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In the "Chaine d'Union" for July we have a correspondence, which Bro. HUBERT treats with his usual good sense. A correspondent signed "P." complains of the amount of payments for initiation and especially as regards the annual subscriptions. He seems to wish to reduce all entry payments to a merely nominal sum, and to do away with annual subscriptions altogether. Bro. HUBERT points out truly that Masonic lodges and Grand Lodges must have means and income, neither of which durable commodities comes of itself, or by itself. Hence he is neither in favour of too large entrance fees or the doing away of annual subscriptions. He takes a "via media," and so do we. Each jurisdiction or each lodge must judge what will comport with its needs and interests; but any proposal to do away with such payments, or to reduce them to an absurdity, can only be propounded by those who have no practical experience with Freemasonry, or are fit, as the French say, to be "inhabitants of the moon." A fair entry payment and annual subscriptions are the best and only proof, in our opinion, of a living and realistic Freemasonry, and wherever these are wanting, wherever common sense has given way to sentiment, or experience to inexperience, there we find Freemasonry weak, impotent, and flaccid, doing nothing for Masonic Charity except what constitutes a burlesque on its professions, and degenerating into either an openly genial social gathering, a true debating club, or an assembly of irresponsible talkers and noisy wind-bags. Bro. HUBERT seems to treat the matter with his wonted fairness and ability, and we feel sure that in England any such proposition would be simply laughed "out of court." We can quite understand how some might find such an arrangement a very convenient one; but if it were generally to prevail, Freemasonry must go down, and Masonic Charity become a myth and legend of the past.

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THE more we consider the last address of Grand Master MURRAY, in re the Quebec difficulty, the more we seem to see how history repeats itself, the more we are amused by it. Grand Master MURRAY "goes in" for mere repudiation of an honourable Concordat as nearly as he possibly or safely can. The wish is father emphatically to the thought. We must bear in mind two facts when dealing with this subject; the one is that the Concordat was a purely spontaneous and honourable one on the part of our Canadian brethren, loyally tendered and fraternally received, and secondly, that this very Quebec Grand Lodge was at one time excommunicated by the Grand Lodge of Canada itself, and its members characterised in terms, we do not think it now needful to recall nor repeat. Thus Time changes, thus it always moves on in things personal and mundane, until the declarations of yesterday are forgotten to-day, and the leaders, the principles, the realities of years gone by, rapidly in a moment seem to be forgotten and ignored by men. One thing and only one thing comes out clear from this disturbance, and marked also by the engaging features of duty, honour, and loyalty. It is the position of the Canadian Lodges themselves. That position is, as we have often taken occasion to point out, legal and unassailable. The facts are clear [and irrefragable. They have never sacrificed Masonic faith and service, at the service of expediency or time serving; they have never yielded to noisy menace or vulgar intimidation. They have stood by their colours, and all honest Masons everywhere must admire and respect them for it. As we understand the matter from various communications, they have grounds partly national and patriotic, partly Masonic and juris-

dictional, partly personal and private, for wishing still to remain under the tolerant and legal and respectable banner of the Grand Lodge of England. And so long as they continue in that mind, it is not for the Grand Lodge of England, on any ground or pretence whatever, to sever a connection which has lasted so long with mutual feelings of interest and attachment. The Montreal lodges are emphatically the best judges of their own needs and prestige, their own position and their own feelings, and so long as they doubt the expediency or deny the necessity of transferring their allegiance, it is not for the Grand Lodge of England to dictate to them, or regulate the matter for them. "A priori" we might be inclined to think a nearer and closer rule in Canada might conduce to the energy and activity of Masonic life and jurisdictional influences; but it is just possible, that in all that is past, in all that is going on now, the Montreal brethren may think they discern in their own country traces of weakness and want of principle, personal considerations in the Masonic squabble, which deduct from the utility, affect the outcome, and detract from the honour of Freemasonry. But they know best, and as long as they continue in their present mind, the Grand Lodge of England would forfeit any claim to its high prestige and position in the Masonic world, if it ever abandoned those whose only fault is loyalty to itself. Nothing in the world can be clearer, and the sooner our good brethren in Quebec realize this fact, the sooner we shall hear the last of an embroglio which does despite to the truest principles of Freemasonry proper, and is an example, if example be needed in these unquiet days, how easily principle is forgotten, when our personal feelings or private interests are brought into play.

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EVERYONE is now off for a holiday, except those whom duty or necessity keep in this hot town. There are often many wistful looks directed towards shady lanes and flowery meads, and vain longings for breezy downs and seaside ozone, on the part of those whom the Little Village still holds perforce amid the glorious days of summer. But so it is, so it has always been, so it must always be here. Just as the Spanish proverb says, "It is not always May," so holidays, very good and needful as they are, cannot always come to us. And the true secret of life is to be "philosophical very" amid all its contentions and cases, its ups and downs, its successes and its failures. The "cry" over "spilt milk" is always a mistaken one; and unless, like children, we sit down and weep because our toys are broken, and the playthings of an hour come to grief, our "castles in the air" tumbled down with a crash, we should always, like Capt. MARRYAT'S JAPHET, "take things coolly," "eat our melting pears," and "ask no names," and "yet do pretty well," like Mr. SAMUEL WELLER, junior, of unfading memory. We all of us want sometimes to be what we cannot be, and have something we cannot possess, and find ourselves where we cannot be. It is the way of the world and of men, and the world has not grown any wiser the older it grows. But men, as Freemasons, are, or are meant to be philosophers, in all things at all times, in matters small and great alike, in troubles and difficulties, however trying or serious. It is natural for us to wish to exchange the closeness, the smells, the noise, the "lights o' London" for the country side, for hill and vale, for woods and heath, for the smell of the brine, and the outstretching and cool and tempting sands, for scenes of beauty and delight; but if it is not to be, if it cannot be, through any of the unavoidable circumstances of life, let us "lay this flattering unction to our soul," that we are not, however disappointed, worse off than many others whom duty or imperative claims retain weary and jaded enough in our "deserted village" to-day; and, that as what "cannot be cured must be endured," so like Freemasons and philosophers, we simply wish all others health, enjoyment, and happiness, and think them very fortunate indeed in enjoying some hours in some happy retreat of enforced idleness and needed holiday.

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As we are going to press, Bro. FORT'S "Historical Treatise on Early Builders' Marks" has reached us, and we acknowledge its receipt with pleasure and gratitude. It is impossible to do justice to it in the short time at our disposal. A full review of it will appear in our columns next week. From a cursory glance it seems to be marked vividly by all the force and research and eloquence of its well-known writer, and will, we feel persuaded, prove to be a great boon and help to all Masonic students.

**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.**

The following is the business on the agenda paper of Supreme Grand Chapter, on Wednesday next, the 5th inst.:

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

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.**

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th April to the 14th July, 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£375 17 5	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£717 0 0
„ „ Unappropriated		„ Balance	74 9 5
„ „ Account	192 3 10	„ „ Unappropriated	
„ Subsequent Receipts	414 16 9	„ „ Account	191 8 4
	<u>£982 17 9</u>		<u>£982 17 9</u>

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Comps. Edward Thomas Clark, as Z.; Henry Trevor Gardiner, as H.; Ezra Gooderidge, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goolo, to be called the Aire and Calder Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Boothferry-road, Goolo, Yorkshire (Western Division).

2nd. From Comps. Robert Foreman Castellari, as Z.; George Edmond Coates, as H.; Henry Wilson Warmington, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Northern Star Lodge, No. 1463, Ferozepore, to be called the Mayo Chapter, and to meet at Ferozepore, Punjab, East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. William Kelly, as Z.; George Toller, jun., as H.; Samuel Steads Partridge, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, Leicester, to be called the St. George's Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, Leicestershire.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following petition praying for a charter of confirmation, the original being lost or destroyed by fire in 1882:—

From the Principals and members of the Sussex Chapter, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation for the above-named chapter be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Royal Gloucester Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882. This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee recommend that the meetings of Grand Chapter in future take place in the Great Hall instead of in the Zetland Room, commencing at the November Convocation, and that the Committee be authorised to complete the paraphernalia and appointments which are at present defective.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.G.A. Soj.,  
 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. President.  
 15th July, 1885.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.**

The Ogmore Lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Bridgend, at which the W.M., Bro. J. Blandy Jenkins, was re-elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Wm. Jenkins, I.P.M.; L. Boha, S.W.; J. W. Prichard, J.W.; James Jones, Chap.; John Herdman, Treas.; J. C. Coath, Sec.; Wm. Thorne, S.D.; Walter Edwards, J.D.; Owen Rees, D.C.; E. Jenkins, S.S.; F. Wilson, J.S.; W. H. Hitchings, I.G.; and A. D. Webber, Tyler.

After the proceedings, the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Eastern Division) were received by the Ogmore Lodge, and the R.W. Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., D.C.L., P.G.M., opened the Grand Lodge, the following brethren being present:

Bros. M. Tennant, Dep. Prov. G.M.; S. G. Homfray, Dep. Prov. G.M. Monmouth; Thomas Walters, D.D., Chap.; William Williams, Chap.; T. Matthews, G.S.W.; D. C. Jones, P.M. 1573, G.J.W.; T. Garrett Horder, P.M. 36; John Jones, P.G.S.; John M. Smith, P.G.A.S.; J. R. Davies, J.D.; W. C. Peace, Supt. of Works; T. Lewis, A.D.C.; Thomas Phillips, 364, S.W.; W. Jenkins, P.G.P.; George Bullwell, Tyler; M. John, P.P.G.A.D.C. Monmouth; Rev. W. L. Stradling, Dep. Prov. G.M. Western Division; W. Parfitt, P.P.G.D.C.; A. P. Fabian, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Hazell, P.G.S.; C. Taylor, P.P.G.J.D.; F. P. Adey, P.G.S.D.; T. Lawrence Lewis, P.M. 651, P.P.G.O.; W. Whittington, P.M. 364, P.P.G.S.W.; Simons, I.P.M. 257, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Sandbrook, W.M. 1573, P.P.G.S.; S. Cooper, P.M. 36, P.P.G.S.D.; H. P. Charles, P.M. 1323, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Hemming (Ogmore Lodge), P.P.G.P.; J. R. Harris (Bute), 960, P.P.G.J.D.; W. H. Davis, P.P.G.J.D.; George Jones, P.M. 364, P.P. Supt. of Works; J. C. Sladen, P.G.D.C.; R. R. Davies, W.M. 110; D. E. Jones, W.M. Afan; E. Nash, 110; G. Deane Burdett, W.M. St. Quintin's; P. Williams, 1748; J. Spragne, W.M. Merlin; H. N. Davies, I.P.M. Merlin; William Perrott, John Morgan, Joseph Davies, S. F. Lewis, W. H. Key, John Evans, 1578; J. H. Taylor, 1573; W. H. Rosser, 1573; John Price, 1418; Joseph Parry, 224 (Pa. North America); David Davies, 555 (Adelaide, Australia); S. T. Evans, 365; O. Thompson, P.M. 36; F. Widdowfield, 376; J. H. Page, P.M. Afan, Thomas Wallace, P.M. 36; Walter Nichol, W. M'Kinnon, 960; W. D. Wiltshire, W.M. 960; J. H. Hussey, S.W.; John Munday, I.W. 960; T. Oliver, 960; T. Johns, S.W. Afan; J. H. Wells, 36; J. T. Morgan, W. V. Huntley, 1822; James Hughes, Caradoc; R. Wain, 818; Edward Williams, 36, Glamorgan Lodge; Ernest Grant, Alex. Peters, W.M.; W. Hopkins, 364; I. D. Wride, 960, Bute; R. R. Hunter, 617; and James Barton, 376.

