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BRO. GEORGE KENNING.

There are times when it is difficult, even to the verge of impossibility, to express the feelings by which we are influenced, and to us the present is one of those times. Bro. GEORGE KENNING, for many years past one of the most familiar and influential personalities in Metropolitan Freemasonry, and with whom we have been necessarily connected for a very considerable portion of that time, died, with almost appalling suddenness, at his house at Sydenham, late on Saturday evening last, and English Freemasonry is the poorer by this death of one of its

extended far beyond his family, his large circle of friends and acquaintances, and his London and Provincial staff, and he was known everywhere as a man of the greatest energy and ability, who, in the course of a long and busy life, had successfully wooed Fortune, and in doing so had secured to himself, not the envy and dislike of his less fortunate rivals, but their admiration and regard as a man of sterling worth, whose word was his bond, and who at all times was as ready and willing, as he was able, to do a kindness to his neighbour.

Among Masons Bro. GEORGE KENNING necessarily occupied



most devoted and respected members. Bro. KENNING was one of the simplest and kindest of men. The longer and more intimately you knew him the more you learnt to esteem him, and to appreciate the acts of kindness he was constantly doing. Not only was he the centre of a rare love and affection and the most profound respect in his own family as well as among all who had the privilege of claiming him as friend. Not only was he looked up to and almost revered by the host of people in his employ as the head and founder of about the largest business establishment of its kind in this country. His same had

a position of influence, not merely because he had been a member of the Fraternity for over 40 years and had rendered it well nigh innumerable services, such as will be found enumerated in the record we append of his Masonic career; but because as the proprietor of this journal, and as publisher of many of the best known standard works on Freemasonry, he has done more than any brother of our time to encourage and promote a desire for Masonic knowledge. In March, 1869, he founded the *Freemason*; in 1872, the *Masonic Monthly Magazine*, the publication of which, however, he discontinued in the early "eighties"; and

in 1870, the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book*. In addition, we have his "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," of which his friend the late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, Past G. Chap., was the editor, and his "Archæological Library," of the only two volumes of which that have appeared the late Bro. WOODFORD and our respected Bro. W. J. HUGHAN were the authors. Thus while Bro. KENNING himself has gone from our midst, the memory of what he did for Masonry, its Institutions, and its literature, will be preserved through all time.

He is dead; but the good that he did in the shape of the periodicals he founded and the works he published will not be "interrèd with his bones," but will serve better than any monumental brass to perpetuate his memory as an earnest and devoted member of the Craft he loved so well, and of whose principles he was in his daily life so true and genuine an exponent.

To the widow and family of our late most respected brother we respectfully offer our sincerest and deepest sympathy. May the Great Architect give them strength to bear themselves in this most trying time of their great bereavement! And may they find at least some slight consolation for their irreparable loss in the knowledge that their loved one bore himself bravely and as a good man should do in the great battle of life, and that now he is dead, his memory is respected of all whose respect is worth having!

SERVICES OF BRO. GEORGE KENNING.

CRAFT.—April 4th, 1861, Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, initiated; W.M. 1871; Treasurer for six years. February 4th, 1875, Mariners Lodge, No. 249, joining member. May 1st, 1869, Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, joining member. Warrant, November 19th, 1869, Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, a founder, and first Senior Warden, 1870; Junior Warden, 1871; Hon. Secretary. Consecrated January 29th, 1877, Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, originator and a founder; first Treasurer, 1877 and 1878; S.W. 1879; W.M. two years, 1880-1881. Consecrated January 4th, 1884, St. Botolph Lodge, No. 2020, originator and a founder. Consecrated October 18th, 1887, Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, joining member. Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, member Correspondence Circle. Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, a petitioner; Past Prov. Grand Steward; Past Prov. Grand Deacon Middx.

SCOTLAND, CRAFT.—June 15th, 1877, St. John's Lodge, No. 33, Glasgow, life member. January 31st, 1877, St. David's Lodge, No. 36, Edinburgh, affiliated. Member Masonic Veteran Association of Pennsylvania. Joining member, Masonic Veteran Association, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 14th June, 1895.

ROYAL ARCH.—February 9th, 1865, Mount Sion Chapter, No. 22, exalted. Warrant, November 1st, 1871, Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, originator and founder; first M.E.Z.; Treasurer to the present time. Consecrated June 14th, 1883, Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, a founder; Treasurer to the present time; M.E.Z. elect 1895. Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, a founder. West Kent Chapter, No. 1297, honorary member. Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex, a petitioner; Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.

CHARITIES.—Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Patron; served 10 Stewardships. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Patron; served 12 Stewardships. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Patron; served nine Stewardships.

MARK DEGREE.—February 5th, 1864, Thistle Lodge, No. 8, advanced. St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, W.M. 1873; life member. Grand Junior Overseer, appointed by H.R.H. Prince of Wales on the occasion of his appointment as Grand Master, July 1st, 1886. Founded October 3rd, 1888, Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, member. Mark Benevolent Fund, Vice-President; served four Stewardships.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—March 19th, 1869, Kemeys Tynte Encampment, No. 48, installed. Past Pio Grand Officer Kent. Holy Palestine Preceptory, No. 129, founder. October 10th, 1878, St. Mary's Commandery, Philadelphia, honorary member. December 17th, 1869, Knight of Malta.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.—April 16th, 1869, Invicta Chapter, No. 10, perfected. Palestine Chapter, No. 29, a founder; P.M.W. Sovereign, February 12th, 1887, Adoniram Chapter, No. 101, member. 1887. May 9th, 1872, 30°, life member.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—October 10th, 1872, Royal Order of Scotland, life member.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.—December 14th, 1867, Premier Conclave, No. 1, Past Sovereign; Past Grand Marshal. Rose and Lily Council, No. 3, Past Eusebius. June 27th, 1868, Knight of St. John the Evangelist. Mount Carmel Sanctuary and Commandery.

ROSICRUCIAN.—October 31st, 1867, Metropolitan College, Past Master Temple.

SWEDENBORGIAN.—January 24th, 1878, Hermes Lodge and Temple, No. 8, Grand Jeweller.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.—April 2nd, 1879, Grand Masters Council, No. 1.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS.—January 29th, 1872, Mother Lodge, London.

SECRET MONITOR.—January 31st, 1888, Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5, a founder; Supreme Ruler, 1889; Past Grand Bow Bearer.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.—March 7th, 1875, Four Kings Council, No. 7.

Three Foreign Certificates. London Masonic Archæological Society. London Masonic Charity Association.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Elmers End Cemetery, on Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock, the service being conducted, both in the chapel attached to the cemetery and at the grave, in a most impressive manner, by the Rev. S. A. Tipple, a personal friend of the deceased.

Among the mourners who were most intimately connected with the deceased were: Mrs. Wright, Messrs. George Henry Kenning, F. R. Kenning, George Baker (Whitstable), William Baker, Henry Mason, B. Wright, and S. Carter.

Other mourners were Messrs. G. Gain, E. H. Rennie, J. T. Rennie, J. W. Anderson, B. Norman, Henry Johnson, J. R. Russell, and Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; W. Lake, Asst. G. Sec.; H. Garrod, P.M.; J. G. Robeson, P.M.; Rev. Selby Henrey, E. G. Johnson, and F. Hughes, P.M. A very large number of the employes from the head office and branches also attended the funeral.

A number of very beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin, these floral tributes of respect and sympathy being sent by the relatives, personal friends, and employes of deceased. They comprised the following: Old Masonian Association; Aldersgate Lodge; Lion and Lamb Chapter; Lion and Lamb Lodge; Staff at Little Britain, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow; Embroidery Department; Costume and Fancy Department; Jewellers' Department; Weaving and Spinning Department; Staff of the *Freemason* Printing Works; Editor of the *Freemason*; Staff of George Kenning and Son, Great Queen-street; "In loving memory (mother);" all the grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Martin; Mr. and Mrs. S. Carter; Mr. and Mrs. William Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Gain; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney O. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Cobb; Mrs. F. W. Carter and Grace; Mrs. J. Adley Reeves; Richard and Wife; Mrs. Prestcott, J. G. Robeson, J. R. Frost, and W. J. Crutch.

The coffin bore the following inscription:

GEORGE KENNING,
Born 2nd April, 1836,
Died 26th October, 1901.

We are requested to announce that Bro. F. R. Kenning, who has had partnership with the late proprietor for the past seven years, and previous to that had served seven years as an assistant, will carry on the business under the same style, viz., "George Kenning and Son."

In Memoriam.

BRO. GEORGE KENNING.

DIED 26TH OCT., 1901.

Non omnis moriar.

The Reaper Death has garnered to his store
A face and form familiar to us all,
One, as the years rolled on, esteemed the more,
One whom, alas, we never can recall.

A loving husband, father, and a friend,
A Mason true, in thought, in word and deed,
To poorer Brethren he'd his hand extend,
Widow and Orphan aid, in time of need.

Active his life, though simple, he was found
Ever subservient to strict Duty's call;
Domestic joys within his home abound,
Courteous to friends, and strangers, one and all.

Sadly, yet hopefully, we lay him down,
Commend him to our Heavenly Father's trust,
The flowers of Memory his life shall crown,
And bud and blossom in the silent dust.

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

28th October.

FREEMASONRY IN CHESHIRE.*

We have dwelt at some length upon the contents of the earlier chapters of this interesting volume with a view to calling particular attention to the usages of the Craft in Cheshire, so far as they are described during the administration of the Prov. G. Masters who preceded Lord Combermere. Thus we have noted the practice of electing the Prov. G. Master and his officers annually, which was in vogue till 1756, and the change that followed from 1757 onwards, when Bro. Page became P.G.M. by Deputation from the Grand Master, and appointed his officers. We have also noticed the resignation of the W.M.

* 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.

of the Old Lodge at Chester, in 1818, in order that Bro. E. V. Townshend might become an Installed Master, and thereby be in possession of the necessary qualification for office as Dep. Prov. G.M. We have not laid any stress on the election of Deacons in the Old Lodge (No. 180) in 1743, or the remark of Bro. ARMSTRONG as to such election disposing of the idea "that the office of Deacon was introduced into England by the Irish Masons, who inaugurated the rival Grand Lodge of the so-called 'Ancients' in 1751." Dermott claimed for his Grand Lodge that it adhered strictly to the "Ancient" laws and usages of the Craft, from which the regular Grand Lodge had departed, and in one of his letters or addresses to his Grand Lodge he mentions Anderson's Constitutions of 1738—from which Spratt, Grand Secretary of Ireland, derived his Constitutions of 1751—as being necessary to a right understanding of the laws and customs, &c., of pure and ancient Masonry. Thus, putting the matter briefly, we suggest that the "Ancients" retained the office of Deacon, while the "Moderns," or a great number of their lodges, allowed it to drop. But there is not the same necessity that we should overweight our review of Bro. ARMSTRONG'S work with details of the events that occurred during the 35 years that Lord Combermere presided over the Province, or under his successors in office. But there are a few facts which deserve to be recorded, such as the establishment, in 1843, of a Provincial "Fund of Benevolence"—it would appear from this that the one formed, or proposed to be formed, in Sir John Grey Egerton's time must have proved a failure—the idea having originated with the Provincial Grand Master, while, in 1863, the Cheshire Educational Institution was established, and received every encouragement and support from his lordship and Lady Combermere, who accepted the position of Patroness. On the death of Lord Combermere, in 1865, Lord de Tabley was appointed Provincial Grand Master, and under his auspices likewise the Province prospered, and its Educational Fund was still more liberally supported, and was able to dispense its benefits to a larger number of children. During the administration of Lord—subsequently Earl—Egerton of Tatton, still further progress was made, and a second Provincial Charity was organised—the Cheshire Benevolent Institution—formed on the lines of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London. This, too, considering the brief period it has been in existence, is doing good work, and the custom which has lately been adopted of holding Festivals periodically in aid of these Charities, seems in every way calculated to strengthen them financially and enlarge their respective spheres of usefulness. These, then, are the main facts in Cheshire Masonry which have occurred since 1830. But there is a continuous record of the work done by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and those who delight in studying such records as have been so ably strung together in these chapters in narrative form will find much to reward them for their labour.

Following this account of the Prov. Grand Lodge is a "List of Lodges meeting in Cheshire during the last two Centuries," while Chapter XIX.—of which by the way there appear to be two—is headed "The Time Immemorial Lodges of Cheshire," namely, the first five in the "List of Lodges" aforesaid. This is a most interesting chapter, as the senior of the five was working till about 70 years ago, and was not erased from the roll of lodges until 1838. It is a long chapter extending to over 20 pages, and contains a series of extracts from the minutes during the period from 1743 to 1829. It is greatly to be regretted that steps were not taken to prevent the erasure of this venerable lodge, which throughout nearly the whole of its career played so important a part in Cheshire Masonry and was, indeed, for many years almost one and the same with the Prov. Grand Lodge. We consider that Bro. ARMSTRONG has made out a fair claim for this—which during the latter part of its career was known as the Royal Chester Lodge—as the direct descendant of the old "Sunn" Lodge at Chester of 1724, which figures in our earliest lists, and of which a list of the members in 1725 is preserved in the archives of Grand Lodge. But we do not think that he is justified in designating these five lodges—three at Chester, one at Congleton, and one at Macclesfield—as Time-Immemorial. They may have been in existence before 1717, when the Grand Lodge of England was formed. Whence they came and how they found their way into

the early Lodge lists does not appear. That the three lodges at Chester existed in 1725 we have the lists of the members furnished to Grand Lodge in November of that year as evidence. But there does not appear to us to be anything in the shape of acceptable proof that they had been working for any such length of time as would justify their being ranked in the same category with the Lodge of Antiquity and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. But this does not detract from the value of the chapter for the light it throws upon the proceedings of our early lodges during a portion of the first half of the 18th century. What follows as regards the other lodges which have existed, or still exist—among the latter being the Cestrian Lodge, No. 425, which was warranted in 1834, and may be regarded as the descendant of the Royal Chester—is also well worth reading, but such further remarks as we desire to offer must be reserved for a further and concluding article.

AN OLD MASONIC BADGE.

A pretty silver (gilt) jewel has been sent me for explanation and description, of a kind which evidently was worn, generally, during the 18th Century. The earliest dated piece I have met with, is of the year 1763, and then 1766. Of these there are several specimens similar to the above (dated 1783); the design being practically the same in all.

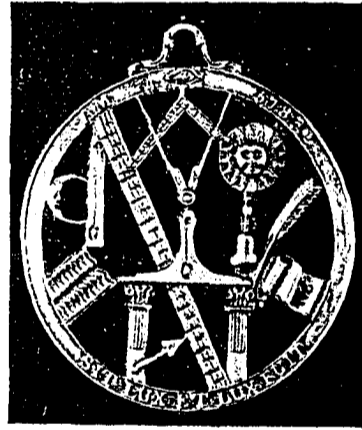
In the Grand Lodge Collection, there is a fine specimen, based upon the 1763 design, but not the same emblems always, the legends on which are different. *Obverse*, "The Lodge of Strict Benevolence, No. 532. Constituted April 5th, 1796. *Reverse*, John Greeves, Lynn Regis. A.M. 5796. Sit Lux Et Lux Fuit. A.D. 1796."

The description by Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, M.A., in his "Medals of the Masonic Fraternity" (Boston, U.S.A., 1880), occurs under No. LXI., page 41, and answers substantially for the various pieces, traced of late years, whatever their date.

"A curious medal, once belonging to Henry Price, first Provincial Grand Master of North America, of silver, struck in a die, with what would have been the field carefully cut out,



OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

leaving the objects equally to be distinguished on either side. *Obverse*: Within a circle bearing the words AMOR, HONOR ET JUSTITIA [Love, Honor, and Justice], and divided into quarters by the letters N. E. S. W., are two pillars, upon the top of which is a level; the square and compasses on the Bible above; the top of the level and the joint of the compasses being together nearly in the centre. On the right of these the sun, a gavel and two crossed pens; on the left, the crescent moon, a plumb, and a scroll, on which is the 47th proposition of Euclid; from the top of the plumb diagonally to the foot of the right hand pillar is the 24 inch gauge. The same description applies to the *Reverse*, except that the objects are reversed relatively to each other. On the rim of the circle at the bottom, SIT LUX ET LUX FUIT [Let there be light and there was light], and at the top the All-seeing eye between AM and 5763. A loop is attached, by which it was worn suspended by a ribbon." It is doubtful if Bro. Shackles would admit it into his unique Collection as a medal.

In the same valuable and most interesting volume, note 20 reads:

"Dr. Alfred Creigh, of Washington, Pa., has one similar to this and the medal described hereafter under LXI., with date 5766, which was presented him by an English gentleman, who informed him that such a medal was given to each member of his lodge on the night he was raised to the Master Mason's Degree."

The latter assertion is not likely to be correct, for the Treasurers' books of the old lodges generally, being silent as to such an outlay, do not favour such a custom, but undoubtedly they were much worn at the period in question. In the catalogue of the "Masonic Exhibition," held at YORK, 20th February, 1884, No. 9 (page 14), there is one of these "Pierced Master Mason's jewels, round, A.M. 5766, &c., emblems." It was also exhibited at WORCESTER, August, 1884, as No. 146, and also another as No. 187. Still another is noted under 594, sent by Bro. J. L. Atherton, and one by my lamented friend Major Irwin as No. 695, now in the Grand Lodge collection, where others also may be seen of a similar kind.

