the Pre-Raphaelite School, and a veritable triumph for Messrs. Jetley, of North Audley-street. The artistic modelling is without anything of excess in plastic ornamentation; and the scheme of colouring, with the elegant upholstery gives to the room a lofty, and airy, and yet grand appearance, that is at once a delight for the eye and most eloquent of comfort for the visitor. The International Hall has undergone a complete metamorphosis and there is wonder as well as delight for the members of the Masonic Craft, the worshippers at the shrine of Terpsichore, the organisers of the guests at the political, regimental, club, and private banquets and others, who are certain to patronise it. Here, that genius in artistic decoration, Mr. Blockbinder, appears to have been given *carte blanche*. The architectural features of the apartment have been altered, but the ceilings, walls, and windows have undergone an entire change. The walls have been fitted with beautifully modelled panels, highly decorated and lavishly enriched with gold. The ceiling has been covered with fibrous plaster enrichments, and the girders have been supported by artistically modelled caryatides. The whole scheme is in the Renaissance style, with light tints giving to the hall the appearance of greatly increased space. The cove which has been retained is covered with magnificent paintings illustrative of music, painting, hunting, dancing, &c., &c. With so many added beauties and delights, and with catering to suit all tastes and all pockets, the fame and popularity of the Monico—great as they are—should be materially increased.

Marriage.

OHREN—CAMP.—On the 19th instant, Mr. Aubrey Magnus Ohren, third son of Bro. Magnus Ohren, A.M.I.C.E., of Burleigh, Garlies-road, Forest Hill, S.E., to Amy, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Camp, of Bridgewater House, Leyton, Essex.