The Provincial Grand Master elected the following as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Samuel Cooper, P.M. 36	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ H. Simons, P.M. 237	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. D. Walters, P.M. 1573	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ Rev. Williams, P.M. 1807	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ E. H. Lloyd, P.M. 364	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ John Hemming, P.M. 752	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ John Jones, P.M. 833	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ J. H. Page, P.M. 833	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
„ F. P. Adey, P.M. 1754	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ T. Sandbrook, W.M. 1573	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ T. Wallace, W.M. 36	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ W. D. Wiltshire, W.M. 960	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ W. H. Key, P.M. 1578	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ F. Bradford, W.M. 237	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
„ L. Jenkins, P.M. 1822	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ R. R. Davis, W.M. 110	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ W. B. Broad, P.M.	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ J. Morgan, P.M. 651	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ W. Price, P.M. 1807	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
„ H. Taylor, J.W. 237	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
„ Vazzo Pollo, J.W. 1992	...	
„ James Hughes, S.W. 1573	...	
„ Sydney Coleman, S.W. 36	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
„ G. Bullerwell	...	

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and after other business had been transacted, the brethren met together under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master at a sumptuous banquet, at the Town Hall.

Bro. Dr. Parry efficiently enlivened the proceedings with pianoforte selections, and sang "The Village Blacksmith." A recitation was given by Bro. E. Fletcher, and songs were sung by Bros. S. G. Homfray, J. Lewis, and S. T. Evans.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DORSET.**

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dorset was held at the Masonic Hall, Weymouth, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. The chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. W. Barlow Morgan, Z. 170, at 5.20 p.m. The M.E. Comp. J. M. P. Montagu, Grand Superintendent, and the Provincial Officers were received with due honours. The Grand Superintendent then proceeded to open Provincial Grand Chapter. The Provincial Grand Officers present were

Comps. C. F. Arden, P.G.H.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.G.J.; P. Hooper, P.S.E.; A. Lock, P.G.P.S.; W. Barlow Morgan, P.G. 1st A.S.; C. H. N. Parkinson, P.G. 2nd A.S.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G. Treas.; S. A. Vickery, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Nosworthy, P.G.O.; F. Long, Janitor; and the following Past Officers: Comps. J. G. Gregory, 417, P.P.G.J.; A. Graham, 170, P.P.G. 1st A.S.; J. A. Sherren, 170, P.P.G.P.S.; R. A. Howard, 170, P.P.G.H.; T. S. Furnell, 137, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and T. R. Charles, 170, P.P.G.S.B. Visitors: Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; J. B. Ford, 53, P.P.G.J. Somerset; H. J. Atkins, 360, P.G.N. Northampton and Hunts; H. A. Lawton; H. Orr; W. H. Hay, H. 707; Rev. Russell Wright, J. 417; G. J. Brady, J. 1037; S. Whettam, S.E. 170; A. McLean, S.N. 170; H. Gibbs, P.S. 170; H. Lewis Allen, 1st A.S. 170; J. E. Bennett, 2nd A.S. 170; C. G. Targett and H. Smith, 170; E. Mills; W. Burt; J. H. Bowen; Freeman; Hann; R. Tolman; R. A. Ayles; R. C. Bennett; J. Cooke; W. Talbot; R. Simmonds; and others.

The M.E.G. SUPERINTENDENT addressed the chapter on the favourable state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Dorset, and announced that the Provincial Grand Chapter should be held at Beaminster next year.

The PROV. G. TREASURER next presented his accounts, which were duly passed, and a vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Treasurer was carried by acclamation.

Various sums were voted to the different Masonic Charities, when the Prov. G. Superintendent appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Comp. G. J. G. Gregory, 417	...	Prov. G.H.
„ Pelly Hooper, 170	...	Prov. G.J.
„ W. Barlow Morgan, 170	...	Prov. G.S.E.
„ A. H. Lock, 417	...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ S. A. Vickery, 1037	...	Prov. G.P.S.
„ T. S. Furnell, 137	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
„ H. A. Lawton, 622	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
„ Rev. W. M. Heath, 622 (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ W. H. Hay, 707	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ Rev. T. Russell Wright, 417	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
„ G. J. Brady, 1037	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ Zillwood Milledge, 170	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ W. J. Nosworthy, 170	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ F. Long, 707	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After the close of the chapter the companions dined in the banqueting hall of the All Souls' Lodge, where an excellent banquet was provided by Comp. A. Graham. The toasts were interspersed with some good vocal music given by Comps. Bennett, S. Whettam, Allen Graham, and Targett, the accompaniments being played by Comp. Nosworthy, P.G. Org.

**THE MOVEABLE GRAND MARK LODGE AT LIVERPOOL.**

Though the Mark Grand Lodge follows closely on the lines laid down by that of Craft Masonry, there are yet one or two points of divergence in the arrangements of the two bodies, the most noticeable being that of holding a Moveable Grand Mark Lodge both in summer and winter in some pre-arranged place in the provinces. Our Craft Grand Lodge holds its stated Quarterly Communications at Freemasons' Hall; Mark Grand Lodge has a head-quarters of its own, but not a hall large enough for the purpose of holding its stated Half-yearly Communications, and during the

past few years it has met on these occasions in Freemasons' Tavern. The Moveable Grand Lodge, as the distinction betokens, meets at different times in different parts of the country, but generally in compliance with some special invitation it has received and accepted beforehand. This plan of having a peripatetic Grand Lodge, which, though stationary for general purposes, is capable of visiting particular places for a particular purpose, or even without any special design, is not without its advantages. It enables the Grand Master and his officers to become acquainted with the position and circumstances of the Degree in particular localities, while the brethren in the locality which is for the occasion being honoured have the advantage of being brought into closer contact with the chief dignitaries of the Order. However, be the advantages many or few, great or small, the custom prevails in the Mark organisation of holding Moveable Grand Lodges, and on Wednesday Liverpool, as the centre of the great and flourishing Province of Lancashire, was honoured with the presence of Mark Grand Lodge. A better choice for a visit, which should combine business with pleasure, could hardly have been made. Not only is Lancashire a chief stronghold of the Mark Degree, but it has the advantage of being governed by one of the most popular Provincial Grand Masters—the Earl of Lathom—who is himself also a Past Grand Master of the Degree. In these circumstances it will not be difficult to imagine that those who fortunately were able to attend Mark Grand Lodge on Wednesday, took part in a more than ordinarily pleasant and successful meeting, and they are likely for some time to come to bear in mind that few meetings have been attended by as successful round of sight-seeing as that of the current week.

The Grand Lodge was opened at the Adelphi Hotel. The Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W.P.G.M., presided.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Col. Somerville Burney, G.M.O.; F. Binckes, P.G.W.G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, 34, P.P.D.P.G.M.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., G. Chap.; C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C., D.G.M. Cheshire; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br.; D. Nicholl, P.M. 34, J.D.; J. P. Platt, P.G.D.; George Morgan, P.G.I.G.; Thos. Clark, P.G.S.B.; Miles J. Walker, G. Swd. Br.; Henry George, G.A.D. of C.; Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Geo. Graveley, G.I.G.; Herbert Ellis, G.S.; C. Davies, P.G.S.; A. Middleton, P.G.S.B.; Sylvester Mallison, P.G.D.; W. O. Walker, P.G.D.; John Ballard, P.G.S.B.; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., D.P.G.M.; and others. Among the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers Present and Past, were Bros. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; W. W. Collam, P.G.D. of C., P.M. 133; J. Bramble, D.P.G.M.M.; John Wray, P.M. 296, P.P.G. J.D.; John Holt, P.M. 113, P.P.G.A.P.; J. C. Lunt, P.M. 161, P.P.G.S.O.; Hugh Williams, P.M. 11, P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; A. Beattie, P.M. 143, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Normanton, P.G.D. of C. West Yorks; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; W. M. Roberts, P.G.S.D. Cheshire; Norman Selfe, P.G.S.D. of Sidney, N.S. Wales; W. Nicholl, P.G.J.D.; John R. Ross, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Cheshire; W. G. Cronan, P.G.S. Cheshire; Charles Lane, P.P.G.J.D.; James Platt, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.M., P.G. Chap.; James Sutcliffe, P.P.G.S.B.; John Davidson, P.P.G.S.D.; T. H. Starkie, P.P.G.J.O.; John Fox, P.P.G. Org.; Capt. T. H. Tibbs, P.M. 43, Canada; Jos. Wood, 65, P.P.G.S.B. (Freemason); G. E. Hammer, P.P.G.S.D.; T. C. Thorburn, W.M. 11, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chap. Cheshire; W. Parker, P.G.J.D. Cheshire; M. Foulkes, P.G.M.O.; R. B. Fergusson, P.P.G.S.O.; and T. Webster, P.G.J.O. Cheshire.

A special emergency meeting of Lodge No. 65 of M.M.M., under whose banner the Grand Lodge was Grand Lodge was held, was opened at one o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. William Brackenbury, assisted by Bros. John Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; John Williams, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Jos. Jenaway, P.M., P.G.S.O.; D. Davis, S.W.; E. King Ellison, S.O.; J. C. Spurr, R.M.; John L. Houghton, Sec.; Thos. Wilcock, S.D.; Jas. Keet, J.D.; R. H. Webster, I.G.; C. Robeson, S.S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and upwards of 40 members.

Among the visitors were Bros. H. M. Ormsby, W.M. 296; J. G. Christian, S.D. 143; James Pilling, 161; J. Higson; H. A. Williams, 296; and Dr. A. Soldat.