Bro. Geo. Taylor had a good specimen of 1763, No. 1105, and a duplicate, as No. 1084 (now in the Worcester Collection). In the same Catalogue, No. 932, of 1766, was exhibited by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who also has some more pieces of these handsome decorations. Bro. Thos. Cox, of Derby, No. 431, has one precisely as the above illustration of "A.M. 5783."

In the Transactions of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076," for 1895, is an interesting article by Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, with an illustration of this Badge of the year 1763, known as "Lord Muskerry's Jewel," now owned by that gifted brother. In the "Ars" of Lodge 2076 for 1894 is a sketch of the same design, the original, in silver, having been kindly donated by Bro. F. W. Larter, of Glasgow, with others, to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. The latter specimen, as Dr. Crawley points out, has the Pythagorean proposition incised upon it (as in Marvin's work), but this is clearly an addition made subsequently, and no part of the die itself.

Specimens also are to be met with in the Catalogue of the celebrated Masonic Exhibition at Shanklin, September, 1886, and varieties of the Badge are in the Catalogue of the fifth and last Exhibition held at Plymouth in 1887. The valuable collections of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcester, Bro. J. T. Thorp, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicester, Bro. G. W. Bain, Bro. M. C. Peck, the Brighton Masonic Museum, &c., have, I believe, several varieties, or different years' issues of this Badge; so it is not so rare as was first imagined.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of West Yorkshire Mark Masons was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Mechanics' Institution, Wood-street, Wakefield, under the banner of the *Integrity* Lodge, No. 110. This lodge it may be noted was founded originally at Morley in the year 1870, some 12 months before the Province of West Yorkshire was constituted. Notwithstanding the efforts of several very active Mark Masons, amongst whom may be named the late Bro. Captain John Wordsworth (afterwards Prov. Grand Master), Bro. Joseph Sykes and Bro. Charles Woollons, *Integrity* Lodge did not progress, and with a view to increasing its vitality it was removed from Morley to Wakefield. This was in 1876. Here it found considerable support, and though it cannot be said to have flourished exceedingly, yet, through the devotion of the late Bros. Henry France, Mark Potter, W. E. Cowper, J. A. Thornton, Thos. Howden, and others, it struggled on until it attained its present position, which may be described as that of average vigour and strength. This was the fifth time that *Integrity* Lodge had entertained the brethren of the province, and at 4.45 p.m. Bro. H. Slade Childe and his officers opened the lodge. Shortly after five, the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Bro. John Barker, his Deputy, and the officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge entered. These comprised—

Bros. T. G. Howell, P.M. 137 and 493, Prov. S.G.W.; Thos. Pickles, P.M. 127, Prov. J.G.W.; J. P. Hewitt, P.M. 53, Prov. G.M.O.; W. H. Kingswell, P.M. 110, as Prov. S.G.O.; James Milligan, P.M. 58, Prov. I.G.O.; Rev. J. M. Walton, P.M. 501, as Prov. G. Chap.; John Reed, P.M. 398, as Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Rowbotham, P.M. 53, P.P.G.W., as P.G. Reg.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; Theo. Barber, P.M. 398, Prov. S.G.D.; Wm. Varley, P.M. 501, Prov. J.G.D.; W. B. Smith, W.M. 352, Prov. G. Insp. of Works; R. J. Smith, P.M. 111, Prov. G.D.C.; S. Krakauer, P.M. 127, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Tom Ashworth, P.M. 14, Prov. G.S.B.; J. E. Mann, P.M. 457, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Nicholson, J.W. 457, Prov. G. Org.; E. Foulds, W.M. 535, Prov. G.I.G.; J. T. Thompson, P.M. 53, Thos. Mallinson, J.P., J.O. 545, S. A. Radcliffe, 493, and C. Goldthorpe, W.M. 398, Prov. G. Stwds.; and T. F. Wheeler, Tyler.

Amongst the Past P.G. Officers were

Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. 58 and 535, P.P.G.W., P.G. St. Br.; W. E. Smithies, P.M. 137 and 493, P.P.G.W., P.G.S., Chairman of the Charity Committee; Wm. Cockcroft, P.M. 501, P.P.G.O.; Charles E. Rose, P.M. 58, P.P.G.O.; E. Billington, P.M. 127, P.P.G.O.; Wm. Langbridge, P.M. 398, P.P.G. Reg.; J. J. Martin, P.M. 110, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Smith, W.M. 374, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and Joe Sykes, J.W. 137, P.P.G. Org.

Also amongst others:

Bros. John Martin, S.W., Frank Massie, J.W., J. Dunnill, S.O., G. Clayton Man- Sec., W. W. Pearson, Thos. Horner, and H. Gillet, all of 110; Chas. Cromack, W.M. *Old York* (T.I.); Chas. Stokes, W.M., J. T. Thompson, P.M., and E. Rowbotham, J.O. all of 53; J. Whiteley, Reg. 58; F. Hinchcliffe, W.M. elect, and J. E. Cawthorn, S.O. 111; E. E. J. Anderson, I.G. 352; C. Goldthorpe, W.M. 398; Ambler Davies, J.O. 525; Geo. Whitaker, S.W., W. Wagstaffe, S.O., and Joseph Smith, J.O., all of 535; A. G. Webster, M.D., J.W., and T. Mallinson, J.P., J.O. 545.

Before Prov. G. Lodge was opened the Prov. G. Secretary handed to Bro. C. Letch Mason, Prov. G. Master, his patent of appointment

empowering him to hold the office for a further period of three years, the document having now been renewed and endorsed no less than six times. This Bro. Mason received amid the plaudits of his brethren.

Prov. G. Lodge was then opened, and the usual salutes were given.

The acting P.G. Registrar, Bro. THOS. ROWBOTHAM, on calling the roll, announced that all the lodges in the province were represented.

Of the Present Prov. Officers seven were absent. From six of these the PROV. G. SECRETARY said he had received apologies, the seventh, Bro. J. H. Dyson, being in Canada.

The Prov. G. Secretary presented the minutes of the annual meeting held at Castleford, which, as they had been previously printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The PROV. G. MASTER then addressed the Prov. G. Lodge as follows:

Brethren: It gives me great pleasure once more to visit the old historic city of Wakefield, and meet my officers and the brethren of the province under the banner of *Integrity*, No. 110. We last assembled in this town in October, 1896, and a very large and successful gathering we had. The chair of *Integrity* was occupied on that occasion by Bro. W. H. Kingswell, who only the previous month (September) had attained that position. During the five years that have elapsed since that time Mark Masonry has gone on steadily making progress both in West Yorkshire and elsewhere. We are gradually increasing in numbers, and adding new lodges to our roll. Though, through the lamented death of our beloved Queen, we lost our Grand Master, yet I think I may say we have in his brother a noble and able successor. The installation of H.R.H. as Grand Master of the Mark Degree has not yet taken place, but I don't doubt, when it does, the Mark Masons from all parts of the country will muster to extend to the Duke a loyal and hearty welcome. I hope to represent my province on that occasion, and I trust I shall be well supported by my brethren. I have now completed 18 years' service as your Provincial G. Master, and you were good enough at our last meeting, on the initiative of that staunch Masonic veteran, that pillar in Mark Masonry—I refer to Bro. Hugh Sugden Holdsworth—you were good enough to recommend me to the M.W. Grand Master for a further period of three years. On that recommendation action has been taken, a renewal of my appointment has been made, and the necessary endorsement of the patent carried out. I have, therefore, by virtue of the authority handed to me by the Provincial Grand Secretary, commenced another three years' term of office, and I venture to hope that that period will be equally happy and equally successful. It is infinitely pleasurable to look back when one can do it with such confidence as I can. For what have the past 18 years been to me? Through your loyalty and support, Masonically speaking, they have been years of happy social intercourse and steady and consistent progress. We have had no very startling events, perhaps, and I don't think we are any the worse for that; but we have gained a closer knowledge of each other, so much so, that many relations, which at first might be styled but acquaintanceships, have developed into warm and intimate friendships. Then we have improved our organisation, and we have formed a Charity Committee so as to bring the brethren in touch with the Mark Benevolent Institution—but, better than all this, we have had no quarrels; there has been a spirit of peace and harmony amongst us which should at all times, but, unfortunately, does not always characterise Masonic communities. This being so, you can understand, brethren, how I can look back on the past with pleasure and look forward to the future with confidence, and with your help and countenance we will endeavour to make the coming three years equally bright, equally happy, and equally prosperous. We must, however, not always expect the glorious sunshine of success. Clouds come, and if adversity or chastisement follows, we must submit and bear it resignedly. If we cannot, however, command success we can at least try to deserve it, and all honest effort, sooner or later, obtains recognition. As the years go by, some of the older members—those who have borne the burden and heat of the day—drop out and are seen no more. Their places in due course get filled up, for we are none of us indispensable—but their removal often leaves an aching void which time alone has power to fill. Amongst the older members of our Order, Bro. Charles Woollons occupied a conspicuous place; conspicuous—not on account of his brilliancy in Masonic ceremonial or oratorical effort, but for his consistent courage, his dogged fidelity and perseverance, and his faith in the future of Mark Masonry. He, as some of you well know, was largely responsible for bringing *Integrity* Lodge from Morley to Wakefield, and throughout the early years of its sojourn in this town, he devoted much time and labour to its interests. May his memory be long preserved in the hearts of his brethren! But it is not only the veterans in Mark Masonry whom Time and Death remove from our midst. The uncertainty of life—of which we are all conscious but to which we are too frequently heedless—was never, perhaps, more forcibly brought near to us than by the tragically sudden death of the W.M. of the *Old York* Lodge. Bro. Pullan was just completing a successful year of office in the chair; his successor was installed on Tuesday last, and I am informed that he was anxious to undertake that ceremony, and was, in point of fact, actually rehearsing it when the end came. Brethren, the ways of the G. Overseer are not our ways, and His purposes are, to our poor human intelligence, often obscure. We can only submit; we have no other course, but if we can do so with faith, surely such an event as our Bro. Pullan's death must bring home to us more strongly than anything else could—how feeble humanity is, and how only the hope of a better hereafter can atone for the inequalities and uncertainties of human existence. I know I am voicing the feeling of all when I say that our hearts go forth in sympathy with the widowed mother and children. Bro. Pullan, as many know better than I, was of a genial, kindly disposition, and he will be much missed in Masonic circles. Let me now, brethren, call your attention to less doleful matters. Since we met at Castleford in the spring our excellent friend John Barker, my worthy Deputy, has taken to himself a wife. Let us offer to him on this, our first opportunity, good wishes and congratulations. With a generous promptitude on its being brought to your notice, you subscribed a handsome sum, which has been expended in the purchase of a wedding present. The nature and usefulness of the articles selected are apparent, and we all hope Bro. Barker and his wife will long live to benefit from the gifts we have offered. We did not think it necessary to issue a printed statement of the subscriptions and expenditure, but if any lodge is desirous to know exactly how the money was raised and expended, he can obtain the particulars from the Prov. Grand Secretary. I may mention that in addition to the case of cutlery and silver, a Russian leather travelling bag for Mrs. Barker was included. Both were sent to Bro. Barker in July last, and letters from the recipients, couched in very grateful terms, have reached the Prov. G. Secretary. And now, brethren, in closing my brief remarks, let me thank you for your continued confidence, and for the salutations you so heartily accorded. You know by this time how closely Mark Masonry lies to my heart, how jealous I am of its reputation and renown. Be particular in attending lodge meetings. The presence of the older members and P.Ms. cheers the younger brethren, and encourages them to effort. Pay special attention to the reverent rendering of the ceremonial; and, above all, by your lives and conduct endeavour to illustrate the Masonic principles of our Order: so shall Mark Masonry go on its way with joy, not noisily or ostentatiously, but quietly and modestly, and thus shall we gather around us worthy brethren of the Craft, who will add lustre to the Degree, and increase its influence for good. Mark Masonry presents a high ideal, brethren. Let us try to live up to it, and let it be written of us as of Abou Ben Adhem that we loved our fellow men. Let

us be charitable to all, staunch and true to each other, and loyal to the powers that be, and we shall thus faithfully fulfil Masonic duty and Masonic obligation.

The brethren listened to Bro. Mason's remarks with great interest and attention, and the references to those who had so recently passed away were received in sympathetic silence.

On Bro. JOHN BARKER being asked if he would like to say a word to the brethren, the W. Deputy at once rose. He said:

Brethren,—Our Prov. G.M. has to-day, perhaps, taken a rather serious survey of Masonic affairs. Freemasonry generally, and Mark Masonry particularly, are to him solemn facts. From them he wishes us to derive not only pleasant social intercourse, but something far deeper and more important. He would have us realise the lessons which the symbolism of our Order, when rightly interpreted, most emphatically teaches; and doubtless he is right. I will not encroach on what he has made so to say his own particular province. Let us for a moment or two look at another aspect of the subject—the development of Freemasonry. Compare the condition of Masonry in 1800 with what it is in our own days; nay, let those whose age, as Masons, permits, recall what changes have occurred even during the last 25 or 30 years; and in no degree has this development been more notable than in the Mark. We are told that Freemasonry is a progressive science, and in some respects its progress has been rapid indeed. Contrast the lodge rooms, the furniture, the appointments, the music and general attention to detail of to-day, with the rough and ready upstairs room of the tavern and the more or less inaccurate rendering of the ceremonies of 100 years ago. Take the bread and cheese and ale of those times by way of refreshment and the sumptuous suppers or banquets we have now. Take the Charities—what marvellous development; the immense increase in influence and numbers. All these show that as a social and a charitable Institution our Order has now assumed a position of great prominence, and therein to my mind lies the danger. We are apt to look too much to the outward display which has grown with such rapidity of recent years and too little at the principles, old as the everlasting hills upon which our Order is founded. We don't need to become Masons in order to obtain social distinction; to acquire the art of eating good dinners, or even to subscribe to Charities. We can accomplish all these things without any such introductory means. It is not for me to question the purity of motive of anyone. It is sufficient to say that for whatever reason a man may join us, the sociability, the eating and drinking, and the support of the Charitable Institutions (to none of which do I in any way take exception), do not constitute Freemasonry, but are merely accessories to it—the development which time and circumstances have brought about. Let us not, then, forget in the hurry of rapid progress the simple truths, the lessons of loyalty, constancy, faith, and Christian Charity which our ceremonies are intended to teach, and which are brought home to us so vividly in the Mark Degree. Let us try to be pleasant Masons, social Masons, expert Masons, but above all let us be thinking Masons, otherwise we shall fail to realise the beauties of our Order, and shall never succeed in reaching that plane of Masonic ethics to which we are constantly urged to aspire. And now, brethren, let me take this, the first opportunity I have had, of thanking you one and all for the handsome present you were good enough to give to my wife and myself on the occasion of our marriage. I deeply appreciate the kindly feeling thus shown to me, and as time rolls on this beautiful gift will ever remind me of your confidence and good wishes. I trust that I may long be spared to prove by my work in the Degree how deeply I value the kindness of which this is so gracious an evidence.

The gift referred to consisted of a large case of sterling silver and cutlery. This lay open for the inspection of the brethren, by whose subscriptions it had been purchased.

Bro. BARKER then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. H. S. CHILDE, the officers and brethren of the Integrity Lodge, for the arrangements which had been made for the comfort of Prov. G. Lodge. In that connection he wished especially to mention Bro. J. Clayton Man, the Secretary, to whom, for his industry and zeal, he was indebted.

This was seconded by the Senior G. Warden, Bro. T. G. HOWELL, and carried.

Bros. CHILDE and J. CLAYTON MAN suitably replied.

Bro. F. HINCHLIFFE, W.M. elect Copley Lodge, No. 111, Leeds, in the absence of Bro. H. Bonser, invited Prov. G. Lodge to hold its annual meeting in April, 1902, at Leeds.

This was supported by Bro. J. W. SMITH, W.M. of St. Chad, 374, Leeds, who said that his brethren were prepared cordially to join in the invitation, and would endeavour, in conjunction with Copley, to make the gathering a success.

The Prov. G. MASTER intimated that he would be glad to accede to the request, and as that would be their first appearance in the new Masonic Hall, it was his intention to ask the Pro G. Master, the Earl of Euston, and other distinguished Mark Masons to honour them with their presence. Bro. Mason incidentally mentioned that the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as M.W.G. Master would probably take place late in January or early in February of next year.

Bro. G. H. PARKE, P.M. 110, P.G. Treas., who had entered a few minutes before, tendered his apologies for his tardy appearance, which he explained had been unavoidable, and joined with the W.M. in welcoming Prov. G. Lodge under the banner of Integrity.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where Bro. J. J. Martin, P.M. 110, P.P.G.D., had prepared an excellent dinner. Upwards of 30 partook, and the usual toasts followed.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 6th instant:

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 18th July, to the 15th October, 1901, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£348 5 9	By Disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated		Quarter	£392 11 6
" Account	231 15 6	" Balance	325 16 9
" Subsequent Receipts..	378 18 0	" " Unappropriated	
		" " Account	240 11 0
	£958 19 3		£958 19 3

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

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

1st. From Comps. Wallace Ellwood Haworth as Z., John Meikle as H., Harry Baskerville Watkins as J., and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Manica Lodge, No. 2678, and to meet at Umtali, Rhodesia, South Africa.

2nd. From Comps. Richard Fox Warner as Z., the Rev. Samuel Theodore Ward as H., William Harry Seymour Cutler as J., and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Staines Lodge, No. 2536, and to meet at the Town Hall, Staines, Middlesex.

The foregoing Petitions being regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

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

The Charnwood Chapter, No. 1007, from the Bull's Head, to the Town Hall, Loughborough.

The Richard Newhouse Chapter, No. 2433, from Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, to the Hotel Victoria, New Brighton.

The Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, from the White Hart, Cannon-street, to Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

The Starkie Chapter, No. 935, from the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, to the Town Hall, Salford.

The Engineer Chapter, No. 2599, from 33, Golden-square, to the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, London.

The St. Peter Chapter, No. 481, from the Masonic Hall, Pilgrim-street, to the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Bedford Chapter, No. 282, from Freemasons' Hall, West-street, to the New Freemasons' Hall, Barley Market-street, Tavistock.

The Harmony Chapter, No. 178, from the Masonic Hall, King-street, to the Town Buildings, Wallgate, Wigan.

The Strong Man Chapter, No. 45, from the Holborn Restaurant, to the Cafe Monico, Piccadilly, London.

The Committee having satisfied themselves of the reasonableness of the requests recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

A memorial, with particulars, has been received from Comps. Thomas Atkinson, Z.; Richard Monkhouse, H.; George Johnson, J.; and six other members of the Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, for a charter of confirmation, the original charter having been destroyed by fire.

The Committee recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

(Signed) GEORGE DAVID HARRIS, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th October, 1901.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Northumberland was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street West, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Comp. the Right Hon. Viscount Ridley, Grand Superintendent, presiding.

The Grand Superintendent was supported by a large number of companions, amongst whom were:

Comps. Thomas Purvis, P.G.H.; Walter C. Bell, P.G.J.; J. Cartmell Ridley, P.P.G.H., P.G.S.E.; J. Straker Wilson, P.P.G.H., P.G.D.C.; W. E. Harker, P.G.S.N.; Leo. Nixon, P.G.P.S.; J. Spearman, P.P.G.H.; W. M. Lyon, P.P.G.H.; R. W. Cummings, P.P.G.H.; T. J. Armstrong, P.G.R.; J. Gibson Youll, P.P.G.H., P.G. Treas.; Thos. Blenkinsop, P.P.G.H.; T. E. Jobling, P.P.G.H.; H. S. Bird, P.P.G.J.; G. F. Charlton, P.P.G.J.; A. T. Atchison, P.P.G.S.N.; and J. G. Cole, P.P.G.S.N.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT expressed his satisfaction with the work done during the past year and with the progress Royal Arch Masonry was making in the province. He impressed upon the Prov. G. Officers the necessity of attending the official visitations to the chapters.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:

Comp. the Hon. Sir Gainsford Bruce	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Thos. Pickering	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Thos. Purvis, P.P.G.H.	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. Gibson Youll, P.P.G.H.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. Turnbull	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" T. J. Armstrong	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Dyson	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" G. H. Heslop	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" T. C. Smith	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" L. Carr	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. T. Duncan	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Straker Wilson, P.P.G.H.	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. T. Spark	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. F. Bramwell	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. S. Thompson	...	...	Prov. Asst. G.S.E.
" Joshua Curry	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT announced that the next meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter would be held at Berwick-upon-Tweed.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Central Station Hotel under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent.

Obituary.

BRO. WADE PICKERING

On Thursday, the 24th ult., there passed away Bro. W. Pickering, of Crowle Lincolnshire. He had been laid on a bed of sickness for some weeks, that fatal malady—consumption—having seized hold of him. He was buried in Crowle Cemetery on Monday last, and was followed to the grave by his widow and seven little children, together with a large number of fellow townsmen and the members of the Crowle Lodge, No. 1482, and other Masons, including Bros. T. Staniforth, W.M.; A. W. Cundall, I.P.M.; G. Barratt, J.W.; J. Constable, Chap.; J. Hemingbrough, D. of C.; C. Fox, P.M.; W. Chamberlain, P.M.; W. Burtonshaw, P.M.; H. L. Burtonshaw, P.M.; C. F. Cranidge, J.D.; W. Alexander, I.G.; J. Turner, S.B.; W. S. Middlebrook, W. Hallgarth, and J. Acaster, 2259, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. Pickering was initiated in the Isle of Axholme Lodge in 1887, and gradually rose to S.W., but circumstances prevented him from going to the chair. He was M.O. in the Mark Lodge at Crowle, and was a companion of the All Saints' Chapter at Gainsboro'. He was highly respected, and was a very genial, kind-hearted brother, always willing to do a good turn to any one, an injury to no one. He was 40 years of age.

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Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 6th instant. The paper of Agenda is, as usual, not a very formidable one, the principal item being the Report of the General Committee. The number of new chapters for which warrants are recommended is two, of which one will be attached to the Manica Lodge, No. 2678, and meet at Umtali, in Rhodesia (South Africa), and the other to the Staines Lodge, No. 2536, and meet at the Town Hall, Staines, in the Province of Middlesex. We wish every success to both these new chapters.

We have been requested to state that Thursday, the 28th instant, is the latest day by which Petitions for the April Election, 1902, must reach the office of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—5, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. It is hardly necessary for us to add, however, that it is very desirable they should be received as early as possible before that date.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Bro. William Watson, P. Prov. G. Warden, Honorary Librarian, West Yorkshire, for a copy of one of his Library Reprints, which has been just issued to the lodges and brethren that subscribe to the West Yorkshire Reprint Fund. It is a neat pamphlet of some 20 and odd pages, and we trust will have the effect which the late Bro. Tew, Prov. G.M., had so much at heart when he established the West Yorkshire Prov. Grand Lodge

Library—which Bro. Watson himself has done so much to promote—namely, the dissemination among the brethren of useful Masonic knowledge.

The Reprints in this pamphlet are four in number, and comprise (1) the Account of Freemasonry, given by Dr. Plot in his "Natural History of Staffordshire," published at Oxford in 1686; (2) the Oldest known Lodge Minute, A.D. 1599, being a reproduction in photo-facsimile and a reprint in modern type of first minute dated "Vltimo Julij, 1599" of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1; (3) a Portrait of Anthony Sayer, first Grand Master, A.D. 1717, with such details as are obtainable of his career as a Mason; to which is added a complete list of the Grand Masters of England—including those of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Masons, and of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, between 1717 and 1901; and (4), a reduced photo-facsimile of the Enter'd Apprentices Song, by Matthew Birkhead, as published in the First Book of Constitutions, compiled by Anderson and issued under the authority of the Grand Lodge in 1723. There is no need to enlarge upon the value of such Reprints as these among Masonic students who are familiar with the contents, while for the benefit of those who are not, Bro. Watson has laid us under further obligation by adding such particulars as are necessary.

But the Reprints and particulars relating to them as furnished by Bro. Watson by no means exhaust the contents of the pamphlet; as Bro. H. G. E. Green, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec., has furnished a series of valuable contributions which give, in brief, all the leading particulars of our Central Scholastic and Benevolent Institutions, the Charity jewel, and the West Yorkshire Benevolent and Educational Fund founded in 1897, and administered by the Charity Committee of the Province. Thus Bro. Watson's pamphlet is doubly useful—for what it contains relating to the past; and for the information it furnishes respecting our Central and the West Yorkshire Charitable Institutions.

A special meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Shropshire was held at Oswestry on Thursday, the 17th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M., and when the preliminary arrangements had been carried out, the brethren formed in procession and marched to the site of the new Masonic Hall which is about to be erected, and the Prov. G. Master, in due and ancient form, laid the foundation stone of the proposed building, of which Bro. W. H. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Secretary, has prepared the plans, and which is estimated to cost about £2000. The ceremony was carried out most successfully, and was followed by a luncheon at the Wynnstay Hotel. A full report of the proceedings will be found elsewhere.

We are glad to find from the letter we have been favoured with by Bro. F. Craggs, P.M. 834, that Bro. Percy Fitzgerald's proposal for the establishment of district voting Associations in London has been anticipated in the Western section, where for some time past there has been a "West London Masonic Election Association," which meets on stated days at the Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, and since its establishment has lent valuable aid in securing the election of some 20 candidates for our Institutions. Bro. Craggs informs us that there is a similar organisation in the South of London, so that it only remains for the voting strength of the Northern and Eastern sections to be organised on the same lines, and for a central club to regulate and direct the efforts of the districts, and Bro. Fitzgerald's scheme is complete. Something certainly ought to be done, if only to prevent a repetition of the failure which attended the efforts of the London voters to secure the success of even one of their candidates at the Boys' School election on the 11th ult.

We have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of copy of the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge at its regular communication held at the Masonic Hall, Ootacamund, on the 31st August. His Excellency Lord Amptill, G.C.I.E., District Grand Master, presided, and there appears to have been a fair attendance of District Grand Officers and members of the lodges. Some of the lodges seem to have failed in sending in their returns, but as far as it was possible to judge there had been an increase in numbers as compared with the previous half year. Reference was made to the defalcations of the late District Grand Treasurer who had been in office for several years and had commenced his misappropriations almost from the

outset of his official career. The District Grand Master before the meeting separated delivered an admirable address, in the course of which he referred to the misconduct of their late Treasurer as imposing upon lodges and brethren the necessity for exercising the greatest care in the acceptance of candidates, pointing out that it was not numbers but character, to which lodges should attach importance in recruiting their ranks.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter of Hertfordshire was held at St. Albans on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., under the presidency of Comp. F. S. Knyvett, Past G.S.B., Prov. G.H., as Grand Superintendent. We regret to state that Comp. the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., the G. Superintendent, was unable, owing to indisposition, to be present, and so likewise was Comp. the Rev. Dr. O. C. Cockrem, the Prov. G. Scribe E. There was, however, a fair attendance, and the meeting passed off well. Comp. W. Metcalfe, No. 2372, who is already Craft Prov. G. Treasurer, was elected to the same office in Prov. G. Chapter, and the other officers were appointed and invested. A majority of those present afterwards dined together.

We regret that we find ourselves compelled to hold over till next week several interesting and important reports, among them being those of the meetings of the Prov. Grand Chapters of Warwickshire and Staffordshire on Monday, the 28th, and Tuesday, the 22nd ult., respectively; of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire, on Thursday, the 24th ult.; the laying the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall at Colchester, with full Masonic ceremonial, by Bro. C. E. Egerton-Green, P. Prov. G.W. Essex, Mayor of the town, on Thursday, the 24th ult., and other valuable items. We trust that our several correspondents who have so kindly sent us these accounts will excuse a delay which is unavoidable.

The *Keystone* of Philadelphia for the 28th September contains an instalment of the account "of Bro. Col. Daniel Coxe, Father of Freemasonry in America," from which we learn many interesting particulars relating to the private affairs and public doings of the distinguished brother to whom in 1730 was issued the first Deputation as a Provincial Grand Master, in what were then the British Colonies in North America. It is needless to say that one of the objects—if not the one object—in publishing this account appears to be to bring once again prominently before the Masonic public in the States the claims of Philadelphia to be the mother city of Masonry in the U.S.A.

We learn from the *American Tyler* of the 1st October that a Committee of the Grand Lodge of Missouri has recently issued "a compilation of the biographies, with engravings, of the Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, and Grand Treasurers of that body from 1821 to 1900." It appears that "during that time there have been 52 Grand Masters, 8 Grand Secretaries, and 14 Grand Treasurers." Among these Masonic worthies our contemporary mentions Bro. Hamilton R. Gamble, who was G.M. in 1832, and Governor of the State in 1861; Bros. Judge John F. Ryland, and his son, X. Ryland, who were both G. Masters; Bro. Wilson Brown, who died in 1855, while G.M., and Lieut.-Governor of the State; and Bro. Alexander M. Dockery, the present Governor of the State, who was Grand Master in 1881. Bro. the Rev. Dr. John D. Vincil, a prominent minister of the Southern Methodist Church, has been Grand Master, and G. Secretary from 1877 till now.

We have also received the printed Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 22nd July, under the presidency of Bro. R. Dunn Thomas, Dist. G. Master. The Dist. G. Treasurer's accounts were satisfactory, showing balances on the General Fund of over £100, together with £225 on fixed deposit, and in the Fund of Benevolence of upwards of £27 and £350 on fixed deposit. In reply to a question of the Dist. G.D.C., the Dist. G.M. gave it as his opinion that "the whole of the ceremonies of the various Degrees, including the presentation of the working tools and the explanation of the tracing board in the Third Degree, should be conducted by the presiding Master or by a P.M. present on the dais at the request of the presiding Master; but that the explanation of the remaining Tracing Boards, the Lectures, Sections, &c., might be entrusted to any officer or M.M. who possessed the requisite knowledge."

Correspondence.

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

LONDON VOTING ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Reading your remarks in your current issue as to the Elections to our Institutions, I notice that you are unaware of an organisation in London for the purpose of securing success to candidates hailing from our great city.

I may inform you that for seven years the "West London Election Association (Masonic)" has been in existence, and has been fortunate during that period in securing the election of about 20 candidates. This, of course, involves a large amount of work and self-denial on the part of the Executive, but which is amply rewarded by the results.

I enclose a copy of the bye-laws, and shall be pleased to give any information to any brother who proposes to found a similar institution in the other London Districts, if he will attend the meetings on the first Thursday in each month at the Town Hall Tavern, Kensington.

There is also a "South London Masonic Association."

I may add that where any brother wishes to support any particular candidate he should give all his votes to that particular case, and if he happens to have many, should not split them for two or more cases, as is sometimes done.

Our association had no candidate for the Boys' Institution at the last Election.—I remain, yours fraternally,

FREDK. CRAGGS,
P.M. 834, Sec. Kensington Lodge of Instruction,
1767, and Ranelagh Lodge of
Instruction, 834.

4, Shaftesbury-road, Hammersmith, W.
October 28th.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

At the regular meeting of the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Friday, the 25th ult., Bro. Major J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, was in the chair; and amongst those attending were: Bros. Geo. Chapman, George Everett, J. Percy Fitzgerald, C. Pulman, W. Russell, J. Stephens, W. A. Scurrah, Alfred J. Thomas, J. W. Woodall, and J. M. McLeod, Sec.

A letter from Mrs. Pritchard, thanking the Council for its vote of condolence on the death of her husband, who had been a member of the Board of Management since 1891, was read.

It was reported that ex-pupil, Harry Douglas Aubrey Maidment, had been awarded the "Victoria Diamond Jubilee" Scholarship by the Board of Governors of the R.M.I.B. Scholarship Fund, and had entered at the Royal College of Science, South Kensington, to undergo a course of studies to qualify as a mining engineer. A grant of £20 was made to him for his assistance during his studentship.

Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas., Patron of the Institution, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Management created by the death of Bro. Henry Pritchard.

The SECRETARY reported that Lodge Victoria, No. 2329, Buenos Ayres, in the District of the Argentine Republic, had made a special donation of 75 guineas to the Institution in memory of its late Grand Patron, her Majesty Queen Victoria, after whom the lodge was named.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

THE OSWESTRY MASONIC HALL.

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING.

Upwards of 30 years have passed since the town of Oswestry last saw a public ceremony conducted with all the ceremonial of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. That occasion was the laying, in 1870, of the Cottage Hospital by the late Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., the Right Worshipful Master of the then undivided Province of North Wales and Shropshire. On the 17th ult., the foundation stone of the hall which the Oswestry Masonic Hall Company, Ltd., have decided to erect in the town, was laid with the same ceremonial by the Prov. G.M. of Shropshire, Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart. The site of the projected hall is at the junction of Roft-street and Smithfield-road. The building will consist of a hall 33 feet by 23 feet, and a dining room 23 feet by 18 feet, so arranged as to be capable of being thrown into the larger room, with retiring rooms and other conveniences. On the first floor will be the lodge room, 33 feet by 23 feet, which will be used for Masonic purposes only, and a Tyler's room 23 feet by 18 feet. The caretaker's house will contain a sitting room, kitchen, scullery, larder, and a large storeroom, and there will be five bedrooms, with a bathroom and sanitary conveniences. The Hall will have an imposing appearance as viewed from Ferrers-road. This frontage is designed in the Renaissance style; the rest of the building will be domestic Renaissance. The building will be faced with red brick and buff terra cotta dressings; it will be heated throughout with hot water and lit with the electric light. The cost, including land, fittings, &c., is estimated at about £2000. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., is the architect, and the builders are Messrs. Griffiths and Son, of Ellesmere.