After the lodge had been opened, and the circular read, the ballot was taken for Bros. D. Radcliffe (Mayor of Liverpool), Alderman E. Grindley, T. Wood, T. Hawkins, A. Powell, H. Isaac, W. Griffith, and R. C. Fisher, who were declared duly elected, and, they being in attendance, were duly advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason by the Worshipful Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers were then announced, and upon the acting Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.P. G.M.M., taking the chair, he was saluted. The lodge was then opened, and the roll called; letters of apology were then read. The M.W. acting Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M., and the Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, then entered the lodge, and the M.W. Grand Master assumed the throne, when he was saluted with Grand honours. Grand Lodge was then opened, and the acting Grand Secretary read letters of apology from the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Grand Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.M. and R.W.P.G. M.M.; Love Jones-Parry, M.P., G.J.W.; Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and others.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in rising, congratulated the members of the province upon the visit of the Grand Mark Lodge to the city of Liverpool, and extended to the Deputy Grand Master and his officers a hearty welcome to this province.

The D.G.M., in reply, expressed the regret of the R.W.G. Master, that, owing to important engagements, it was impossible for him to be present, and on his behalf he accepted most cordially the welcome that had been given to Mark Grand Lodge, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit so large and important a province as that of Lancashire, which he thought was now large enough to be divided.

There being no other business the Grand Mark Lodge was closed.

The acting P.G. MASTER having resumed the chair, the Prov. G. Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

On Thursday the Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. David Radcliffe, entertained the members of Grand Mark Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge to luncheon at the Town Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham, on Friday, the 24th ult., on which occasion W. Bro. J. Walker, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, was installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Order in Gloucestershire, in succession to the R.W. Bro. the Rev. C. Raikes Davy, under patent issued by the Most Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Kintore, Grand Mark Master. There was a very large attendance of

the brethren of the province and visitors, the number including, in addition to the Provincial Grand Master designate—

Bros. the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O.; J. Brook-Smith, M.A., P.G.M.O.; C. F. Matier, P.G.J.W.; C. Foley Pidcock, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; Pierpont Harris, Grand Stwd., Prov. G. Sec. Bristol; H. Jeffs, Prov. G.S.W.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, Prov. G. Chap.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Naysmith, P.G. M.O.; W. C. Heane, P.G.S.O.; W. C. Ferris, P.G.J.O.; W. L. Bain, P.G. Treas.; George Norman, P.G. Sec.; J. S. Carleton, P.G.S.B.; W. Forth, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. Dr. Lynes, 340; R. Buck, P.G.S.B. Worcestershire; T. Parker, P.P.G.S.O.; E. T. Bryant, P.G.M.O.; J. Balcomb, P.P.G.R.; T. Milligan, P.G.D.C.; Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, Chaplain 10; W. R. Felton, W.M. 10; Dr. E. Gregory, W. M. Lowick, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Bubbs, T. Steel, R. A. Perrett, T. Cadle, T. E. Gandy, W. Simms-Bull, S. W. Hadingham, T. A. Huband, J. Martin, W.M. elect 109; J. G. Adams, Parry, J. Thorn, C. L. Sweeting, C. S. Atkins, C. Newman, W.M. No. 218; C. Cater Hardinge, and others.

The Deputy Prov. G.M.M. opened Prov. G. Mark Lodge, and the preliminary business of the meeting having been discharged, the attendance of V.W. Bro. Brook-Smith, as Installing Master and Representative of the Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Kintore, was reported, with that of the other members of Grand Mark Lodge.

The Installing Master was received with the honour due to his representative rank, and having assumed the chair, the patent of Bro. Walker's appointment from Grand Mark Lodge was read, and he was duly presented for installation by V.W. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres.

In the course of the subsequent ceremony the Installing Master referred to the high position held in the Order by the Prov. G.M.M., and the pleasure it had given the members of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge that Grand Mark Lodge had acquiesced in their unanimous request that Bro. Walker might be appointed to preside over them.

Having been duly installed, the Prov. Grand Mark Master appointed V.W. Bro. W. Forth, P.M. 10, P.P.G.S.W., as his Deputy, and he was presented for investiture by V.W. Bros. the Baron de Ferrieres and R. V. Vassar-Smith.

The officers of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge were then appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Lowick, P.M. 218	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. C. Heane, W.M. 340	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" W. R. Felton, W.M. 10	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" C. Newman, W.M. 218	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" R. V. Vassar-Smith, W.M. elect 10	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Dr. Lynes, M.D., W.M. elect, 340	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. L. Bain, P.M. 10 (reappointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. S. Carleton, M.O. 10	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.Ms.
" G. Norman (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. Hattersley-Smith, Chap. 10	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. Cater Hardinge, 340	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" H. Clark, 218	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" S. W. Hadingham, 340	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. E. Gandy, 10	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. G. Adams	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Phillips	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Before the proceedings closed, a resolution acknowledging the great service rendered to the Order by the late Prov. Grand Master, during his six years of office, was proposed from the chair, seconded by Bro. BROOK-SMITH.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren were hospitably entertained at banquet as the guests of the Provincial Grand Master.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Old Folks at Croydon had their usual summer festivity on Wednesday, when a large number of friends and supporters of the Institution assembled, and took part in the proceedings. As usual, tea was served in the large hall, and later in the evening a very pleasant entertainment was given by the Criterion Handbell Ringers, while songs and other contributions to the pleasure of the meeting were made by Bros. J. G. Stevens, Miss Terry, and Mr. Mason. Just before breaking up,

Bro. J. G. STEVENS, in kind and complimentary terms, invited those present to drink to the long-continued health and happiness of Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, whose first and last thought was how best he could promote the success of the Institution and the comforts of the inmates.

The invitation was most cordially responded to; indeed, all the more so from the knowledge that latterly Bro. Terry had not been in that unpromising condition of health and strength which is usual with him.

Bro. TERRY very heartily acknowledged the kindness, both of his old friends and the visitors, and declared he should continue, as long as his strength permitted, to give his best exertions to maintain the prosperity of the Benevolent Fund.

Among those present were Bro. and Mrs. Bowyer, Bros. J. A. Farnfield, T. Cubitt, P.G.P., and R. W. Stewart, P.G.D., Mrs. Murlis, Mrs. Newton, Bros. J. J. Berry, J. G. Stevens, and Dr. Strong, Miss Strong, and Miss O'Neill, Bro. C. F. Hogard, Miss Crutch, Bro. and Mrs. Terry, Bro. J. E. Terry, and the Misses Terry, Miss Culver, Messrs. A. V. Faull, J. J. Brown, and A. P. Bowyer, Bro. W. W. Morgan, and Mrs. and Mr. Mason.

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*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I will, with your kind permission, supplement the letter of last week, which, in the belief that I should trespass too considerably on your space, was closed somewhat abruptly. My remaining remarks will not occupy long. Having stated why I consider untenable the proposition of your correspondent "A Life Governor of the Three Charities," namely, that the falling off in the contributions at the recent Boys' School Festival was caused by the "premium votes" offered in 1883 having destroyed the confidence of many of its supporters, let me, having given the subject careful thought in the interim, attempt an answer to my own question. Be it noted at the outset that in 1884 there were 290 Stewards, and the sum of their contributions was £14,000. Last month there were 275 Stewards, and they raised conjointly a total which has probably by this time reached £12,000, or which, for the general purposes of comparison, I will take the liberty of setting down at £12,000 in round figures. Now, had the smaller Board of Stewards raised about the same average per list as the larger, the returns for the current year would have amounted to about £13,250. But the total was £12,000, so that the falling off must be accounted for otherwise than by the diminution in the number of Stewards. Your correspondent endeavours to account for this by the "premium votes" of 1883. I think it is due solely to the enormous success of the Benevolent Festival in February, when the sum of £17,770 was raised, and the chances of the Boys' School getting an average return were knocked into a cocked hat. When, some time before the Festival, Bro. Terry announced there were no vacancies on the Female Fund, and so old women candidates, the excitement was tremendous, and a great effort was made, with the result I have stated, that the subscriptions amounted to £17,770. The Girls' School Festival followed in the month of May, and over £14,000 was announced (£1050 of it being from West Yorkshire in respect of the "Sir Henry Edwards Presentation") so that when the time came for the Boys' Festival to be held, the spare resources of the Craft were pretty well used up, and, to use Bro. Binckes' expression, the Institution had to content itself with the crumbs that were left. The enthusiasm of the Craft was at Summer Heat in February, and it raised close on £18,000; by May it had descended well on its way towards Temperate, and could only give £14,000; while in June it had descended below Temperate and was on its way to Freezing, the total of its contributions being only £12,000.

I think we need not travel outside this simple record in order to explain the falling off to which attention has been called. The Benevolent Institution, with an exceptionally strong case to rest its appeal on, came first, and received the superior amount; the Boys' School, also with a strong case to rest its appeal on, came last, and had to put up with the inferior amount. This, I submit with all deference, is the true answer to my question, not the dissatisfaction excited by the "premium votes" of 1883.—  
Yours fraternally,  
ALPHA.

**WHICH SHALL IT BE—"CHARITY" OR "DINNERS?"**  
*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I fully and gladly recognise that "C.E.G." did not in his first letter propose the abolition of "dinners." I stated my views, as well as I could, on broad and general principles, without reference to him personally, or the lodge he quoted, and if I have seemed to misunderstand or have misrepresented him, I tender herewith a most sincere apology.

Let me thank "C.E.G." for having so readily furnished such information, of the character I specified, as was in his power or he felt justified in doing. His statement as to the strength of the lodge and the numbers dining, in my opinion, places its conduct, so far as expenditure is concerned, in the best possible light. I suppose I may suggest that taking one meeting with another, the average attendance at dinner, members and visitors both included, would be about 60 per meeting; this for five meetings in the year gives 300, and for the four years 1200, whose dinners cost, in round figures, £900. From this I deduce by the ordinary arithmetical process that 15s. is the price of a single dinner, which is by no means an extravagant sum, especially if we bear in mind that as the brethren meet only five times in the year they would not be over particular as to a shilling more, or less, provided the dinner was a good one. "C.E.G." further states that the lodge contains "some of the most generous men" it has ever been his lot to meet, and, this being so, I take it the lodge is to be commended very highly for its modest outlay on dinners. A nice banquet at 15s., well served, with good wine and pleasant surroundings, to say nothing of the glorious interchange of goodfellowship, which is the means of promoting, is the very pink of moderation. "C.E.G." has clearly audited his figures without studying them. I had an idea his case was a weak one, but I did not expect it would have turned out as weak as it has.