A large number of members of the Craft attended the ceremony. Meeting at the Victoria Rooms at 12.30, the brethren assumed their regalia, and at 12.45 attended a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge for Shropshire. The Prov. Grand Master, Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., presided, and the Grand Lodge was opened. The weather of the morning had been marked by heavy showers of rain, and during a favourable interval a procession was formed soon after one o'clock, and marched to the site of the new hall. A large space was reserved for the members of the Craft, and outside this space there was on two sides of the square a crowd of spectators, who were admitted by ticket. The remainder of the square, which was formed by Roft-street and Smithfield-road, was, if possible, still more thronged by those of the general public, who required no tickets. Soon after one o'clock the Mayor (Councillor H. Daniel), wearing his chain of office, arrived on the scene, preceded by the mace bearers, attended by his chaplain, the Rev. J. J. Poynter, and the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. A. W. Morris, accompanied by Alderman Lacon and Councillor Plummer. The Clerk of the Peace (Major C. H. Bull) was also present.

The Masonic procession was constituted as follows:

Two Tylers, with drawn swords.—Bros. John T. Wall and Charles Jones, 1124.

Brethren not members of any lodge in the province.—Bros. S. Hazlitt, P.M. 128; G. M. Richards, 998; M. Gordon, 1068; R. Burdett, 473; W. Davies, 241; A. B. Holland, 2284; H. W. Pritchard, 2609; George Price, 2114; G. J. Dumville Lees, 357; J. Bayley, 1576; J. A. Byrne, 1035; T. Sumnal, W.M. 1336; R. J. Powell, P.M. 1336; and R. G. Evans, P.M. 1332.

The Brownlow Lodge, No. 2131.—Bros. A. Bate, J.W.; J. Williamson, S. Williamson, I.G.; J. S. Knight, C. Bullock, W. H. Cureton, L. Bathurst, and R. Walker, Tyler.

The Audley Lodge, No. 1896.—Bros. S. Davies, J.W.; and J. Carrier Brown, S.D.

The Castle Lodge, No. 1621.—Bro. F. W. Gibbs.

The Fitz-Alan Lodge, No. 1432.—Bros. R. J. Roberts, P.P.A.G. Sec.; G. Inglis, I.G.; Wm. Felton, R. Bather, G. W. Lacey, T. Williamson, T. Holland Crowther, F. G. Davies, E. D. Nicholson, R. H. Mason, G. E. Yarnall, 1432 and Org. 305; J. A. Doody, W. J. Ouzman, J. T. Roberts, E. Richards, J. S. Cheeseman, P.M.; T. M. Cottam, S.D.; W. H. Pendry, E. Keen, W. Rogers, S. Raybould, T. Harding, B. M. Ledwith, Stwd.; T. G. Roberts, and T. E. Thomas, S.W.

The St. Oswald Lodge, No. 1124.—Bros. J. P. Sheather, S.D.; J. Parry-Jones, R. Owen Perrott, J.D.; W. T. Foulkes, I.G.; B. F. K. O'Malley, R. P. Cartwright, W. Fletcher Rogers, Treas.; and the Rev. G. O. Browne.

The Lodge of the Marches, No. 611.—Bros. E. S. Lloyd, S.W.; L. F. Reese, I.G.; John Palmer, Sec.; and G. Griffiths, Tyler.

The Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117.—Bros. Donald Grant, J. Hudson Davies, I.G.; J. Llyth, J. Withers, F. J. Lowe, Stwd.; G. W. Brace, and S. Witherspoon.

The Salopian Lodge, No. 262.—Bros. J. H. C. Barton, F. K. Pigott, F. G. Morris, W. Bell, and G. Higginson, I.G.

Next came a long array of Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present, arranged in the reverse order of precedence. They included Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M.; Rowland G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. P.G.M.; A. Graham, P.M., Sec. 262, P.S.G.W.; W. J. Ogg, 1621 and 2131, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. Dr. Williams, W.M. 117, P.G.C.; the Rev. T. Redfern, J.W. 1124, P.G.C.; W. Baxter, P.G. Treas.; J. Peplow Cartwright, P.M. 1124 and 2131, P.G.R.; W. R. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; Alfred C. Minshall, 1432, P.S.G.D.; R. A. Newill, 262, P.G.S. of W.; Wm. Adams, 117, P.G.D.C.; T. Poole, 2131, P.A.G.D.C.; W. B. Walker, 117, P.G.S.B.; J. V. T. Lander, 601, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Byolin, 117, P.G. Org.; J. L. Upton, 1575, P.G.P.; Hy. Goodall, 1621, P.G. Tyler; and W. Crosskey, 601; E. J. Bennion, 1896; E. H. Rickards, 611; and C. H. Gwynn, 2311, P.G. Stwds.

The Past Prov. G. Officers present included Bro. the Hon. G. Ormsby-Gore, 234, P.P.S.G.W.; T. H. Johnson, 1432, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. T. Davis, 262, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. H. Lockhart, 611, P.P.G.D.C.; S. H. Valentine, 611, P.P.G.D.; H. J. Skelding, 1621, P.P.G.D.; L. Rice, Oxley, 117, P.G.S.B.; J. D. Southam, 1432, P.G. Purst.; C. W. Smallman, 262, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; R. Williams, 1896, P.P.G.D.; P. Lascelles Southwell, 1621, P.P.G.W.; A. S. Townsend, 117 and 611, P.P.G.W.; Arthur Minshall, 2131, P.P.G.S.B.; Col. J. M. Maltby, P.P.J.G.D.; J. H. Parsons, 1432, P.P.G.D.; T. Owen, 1432, P.P.A.G.D.C.; the Rev. J. B. Meredith, 1124, P.P.G. Chap.; R. de C. Peele, 611, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Cooksey, 1621, P.P.J.G.W.; A. C. Nicholson, 1432, P.G. Purst.; H. Kenyon, 1432, P.P.G. Stwd.; W. A. Lewis, 1124, P.P.S.G.D.; W. E. Sharp, P.P.G.S.B.; William Martin, 1432, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Whitridge, 1432, P.A.G. Purst.; H. R. Giles, 2131, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Gibbs, 2131, P.A.G. Sec.; Henry H. Tims, 1432, P.P.G. Org.; G. Williams-Freeman, 262, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.G.W.; and V. C. L. Crump, 117 and 2311, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.

The visiting Prov. G. Officers present included Bro. Lord Harlech, Prov. G. Master of North Wales; J. F. Edisbury, 1336, P.P.J.G.W. North Wales; J. H. Ellison, 1594, P.P.A.G.P. North Wales; C. Shuker, 998, P.P.G. Std. Br. North Wales; G. Walter Walker, Dep. Prov. G. Master Staffs, P.G.S.B. Eng.; J. W. Dow, P.M. 1991, P.P.G. Purst. N. and E. Yorks; and J. Maclardy, 1432, P.P.S.G.D. North Wales.

With brighter weather the last portion of the procession, which embraced the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, wearing the collars and jewels peculiar to their degree, would have presented a brilliant spectacle, and notwithstanding the dull weather it formed a picture well worth going forth to see. Amongst those in this part of the procession who had duties to discharge in the course of the proceedings were the Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, who carried the plans of the proposed Hall, the Prov. Grand Secretary, who bore the inscribed plate which was to cover the cavity under the foundation stone, the Prov. Grand Registrar, who carried the scroll to be deposited in the cavity, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who had charge of the vase, which was subsequently to be placed in the cavity, two Past Masters (Bros. W. A. Lewis and J. H. Parsons) carrying small silver cups containing corn and wine, a Past Master (Bro. H. Kenyon) bearing the column of the Prov. Junior Grand Warden, the Prov. Junior Grand Warden bearing the plumb rule, two Past Masters (Bros. R. J. Roberts and W. Martin) bearing a glass decanter containing oil and a silver cup containing salt, a Past Master (Bro. T. Owen) bearing the column of the Prov. Senior Grand Warden, the Prov. Senior Grand Warden bearing the level, the Prov. Junior Grand Deacon bearing the mallet, four Lewises (Masters Cecil Inglis, Lester Minshall, T. Nicholson, and Oswald Roberts) bearing the volume of the Sacred Law, the Prov. Grand Chaplains, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master with the square, the Vice-Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company (Bro. Dr. O'Connor, W.M. 1124), bearing the trowel, and the Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company (Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Harlech).

The approach of the Prov. G. Master was heralded by the appearance of the Prov. G. Standard Bearer, bearing the standard, and supported on each hand by a Prov. G. Steward and the Prov. G. Sword Bearer, carrying the sword; the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., came next; the Prov. S.G.D., supported on each hand by a Prov. G. Steward, followed; and the procession was brought up by the Prov. G. Tyler carrying a drawn sword.

When the site of the hall was reached by the head of the procession, the brethren formed line on each side of the road, and through the avenue thus formed the Prov. G. Master marched, preceded by his standard and sword bearers, the remainder of the brethren falling in so as to invert the order of the procession. The Prov. G. Master, the Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company, the Dep. Prov. G. Master, the Prov. S.G.D., and the Prov. G. Chaplains, took their place on the east side of the stone; the Prov. S.G.W., the P.M. carrying the column of the Prov. S.G.W., the Prov. J.G.D., the Prov. G. Supt. of Works, and the Vice-Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company on the west; the Prov. Grand Registrar, the Prov. G. Treasurer, and the Prov. G. Secretary on the north; and the Prov. J.G.W., the P.M. carrying the column of the Prov. J.G.W., and the P.Ms. carrying the corn, wine, oil, and salt on the south.

Meantime the Prov. G. Organist took his place at the organ, and played a short voluntary, and when all had taken their places the choir and brethren joined in singing the hymn,

"Grant, Lord, all we, who here to-day,
Rejoicing, this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on a lasting corner-stone."

Bro. Lord HARLECH, having received from Bro. Dr. O'Connor, the Vice-Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company, a trowel, bearing the following inscription :

" Presented to
Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., R.W.P.G.M.
for Shropshire,
by the Oswestry Freemasons' Hall Co., Ltd.,
on the occasion of his
Laying of the Foundation Stone of the Freemasons' Hall,
Oct. 17, 1901.
The Right Hon. Lord Harlech, Chairman."

handed it to the Prov. Grand Master, and said, as Chairman of the Masonic Hall Company, it afforded him very great pleasure to offer the Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire a trowel, and to request him to favour them by laying the foundation stone. He was sure it must be a matter of great gratification to the Prov. Grand Master to see such an amount of activity and enterprise in his province as was evidenced by the assembly they saw there that day. He might say that throughout the whole of England and Wales the spirit of Freemasonry was extending its auspicious sway, and he looked forward to a great increase in that county in consequence of all the ceremonies which took place from time to time. Charity was their motive power, and peace, love, and harmony were their watchwords; if they were faithful to the everlasting bonds of Charity they would be loyal to their God, loyal to their King, loyal to that Order, and loyal one man to another.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was much obliged for the handsome trowel which the Masonic Hall Company had presented to him, and he would gladly comply with the request to lay the foundation stone of their building.

The stone having been raised and the lower one adjusted, the P.G.M. said: Men and brethren here assembled; Be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old, with peace and honour, in most countries, to do good to our brethren, to erect magnificent edifices to be serviceable to the brethren and all mankind, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted, in peace and honour, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brethren in our Order in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to erect a house in which we can meet to perform our ceremonies in conformity with the ancient landmarks of our Order, which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him; and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The senior P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. REGINALD W. WILLIAMS, P.M., then said the following prayer: Almighty God, Great Architect of the Universe, send Thy blessing, we pray Thee, on this our present convention; and as Thou didst fulfil the devotion of David by the work of his son our Grand Master, King Solomon, so vouchsafe to accomplish our desires, that as we hope to raise on this Corner Stone a Temple in which the great mysteries of our Sacred Order may be duly performed, we may be ever more established in Thy strength, and be found more worthy hereafter to enter into Thy Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

The choir responded by chanting "So mote it be."

At the request of the P.G.M., the P.G. REGISTRAR then read the scroll to be placed in the cavity as follows:

"Antient Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, Province of Shropshire. St. Oswald's Lodge, 1124, Bro. Dr. C. W. O'Connor, W.M., P.G. Steward; Fitzalan Lodge, 1432, Bro. A. C. Minshall, W.M. P.G.S.D. The Oswestry Freemasons' Hall Company, Limited, was founded by the exertion of the Worshipful Masters of the two Lodges named above, assisted by Bro. W. Martin, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1423, acting as honorary secretary, for the purpose of providing lodge room accommodation for the Freemasons of Oswestry and neighbourhood. The first directors and officials of the Company were: The Right Honourable Lord Harlech (Second Baron), R.W.P.G.M. North Wales, and R.W.P.G.M. North Connaught, Chairman; Bro. C. W. O'Connor, P.G. Steward, Vice-Chairman; Bro. W. Martin, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1432, Honorary Secretary; Bro. Rev. T. Redfern, P.G. Chaplain, J.W. 1124; Bro. A. C. Minshall, P.G.S.D.; Bro. R. J. Roberts, P.P.G.A. Sec., P.M. 1432, directors. Bro. C. E. Williams, 1432, and Bro. A. C. Nicholson, P.P.G.P., auditors; Bro. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., Past A.G.D. of C. England, P.G. Secretary, architect; Bro. R. O. Perrott, J.D. 1124, solicitor; Messrs. W. Griffiths and Son, Ellesmere, contractors. On Thursday, the 17th day of October, 1901, the Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Victoria Rooms, Oswestry. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, a procession was formed, which proceeded to the site of the Hall, and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire, Sir Offley Wakeman, third Baronet, of Perdiswell, at present residing at Yeaton Pevery, laid the foundation stone of the Hall with full Masonic ceremonies, after which the procession returned to the Victoria Rooms, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The St. Oswald Lodge, 1124, and the Fitzalan Lodge, 1432, previous to the building of this Hall, had met at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel in Church-street, known many years ago as the Bowling Green Inn."

The PROV. G. MASTER then requested the Prov. G. Secretary to read the inscription on the plate to be placed over the cavity in the lower stone as follows:

"The foundation-stone of this Hall was laid by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, third Baronet of Perdiswell, at present residing at Yeaton Pevery, on October 17th, 1901; the building being erected for the purposes of Freemasonry by the Oswestry Freemasons' Hall Company, Limited.

"Chairman,
"The Rt. Hon. Lord HARLECH, R.W.P.G.M. North Wales.

"Vice-Chairman,

"Bro. Dr. C. W. O'CONNOR, P.G. Stwd., W.M. St. Oswald Lodge, 1124.

"Directors.—Bros. Rev. T. Redfern, P.G. Chap., J.W. 1124; W. Martin, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1432, Hon. Sec.; A. C. Minshall, P.G.S.D., W.M. 1432; R. J. Roberts, P.P.G.A. Sec., P.M. 1432.

"Architect.—Bro. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., Past A.G.D. of C. Eng., P.G. Sec.

Builders.—Messrs. Griffiths and Son, Ellesmere."

The Prov. G. Treasurer having placed the vase in the cavity, the Prov. G. Secretary closed it by placing the engraved plate over it. With the assistance of an entered apprentice (Bro. Arthur Gough) the Prov. G. Master spread the cement upon the lower stone, and the upper stone was lowered with three distinct stoppages. Meantime, the choir chanted the psalm "Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it." The bearers of the plumb rule, level, and square then came forward, and their instruments were handed to the

Prov. G. Master in turn by the P.J.G.W., the P.S.G.W., and the D.P.G.M., and having with their aid proved the just position and form of the stone, the Prov. G. Master declared "It is a well wrought stone, square, level, perpendicular, and fitted to form the foundation of the intended work." The P.J.G.D. then handed him the mallet, with which he struck the stone three times, and the choir chanted "So mote it be."

The corn, wine, oil, and salt were next presented to the Prov. G. MASTER, who, in turn, scattered or sprinkled them on the stone, and in doing so said: I scatter corn upon this stone as an emblem of abundance and plenty. May the good seed of His word sink into the hearts of men, take root, and bring forth fruit a hundredfold to their benefit and His glory. I pour wine upon the stone—a symbol of strength and gladness. May those who work upon this building and those who shall hereafter meet within its walls ever perform their allotted parts in the service of the Great Architect with cheerfulness and singleness of heart. I sprinkle this stone with oil—the emblem of peace and harmony. May good will and brotherly love prevail amongst those who shall labour in this house to the glory of the Most High, until time shall be no more. I sprinkle this salt as an emblem of wisdom, fidelity, and perpetuity; and may the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless this town, this district, this country, and the kingdom at large, with abundance of corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessary comforts and conveniences of life. And may the same Almighty power preserve the inhabitants in peace and unity and brotherly love.

The choir again chanted "So mote it be."

The plans were next handed by the Prov. G. Supt. of Works to the Prov. G. Master, and he having examined them, handed them to the architect (the Prov. G.S.), and charged him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plans and designs. The vase, which was deposited in the cavity, contained copies of the *Border Counties Advertiser* for Wednesday and of the *Liverpool Courier* and *The Times* for Thursday, as well as coins for the current year. The foundation-stone, which is a block of Treflach stone, weighing 12 hundredweight, is inscribed:

"This stone was laid with Masonic Ceremonies by Sir Offley Wakeman, Baronet, of Perdiswell, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons, on October 17th, 1901. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., architect. W. Griffiths and Son, builders."

The ode, "Prosper the Art," was next sung by the choir, Bro. J. S. Knight, of Ellesmere, taking the solo, and the following prayer was said by Bro. T. Redfern, P.G. Chap.: "May the Omnipotent and merciful Father of all make us humble and grateful for all His mercies; may He look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the foundation stone with every success. So mote it be." Bro. Redfern also said the benediction, and the proceedings closed with the Masonic version of the National Anthem, the last quatrain of which reads—

"Long may King Edward reign,
King of the azure main,
Masons resound the strain,
God save the King."

The procession, in inverted order, then returned to the Victoria Rooms, where the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was continued.

After the Prov. Grand Master had invested several officers, who were unable to attend Prov. Grand Lodge at Wellington, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently luncheon was served at the Wynnstay Hotel, and after lunch the R.W. P.G.M. proposed "The Health of his Majesty the King, the Protector of the Order."

The toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," was submitted by Bro. GRAHAM.

"The R.W. Prov. G.M." was proposed by Bro. A. GRAHAM, and responded to by Sir OFFLEY WAKEMAN.

"Success to the Oswestry Freemasons' Hall" was proposed by the P.G.M., who referred to the desirableness of lodges having halls of their own, used only for Masonic purposes, in which to meet, and which should be unconnected with licensed premises, at the same time having accommodation for providing necessary refreshment after labour.

Bro. C. W. O'CONNOR, W.M. 1124, Vice-Chairman of the Hall Company, responded.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Capt. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. GEORGE W. WALKER, P.G. Std. Br., D.P.G.M. Staffordshire, responded.

THE GRAND MASTER MASON.—Grand Committee unanimously recommended to Grand Lodge that Bro. the Hon. James Hzier, M.P., be re-elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and at their meeting on the 24th ult. it was announced that he had intimated his readiness to accept office.

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Moira Lodge, No. 92.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. Present: Bros. Sir Norman R. Pringle, Bart., W.M.; J. Norman Noakes, S.W.; Stuart B. Noakes, J.W.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, P.M., Chap.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., P.D.G. Reg., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; F. A. Donnison, S.D.; C. A. Elgood, J.D.; A. B. Walters, I.G.; C. E. Russell, I.P.M.; Adam Pringle, P.M.; J. Webb, P.M.; W. S. Horlock, W. S. Greves, and A. W. Smith. Visitors: Bros. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M. Canada; T. H. Garbner, P.A.G.D.C.; Edwin Gamman, P.M. 7; Colonel S. C. Pratt, P.M. 2076; and Sir D. Palmer Ross, P.D.G.D. Jamaica.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballots were taken for the offices of W.M. and Treasurer, and resulted in the unanimous election and re-election of Bros. J. N. Noakes, S.W., and T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., respectively. Five members were elected on the Committee of Finance, and a day was fixed for the audit of the accounts. A candidate for initiation was duly balloted for and elected. The W.M. then said that the lodge was honoured that evening by the presence of a very distinguished visitor—Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of Canada—upon whose services to the Craft he would enlarge at a later period of the evening; but there was another brother whose attendance had been expected—Bro. Cornelius Thorne, the father of the lodge—with regard to whom a few words were due before the adjournment to refreshment. Bro. Thorne, who had, unfortunately, sustained an accident, and was thereby prevented from being present, had recently returned to this country from China, after an absence of 27 years. The Worshipful Master then continued: I have lately had the pleasure of reading the minutes of the proceedings of a special communication of the Grand Lodge of North China held at Shanghai, July 2nd, 1901, and I fancy that if I give you to the best of my ability a digest of what took place at that meeting I shall serve the dual purpose of interesting the brethren, and, as it were, making you all *au fait* with Bro. Thorne. I find that our brother has been most closely connected with Masonry in Shanghai since 1856 with but a brief sojourn in this country. Prior to his first departure from China, he was entertained at dinner by the Freemasons of Shanghai in 1864, Bro. R. F. Gould, W.M. Northern Lodge of China, being in the chair. I may here observe, that the members of the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, for example, Bros. Maitland, Kidner, Barnes, and Sir Alfred Dent, have, like our Bro. Gould, joined the mother lodge of our Bro. Thorne, on their return from China to this country. Bro. Thorne was W.M. of the Moira Lodge for two years, 1868 and 1869, and in 1874 returned to Shanghai, receiving in 1877 the appointment of first District Grand Master of Northern China, which he resigned nine years later, that some other brother might have a tenure of that high office. Indeed, throughout his long Masonic career in China, Bro. Thorne was always regarded as being the foremost Craftsman in the Far East. It was not only, however, as a Freemason that our brother was renowned in Northern China, but as a pioneer in every good work. On his final departure from Shanghai during the current year, Bro. Thorne, besides being accorded the warmest "send off" ever extended by the Masonry of that settlement was the recipient of more testimonials, farewell addresses, and presentations, than were ever bestowed on any previous individual of any rank or station in society on returning from China to this country.

No further business offering, the lodge was closed, and the usual banquet followed.

After the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in introducing the customary toasts, said: Brethren, you will recollect that on the last occasion when we were met there were no speeches, so that I may say that, in giving you this toast, I give it for the first time in the Moira Lodge. Certainly do I do so in his new position as Patron of the Craft, a position, I think I may venture to say, he is proud to take, and one we are proud to have taken by him. For as an exalted brother among us formerly, he was one of us, and there is a saying once a Mason always a Mason, so that as Patron he may be said to be a brother yet above us and for us.

"May his years be many and his trouble nil,
The King! our Patron and our brother still."

The toast having been received with much enthusiasm, the W.M. gave the next one in the following terms: Any one who was present at the Albert Hall on the occasion of the installation of the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master must, I think, have been impressed with the dignity and solemnity of that occasion, and I am sure that the Duke himself showed that he, both by his speech, and in his dignified and soldierly manner, that he, too, felt and appreciated the high position he had come to in Masonry, and I am sure you will all agree that no better choice could have been made, and all hope that we shall see him for many years to come at the head of Masonry in this kingdom.

Then followed "The Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters of other Masonic Jurisdictions," and in introducing the toast the W.M. said: We have to-night the pleasure of receiving as a visitor a brother who in another quarter of this globe has earned a reputation in Masonry worthy of the very highest admiration—I allude to Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of Canada; and besides the pleasure this visit affords us, it is also to me, as a Canadian Mason, an additional pleasure to have a Past Grand Master of Canada here to-night on this my last appearance in the chair. As we are more concerned with Bro. Ross Robertson's Masonic career than with his private or business one, I think it will be sufficient to say that the latter is as noteworthy as the former, that he has, besides many other journalistic triumphs, maintained right from the start in 1878, the *Evening Telegram* of Toronto, a newspaper that for commercial success and sterling worth has few rivals. Bro. Robertson's Masonic career starts in the year 1867, and it was, after being actively associated with three lodges, that in 1880 he first held a position in the Grand Lodge of Canada, and in two years, by the largest vote ever given for the office, was elected S.G.W. After filling the District Deputy Grand Mastership of Toronto District, he was, by unanimous choice, elected Deputy Grand Master, an office formerly considered to be purely of a routine character, but a new departure was made by Bro. Robertson, who prepared an interesting Masonic lecture, which he delivered at 100 different places, travelling over 15,000 miles to do so, and addressing upwards of 10,000 brethren in so doing. In 1890 by a unanimous vote came the crowning honour of Bro. Robertson's Masonic life—his election as Grand Master of Canada, which office he held two years, and during which period visited every one of the 360 lodges in the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. All this shows what a tremendous worker Bro. Robertson was, and yet he found time to listen to the cry of the rich and needy; eh! and to listen to some purpose, not only once or in one direction, but often and in many; there is one of his benefactions I particularly desire to acquaint you with, viz., the Lakeside Home for Little Children, situate on the island opposite the City of Toronto, the cost of building which was and is met by our brother out of his own private pocket, the cost alone when handed over to the trustees equalling, I believe, 40,000 dollars, or £5000; the one and only stipulation being that Mason's children should have preference of entrance; and I believe I am right in saying that it is Bro. Robertson's wish and intention to fairly bring up the endowment to 100,000 dollars, or £20,000. If I have been able by these remarks to point a few points of Bro. Ross Robertson's Masonic career to show you what an excellent Mason he is, I feel that I have not spoken vainly, and I ask you to join with me in drinking the toast of "The Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters of other Masonic Jurisdictions," and in the most hearty manner the health of Bro. Ross Robertson, with whose name I couple the toast.

M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M. Canada (in the Province of Ontario), and the representative of the Grand Lodge of England, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and in so doing said that he could find no words to express the gratification he had in being present at the meeting of Moira Lodge, and that he felt sure he would always recall with pleasure the kindly greeting accorded him, while he rejoiced to be present to meet the brethren of the lodge. The pleasure was enhanced by the fact that the retiring W.M., Sir Norman Pringle, and the Secretary, Bro. R. F. Gould, were personal friends whom he held in high esteem. He pointed out that the Grand Lodge of Canada had made such progress, that to-day it had in its jurisdiction (that is, in the Province of Ontario) 26,000 active Craftsmen and 360 lodges. That in 40 years the progress had been phenomenal, and that over 30 years ago an active body of Craftsmen from the Grand Lodge of Canada had swarmed from that body, and formed a Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec—a Grand Lodge that for good work in Masonry was a credit to the jurisdiction not only of Canada, but of the western hemisphere. The name of Moira reminded him of one of the early lodges of York, now Toronto, for Rawdon Lodge, named after Lord Rawdon, Earl Moira, was a

lodge that flourished in York prior to 1800. Bro. Robertson then read some quaint extracts from the minutes of Rawdon Lodge. He said that 10 years ago Ontario Masons celebrated the anniversary of the first 100 years of Craft life in Ontario; and that, while he felt proud of its antiquity, he had to realise that the Grand Lodge of England had an antiquity of two centuries and a glorious record for good work. He said that the work of the Grand Lodge of England was an example to the Masons of the world, and that the ties of the Craft joined Canadians to a Grand Lodge that was dear to them as Masons and close to them as Britons. He spoke of what Canada had done to uphold the flag of the empire, and that some of his own relatives had fought in Africa, and that another relative had gone to serve the King in India. Canada, he said, would always fly the Union Jack at the mast-head, and fight for the empire with the solid battalions that were joined to Britain in a bond of common allegiance to the flag and King of the Empire.

The remaining toasts were: "The Pro and Deputy Grand Master, and the remainder of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," for which Bro. T. H. Gardiner, P.A.G.D.C., responded; "The W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M., and very feelingly acknowledged; "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Sir D. Palmer Ross, Colonel S. C. Pratt, and E. Gamman, each of whom made a suitable response; "The Past Masters," associated with the name of the I.P.M.; "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged in graceful terms by the W.M. elect; "The Treasurer and Secretary," and in conclusion the Tyler's toast, which brought a most agreeable evening to a close.

Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. OSCROFT.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel on the evening of Monday, the 28th ult., when there was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors. Among the latter we noticed the following W.M.s. and P.M.s.: Bros. B. Bramble, W.M. 2651; J. Lloyd, H. B. Spaul, T. P. Warwick, Dodson, F. Kedge, Salpitts, W.M. 2754; Grimes, Reid, Gales, Gross, Butt, Preceptor of the Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction; and many others.

The lodge having been opened, and routine business transacted, the ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. Fifield, P.M., assisted by Bro. S. Rashleigh, P.M., as D. of C. Bro. J. T. Oscroft having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., invested the following officers to serve under him during the ensuing year: Bros. G. J. Brown, I.P.M.; H. R. Haycroft, S.W.; R. H. Marchbank, J.W.; G. Gabb, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Byng, Sec.; J. H. Stanley, S.D.; H. G. Crumbleholms, J.D.; H. Fifield, I.G.; S. Rashleigh, P.M., D.C.; C. Butcher, P.M., J. Bennett, and J. Saunders, Stwds.; Balderson, A.D.C.; Tonking, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Messrs. Letzon, Haycroft, Sains, and Arniger were then initiated, the ceremony of initiation being performed by the newly-installed W.M.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquet, at which close on a hundred sat down. At its conclusion, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. G. J. Brown, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing observed it was a toast always looked forward to in the Burgoyne Lodge. From the way the brethren had supported him that night and from the number of visitors present, it was evident he had a prosperous year before him, and from the W.M.'s working in the lodge its prosperity would not only be attributable to having good resources but also to the Master's good working.

The W.M., who was received with vociferous applause, cordially thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Initiates," to which the newly-made brethren individually responded.

Bro. Letzon expressed the hope that he would be able to work up from the lowest rung of the ladder on which he now stood to the chair of the lodge.

Bro. Haycroft was sure he would make a good Mason, because he had faith in Masonry; and Bro. Arniger stated that the principles he had heard enunciated that night were such as he had been trained up in and hoped to adhere to all his life.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. G. B. Brown, I.P.M.," presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he observed was accorded by the Burgoyne Lodge if it had been earned and not unless.

Bro. G. B. Brown, I.P.M., in his response, acknowledged the assistance he had received during the past year from his officers, especially from the Treasurer and Secretary. He also thanked the brethren for the list of 66 guineas with which they had sent him up as Steward to the Boys' School, and hoped at the end of the year the W.M. would have the same cause for congratulation as he himself had.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Bramble, W.M.; Gales, Gross, and Butt, P.M.s.; and that of "The Secretary, Treasurer, and Past Masters" by Bros. Gabb, Byng, Beddoes, Cowland, Fifield, Butcher, and Rashleigh, P.M.s., the last-named being the first Installed Master of the lodge, and Bro. J. J. Oscroft, W.M. his first initiate.

During the banquet an excellent musical programme was rendered, in which the Celia Quartette, Bros. J. L. Haddon, Tonking, A. Pinnington, and Broker gave the utmost satisfaction to their audience.

Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. F. W. BRAY.

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, White Lion Hotel, Eye, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. F. W. Bray, Prov. G. Org. Suffolk, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Among those present were Bros. A. Flatman, W.M.; F. W. Bray, Prov. G. Org., S.W.; J. W. Martin, J.W.; G. W. Watkins, S.D. and Org.; W. Turner, J.D.; J. F. Page, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. A. Onyon, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., D.C.; Dr. W. Curtis, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; H. J. Riches, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; H. Gooding, A. Woods, W. Hunt, Treas.; W. Breese, H. Skuffham, Tyler; F. C. Lambert, W.M. 516; and J. Woods.

Bro. E. A. Onyon was the Installing Master, and after the ceremony the following were invested as officers for the year: Bros. A. Flatman, I.P.M.; J. W. Martin, S.W.; G. W. Watkins, J.W.; Rev. C. D. Gordon, Chap.; W. Hunt, Treas.; E. A. Onyon, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; W. Turner, S.D.; H. Gooding, J.D.; D. W. Curtis, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., D.C.; H. G. Smith, Org.; J. Woods, I.G.; J. B. Marchant, P.M., P.P.G.P., Stwd.; and H. Skuffham, Stwd. and Tyler.

The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Barber, of the White Lion Hotel.

The W.M. presided, and in the course of the *post-prandial* proceedings his health was honoured, and many "Hearty good wishes" tendered him by the visiting and other brethren that he would have a happy and successful year of office.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Songs were contributed by Bros. Bray, Martin, Skuffham, Hunt, and Woods, Bro. Watkins acting as accompanist.

Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. R. J. HENNINGS.

There was a very large gathering of the brethren at the installation meeting of this musical lodge which was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 26th ult. Bro. C. H. Kempling, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Charles G. Saller, I.P.M.; J. H. Wharton, S.W.; R. Clowes, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. J. Hennings, P.M.; P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; George Ackerman, J.D.; Sutton Slephey, D.C.; John Curran, Org.; R. Carrington Williams and Charles Lewis, P.M., Stwds.; Frederick Cambridge, P.M.; R. A. Kemp, P.M.; James Gawthrop, P.M.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, P.M., P.G. Org.; Dr. H. Walmsley Little, P.M., G. Org.; L. G. Vaughan, P.M.; Albert Fox, P.M.; Charles William Paine, Thomas Ward, James J. Dixon, Harvey Löhr, J. L. Haddon, A. J. Wood, Henry P. Ralling, R. I. Stevenson, E. M. Wood, Francis Ellis, W. S. Gazner, Courtney M. Gray, Charles Arrow, C. W. Dunford, Ernest J. Smith, George I. Cossons, W. Herbert Cox, Malcolm Stodart, W. Hills Smith, Henry Holyoake, Walter J. Tull, Percy Mavon Ibbis, H. J. Langton, Samuel Noble, W. Frank Hand, W. Shorter, John A. Pitman, Ernest N. Cullum, Jesse Hawkes, William Fell, James Bates, H. J. Bleire, W. H. Cook, Sidney Guley, Charles

Ackerman, R. J. Hawkins, A. J. Maltster, and R. C. Parchmenk. The visitors were Bros. Sir Arthur Trendell, P.A.G.D.C.; John Read, P.G. Std. Br.; T. W. Rhodes, 1531; Edwin Palmer, I.G. 2182; W. P. Hodges, 2182; Henry E. Crabb, F. J. Newland, P.M. 2381; R. A. M. Quitty, 1803; J. Stapleton, 2601; Walter Hope, P.M. 503; John B. Crowe, S.W. 1815; S. M. Barry, P.M. 272; Rev. J. Rupert Patterson, Chap. 3; George R. Langley, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx; G. Micklewood, S.W. 1106; A. D. M. Cormick, 2751; Robert H. Baird, P.M. 109; J. W. Sanderson, 2096; T. J. Collins, 1962; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; Arthur Geverding, 2182; W. H. Pearce, 2698; B. Bramble, W.M. 2661; Henry Gaffary, 81; O. Neyling, P.M. 890; George W. Allen, 1632; William Barley, 2696; R. W. James, P.M. 1924; Lewis Beale, P.M. 1767; T. H. Griffiths, W.M. 1920; Thomas Powell, W.M. 2182; H. Massey, P.M. 610 and 1928; F. H. Berdsey, J.D. 79; T. Simpson, P.M. 2648 (U.S.A.); Mark H. Tomkins, 252; James Grunte, P.M. 144; Harry Aloye, 2409; N. Corello, 1319; C. Gough, 2662; George H. Kampling, 2697; Thomas Brotherton, 2194; Alfred Kelland, Stvd. 1672; L. H. Harris, W.M. 2847; G. Emblin, P.M. 147; H. Wills, 1381; H. Rylett, T. W. Francis, 55; Thomas Middleweek, W.M. 1614, P.M. 1793; Arthur Ward, 902; Horatio Alderson, 2409; and S. P. Stanger, 1267.