"C.E.G." then tells us that he lately belonged to a lodge

"which out of an income of not quite £120, voted 40 guineas to the Charities in one year," and, though he says nothing about membership, he goes on to explain how this was done. Let me congratulate "C.E.G." on having made what I consider a decided change for the better. I don't think I like that £120 lodge, notwithstanding it "voted 40 guineas to the Charities in one year." If the spirit of those who give enters into the money that is given, and exercises by some inscrutable process, a certain subtle influence on the recipients of the gift, I should say the contributions of that £120 lodge must have had a disturbing effect on the inmates of our Institutions. You may depend upon it that, if in the year in which this particular sum of 40 guineas was voted, there was an abnormal amount of irritability among those inmates, that irritability was begotten of the worry and anxiety which the members of the lodge must severally and collectively have endured in order to screw and contrive so, proportionately, large a sum out of such slender resources.

I know that if I don't raise my voice against Jones when he runs up against me and says: "Look here, old 'Cakes and Ale,' you are an abstemious fellow, but if you will just give up one glass of sherry per day for a year, I can put you down for £10 10s. on my list as steward for the . . . next year"—I say if I don't object to this kind of thing, I shall have Robinson calling upon me one fine morning and suggesting that I ought not to have bought that last new suit of Sunday best clothes, because ———'s little girls have only half their proper complement of chemises and flannel vests, or ———'s boys are hard up for boots and shoes. I hope and believe I am not less kindly disposed than my brother Masons. I am sure if I met a fellow in distress that, whether he was a Mason or not, I should be man enough to help him to the best of my ability, and send him on his way happy for the next few hours; but I don't call it pleading the cause of Charity to go about telling people they should have fewer and less expensive dinners, and hand over the proceeds of their economy to the poor. I call this kind of thing worrying people into giving against their will, and if the practice is continued and extended I foresee that our Institutions will suffer in the long run. "C.E.G." considers "the mode" he has "suggested for the use of 'Lodge Funds' would largely increase" the "current of Masonic Charity," and that "instead of £44,000, twice that sum would be raised in a single year." I sincerely hope that he will not prove a true prophet, for in that case Freemasonry would be little else than a large benefit society. All Masons are proud of their Institutions, and I assume they will all do their utmost to maintain them at a proper strength and in a proper state of efficiency, but it must not be forgotten that these Institutions were born of Freemasonry, not Freemasonry of the Institutions. They have been a necessary appendage to our Society, ever since that Society so increased in numbers, that a comparatively few and isolated cases of distress became a multitude, which it was beyond the power of the Committee of Charity to cope with successfully. But they are a very long way off from being the "be-all and end-all" of Freemasonry.

But if I go on like this, I shall be letting your readers in for a sermon, so I will hark back to the original question—"Which shall it be—'Charity' or 'Dinners?'" and my answer is "Both, or you will get neither." Moreover, I give priority of place to the "Dinners"—provided they are good dinners,—because there is no other institution I have ever heard of which has done and does so much as they to kindle into activity the best feelings of our human nature. If a modern "fanatic"—I am convinced "C.E.G." is too good a fellow to take this as intended for him personally—is desirous of organising a fund to supply the children of central Africa with cocked hats and moral pocket-handkerchiefs, I know of no way in which he is likelier to succeed than by calling together his friends and acquaintances and entertaining them at dinner. The toothsome viands and the generous wines will have the instantaneous effect of opening their purses, and he will raise the necessary £1000 or £2000 without an effort. But if he goes about telling them that if they will only give up an occasional dinner or two or pay rather less for their dinners, they will be in a position to subscribe, without so much as feeling the loss of it, the sum he requires for his little nigger friends, then I venture to say he will get nothing, and the last state of that "fanatic" will be decidedly—and deservedly—worse than the first. Thus, I give my vote in favour of "Dinners" and "Charity," and taking some slight but necessary liberties with the text, exclaim with the man in the play,—

He who denies me my good "dinner"  
Denies me that which not enriches him,  
And makes me poor indeed in "Charity."  
Faithfully and fraternally yours,  
CAKES AND ALE.

**MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.**  
*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Permit me to rectify an error in the place which is assigned to my name and contribution in the Stewards' list, and also in your remarks on the recent most successful Festival of this Fund. You observe that "The total, as stated elsewhere, reached £1721 10s. 6d., being the joint contributions of London, as represented by 19 Stewards, of whom 11 were unattached, and 24 provinces." In your list of provinces you give "the Province of Leicestershire, Northants, and Derbyshire, four Stewards, who raised amongst them £81 7s. 6d. . . . Lincolnshire, per Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G.M.M.M. gave £10 10s."

Now, Sir, my name appears as the tenth on the list of unattached Stewards, and consequently as belonging to London. My intention was that my contribution (like that of R.W. Bro. Sutcliffe) should be placed to the credit of the province over which for 27 years I have had the honour to preside. The Stewards for this province should consequently be five, instead of four, and the amount of contributions £91 17s. 6d., instead of £81 7s. 6d. Kindly insert this rectification, and oblige.—Yours fraternally,  
WILLIAM KELLY, PROV. G.M.M.,  
Leicester, Northants, and Derbyshire.

Leicester, July 27th.  
[We have much pleasure in complying with Bro. Kelly's request. We regret with him the mistake has arisen, and recognise the justice of the claim he advances for his Province to be credited with £91 17s. 6d., instead of £81 7s. 6d. We have only to add that the list we published was taken from the printed list of Stewards furnished to us.—Ed.F.M.]

## AN ACTING MASTER'S RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should be glad to have your interpretation of Rule 182 of the Book of Constitutions, which entitles "the Master in the chair to a second, or casting vote." Does this privilege extend to any other brother (a member of the lodge) than the Master, while presiding? For instance, a lodge, in the absence of the Master, is being presided over by one of its Past Masters, and proceeds to elect a Master for the ensuing year. There are two candidates (A and B) for that office, and the votes for each are equal. The presiding officer gives a second, or casting, vote for A, and declares him duly elected. Is this legal?

I quite agree with many of your correspondents that our laws with reference to the ballot are rather vague, and the rule to which I have referred ought, I think, to be made more plain.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A BROTHER SEEKING MORE LIGHT.

[The Master in the chair, whether the W.M. in his own person, or an acting Master, undoubtedly exercises all the rights and privileges of the W. Master, including, of course, that of giving a second or casting vote in necessary cases.—Ed. F.M.]

## BRO. WOODFORD'S LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I would suggest to Bro. Speth that a Committee be formed to advise as to the means to be employed to acquire Bro. Woodford's library, to present it to Grand Lodge under such conditions as might be determined on, as such a mine of Masonic lore should not be permitted to get dispersed, or allowed to leave the country.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. MACKIE.



## THE INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. W. TEW, PROV. GRAND MASTER. By Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Yorkshire.

Our well-known Bro. C. L. Mason, at Leeds, has put forth a very seasonable and effective tractate in respect of the installation of our distinguished Bro. Tew as Provincial Grand Master. To this he has added an epitome of the provincial history of West Yorkshire—very compact, lucid, and well done. West Yorkshire stands so well with the Craft, and is so much before it, alike in its outcome of Charity, work, and hospitality, that any history of its labours or reminder of its proceedings comes agreeably and opportunely before the brethren. We are indebted to Bro. Mason for what will become a very useful reference to past deeds and past worthies, bound up with the commendable labours of energy of West Yorkshire Masonry, and we feel quite sure that under Bro. Tew's auspices Masonry will not fall back or behind, but will help forward the good cause, as it has hitherto done, under the ready help of most distinguished brethren. Bro. Tew's heart is with Freemasonry, and he will never be wanting in anything that can conduce to the honour, comfort, and welfare of West Yorkshire. We thank Bro. Mason for an early sight of his carefully compiled work, and are glad to think it is likely to assume a permanent form.



## Craft Masonry.

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham. Bro. George Rowe, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, there were also present P.Ms. Bros. J. Wells, J. Linnell (P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex), T. Jones, W. Dance, H. Stephens, H. V. Clements, Jas. Garrod, W. M. Tegg, and E. G. Lewis, a large attendance of members of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bro. A. Bryant, P.M. 1237, P. Prov. G.J.D. Middx., and H. B. May, 1237. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. F. Voller was passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony in an able manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year followed, the choice of the brethren falling unanimously upon the S.W., Bro. A. G. Fidler, P.M. 1237, P. Prov. G.S.D. Middx., who returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him. Bro. Dance, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Very, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Rowe, for his able services in the chair. After the appointment of the Audit Committee the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment under the presidency of the W.M.

The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." and "The W.M. elect" respectively were cordially drunk and suitably acknowledged.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, Bro. Wells, the senior P.M., responding.

For "The Visitors," Bros. Bryant, P.M., and May replied, expressing their thanks for the kindness always extended to them, and the pleasure they felt at being present at the lodge that evening.

Bro. W. Cooper, J.W., returned thanks for "The Officers," the proceedings being brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The annual election meeting took place on the 16th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bro. G. H. Stephens, the esteemed W.M., opened the lodge

assisted by his Wardens, Bros. J. J. Howes and R. B. Greenwood, and a large number of visitors and brethren. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were unanimously adopted. Bro. Stevens was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Fleming raised to the Degree of M.M. Ballot was successfully taken for a gentleman for initiation. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. J. J. Howes, S.W., the W.M. congratulated him as an initiate of the lodge following him (the W.M.) step by step from the humblest office in the lodge to the W.M. chair, each of which offices had been filled with credit to himself and the highest satisfaction to all the brethren of the lodge, and he was sure the brethren all united with him in wishing him a pleasant and prosperous year of office.

Bro. J. J. Howes, S.W., acknowledged the W.M.'s kind remarks and the confidence the brethren had reposed in him. Bros. W. Malthouse, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Smyth, Tyler. Bros. F. J. Rumball, A. W. Price, and G. C. Chatwin were elected Auditors.

Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for refreshment.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. T. McClure Butt, P.M., then proposed that of "The W.M.," paying that brother high compliments for his very successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks, remarked that he owed his best congratulations to the officers of the lodge who had so ably assisted him, for without their aid his successful year would have been greatly marred; in all the lodges he had visited he had never seen any Master more ably supported than himself; besides officers they had lay members waiting for their turn of office, who at the present time were, so far as Masonic ability was concerned, quite capable of filling the Master's chair in any lodge equally with himself, therefore, with such an outlook before them the West Smithfield Lodge had a bright future before them. During his year in the chair he had, with their unanimous consent, been able to send to two of the Charities ten guineas each, and he hoped that his successor would be ably supported and do likewise, for the true Masonic spirit lay in supporting their Charities. It had been his good fortune to twice represent the lodge at the Festivals; and also, as W.M. of the lodge, he had attended the Lodge of Benevolence, and could bear testimony to the excellent working of those Institutions. No deserving case ever left the Board of Benevolence unrewarded. He assured them it would do the heart good for any of them to see for themselves what had been his good fortune to see at those Institutions, he, therefore, begged them to qualify themselves to be members on the various Boards of our Charities. He had to thank them from his heart for the reception given to the toast, he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to attend and assist at the deliberations of the West Smithfield Lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and said it was always pleasant to have them. They had amongst them that evening some very able workers in the Craft, and to name them he found they were honoured with the presence of Bros. T. H. Baker, S.W. 1260; Isaac Charlton, W.M. 1259; Frederick Walters, P.M. 1309, P.P.G.D. Middx.; F. Knight, S.W., W.M. elect 1326; D. W. Nash, 1962; and J. J. Marsh, W.M. 1326. He could assure those visiting brethren that the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge tendered them their cordial greeting. They were always glad to have visitors with them at their meetings. He could only see two of their visitors now with them, Bros. Baker and Charlton, he would couple those names with the toast.

Bro. Charlton, in response for himself, expressed the gratification at the reception accorded him. He owed the pleasure to Bro. A. W. Price, at whose invitation he came, and could assure that brother he would accept another invite at his pleasure. He begged to thank them all for the welcome given him, and wished to enter his testimony to the excellent working of the lodge.

Bro. Baker desired to endorse the observations of Bro. Charlton, and was pleased to hear that, while the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge fully enjoyed themselves, they did not forget those noble Charitable Institutions. The distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart was Charity, inculcated from the first step in Freemasonry. The worthy brother dilated extensively on the good of those Institutions, and trusted to see the West Smithfield Lodge always represented at the Festivals. The open-hearted reception he had received that evening led him to hope that it was not the last time of visiting them.

To the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. T. McButt responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed that of "The Officers," naming them individually, but more especially referring to Bro. J. J. Howes, S.W., W.M. elect, to whom he offered his warm congratulations on his unanimous election to fill the chair he was about to vacate. He believed every officer and member would rally round him and give him that support he so deservedly merited from their hands. For himself he promised him his hearty co-operation during his year of office, and wished him a happy and successful session.

Bro. Howes, in response, thanked the W.M. for his hearty good wishes and promised support, which he fraternally accepted. He felt in accepting the important duties of W.M. he had the generous support of them all. He had filled every office in the lodge to his present position with satisfaction, and they might feel assured that he would make his year of office one of pleasure to them all, and begged to thank them for the officers' toast.

Bros. Mallett, Sec.; Greenwood, J.W.; Rumball, W.S.; and Roberts, Asst. Stwd., also responded.

Songs were given at intervals during the banquet, accompanied by Bro. E. Roberts on the piano, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasurable evening to a close.

Before the closing of lodge, Bro. G. H. Stephens, the W.M., was unanimously voted a 10 guinea jewel, as a reward for his distinguished services to the lodge during his year of office.

**THE ABBEY LODGE (No. 2030).**—An emergency meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Westminster Town Hall, on Monday, the 20th ult., under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Baker, W.M. The officers present were Bros. P. Seager Hunt, S.W.; W. Sugg, J.W.; J. F. Warrington Rogers, Treas.; J. E. Shand, Sec.; H. B. Spink, acting I.P.M.; J. Gibson, I.G.; R. E. H. Goffin, D.C.; H. Mainwaring Dunstan, A.D.C.;

C. C. Piper, W.S.; G. Wheeler, A.W.S.; and Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain. These were assisted by Bros. T. Bull, Jones, P.M.; and Beazley, P.M. The following brethren were also present: Bros. J. M. Burt, H. O. Hamborg, J. Hayler, C. Sweeting, T. Davies, H. Hambling, R. Baughan, J. Kent, J. Pain, H. Brinkmann, C. Davies, R. Wake, R. D. Wynne, T. Rintoul, T. Holder, T. J. White, H. Roach, J. M. Hughes, B. Genner, D. Stroud, J. Balchin, A. F. Jeffery, W. G. Holland, J. D. Dick, A. W. Thompson, Sydney Hodges, Z. A. Berry, G. Cookson, A. W. Hillier, T. Butler, J. A. Richards, J. S. Manley, W. Lloyd, T. Flury, A. Simner, G. White, F. B. Wyatt, G. Dexter, W. Bonwick, J. Eisdell Salway, H. Cloots, J. Hawkins, A. Talbot, H. H. Bridgeman, J. Vaughan, W. E. Wood, R. Chivers, and others. The following Past Grand Officers were also present: Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., and R. Turtle Pigott, P.G.D.C.

The lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., three brethren were passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Bull acting as S.W., and Bros. Gibson and Dunstan as Deacons. Mr. Joshua Hawkins and Mr. J. Eisdell Salway were unanimously elected as candidates for initiation, and were duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony being most impressively and accurately performed by the W.M.

The W.M., before rising, presented the acting I.P.M., Bro. H. Bowman Spink, with a jewel, which had been voted at the last meeting, in acknowledgment of the services rendered by him as the acting I.P.M. during the first year of the lodge.

Bro. Spink thanked the brethren for their appreciation of the services he had rendered, and said he should always be pleased to do everything in his power to promote the interests of the lodge.

The ceremony having concluded, the lodge was closed in ancient form. At the conclusion of the lodge the brethren proceeded to Holly Lodge, Highgate, the residence of Bro. Burdett-Coutts, the I.P.M. On arriving at the grounds, being joined by several other brethren who had been unable to attend lodge, they were received by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and her husband.

Bro. W. H. Baker, W.M., then, in the name of the brethren, presented the Baroness with a handsome gold brooch, consisting of the jewel of the lodge, beautifully wrought in enamel, and having the following inscription on the back: "A token of affection from the brethren of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, No. 2030, July 20th, 1885."

The Baroness was visibly affected by the remarks of the W.M., and thanked the brethren in most feeling terms for their kind present, which she said would always be treasured by her.

The members of the lodge were subsequently entertained at dinner, Bro. Burdett-Coutts presiding. After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed "Prosperity to the Abbey Lodge," coupled with the name of its W.M., Bro. W. H. Baker, who responded in suitable terms, and stated that the lodge now consisted of 90 members.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt proposed "The Health of Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. H. Bowman Spink that of "The Baroness," both of which the Chairman acknowledged. The party left about 11 o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable time.

**KINGSTON.**—Grove Lodge (No. 410)—This ancient lodge held its fourth regular meeting for the current season at the Sun Hotel, on Saturday, the 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. C. Moreton, W.M., supported by Bro. Eustice Smith, S.W., and by a large attendance of members with one visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. graciously resigned his chair to Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, who was desirous of raising Bro. H. J. Fairrie Dumas, his son, and also of passing Bro. H. C. S. Dumas, his second son, to the Second Degree by permission of the W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 859. The requisite ceremonies were performed by Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, P.M., P.G.D., P.G.W. Surrey, ably seconded by his deacons, to the complete satisfaction of all present.

The business being thus concluded, the lodge was adjourned, and the brethren proceeded to an excellent banquet, where it was noticed that Bro. Greenwood, P.M., P.G.S.B., P.G.W. Surrey, and Bro. Lister, P.M., P.G.S. of W., made particular and apt allusion to the fact of a father having been thus enabled to confer degrees upon two of his sons during the course of the same evening.

Bro. Porter was unavoidably prevented from attending, and his raising had in consequence to be again deferred.

**BELVEDERE.**—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday last at the new Masonic Rooms belonging to the lodge, adjacent to the Royal Alfred Institution, Belvedere, when Bro. Dr. J. Elliot, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in due form. Lodge was opened by Bro. Bateman, W.M., and Bros. J. Giesman-Chillingworth, P.M., P.G.R. Kent, and A. Penfold, P.M. 913 and P.G. Stwd. Kent, were received and awarded provincial honours. The minutes of the last and an emergency meeting were then read and passed, also the report of the Building Committee, which showed that the cost of the hall, some £300 or more, was nearly liquidated by private subscription. Bro. Dr. J. Elliot was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Bateman did the duty of Installing Officer admirably, his eloquent delivery of the addresses being especially admired. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Bright, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Middx., S.W.; H. A. de Pinna, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., Treas.; S. Heapes, Sec.; W. O. Robinson, S.D.; W. J. Colman, J.D.; H. E. Russell, I.G.; C. A. Streeten, W.S.; H. H. Church, Asst. W.S.; and A. Creed, Tyler. The addresses having been delivered, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer, and in so doing spoke highly of Bro. Bateman's services to Masonry, especially in the Saye and Sele Lodge. Bro. Wood seconded, and the resolution was carried "nem. dis." Bro. Bateman having returned thanks, he was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, and in feeling language thanked the brethren for their honoured present. It was also resolved that some recognition of his services to the lodge should be taken, and embodied in the shape of an engrossed parchment, testifying to the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and again Bro. Bateman returned thanks. Bro. Chillingworth was also the recipient of a

suitably inscribed vellum in a gold frame congratulating him on his appointment to grand office.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Bros. Lord Holmesdale, G.M. Kent; Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., and others, and then the lodge was closed, after "Hearty good wishes" had been apportioned by the visiting brethren present. The banquet was served in the Gold Room of the Institution, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Bateman, I.P.M., was entrusted with the toast of "Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M.," and said that "good wine needed no bush." They were all aware that politics were not admitted into Masonry; but they could be otherwise than delighted to know that Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom were appointed to distinguished positions in her Majesty's service. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "Lord Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master of Kent," and said he did not intend to take up their time by making long speeches, as they desired to have a little harmony, but he could not allow that toast to go by without its being received with enthusiasm. They all knew that his lordship was present at the consecration of the lodge, and that he had attended the last installation meeting, showing thereby the interest he took in the lodge and its progress.

Bro. E. Bright then proposed the toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said the distinguished Mason who worked so ardently with Lord Holmesdale, as D.G.M., was in every way worthy of his position, and as for their our lodge it was not unobscured by its members on the roll of Grand Lodge. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Chillingworth, who briefly returned thanks.

Bro. Bateman then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said that once again, and for the last time, he was entrusted with the gavel for the purpose of proposing the toast of the evening, the W.M., a circumstance that would, he felt sure, afford them very great satisfaction. They only dined once a year, and starved the other 364 days, yet, notwithstanding that, they were a very happy community, or at least they tried to be happy. The chair of K.S. was a most important one, and he felt sure that they, one and all, felt much obliged to him for vacating it in favour of such a good brother as Dr. Elliot. Well, those who knew anything of Freemasonry knew that it was not a tissue of mere jokes and pleasantry. The W.M. knew and appreciated that, and knew as he and they knew, the true nobility of its attributes. Among the thousands of members under its banners there might be some unworthy ones, and it behoved them all to look to it, so that its glorious traditions were kept pure and unsullied. He fully believed the W.M. would carry out the duties of his position as his predecessors had done, and he wished him health, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. would so help him that at the end of his year of office the universal acclamation of the brethren would be "well done."