Following the custom in this lodge the W.M. installed his successor, Bro. Richard John Hennings, P.M. of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, No. 2508, and P.P.G.D. Essex, who has been Secretary of the lodge for some years, was elected by the brethren at the last meeting to the highest office in the lodge in recognition of his eminent services and the minutes having been confirmed at the meeting of last Saturday, he was presented by Bro. Sutton Shepley, P.M., D.C. to the W.M. The preliminaries having been satisfied, Bro. Hennings took the obligation, and Bro. Gawthrop, P.M., sang Mendelssohn's "Be thou faithful." Bro. Curran accompanying on the organ, and Bro. Geverding on the 'cello. The installation having been carried out, Bro. C. H. Kempling was invested as I.P.M., and the W.M.'s officers for the year were Brcs. F. W. Murton, S.W.; H. Gregory Hast, J.W.; R. Clowes, Treas.; H. Lohr, Sec.; W. J. Winbolt, S.D.; G. Ackerman, J.D.; Sutton Shipley, D.C.; Carrington Willis, I.G.; J. Curran, Org.; Chas. Lewis and Thos. Ward, Stwds.; and R. Potter, Tyler. After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Kempling, he was presented with a Past Master's jewel by Bro. Hennings, who referred to the admirable way in which the I.P.M. had discharged all his duties to the lodge during the past year, concluding his services by installing his successor in a style that could not be excelled. Bro. Kempling gracefully acknowledged the kind remarks of the W.M. and the brethren's vote of the jewel. The very favourable report of the Audit Committee was then adopted, and the brethren were congratulated on the large balances the lodge and its Benevolent Fund had in hand. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was next accepted, and, to the gratification of all present, it reported that the widow of a Past Master of the lodge had been elected an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with 5748 votes. It was a great feat for a lodge to run a candidate and to secure her election on a first application. The lodge borrowed 250 votes, but already 200 of these had been repaid. The best thanks of the lodge were due to the members and their friends who contributed to this splendid result. Certain brethren, not members of the lodge, who had materially assisted in bringing it about, were invited to and were present at the meeting.

After disposing of other business, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and subsequently enjoyed some choice music conducted by Bros. Kempling, I.P.M., and Gawthrop, P.M., by members of the lodge and boys from the School for Training Choristers.

The toasts were duly proposed.

Bro. Dr. Walmsley Little, P.M., G. Org., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers." He said he had tried to do his duty as a Grand Officer this year, and the office had been no sinecure. But he felt very proud and delighted to hold Grand Office during the first year of the present Grand Master, the first year of the century, the first year of the present King, and he should remember always that he could look back to it with pleasure. The Grand Master took great interest in the Craft. Next week the Duke of Connaught would attend at St. Thomas's Hospital to consecrate a lodge in connection with that institution, and he (Dr. Walmsley Little) would be there in his capacity of Grand Organist. He wished the Orpheus Lodge a prosperous year. Might it continue to foster brotherly love and concord, and if any discord arose he hoped the lodge would be able to solve it to the satisfaction of everybody.

Bro. Sir Arthur Trendell, P.A.G.D.C., also replied, testifying to the good work of Masonry in binding together men all over the world.

Bro. C. H. Kempling, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He believed there were those present who had known Bro. Hennings longer than he had, but he did not believe anybody had known him so intimately for 20 years. As a man he had found Bro. Hennings faithful and true in every way, one of the best of friends. That was one point. The next was what a fine Secretary he had been. When the Orpheus Lodge was in a dangerous time they all knew what the work of the Secretary was. Most of the Past Masters knew what tremendous work there must be for the Secretary of a lodge of 100 members. Then there was the election of the widow of their late Past Master, and he must say that Bro. Hennings was worked very hard on account of that. Bro. Hennings had determined that the work of the lodge should improve, and that there should be a lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge.

Bro. R. J. Hennings, W.M., responded, but first of all thanked the brethren for the splendid collection of £3 1s. 6d. which had been made by the benevolent box. It was a contribution which would be thankfully and gratefully received by absent brethren and children of brethren who depended on their assistance. As to the toast of "The W.M.," he felt he ought to leave the work of the lodge to speak for itself, and not to launch into panegyrics. The Orpheus Lodge did not exist for the glorification of individual brethren, they wished the lodge to be a home for all, that every one who came to it might feel he had a share in it as a going concern—a home, a club—and in this respect a Masonic lodge was the greatest tie ever invented by the human race. It was an assemblage of brethren bound together for mutual respect and for mutual support. In the Orpheus Lodge they were desirous that the whole thing should redound to the welfare of Freemasonry in general. It was founded 24 years ago for the express purpose of binding together men engaged in the musical profession; but it had never been exclusively for men who got their living by music. There was a vast army of men who loved music more than they loved a Masonic dinner, and from the outset all who took an interest in music were cordially welcomed within the Orpheus fold. As far as his recollection went the lodge had kept steadily to its purpose of being a home for musical men engaged in musical work and a home for musical men who took an interest in music. He did not see why that should not be carried out. His endeavours would be to support that object, and having that object, long might the lodge flourish.

Bro. Kempling, I.P.M., responded to the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," and said he should do his best to support the W.M.

Bros. Bramble, Newland, Griffiths, Tomkins, and others replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and the toasts of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and "The Officers," were followed by the Tyler's toast, which brought the proceedings to a close.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. JOHN ARMITAGE DRAKE.

After a dozen years of existence the members of this lodge were again en fete at their annual installation meeting, which was held on Thursday, the 3rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, Yorks. The attendance of the members was unusually large to do honour to the incoming W.M., whose election to the chair of the lodge was very popular, and many Masonic friends of the W.M. elect attended from far and near to greet him at his installation. Amongst the visitors present were: Bros. Major Green, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Watson, P.M. 61, P.P.G.W.; Henry Chalker, P.M. 154, Prov. J.G.W.; Wm. Blackburn, P.M. 306, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the West Yorkshire Masonic Charity Committee; T. Twivy, P.M. 1018, Prov. G.D.C.; John Haley, P.M. 1034, P.G.S.B.; Thos. M. Holmes, W.M. 1545, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Duxbury, P.M. 381, P.G.D.C. East Lancs; Wm. Severs, I.P.M. 1565, Prov. G. Stwd. Cheshire; G. W. Baxter, W.M. 61; J. Farndale, 236; H. A. Johnson, W.M. 302; Thomas Rhodes, W.M. 387; William Stampe, W.M. 439; Charles E. Rose, W.M. 448; John Gowthorpe, 448; H. Lyson, 448; T. Holdsworth, W.M. 600; Henry Handley, 600; H. E. Cookson, 600; George Niven, P.M. 750; C. Lund, J.D. 750; H. B. Goldthorp, I.P.M. 750; A. J. C. Stanfield, W.M. 974; J. H. Howarth, P.M. 974; John E. Fawcett, J.P., P.M. 974; A. Schultz, W.M. 1018; Jas. Lyte, 1018; Jas.

Scott, W.M. 1034; Thos. Knight, P.M. 1214; J. H. Skinner, Org. 1231; Luke Farrar, W.M. 1302; Isaac Hirst, S.W. 1522; G. E. Robinson, O.G. 1545; F. Dale, 1034; Jas. Barraclough, W.M. 1648; Walter Crossland, W.M. 1736; S. H. Pettyt, I.P.M. 1736; J. E. Oates, J.W. 1736; J. H. Turton, W.M. 2330; John Marshall, W.M. 2608; Jas. Tilley, P.M. 2569; Joseph Taylor, 2659; Jas. Tipping, 2669; John Hodgson, J.D. 2669; and Whitby Norton, 2959.

Pending the arrival of the W.M., the lodge was opened by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas., and the minutes of the election meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. E. P. Peterson, P.M., a founder of the lodge, as a rejoining member, which resulted in his favour. Bro. J. W. Bland, W.M., having assumed the chair as Installing Master, Bro. John Armitage Drake, Past J.W., the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bro. J. Niven, P.P.G. Std. Br., and duly obligated by him, after which the retiring W.M. suitably addressed and thanked his officers for their assistance, and the Past Masters and brethren for their cordial co-operation during the past year, which had rendered his term of office so exceedingly pleasant and happy that he very reluctantly retired from the chair of the lodge. A Board of 41 Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Drake was regularly installed into the chair of K.S., and saluted. The installation ceremony was so arranged that the whole of the Past Masters of the lodge took a portion of the detailed working. The anthem, "Be thou faithful," was ably rendered by Bro. Townend, I.G. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. W. Bland, I.P.M.; T. P. Sykes, S.W.; R. B. Nicholls, J.W.; F. Betteridge, B.A., LL.B., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; W. S. Smith, S.D.; W. H. Townend, J.D.; W. Durrance, I.G.; J. Niven, P.P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; A. H. Edwards, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., Org.; J. S. Hedley, Asst. Sec.; J. Wood, Asst. Org.; J. Hardy, H. Lund, R. F. Crow, and W. Sykes, Stwds.; and J. S. Cooper, Tyler. Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D., proved an efficient D. of C. Bro. J. B. Fearnley, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The resignation of a member was recorded, and a long list of apologies from invited guests for unavoidable absence was mentioned.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed, and the Festival of St. John was celebrated in the usual manner.

After the usual loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Master" had been duly honoured,

Bro. Last, P.P.G.R., in submitting the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," referred to the recent appointment to the brevet rank of Past G.S.B. of Bro. Major Green, the popular Prov. G. Secretary of West Yorkshire, whom the lodge was proud to have amongst their guests that evening. Bro. Last ventured to state that none of the brethren upon whom the Grand Master at his installation had conferred rank in Grand Lodge were more deserving of the honour than their Prov. Grand Secretary, who for so many years had so ably discharged his duties in the province, and, on behalf of the lodge, he congratulated Bro. Green upon the position in the Grand Lodge that he had attained.

Bro. Green, P.G.S.B., responded for "The Grand Officers," and thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received; the honour he had received had come quite unexpectedly to him, and he looked upon it as a recognition of the Province of West Yorkshire. The Grand Officers were always ready and willing to discharge the various onerous duties that devolved upon them; this was evidenced not very long since when the Earl of Warwick, Dep. G.M., and a number of the Grand Officers had journeyed from London to Leeds to lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall in that city.

The toast of "The Prov. G. Officers" was ably proposed by Bro. Fearnley, P.M., who welcomed so many of them that had honoured the lodge with their presence that evening. One of the first official functions of the esteemed Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D. Eng., was in conjunction with this lodge, when he unfurled their banner, and in recognition of that event he had accepted the honorary membership of the lodge.

The toast was received with much cordiality.

Bro. Chalker, Prov. J.G.W., responded in a humorous speech, and stated that shortly after his appointment at an after-dinner speech (he would not have been so reckless at any other time), he had been so indiscreet as to make a statement that he would during his year of office do his best to visit all the lodges in the province—that was if he was invited; he was pleased to have accepted the invitation to be present that evening, as he had enjoyed himself; and he congratulated the W.M. on what had been a very successful meeting, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

The W.M., in submitting the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the gratitude he felt that such a number of his Masonic friends—and many of them had come from far—had assembled to greet him on his installation in the chair K.S. He had been informed that the number of visitors exceeded 40, and that as many as 26 different lodges were represented, and all he could say was that he—as well as the lodge—gave them all a most hearty welcome. He was particularly pleased to see so many of his Halifax neighbours present and especially so that the Masters of all the Halifax Lodges had honoured him with their presence.

The toast was responded to by Bros. H. A. Johnson, W.M. 302, and C. E. Rose, W.M. 448, who, on behalf of the visitors, congratulated the W.M. on the very successful installation meeting, and the lodge on having one of Halifax's best and most honoured citizens as its Master.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. J. B. Fearnley, P.M., the lodge's Charity Representative, in a most able and eloquent speech, which was appreciated and applauded by the brethren.

Unfortunately, the brethren were deprived of a response to this toast by Bro. Wm. Blackburn, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee, as he had been compelled to leave to catch a return train shortly before the toast had been reached.

"The Health of the retiring Master" was proposed by Bro. Ellis, P.M., who congratulated him on having had a very successful year of office, there had been plenty of work, and he (Bro. Bland) had not spared himself in discharging the duties of the chair which had been entirely to the satisfaction of the lodge. Twice during his year had the retiring Master entertained "the ladies" at dinner after the ordinary lodge meetings, which had been very much appreciated.

The toast was received with much heartiness.

Bro. J. W. Bland, I.P.M., thanked Bro. Ellis and the brethren for the cordial and hearty manner the toast of his health had been received; it was through the kind and ready assistance of the brethren that he had been able to discharge the duties of his office apparently to their satisfaction. He had had a very happy year, and he thanked the brethren for making it so.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. John Niven, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., who stated that he had been his proposer and had also initiated him into Masonry. He referred to Bro. Drake as a worthy man and one who would fill the chair of the lodge with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge.

In responding, Bro. J. A. Drake, W.M., said he had consented to take the chair with considerable reluctance, as he felt that his services to the lodge in the past were inadequate to the honour the brethren had conferred on him; and his frequent absences from home on business journeys would, he feared, occasionally prevent him from being present at their meetings, but he had determined to do all he could for the lodge, and, relying on the help of the Past Masters and the indulgence of the brethren, he hoped they would all have a happy year.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" and "The Officers" were duly honoured, after which the Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a close.

Songs, recitations, and incidental music were rendered by Bros. Tilly, Townend, Drake, Cookson, Whitby, Norton, and others.

Victoria Lodge, No. 2671.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. W. H. REED, P.M. 382.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Saturday, the 19th ult., was attended by Bros. W. A. Cocks, P.M. 2163, P.P.G.S., W.M.; E. C. Broquet, P.M. 209 and 2671, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; W. H. Reed, P.M. 382, S.W.; Ernest Marshall, P.M. 771, P.P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; A. A. Hardy, P.M. 382 and 2163, Treas.; E. Prince, P.M. 209 and 2671, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; W. T. Harvey, P.M. 382, J.D.; W. A. Hardy, P.M. 87, D.C.; A. W. Hall, sen., P.P.G. Org., I.G.; A. W. Hall, jun., Org.; J. J. Simcox, P.M. 1501, Prov. J.G.W. Bucks, C. A. Starkey, and J. M. Payne, Stwds.; H. Burton, Tyler;

W. H. Barney, J. H. Harding, T. Hatch, A. E. Judd, W. Bell Kempton, F. C. Reed, and E. A. Stickland. Also the following visitors, viz.: Bros. J. W. Martin, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; E. Margrott, P.M. 1101, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. F. F. Penruddock, W.M. 771, P.P.G. Chap.; D. N. Heron, W.M. 1101, P.G.S. of W.; W. Birch, I.P.M. 2421, P.G.S. of W. Bucks, Mayor of High Wycombe; Capt. G. Harper, W.M. 1612, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; W. E. Allaway, W.M. 209; C. Smith, S.W. 209; J. McKee, J.W. 209; J. I. Anderson, W.M. 382; A. J. Hanson, P.M. 382; A. Chappell, 382; T. H. White, W.M. 414; G. E. Harris, W.M. 1804; E. Caldecott, W.M. 2437; J. Wright, W.M. 2760; J. Dennis, P.M. 2400; H. W. Packham, J.D. 889; S. W. Bowles, 771; D. F. Cooke, 1446; F. J. Chaffer, 1563; and F. W. Clinton, Asst. Sec. 2163.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M. alluded, in a touching manner, to the sad death, in June last, of Bro. A. C. Layton, P.M. 771, P.P.G.S.B., a member of the lodge, and the Secretary read copy of a letter of condolence, which was signed by the W.M. and himself, on behalf of the lodge, and forwarded to the widow of the deceased, together with her reply thereto, both of which were ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Secretary (and Charity Steward) stated that steps, inaugurated by the deceased's mother lodge—the Windsor Castle, No. 771—were being taken to ensure the election of one of his four orphan children to the Boys' School in April next, and he asked the brethren to assist the case, as far as possible, with their votes and interest. The W.M. also referred to the loss sustained by the Province of Berkshire through the recent death of Bro. C. Stephens, Prov. Grand Treas., and a vote of condolence to his widow was unanimously passed. The W.M. presented Bro. T. Hatch with his G. Lodge certificate. Upon the invitation of the W.M. Bros. Allaway, W.M. 209, Penruddock, W.M. 771, then assumed the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. Simcox, F.M. 1501, Prov. J.G.W. Bucks, acting as D.C., presented Bro. W. H. Reed, P.M. 382, S.W., to the W.M., who duly installed him in the chair of K.S. and delivered all three addresses in a highly efficient and impressive manner, the Board of Installed Masters numbering 22. The new W.M., with marked ability, invested his officers in the following order: Bros. W. A. Cocks, P.M. 2163, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; E. Marshall, P.M. 771, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; A. A. Hardy, P.M. 382 and 2163, J.W.; E. C. Broquet, P.M. 209 and 2671, P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. Prince, P.M. 209 and 2671, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Sec.; W. T. Harvey, P.M. 382, S.D.; W. A. Hardy, I.P.M. 87, J.D.; A. W. Hall, sen., P.P.G. Org., D.C.; J. J. Simcox, P.M. 1501, Prov. J.G.W. Bucks, I.G.; A. W. Hall, jun., Org.; C. A. Starkey, J. M. Payne, and J. H. Harding, Stwds.; and H. Burton, Tyler. In the course of the ceremony, the grand solo from the oratorio of "St. Paul," "Be thou faithful unto death," was sung by Bro. C. A. Starkey, Stwd., in his usual talented style, and Bro. J. W. Martin, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., received from the brethren present the usual salute as a Grand Lodge Officer, which he duly acknowledged. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. Cocks, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the members of the lodge, and of their appreciation of his services, and Bro. Cocks suitably returned thanks for the same. Various routine matters were reported by the Secretary, and letters and telegrams of regret at their inability to be present were read from Bros. J. Thornhill Morland, Dep. Prov. G. Master in charge; C. Slaughter, P.M. 1101, P.P.S.G.W.; A. H. Bull, S.W. 2760, P.P.G. Stwd. (Mayor of Reading); J. Rolfe, W.M. 574; E. J. Harris, W.M. 945; J. Moore, W.M. 1566; J. Robertson, W.M. 1770; F. E. Hedges, W.M. 1887; H. Blatch, W.M. 2043; J. P. Taylor, P.M.; W. W. Mansfield, P.M.; Edward Reed, 382; G. Mitchell, 771; J. Baynes, P.M. 2671; W. L. James, 2671; and H. Scott, 2671.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the White Hart Hotel, where they sat down to a *recherché* banquet, which was served in such a manner as to reflect great credit on the manager, and during which an orchestral band, provided by Bro. H. R. Lancaster, of Ealing, discoursed sweet melody with pleasing effect.

The remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent in the disposal of the usual loyal and Masonic toasts (all of which were enthusiastically received), interspersed with a splendid programme of vocal music, ably rendered by Madame Kate Hullett, Bro. Harold Montague, the St. George's Glee Singers (Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal of St. George and His Majesty's Private Chapel, Windsor Castle), Messrs. F. Smith and F. Whitehouse, and Bros. Wilfrid Kearton and Bell Kempton, Bro. A. W. Hall, jun., Organist of the lodge, acting as accompanist.

Having regard to the high character of the musical entertainment, the W.M. struck the keynote to short speeches in proposing and responding to the several toasts, the result being an oratorical treat.

The first toast proposed by the W.M. was "The King and the Craft," followed by that of "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., Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. J. W. Martin, P.A.G.D. of C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., responded, who, after returning thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers, took the opportunity of referring to the losses sustained by the Province of Berkshire during the current year by the deaths of the Prov. G.M., Lord Wantage; the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Rev. E. R. Adams; and the Prov. G. Treas., Bro. C. Stephens, who had held that office since Berkshire became an independent province in 1890, he having previously occupied the same position in the united Province of Berks and Bucks for an uninterrupted period of 12 years. He went on to give some interesting information as to the progress of the province and its high position as regards its support to the three Masonic Charities year after year.

The next toast, "The Dep. Prov. G. Master in Charge, W. Bro. J. Thornhill Morland, M.A., P.G.D. Eng.; and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Province of Berkshire, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., who spoke in high terms of their merits and, as Bro. Margrett, Secretary of the Provincial Charity Committee, was about to leave, he incorporated with it the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and asked him to respond, which he did in an able and lucid manner, alluding to the healthy condition of the province, especially in relation to its voting powers, and appealing to the brethren for support at the next elections, when there will be, in Berkshire, one case for the Boys' School and two cases for the Benevolent Institution.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. W. A. Cocks, I.P.M., who testified to Bro. Reed's exceptional Masonic experience and ability, as well as to the high estimation in which he is held generally, and he wished him every success during his year of office.

The W.M., who was greeted with the fullest cordiality, in a very able response thanked the brethren for such an evidence of their goodwill towards him and for the honour conferred upon him that day, and stated that his aim would be to maintain the dignity of the Victoria Lodge during the time he occupied the W.M.'s chair, which he was so proud to do.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large number of visitors present, offered them a cordial welcome on behalf of the lodge, was responded to in a happy and genial way by Bros. D. N. Heron, W.M. 1101, P.G.S. of W.; W. Birch, I.P.M. 2421, P.P.G.S. of W. Bucks; and Capt. G. Harper, W.M. 1612, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.

In proposing the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. W. A. Cocks, I.P.M., and the other Past Masters of the Victoria Lodge, the W.M. spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Cocks, characterising him as a Mason of high degree, and paying a special compliment to the ability he had shown in his performance of the whole of the installation ceremony. He also made a flattering allusion to the services of the other Past Masters.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Cocks, Prince, and Broquet.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, and the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771," presented by the W.M., was cordially responded to by Bros. W. E. Allaway, W.M. 209, and Rev. F. F. Penruddock, W.M. 771, P.P.G. Chap., both of whom signified their reciprocation of the friendly and fraternal feeling expressed towards the other two Windsor lodges, which they represented.

After the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," submitted by the W.M., and responded to by the two Wardens, Bros. Marshall, P.P.G. Std. Br., and A. A. Hardy, P.M. 382 and 2163, who assured the W.M. that he might rely on the full support of themselves and their colleagues.

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

One interesting feature in the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome marble clock to Bro. A. W. Hall, jun., Organist of the lodge, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

The W.M. informed Bro. Hall that several members of the lodge, being desirous of showing their appreciation of his valuable services, considered this a fitting opportunity, and on their behalf he begged his acceptance of this token of their goodwill and

affection, and of their hearty congratulations on the auspicious occasion. He wished him and his wife every health and happiness in their married life, and hoped the clock would prove useful in reminding Mrs. Hall of the time when her husband should start off to the lodge meetings, and also testify to her the early hour of his return home.

Bro. Hall, in reply, said he had no idea that such a pleasing surprise was being prepared for him, and that, therefore, he was not prepared to thank the brethren as he would wish for such a gratifying testimony of their good feeling towards him, which he would always cherish. The valuable and acceptable present would always be prized by him and his wife, and he would endeavour to show in the future, as he had done in the past, his sincere regard for the Victorian Lodge and its members, with whom he hoped to be associated for many years to come.

Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Crowle, Lincolnshire, when there were present Bros. T. Staniforth, W.M.; A. W. Cundall, I.P.M.; J. Franks, S.W.; J. Constable, acting J.W. and Chap.; R. Wood, acting Sec.; C. F. Cranidge, S.D.; J. Turner, J.D.; W. Alexander, I.G.; G. Naylor, Tyler; and others. Bro. T. J. Smith, W.M. 2259, was a visitor.

Bro. R. G. Wood was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., Bro. Cundall giving the charge, and Bro. Constable the working tools.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the Club Room.

Royal Warrant Holders Lodge, No. 2789.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THOMAS BLEWETT TIPTON, P.M. 2550.

The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Cafe Royal, on the evening of the 24th ult., when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and routine business transacted, it was decided to defer the consideration of the notice of motion concerning the alteration of the place of meeting. A notice of motion was confirmed with respect to the entrance fees; and a resolution, proposed by Bro. Stillwell, P.G.S., W.M., and seconded by Bro. Daniel Mayer, P.G.D., I.P.M., was passed whereby the sum of 10 guineas was subscribed out of the lodge funds to constitute the lodge a Life Governor of "Our Brother's Bed" in the Free Home for the Dying, at Clapham Common. Bro. Thomas Blewett Tipton, P.M. 2250, was then installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being admirably carried out by Bro. E. G. Stillwell, P.G.S. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. W. Stillwell, P.G.S., I.P.M.; William Charles Wise, S.W.; Joseph Gerson, P.M., J.W.; Stanley F. Fitch, S.D.; W. M. Wilson, D.C.; T. B. Collard, J.D.; S. M. Segar, I.G.; W. B. Pugh, Stwd.; George Ashton, Org.; and R. W. Edgley, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. Rev. Canon Brownrigg responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Stillwell, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," around whom their hopes clustered for that year, and expressed the opinion that the newly-installed W.M. would fill the position as ably as any of his predecessors.

Bro. Tipton, W.M., in reply, expressed the hope that he would succeed in deserving the kind terms that had been applied to him. He was proud of the position he had attained, and should take great interest in the fulfilment of its duties, and felt sure that all the members would rally round him.

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

An exceptionally good programme of music was rendered during the intervals between the toasts, in which Madame Emily Squire, Miss Helen Pettican, Messrs. Frank Boor, Mervyn Dene, Frederick Upton Clarke, and Earle took part. Mr. Mervyn Dene was the accompanist, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. George Ashton.

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CONSECRATION OF THE REGENT LODGE, No. 2856.

The new Regent Lodge was consecrated on the 22nd ult. at the Drill Hall, Barnsley, by the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Richard Wilson, P.G.D. Eng. There was a large attendance of local and visiting brethren. After the ceremony, the new W.M., Bro. Wm. Senior, was installed by the Dep. Prov. G. Master.

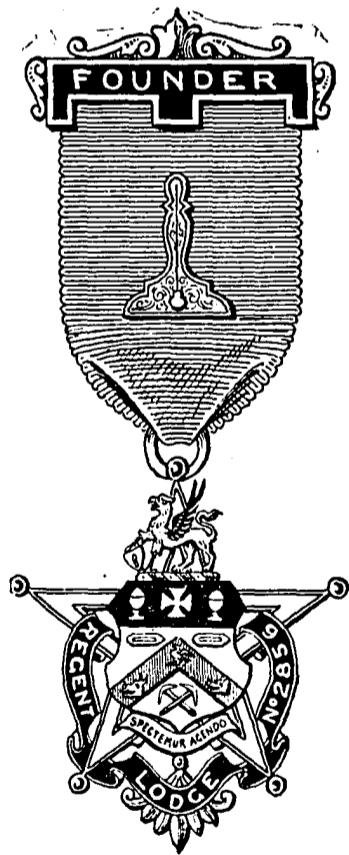
The following is a full list of the brethren and visitors assisting :

Bros. John Lee Walker, Prov. S.G.W.; Henry Chalker, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. Hugh Doig, Prov. G. Chap.; John Tweedale, Prov. G. Reg.; Major H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Hugh Kershaw and Richard Wilkinson, Prov. S.G.Ds.; John Barraclough, Edward Holmes, and Geo. Williams, Prov. J.G.Ds.; William Towers, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Wm. Watson, Prov. G. Librarian; Tom Twivy, Prov. G.D. of C.; A. W. Fretwell, Prov. A.G.D. of C.; John Haley, Prov. G.S.B.; Ben. Child, Prov. G. Std. Br.; E. Rowe Dickenson, Prov. G. Org.; Geo. Henry Schofield, Prov. A.G. Sec.; Elias Heaton, Prov. A.G. Purst.; John T. Goodall, Arthur Alderson, Alfred Leach, and Walter Davey, Prov. G. Stwds.; Henry Smith, P.D.P.G.M., P.G.D. Eng.; H. S. Childe, P.P.S.G.W.; Joseph Matthewman, P.P.S.G.D.; Ed. Billington, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Pelham Browne, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Franks, P.P.G.D.C. Linc.; B. Chennell, P.P.S.G.W. Cambridge; W. Blackburn, P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Leighton, Prov. G. Tyler; A. J. C. Stansfield, W.M. 974; W. N. Pearson, W.M. 495; J. Armitage Drake, W.M. 2321; James Scott, W.M. 1034; J. Barraclough, W.M. 1648; E. H. Sellars, W.M. 290; C. Aried Wright, W.M. 2491; H. B. Wilson, W.M. 289; J. A. Gandy, W.M. 1462; J. A. Boorman, W.M. 306; Henry Gough, W.M. 904; C. Wragg, W.M. 1239; Mayo Robson, W.M. 1311; H. Appleyard, W.M. 2069; F. Bagshaw, W.M. 1042; W. B. Wilson, A. C. Quest, J. W. Fitton, G. Glover Alexander, J. L. Marshall, Alfred Whitham, Walter J. Sykes, F. G. Robinson, C. Fox, R. A. Wilkinson, W. G. England, Martin Robinson, Rev. F. C. Stock, E. R. Taylor, Cawthorn, A. J. Chambers, J. Cumber, W. Sutton, J. H. Taylor, Frank Massie, C. Blagbro, G. Foster, P.M.; J. C. Cawthorn, W. W. Finch, John Pyrah, John F. Beevers, F. C. Watkinson, Joseph Corker, J. F. M. Coles, W. Guest, A. Whitehurst, B. Bradshaw, W. J. Asquith, Jas. Harrison, and John S. Rose.

Officers and founders of the lodge: Bros. Wm. Senior, P.M. 1513, W.M.; Isaac Longley, S.W.; Charlie Fitton, J.W.; Rev. J. Ll. Brereton, S.D.; A. Walker, J.D.; F. C. Browne, P.M. 1513, Sec.; R. E. Griffiths, I.G.; J. Hewitt, Org.; J. Gordon Chennell, P.M., P.P.G. D.C. Cambs, D.C.; H. B. Nash, P.M. 1513, Treas.; and E. J. F. Rideal.

After the ceremony, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Queen's Hotel.

The toasts were "The King," "His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master of all England, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P.; the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.D. of England; and Officers, Present and Past of Provincial Grand Lodge;" "The Masonic Charities," "The Worshipful Master," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Officers of 'Regent' Lodge," "Last Toast."



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Manchester Chapter, No. 179.

The regular convocation took place at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday, the 24th ult., when there were present Comps. E. J. Gittins, M.E.Z.; W. H. Pocklington, H.; H. A. Badman, J.; T. Simkins, P.Z.; James Carey, P.Z.; W. Bean, S.E.; A. E. Rumbold, P.S.; and A. A. Ibbott. The only visitor present was Comp. J. W. Hunt, M.E.Z. 2359.

Unfortunately there was no work for the M.E.Z. The chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to a well-served banquet, Comp. E. J. Gittins, M.E.Z., presiding.

The usual toasts were proposed, Comp. Hunt replying to the toast of "The Visitors."

The M.E.Z. was congratulated on his elevation to office in Grand Chapter. A very pleasant evening was spent, and it is hoped at the next meeting that the attendance will be larger, so that the members may witness the good work that is in store for them, as we understand that there will be one, if not more, candidates.

St. Magdalen Chapter, No. 242.

The monthly convocation of this chapter was held at Doncaster on Friday last. Present: Comps. F. J. Forth, M.E.Z.; W. Langbridge, H.; J. Constable, J.; W. H. Ord, S.E.; C. H. Boomer, S.N.; J. Shires, acting P.S.; W. Fretwell, P.Z.; H. A. Fenton, I.P.Z.; and W. Mason, Janitor.

Two candidates were proposed for exaltation, and after the usual ceremony, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned for light refreshment.

Zetland Chapter, No. 603.

This chapter met for the first time after the summer recess on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, in Cleckheaton, Yorks. Owing to a variety of causes the attendance was somewhat small. There were present Comps. Jas. Clough, M.E.Z.; H. S. Stocks, P.Z., P.P.G.S., as H.; Geo. Blackburn, J.; J. T. Last, P.Z. as P.S.; W. H. Hudson, as S.E.; H. E. Hodgson, S. H. Petty, H. Thornton, H. Ellison, J. H. Powell, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. Briggs, of Zetland Lodge, 603, which being favourable, he was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a R.A.M. A candidate for exaltation was proposed, apologies for absence received, and the chapter closed.

The companions subsequently dined together.

TO T.R.H. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL AND YORK ON THEIR RETURN FROM AUSTRALIA AND CANADA.

A hundred thousand welcomes! we greet you once again;
Greater Britain sends you home with messages of love;
It has not all been pleasure, you've suffered grief and pain,
But safely home at last you come—Praise to God above!
Versed in speech and action, our Sailor Prince has proved
Courteous to our distant Cousins, full of kindly thought;
Gracious Princess May has shown us why she is so loved,
Loyalty to King and Country she has won, not bought.
Chivalry is not yet dead, we are English still,
Easy 'tis to win our hearts, our loyalty is sure;
Proud of those who rule us, glad to do their will,
Though Anarchy may stalk abroad our fealty shall endure.
So we bid you welcome gladly home again,
King and Country thank you both for the work well done;
You have bound the Empire in a golden chain,
Commonwealth, Dominion, Colonies, are won.
What reward awaits you, that I cannot say;
Prince, I salute you as man of many parts;
We are not ungrateful; that is not our way;
Princess, you have taught our kin the union of hearts.
The King, our gracious Sovereign, hath it in his mind;
Do I speak for England? Naught I say avails;
Honours fresh await you—Fortune she is blind,
But we'd gladly hail you as Prince, Princess of Wales.