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he had in the first place to thank them for their hearty reception of the toast, and could only say that he should try to do his duty to their satisfaction. He had a most difficult task before him, and while he did not wish to make invidious remarks, yet he could not help saying that the W.M. he had to follow was in every respect a most miraculous one for accurate working, and he (the W.M.) wondered how he did it. He would, however, uphold the dignity of the position both in the lodge and in himself. If he should make any little mistake they must excuse him, as his time was not always his own. He had been a Mason since 1870, and although he had not followed it up at an earlier period, yet now that he had gone into it again, he should endeavour to carry out the duties entrusted to him with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. He then gave a detailed history of the rise and progress of the lodge since its formation at Dr. Spurrell's mansion, some three years ago, and paid a high tribute to the indefatigable energy of the I.P.M. in finishing the work then and there begun, and, in conclusion, assured them that the honour paid him that night would never be effaced from his memory.

In response to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Bateman thanked the brethren for their cordial support. The work of a new lodge like theirs was like the working of the engines of a new steamer—it wanted careful attention until it got into order, and now he believed the engines of their lodge were in good working order, and fit to go the pace. He in eloquent terms acknowledged the hearty reception he had received in his calls for subscriptions, and agreed that they might take it as a "fait accompli" the success of the lodge. Of course they had a mortgage on the building; but every respectable man now-a-days had a mortgage, so that they were no worse than their neighbours. He trusted soon to have to report that their venture had and weathered the storm, and, by the aid of the Past Masters officers, had been safely steered into the harbour of success.

Bro. Dr. Spurrell, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, also returned thanks briefly.

"The Visitors" were represented by Bros. Strapp and C. Lightbody, S.W. of 90.

"The Officers" were toasted, and Bro. E. Bright, S.W. and P.P.G.S.W. Middx., responded.

The toast of "The Press" was responded to by our representative, Bro. Jolly, and Bro. Morgan, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Among the other brethren present and not above enumerated were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Kent; L. L. Barnes, S. Keyes, G. Graham, E. H. Joynson, G. Streeten, J. Blythe, F. G. Houghton, F. E. Houghton, H. H. Church, T. Heaps, and W. Reeve, all of the lodge; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Dr. J. C. Maynard, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Cambs; W. H. Hedges, W.M. 77; J. M. Niel, W.M. 184; D. H. Bernays, W.M. 706; E. Palmer, W.M. 913; T. R. Richardson, S.W. 913; W. H. Thomas, P.M. 1669; G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536; T. Jenkins, J.D. 299; J. Smith, 299; H. Gilbert, 1828; D. Elliot (unattached); G. Tedder, 11; A. Brown, 227; W. Fletcher, 1365; F. Beamish, 1973; A. W. Jackson, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

**SOUTHWOLD.**—Martyn Lodge (No. 1983).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th ult., when amongst the visitors present were Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; W. Boby, P.P.G.S.W.; N. Tracy, P.P.G.S.W.; P.G.S.; J. M. Harvey, P.P.G.P.; W. Pearson, L. J. Woodward, J. Flintham, J. Emerson

P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Hills, P.P.G.J.W.; and H. J. Wright, P.P.G.P. At the banquet the W.M., Bro. W. Chambers, presided, and there were present Bros. R. Barker, P.M.; A. C. Smith, P.M.; J. M. Canova, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; and about 30 brethren. The banquet was held by the permission of the Mayor, Mr. J. E. Grubbe, at the Town Hall, and was served with excellent taste by Miss Charlotte Thorpe, of the Swan Hotel.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—Temperance Lodge (No. 2068).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street. Present: Bros. T. Ward, R.A., W.M.; J. Palmer, S.W.; G. Reading, J.W.; G. F. Bevis, Treas.; J. R. Pither, P.M., Sec.; P. H. Emanuel, S.D.; C. G. Adames, P.M., acting I.D.; G. Sylvester, Org.; C. Cocconi, I.G.; W. Miller, Stwd.; Wells, Tyler; A. L. Emanuel, I.P.M.; Captain E. O. V. Haldane, P.M.; T. Tufnell, J. Cooze, G. Williams, W. Gibbs, W. Beckley, G. Skeens, W. Sprent, E. Fisher, and R. Stokes. Visitors: Bros. H. Kerridge, 1536 W. Ingram, 1428; and J. P. White, 582.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, Bros. John Prior and Edward Fisher were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bro. R. A. Bell was then raised to the Fellow Craft Degree, the W.M. efficiently performing the ritual, and Bro. Palmer, S.W., delivering the charge and working tools in a most masterly manner. Mr. T. J. Cripps, and Mr. J. A. Stokes, who had been previously balloted for were then admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, Bro. A. L. Emanuel most impressively delivering the beautiful ritual. Bro. P. H. Emanuel, S.D., explained the working tools, and Bro. Palmer, S.W., delivering the charge.

Bro. Haldane, P.M., said that a very pleasant duty devolved upon him in presenting to the W.M. a gold founder's jewel from the founders of the lodge. It needed very few words from him as the brethren were gratified that he (the W.M.) had worked so zealously to carry out his duties. (The jewel was then attached to the W.M.'s coat and the founders simultaneously adorned their breasts with one each also), Bro. Haldane continued and said that there was a still more pleasant duty for him to fulfil, and that was to present Bro. A. L. Emanuel, I.P.M., with an illuminated address. Bro. Emanuel was a most intimate and dear friend of his and he could not say how he valued his services at all times. He hoped that Bro. Emanuel would receive it with all the good will from the donors and in days to come his children, if he had any, could look upon his many testimonials that he had and say how their father was respected.

The Worshipful Master said it was most gratifying to him to receive such a mark of favour. He had endeavoured to carry out his duties as they should be and had been desirous of meeting the wishes of all to further the interests of the lodge. It appeared from the very handsome testimonial that he had been successful and he would continue to do his utmost to gain the confidence of all.

Bro. A. L. Emanuel, I.P.M., responded, and said he was taken by surprise that evening. When he first moved for the foundation of the lodge he never anticipated such an address. He admitted having met some ups and downs at the starting; but one and all had stuck together, and they felt proud of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge. As long as he lived he would uphold the lodge they had fought for. They knew that the name of the lodge was not liked by some in the borough and likewise the province. He hoped every one would rally round the W.M. and founders and fight for that which was nearest and dearest to them. Since the formation of the lodge he had not tasted one drop of intoxicating liquor, as he should consider it a mockery, as one of the founders, to imbibe intoxicating drinks. He had been a better man in body and mind since that. He again thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his humble services.

The founder's jewel (which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) consisted of the five-pointed star, whilst in the centre was the borough of Portsmouth seal, enamelled in colours. This is suspended by a blue ribbon from a bar, on which is enamelled "founder." Around the seal is the name and number of lodge.

The illuminated address, which was beautifully written and mounted in a massive gilt frame, read as follows: "To Bro. A. Leon Emanuel, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Hants and Isle of Wight.—We, the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, desire to express our high appreciation of the great assistance rendered by you in founding this lodge. Impressed with the belief that the lodge would conduce to the welfare of the Craft in this borough, your advice and influence were most cheerfully given; and in conveying to you our best thanks for your valuable co-operation, owing to which obstacles disappeared and the lodge was successfully started, we venture to trust that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare you for many years to be of service to Freemasonry and other useful objects."

Several candidates for initiation and joining members were proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form.

**CROYDON.**—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—The second regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. J. D. Langton, W.M.; H. M. Hobbs, S.W.; F. T. Redpath, J.W.; J. Langton, Treas.; J. S. Fraser, Sec.; M. L. Levey, J.D.; W. G. Goode, I.G.; and W. Lane, Tyler; also Bros. W. G. Oates, S. Oxenham, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, G. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, J. Rosenberg, W. Fraser, and J. Klein. Visitors: Bros. J. Hook, P.G.D.C. Surrey; A. Pocock, W.M. 1965; and M. H. Dicker, S.W. 1470.

The minutes of the former meeting and the emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. G. Oates, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, S. Oxenham, E. C. Holdsworth, C. Holden, and J. Rosenberg were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed in an admirable manner by the W.M. The bye-laws of the lodge which had been previously circulated among the members were then approved of and the lodge closed.

Subsequently the members adjourned to refreshment under the presidency of the W.M., and an enjoyable evening was spent, some capital songs were ably rendered by Bros. M. H. Dicker, F. J. Redpath, J. C. Leaver, and F. W. Leaver.

220.—Tobacconists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[Adv't.]

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. C. Coleman, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; S. J. Humfress, J.W.; H. Dehaue, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; W. Death, S.D.; J. F. Cibur, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, I.G.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; H. Robinson, Capt. H. S. Andrews, D. Stroud. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Capt. Andrews and Cibur being the candidates. A vote of thanks was proposed, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner Bro. Coleman had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. The lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 10th inst., when Bro. Conway will take the chair at 8 p.m.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; J. B. Bromley, S.W.; Wilkie Jones, J.W.; D. Stroud, S.D.; H. G. Marsten, J.D.; J. Potter, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; J. Rowe, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 1st Section of this Lecture. Bro. G. Reynolds offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 3rd Section of this lecture. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. B. Bromley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Wilkie Jones, J.W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed until Thursday, the 6th inst.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Glover, W.M.; Chilcott, S.W.; Green, secur., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Green, jun., S.D.; Dexter, J.D.; A. Hayes, I.G.; Davis, and Brindley, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coughlan, candidate. Bro. Davis, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Davis, candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Boulton, Preceptor, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of this lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. George Dexter, 2039, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Chilcott was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was then closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**—St. Hilda Chapter (No. 240).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-street, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. The installation of principals for the ensuing year took place, E. Comps. M. H. Dodd, P.Z. 1119, P.G.R., as Z., by E. Comp. J. T. Wilson, P.Z.; E. Comp. Jas. Sayburn Wilson, P.Z., P.P.G.J., as H.; and Comp. George Robson, as J., by E. Comp. J. S. Wilson. Among others present were Comps. Thos. Coulson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; M. Frampton, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; J. Hudson, Z.; J. C. Moor, J. 94; R. Whitfield P.S. 48; W. H. Craven, P.S.E.; and H. E. Crisp, S.E. So. After the installation of principals, the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Comps. T. Coulson, P.Z., Treas.; W. Davidson, S.E.; W. Ross, S.N.; David Cameron, P.S.; George Wilson, P.G.O., Org.; C. F. Sutcliffe and H. C. Conthorpe, A.S.; and J. Brown, Janitor.