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.

Dovercourt,
October, 1901.

NOTE.—A temporary gloom was cast over the Royal progress in Canada by the assassination of the President of the United States.

Instruction.

ETHICAL LODGE, No. 2045.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., Bro. Robert Manuel, Preceptor of the Logic Club, paid a visit to the Ethical Lodge of Instruction (which meets under the sanction of the Wharton Lodge, No. 2045), at their lodge rooms at the Hotel Great Central, with an excellent team of brethren from the Club, to rehearse one of the usual ceremonies. The visiting team consisted of the following brethren: Bros. Albert Neville, W.M.; Harry Nicholls, S.W.; R. G. Robinson, J.W.; R. Manuel, Preceptor; G. Paxton, S.D.; W. Foxton, J.D.; Dr. George, I.G.; E. H. Davies, D.C.; E. Gatfield, Can.; and W. F. Pedler, Tyler.

A large and appreciative gathering of members and their friends were present to welcome the visitors, including Bros. Dr. Achard, Preceptor; J. T. Davies, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; M. E. Swan, Sec.; Bolton, J. Hart, M. Hart, P.M.; J. Hands, J. Hobbs, E. Thorns, J. Buck, Stanley Smith, J. Clark, T. Skey, T. W. Muzzell, W. Bruce, C. Eves, Dr. Tatham Armitage, P.P.G.W. Yorks; C. G. Brooks, W. M. Ward, G. Cornwall, P. Leach, W.M. 1571; A. le Claire, P.M.; J. M. Butler, W. Yeo, Dr. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.W. Bucks; and A. E. Dyke, W.M. 2045. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Green, W. Fraser, G. Paxton, jun., I. G. Buck, R. Bowes, W. Parsons, Dr. H. J. Macevoy, L. J. Phillips, L. C. Brooke, W. Willsmer, and H. Rich.

The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The work of each individual officer throughout was of so high a standard that it would be difficult to imagine anything more perfect. The power and eloquence of the W.M. was particularly noticeable in the rendering of the charge after initiation. Before the lodge was closed, the Preceptor of the Ethical Lodge of Instruction, Bro. Dr. Achard, expressed in feeling terms the gratitude of the members to Bro. Manuel and the members of the Logic Club for visiting them that evening, and proposed that a cordial vote of thanks to them be entered upon the lodge minutes. This was unanimously adopted, and eloquently responded to by Bro. Manuel. Subsequently Bros. Albert Neville, Harry Nicholls, and R. G. Robinson were elected hon. members of the lodge of instruction, which honour each of the brethren acknowledged in appropriate terms. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER, No. 890.

A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. S. Thwaites, M.E.Z. 1196, M.E.Z.; H. Dunaway, 59, H.; A. L. Butters, J. 809, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, P.P.G.P.S. Essex, S.E.; A. F. Hardyment, J. 1439, P.G.D.C. Norfolk, S.N.; H. Foskett, M.E.Z. 185 and 890, Treas.; A. J. Turner, P.Z. 1196, P.S.; R. N. Larter, M.E.Z. 186; G. Nelson Watts, P.Z. 1196; E. Stevens, 733; and W. Smith-Rose, 890.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Comp. Thwaites. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Larter being the candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Thwaites for presiding as M.E.Z. for the first time and rehearsing the ceremony of installation. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE ETHICAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION meets every Thursday at the Hotel Great Central from 9 to 10.30.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER has sent a contribution of £10 to Bro. Canon Robert McLarney, for the restoration of Clonfert Cathedral.

THE INSTALLATION MEETING of the Alleyn Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 139, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, at 6 p.m., on the 14th inst. Bro. R. C. Leversedge, 31, M.W.S.

BRO. UNDER-SHERIFF LANGTON will preside at the annual festival of the Police Court Officials' Benevolent Association, which will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 11th prox.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD BOLTON, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire, on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, installed Bro. J. B. Hope as W.M. of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760. The St. John installation banquet was then held at the Grand Hotel, Bro. Hope, W.M., presiding.

THE PRIVATE VIEW of Mr. Herbert J. Finn's exhibition of water-colour drawings of York Minster, Durham Cathedral, Oxford, and Dutch sketches, will take place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Modern Gallery, 175, Bond-street, W. The exhibition will be open to the public from the 11th inst. to the 28th prox. inclusive.

AT THE MEETING of Old Harrovians to be held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Tuesday next, to consider proposals for enlarging the chapel in memory of old Harrovians who have lost their lives in South Africa, Earl Spencer will preside, and the speakers are to include Bro. the Right Hon. W. H. Long, Sir F. H. Jeune, Gen. Mackinnon, and the Master of Trinity.

THE ANNUAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY in connection with the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, Scarborough, took place at the Scarborough Masonic Hall on the 23rd ult. with Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Bolton, P.G.W. Eng., Dep. Prov. G. Master, installed Bro. Dr. G. J. B. Hope to the premier position in the lodge, being assisted by Bro. J. Knaggs, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. The banquet took place at the Grand Hotel, at which there was a very large muster.

THE RIGHT HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN has consented to preside over the gathering in the Imperial Institute next Wednesday at which the sword of honour from the people of Australia will be presented to General Baden-Powell, in recognition of his defence of Mafeking. A large and distinguished company is expected, including most of the official representatives of the Colonies. The sword is a very fine example of artistic workmanship, the hilt and scabbard being of Australian gold.

SOME GOOD PRICES were realised on Wednesday at Hodgson's, Chancery-lane, for books. Watteau's "Figures de Différents Caractères de Paysages et d'Étude, Dessinées d'Après Nature," engraving, by Boucher, &c., and "L'Œuvre d'Antoine Watteau," a fine copy from the library of Louis Joachim Potier, Duc de Gesres, sold for £665, or double the price paid for the volumes in Paris last year. Pyne's "History of the Royal Residences," coloured engravings, £23; "The Tudor Translations," 1890-91, £50; Burton's "Arabian Nights," 16 vols., £33 10s.; and the Folk-Lore Society's publications from 1878 to 1900, £17 15s.

A SALE OF WORK for the benefit of the inmates of the British Home and Hospital for Incurables will be held in the hall of the institution, Crown-lane, Streatham, S.W., on Thursday, the 14th inst., at 3.30 p.m. The sale will be opened by the Lady Mayoress (Lady Dimsdale), who will be accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Bell and Mrs. Bell, and Bro. Sheriff Horace B. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall. The sale will be under the superintendence of Miss Gascoigne. The half-yearly general meeting will take place the same afternoon at 3 p.m., when the result of the November election will be announced. The nearest station to the home is West Norwood on the L.B. and S.C. Railway.

BRO. C. W. P. DOUGLAS-DE-FENZI, Clerk of the Natal Legislative Council at Maritzburg, is coming home on a well-deserved holiday. At the 35th half-yearly communication of the Natal District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at Maritzburg, Bro. Douglas-de-Fenzi, Past District Grand Master, was appointed Dep. District Grand Mark Master for Natal, and was delegated to represent that Masonic district at the enthronement of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

FIRE AT A WELL-KNOWN CITY JEWELLER'S.—The fire which occurred in the basement and workshops of Bro. W. J. Carroll, 30, London-street, opposite Finchurch-street Railway, on Monday, was, fortunately, got under before reaching the front shop. Had it occurred at night the result must have been serious—nothing less than the complete loss of the whole of the valuable stock of gems, jewellery, watches, and clocks. The fire was caused by dropping a lighted match down into the basement, where some packing cases were waiting for the carriers. Luckily, it was discovered by a lad, who gave the alarm. Bro. W. J. Carroll and his assistants did the best in their power until the brigade arrived. We are asked to state that the mishap will in no way interfere with the business, as the other workshops can accommodate the requirements until the damage is repaired.

SULLIVAN MONUMENT IN ST. PAUL'S.—We understand that a statue to Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan is to be placed in one of the aisles of St. Paul's Cathedral, and not in the crypt, as was originally suggested. Bro. Sir Arthur will, we believe, be the first composer thus honoured, for, although there are tablets or inscriptions in memory of two or three musicians in the crypt, the monuments in the body of the Metropolitan Cathedral are, with a few notable exceptions, mainly devoted to naval or military heroes. Among the exceptions are the heroic statues by Bacon of John Howard and Dr. Johnson, placed on either side of the choir rails; for the sore confusion of American visitors, who, it is said, persist in mistaking them for Gog and Magog. The Sullivan statue will, of course, be of smaller dimensions, and it will be erected by the public subscription now in progress. The compliment thus paid to the great musician is quite fitting, for, although Sullivan's name had of late years been chiefly identified with light music, yet in his earlier career he did a good deal for the Church. Moreover, almost his last composition, an English "Te Deum," yet unheard in public, was written for St. Paul's.

BRO. THE ARCHDEACON OF LONDON will be Canon-in-Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral during November, and will preach on Sunday afternoons at the 3.15 service.

FIELD-MARSHAL BRO. VISCOUNT WOLSELEY, as Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards, will be Gold Stick-in-Waiting during November, and Lieutenant-Col. C. N. Miles, 1st Life Guards, Silver Stick.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, Bro. the Earl of Halsbury, the Earl of Selborne, the Home Secretary, and the Right Hon. R. W. Hanbury have accepted the invitations to Bro. the Lord Mayor's banquet to the Guildhall on the 9th instant.

THE KING has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. J. A. Rentoul, K.C., M.P., as a judge of the City of London Court. The place occupied for so many years by Mr. Commissioner Kerr is now filled by two legal gentlemen, Bro. Lumley Smith, K.C., and the barrister who has just been chosen as his colleague, Mr. Rentoul, who is 48 years of age, is a North of Ireland Presbyterian, but traces his descent from Henry VII. through various distinguished families. He became a barrister of the Inner Temple in 1884, and, in addition to carrying on an extensive practice, acted for some time on the London County Council.

YORKSHIRE MASONS IN LONDON.—The White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2840, is proving a great boon to Yorkshire brethren who are either resident in the metropolis or visit it from time to time. Bro. Sir Alfred J. Newton, Bart. (the C.I.V. Lord Mayor), is this year's Worshipful Master. The meetings are held four times a year in the Temple of the Holborn Restaurant. Amongst the members may be mentioned: Bros. John H. Harrowing, J.P.; Jas. Graham, J. J. Fretwell, H. W. Dobb, H. J. Barker, Dr. W. Briggs, the Rev. W. Harrison, M.A.; Geo. Russell, Dr. T. Halliwell, W. D. Forsdike, J. Briggs, M.A.; T. Chadwick, T. H. Mellor, Edward Rogers, J. J. Thirlwell, J. Burnell-Burnell, U. Osborne, and others. Yorkshire brethren wishing to become joining members should address the Secretary, White Rose of York Lodge, Holborn Restaurant, London.

THE TIVOLI announces that on Monday next, the 4th inst., there will be several changes in the programme, chief among these will be the first appearance in England of Miss May Hamaker, a charming singer and violinist, who has been making a great sensation in the musical world of Berlin. This lady possesses a voice of great range and sweetness, which was trained by Madama Blanche Corelli. She has studied the violin under Professor Joachim, of Berlin, where she is familiarly known as "The little Sembraich." Her combination of this instrument with her voice in Eckert's "Echo Song," is stated to be most remarkable. Other additions to the programme include Harry Randall, the M'Naughtons, and the two Bostons. Miss Eliza Fay in her travesty of "Sousa," will finish her engagement next week.

THE festival of St. John was celebrated on Monday by the members of the Rhyll Caradoc Lodge, No. 1674, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons by the installation of Bro. Wm. Walton as W.M. for the ensuing year. No local member of the Craft stands higher in the estimation of his brethren than Bro. Walton. His genial disposition and generous support of the Masonic Charities has made him one of the most popular members of the Order. It was, therefore, not a matter of much surprise that on Monday there was a record attendance of Craftsmen. After the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Westminster Hotel, and sat down to a banquet laid out and served in faultless style by Bro. Lang. A long toast list was gone through, "The Health of the W.M.," being proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. K. McEwen, responded to. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Murgatroyd, Lazarus, Walton, Haselden, Proctor, J. Evans, F. J. Gamlin, and others. The quartette party from Burnley rendered several pieces to the great delight of the company.

THE ASSOCIATION OF MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN held their annual general meeting at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on the 30th ult. The Right Hon. Lord Harris, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., was re-elected president for the ensuing year. The following were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents of the Association: The Earl of Guilford, Lord Northbourne, the Lord Mayor (Mr. Alderman F. Green), Major Banes, M.P. for West Ham, and Major-General H. MacKinnon, C.B., of C.I.V. fame. The Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Asst. Secretary were re-elected. The majority of the retiring members of the council were retained in office, the infusion of new blood consisting of Messrs. W. J. Church Brasier, of Margate; L. H. Strouts, F.S.I., of Faversham; J. W. T. Turner and Borough Councillor Cuthbert Wilkinson, of Lewisham. This flourishing Association has more than doubled its membership during the past year, and now totals 862, the accounts showing an equally improved condition. The next fixture is the annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, on the 20th instant, which will be presided over by Lord Harris; Major-General MacKinnon and Mr. J. R. Mason being among the guests of the evening. This will be followed by a social evening on the 4th prox. at the Holborn Restaurant. All enquiries as to tickets, nominations, &c., should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. T. Hearn, 11, Fernholme-road, Nunhead, S.E. Among the newly-elected members at the Council meeting on Monday last occur the names of the Mayor of Lewisham, Mr. T. W. Williams, Prof. W. R. Smith, Alderman W. G. Bradley, and Drs. Sydney Smith and F. J. L. Hart, of Sydenham.

WE ACCEPTED the courteous invitation of the Messrs. Monico, on the 23rd instant, and visited the palatial establishment the Monico, to see the decorations, just completed, of the International Hall. A brief description may interest our readers. Foremost among the celebrated restaurants of London, the Monico holds a prominent position, as being replete with every luxurious accommodation which can enhance the pleasure of its numerous clientele. Not content with liberally providing for the creature comforts of its visitors by menus of the most recherche character, the managers have wisely determined to appeal to the intellectual taste of its visitors. We may mention that this hall is *par excellence* the magnificent room for Masonic banquets. Last week the Barnato Lodge had the honour to inaugurate it with their banquet, and all were struck with its magnificence, and when we say that these banquets are unsurpassed, we state a solemn truth. The dinners formerly may have been depressed by the inartistic treatment of the room; but now, thanks to the artistic genius of Bro. Boekbinder, so well known as an artistic decorator, the place has been transformed into a hall of harmonious combination of all that is true and beautiful in art. The whole scheme is in the Renaissance style, with no garish colours to offend the eye, but delicate tints, enriched with gold. These light tints give to the hall the appearance of greatly increased space. The cove is covered with paintings illustrative of music, painting, huntings, dancing, &c., which might adorn the walls of the Academy, so beautiful is the execution. We have, on previous occasions, alluded to the artistic work of Bro. J. M. Boekbinder. We consider, on this occasion, he has surpassed himself.

WEST LONDON THEATRE.—The other evening we happened to be in the neighbourhood of the above theatre, situated in Church-street, Edgware-road. Prompted by curiosity, and having a spare evening, we determined to pay it a visit. It has no pretentious outside appearance, nor is the interior noticeable for its splendour—in fact, it would not be suitable, nor appreciated, by the class of people who frequent this place of entertainment. One thing we especially noticed, the audience consisting chiefly of the middle and lower class of life, were as well behaved as any in our West End theatres. The piece was a full-flavoured sensational drama, no namby-pamby sentimentality, but crimes and virtues of unmistakable character—there were two murders, at least, an abduction, and other less atrocious villainies—to counter-balance these there were presented to us a good, amiable, yet daring young lieutenant, his trusty sailor servant, who is always to the fore when wanted, and invariably turns up in the very nick of time when his master's life is imperilled. Of course he has a sweetheart, who is much attached to him. The pair furnish the comic element, and help to relieve the sombre character of the piece. This is entitled "The Anarchist Terror," Ravageon, the Terror, being the chief character. He delights in crimes, and does not seem to have a single instinct for good. Mr. Fred Terris took the part with great vigour. The life of the Anarchist does not seem to be a "happy one," for he is always haunted by a terrible Nemesis in the person of an Italian Jewess, who in early life has been ill-treated and deserted by the terrible Anarchist. She thwarts his designs, worries his life out with high-flavoured reproaches; he murders her by choking, and at last receives the just reward of his deeds in the famed electrocution chair, which he had designed for the heroine, this is a novel sensation, exaggerated, but cleverly managed. Contrasted with the immense amount of fustian, we were rather interested with a Miss Agnes Bain, a fair ingenue, who played her part with modesty and grace, and gives promise of future excellence. We trust we may see her again. In conclusion, we highly commend the proprietor, Mr. Wm. Bailey, and his son for the admirable management of their theatre.