After the business of the chapter had been concluded, the companions held the annual festival in the banquet hall, where an excellent repast was served, the M.E. Comp. M. H. Dodd, Z., presiding. He was supported by Comps. R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; Coulson, J. S. Wilson, J. T. Wilson, M. Frampton, G. Robson, J. Hudson, and others. The toast of "The Acting Grand Superintendent and Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter" was proposed by Comp. Wilson and responded to by Comp. R. Hudson, P.G.F. Other toasts followed.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Comps. S. George, Z.; T. C. Edmunds, H.; H. E. Dehaue, J.; S. E. Sheffield, S.E.; W. Radcliffe, S.N.; R. Fraser, P.S.; G. W. Knight, F. Brasted, J. Strugnell, and J. Russell.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Knight, candidate. The chapter was then closed.

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. F. W. BRODIE, SECRETARY OF SEMPER FIDELIS LODGE, No. 1254.**

The brethren of the above lodge, on the occasion of a visit to Stonehenge, presented Bro. F. W. Brodie, the Secretary of the lodge, with a pleasing testimony of regard and esteem. The following interesting account of the proceedings is from the *Devon and Exeter Gazette*: The W.M., Bro. Thomas Andrew, F.G.S., observed that he had a very pleasing and unexpected duty to perform. Many of the brethren were aware that they were about to lose the services of their Secretary, Bro. F. W. Brodie, who was then on his way to Maidstone. The lodge had already voted him an address, but the notice had been so short that it had not yet been completed by Bro. Clark. They also knew that on Saturday Bro. Brodie's colleagues and the other employes at the *Gazette* office, presented him with a parting gift in the shape of a gold Albert without an appendage. It had been suggested by the Past Masters of the lodge that they should supply this deficiency, and in recognition of the zealous and courteous manner in which Bro. Brodie had carried out his duties, they now desired to present him with a gold pendant to attach to the chain.

Bro. F. W. BRODIE briefly acknowledged the compliment, and said that this would be another link to the chain which bound him to his mother lodge and to his numerous friends in Exeter.

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT,  
SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°.**

The Treasurer-General in account with the Supreme Council, 33°, 1st July, 1885.	
Dr RECEIPTS.	
To Balance in Bank, 1st July, 1884 ...	£ 313 5 2
Do. with Treasurer ...	0 10 6
Since received ...	2134 14 10
	£2448 10 6
EXPENDITURE.	
By Charity Donations ...	£193 19 11
Purchase of Stock ...	802 0 0
Books ...	5 1 1
Payments for Salaries, Rent, Printing, Establishment, &c. ...	1193 9 7
Balance in Hand ...	253 19 11
	£2448 10 6
Examined and found correct.	
(Signed) S. RAWSON, 33°.	
H. S. S. BURNEY, 33°.	
FRANK RICHARDSON, 32°.	
(Signed) H. CLERK, 33°, Treasurer-General,	
33, Golden-square, London, W., 3rd July, 1885.	
BALANCE-SHEET, 1st July, 1885.	
ASSETS.	
To Cash in London and Westminster Bank ...	£253 19 11
£900 Madras Railway Stock, 5 p.c. (cost) ...	1007 5 0
Madras Railway Debenture Stock, 3½ p.c. ...	800 0 0
£1200 Russian Bonds, 5 p.c., 1871 (cost) ...	1189 10 0
£1000 3 p.c. Consols (cost) ...	962 10 0
£1500 Queensland 4 p.c. Bonds (cost) ...	1511 2 6
£2000 Cape of Good Hope Stock, 4½ p.c. (cost) ...	2021 0 0
£600 New South Wales 4 p.c. Bonds ...	613 10 0
£600 New South Wales Inscribed Stock ...	630 0 0
Furniture and appointments (valued at) ...	1792 5 1
Library (estimated) ...	2363 12 6
Plate (valued at) ...	393 5 0
Organ (cost) ...	300 0 0
Leases:—33, Golden-square ...	505 0 0
2, Upper John-street ...	940 0 0
Masonic Hall ...	925 0 0
Cellarage ...	500 0 0
	£16,798 0 0
LIABILITIES.	
By Compounders, 31°, 32°, and 33°—192 Members ...	£295 1 6
Do. 30°—406 Members ...	647 11 6
	942 13 0
Balance, being Capital ...	15,855 7 0
	£16,798 0 0
Examined with the books and found correct,	
(Signed) ROBT. MACKIE, Public Accountant.	
14th July, 1885.	
S, Old Jewry, E.C.	

**THE "LEVANDER MEMORIAL."**

At a meeting of the "Levander Memorial" Committee on Tuesday, the 21st ult., W. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.G.A. D. of C., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, in the chair, it was resolved to erect a tombstone over the late Bro. H. C. Levander's grave in West Hampstead Cemetery, at a cost not exceeding £40, and with the balance of the money that may be subscribed to found a "Levander Prize Fund" at the Girls' School, of which Institution the late Bro. Levander was an active supporter and friend. Below is a list of subscriptions paid and promised, and it is hoped that the lodges and brethren in the province who have not yet sent in a subscription will do so at an early date to Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, Honorary Treasurer, Comberton, Mowbray-road, Norwood, S.E.:

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex ...	£21 0 0
Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex ...	5 5 0
R.W. Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex ...	5 0 0
W. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, Deputy Prov. G.M. Middlesex ...	1 1 0
Bro. Rev. E. Brette, D.D., Prov. G. Chap. Middlesex ...	5 5 0
Bro. F. B. Archer, Prov. G. Treas. Middlesex ...	2 2 0
" J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex ...	1 1 0
Bro. F. McDougall ...	1 1 0
" D. P. Cama ...	2 2 0
" F. Walters ...	1 1 0
" W. Vasilla ...	1 1 0
" E. Gilbert ...	2 2 0
" J. W. Lambert ...	1 1 0
" H. J. Adams ...	2 2 0
" H. Slyman ...	3 3 0
" J. Hookey ...	0 10 6
" Sir R. Hanson ...	1 1 0
" Rev. Stainton Moses ...	1 1 0
" H. G. Buss ...	1 1 0
" Geo. Rooks ...	2 2 0
" George Kenning ...	1 1 0
LODGES.	
Acacia, 1309 ...	2 2 0
Lebanon, 1326 ...	2 2 0
Felix, 1494 ...	3 3 0
Crescent, 788 ...	2 2 0
Bard of Avon, 778 ...	2 2 0
Era, 1423 ...	2 2 0
Unity, 1693 ...	2 2 0
Strawberry Hill, 946 ...	2 2 0
Quadratic, 1691 ...	2 2 0
Dalhousie, 865 ...	5 5 0
Thomas Valley, 1460 ...	2 2 0
Aldersgate Chapter, 1657 ...	5 5 0
	£93 14 6

**PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. A. SCURRAH.**

A short time back, a small meeting of Masonic friends was held at Freemasons' Tavern, those present being Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1507, 1732, 1744, &c., in the chair; also Bros. H. W. Field, C. J. Knightley, J. Glynn, A. Thomas, and W. A. Scurrah. Letters were read from Bros. J. Hamilton and H. Dickey, excusing their absence on account of pressing business engagements.

The CHAIRMAN stated the object of the meeting was to present Bro. W. A. Scurrah with a W.M.'s apron and case, from a few old Masonic friends as a mark of their respect and high esteem in which they held him as a friend and as a Mason, having in a very short time made for himself a name in the Craft, both in respect of the Masonic Charities and his knowledge of the ritual, and to express their gratification at the honour that had been done him by the members of the Henry Levander Lodge in having elected him W.M. of that lodge, and expressed a hope, on behalf of the donors, that he might live for many years, and in due course be advanced to the highest Masonic honours. A W.M.'s apron, with silver levels, &c., was then presented.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH, in accepting the gift, said it was his opinion that Freemasonry was one of the noblest institutions of the land, and all that he had done, and all he hoped to do, was from a conscientious conviction that every brother should carry out the three grand principles of the Order in his life and actions; and in thanking the brethren for their very handsome present, he could not forget that the donors were old and tried friends, and he thanked them for this fresh proof of their esteem.

Some of the other brethren present made some suitable remarks upon the presentation, and the brethren then separated.

The apron and case was made by Bro. George Kenning, and the following inscription was written on the apron:—"Presented to Bro. W. A. Scurrah, by a few sincere friends, on his being installed Worshipful Master of the Henry Levander Lodge. July, 1885."

**PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE.**

An interesting emergency meeting of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217, took place on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Leadenhall-street, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial (subscribed for by a few old pupils and friends) to their late Preceptor, Bro. Henry Muggeridge, on his retirement from all active duties in Masonry.

Bro. J. Bagot Scriven, P.M., was voted to the chair, and Bro. Henry Birdsey supported him in the vice chair. There were also present Bros. George Kenning, F. D. R. Copstick, F. Newton, A. Sack, E. Anderson, jun., H. Cuff, C. Arnold, J. W. Woodthorpe, G. Clark, H. Dyball, S. Stampfer, R. W. Muggeridge, E. F. Storr, and others.

After a substantial cold collation, Bro. SCRIVEN said: We have met here to-day for the one object of presenting a testimonial to our late Preceptor and friend, Bro. Henry Muggeridge. I shall, therefore, proceed at once to the immediate purpose of the meeting. I am pleased to see my old friend sitting beside me, apparently so well and so active, that many might naturally ask—why enter so early into retirement? but we know how he has been occasionally afflicted, and also that his continuing in good health depends so much on his taking every care of himself, that we are obliged to acknowledge the step he is taking is a wise one. It is with feelings somewhat of pain that we are met here to-day to bid a sort of farewell to our old friend, regret that we should not again see him, so ably presiding in the lodge room, as he was wont to do of old, but still hoping that he may be able to enjoy some few years yet in the society of his family and Masonic friends. When we look back to the many years we have known him (and his connection with Masonry goes back almost to a generation beyond what we can remember), I unhesitatingly say that no one has exceeded him in the good he has done for the institution generally, as well as for the Masonic Charities. The lodges and chapters he has consecrated, the installations he has performed, and the various works of Masonry, both in the ceremonies and lectures, are beyond anything that has ever been accomplished before, and in all these works he has ever had before him the Charities, to which he has been a large contributor, directly and indirectly, by his example and recommendation. The slight testimonial I am now about to present him with is given, not so much for its intrinsic value, as for the feelings of friendship which have prompted it, and I am sure our Bro. Muggeridge will accept it in the same spirit. Our good Bro. Kenning, with his usual good nature, has had a few feeling words inscribed, framed, and glazed, expressive of our thoughts in making this presentation, and I cannot do better, in handing it with this purse to Bro. Muggeridge, than conclude by reading to you what is contained therein:

"To Bro. Henry Muggeridge,—

"A few of your old pupils and friends request your acceptance of the testimonial herewith, and desire to express to you the respect and esteem they will ever retain for their old Preceptor, who presided for so many years at the Stability Lodge of Instruction. In your retirement from Masonry may the G.A.O.T.U. give you peace and happiness."

Bro. HENRY MUGGERIDGE replied, and said: Bro. Chairman and Brethren,—Although I feel very much delighted with the very kind testimonial you and others, of whom you are the representative, have so kindly made me this evening, still that feeling of pleasure is mingled with melancholy reflections. How many bright stars and dear friends have joined the majority since I became a member of the Stability Lodge of Instruction I can see in my mind's eye during the last 45 years; troops of old friends passing before me, whose countenances are as familiar to me as if I had only seen them last week. I was initiated in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192 (then 227), on the 7th November, 1839, and joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction, under the auspices of Bro. Peter Thomson, the then Preceptor and Treasurer, on the following day, and continued a constant attendant, when in London and health permitting, till the present time—about 45 years. Bro. Peter Thomson died the 2nd February, 1851, and I

was unanimously chosen his successor, and I am gratified in being able to say that since that period it has prospered exceedingly under my management. I did not intend to give it up yet; but last week I completed my 74th year, and, finding the infirmities of age increasing, I feel the necessity of ceasing to take an active part in Masonry. Yes, everything in Nature must come to a close, as Shakespeare says; "the cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces, the solemn temples, the great globe itself; yea, all which it inherit shall dissolve, and, like this unsubstantial pageant faded, leave not a rack behind." But, brethren, although I retire from the management, I hope occasionally to put in an appearance, when my health and the weather will permit. Be that as it may, I now return you my heartfelt thanks for this very kind, generous, and substantial mark of your approbation, and assure you that I hope all of you will put your shoulder to the wheel, and that the Stability Lodge of Instruction will go on prospering till time shall be no more.

A few other complimentary toasts were proposed, after which the brethren separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

**ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317, MANCHESTER.**

A select number of the members of this lodge met on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., with the hope of enjoying a day's outing to Worksop, and from thence for a drive through the dukeries of Sherwood Forest. For once in a way Pluvius retired into obscurity, and made not the slightest attempt to mar the enjoyment of the party with his unwelcome presence, and this gracious concession of the humid god caused complete satisfaction.

The company, numbering 22, met at the London-road Station at 9.45, and a quarter of an hour later departed in a saloon carriage for Worksop, which was reached at 11.45. Waggonettes being in readiness at the station, the company were driven to the Royal Hotel, where a capital luncheon had been prepared, and to which ample justice was done. At 12.40 the party again took their places in the waggonettes, and were taken for a drive through the famous dukeries and grounds belonging to the Dukes of Portland and Newcastle, and Earl Manvers. To attempt to describe the grandeur and beauty of the varied scenery which met the eye on all sides would be a difficult and to some extent an unsatisfactory task, as no written description or painting could convey the faintest idea of it or do it justice. It will, however, be sufficient for our readers who may contemplate visiting the dukeries at any time to say that nothing more charming can be imagined than the varied views which are to be seen within the boundaries of the Welbeck, Clumber, and Thoresby estates, a continuous succession of forest and pasture land, uphill and dale, wooded groves and little streams, the whole forming a magnificent and never to be forgotten "tout ensemble." Through the kindness of the Duke of Portland's housekeeper (a comely and ready witted lady), the company were permitted to inspect the library and ante-room at Welbeck Abbey, a grand apartment, 236 feet long, also the magnificent picture gallery, which contains some artistically executed portraits of the Cavendishes and Bentincks, miniatures and manuscripts of special interest. The riding school is 385 feet long and lighted by 8000 gas jets, the subterranean passages (lighted in the day time by glass openings in the arches) were also visited, and after a delightful walk through the lovely grounds the company once more entered the waggonettes and returned to the hotel (via the celebrated Sherwood Forest of Robin Hood and Maid Marian renown) which was reached at 6.45, and immediately afterwards sat down to a capital dinner that would have reflected credit to the catering of any Manchester Hotel proprietor.

After dinner the W.M., Bro. J. W. EDWARDS, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," which was heartily drunk and responded to on their behalf by Bro. C. DABER.

Bro. WM. NICHOLL, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in felicitous terms, which was well received and subsequently responded to by Bro. EDWARDS.

Dinner being over, and time being short for the arrival of the train, a move was made in the direction of the station and after a pleasant journey homeward the little party arrived at the London-road Station at 10.10, all, without exception being highly pleased with their day's enjoyment. A high meed of praise is deservedly due to Mr. Morris, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Worksop, for his liberal and inexpensive catering, and also to his sister-in-law, Miss Rose Slight, for her attention and ever readiness to do all in her power to please. The party included Bros. J. W. Edwards, W.M.; R. R. Lisenden, S.W. (Freemason); J. Garside, J.W.; Wm. Akerman, S.D., and Miss Elliott; Bro. William Nicholl, P.M., and Mrs. Nicholl; Bro. James Wilson, P.M., Miss Wilson, Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Marsden; Bro. E. Wormlighton; Bro. C. E. Daber and Mrs. Robinson; Bro. Wm. Rennie and Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. J. W. G. Coombes, Mrs. Higginbotham, and Bro. Hodgkinson, S.W. 1461.

**ANNUAL OUTING OF THE CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1382.**

The Second Annual Dinner, Outing, and Ladies' Day of the above lodge was celebrated on Thursday, the 23rd ult. By a fortunate agreement between Dame Nature and her Clerk of the Weather, a gloriously fine day was secured, which in a large measure made amends for the bad weather experienced on the occasion of the first of these festivals, when Jupiter Pluvius had it all his own way, to the great discomfiture of the party. A good start was made from Bro. Clark's hostelry, the George Hotel, Millwall-dock, and several calls were made to take up parties on the route, after which a splendid drive was made through Plaistow, West Ham, Leyton, Lea Bridge, Walthamstow, Old Chingford (viewing the grand old ivied church), Waltham. Here a long halt was made to enable the party to view the Eleanor Cross at Waltham, which it is in contemplation to restore from subscriptions of members of the Craft. On the route being resumed, the journey to the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne Bridge was completed in fine style, doing great credit to Mr. Lowrie who supplied the brakes with four fine iron greys in each. Dinner was in readiness, and after a preliminary "wash and brush up," the latter being more correctly a good brush down, the good things provided were partaken of by the party, who presented a pleasing and graceful ensemble.



The chair was well and worthily occupied by Bro. Delves, P.M., who was supported in the S. and J.W. chair's by Bros. J. Carnaby, P.M., and Dr. C. W. Smith, P.M., having on his immediate right and left Bros. G. B. Smith, P.M., and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623, &c. One thing somewhat detracted from the enjoyment of the dinner, instead of using the large and airy saloon, a side room considerably too small and stuffy was prepared, which, considering the great heat of the day and the hour of dining (3 o'clock), was not quite a fortunate arrangement.

At the end of the meal, Bro. DELVES, the worthy President, introduced the toasts in a brief and expressive manner, having in view the heat, which was excessive, and the obvious desire of all to adjourn to the outdoor facilities for enjoyment. "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master," "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" were all cordially received, especially a neat reference to the marriage of Princess Beatrice to Prince Henry of Battenberg. "The W.M.," and "P.M.'s" were briefly given, and "The Visitors," felicitously introduced, was very heartily received, coupled with the names of Messrs. Lukes, Thomas, and Collins, the last-named, in returning thanks, expressed his gratification at the manner in which the visitors had been made welcome among the Freemasons, and intimated that at some future period there would be those among them who would solicit to be admitted into the Order.

The kind manner in which the ladies had graced the proceedings of the day was introduced by Bro. DELVES, who expressed the honour and pleasure each brother experienced in the charms of their company. He was sure the ladies would look with more sympathy upon the calls which Masonry made upon the time of their better halves, from witnessing, as they could that day, how free from censure were their actions, and that all they did for its aim and end "Charity." (Cheers.) He trusted the pleasures of such an outing as they all enjoyed would be repeated for many years.

Bro. PITT, on behalf of the ladies, expressed their thanks to the brethren for the well organised outing in their honour. The ladies had enjoyed themselves, and trusted to do so again under similar conditions.

Some songs and a capital recitation by Bro. J. A. Keable were much enjoyed. The party then left the table, and dispersed to enjoy the attractions which outdoor sports afford, and soon the respective claims of "Aunt Sally," archery, bowls, tennis, boating, &c., found their votaries. Some rare fun resulted in the archery field, where, although the arrows flew fast and thick, the target seemed to be about the safest place, somebody suggesting that a large hayrick in process of building in an adjoining field should be the mark to aim at; whilst on the river bank it had been explained that a pleasure boat constructed to carry four persons could not conveniently accommodate about 15 ladies elegantly attired in the present fashion. However, in one way and another all enjoyed themselves, the time being all too short for the purpose.

The company included the following ladies, brethren, and friends: Bro. W. Delves, P.M., and two Misses Delves and Mr. Collins, Bros. Dr. C. W. Smith, P.M., Joseph Carnaby, P.M., G. B. Smith, P.M., and Mrs. Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Keable, Mr., and Miss Thomas, Mr. Nowlan, Mrs. Busby, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. McBride, Mr. Standley, Bro. and Mrs. Shearman, Bro. W. Clark, two Misses Brown, two Misses Withey, and Miss Jones, Mr. Wildey, Bro. Stephen Marsh, Bro. and Mrs. J. S. Limn, Bro. and Mrs. D. Russell, Bros. R. J. Perry, Klein, Saunders, S. G. Bonner, G. H. Stephens, Lowrie, Bro. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Bro. and Mrs. Pitt, and Mr. Brunt, Bro. and Mrs. Hughes, Bro. and Mrs. Miss Parsons, Bro. and Mrs. and Miss Warman, Bro. Mrs. and two Misses Brown, Mrs. and Miss Batten, Messrs. S. Wilson and Lukes, Bro. Hurdle and Mrs. Hurdle, C. Parkinson, and Mrs. Parkinson, and others.

Shortly after seven o'clock a start for home was made, and a splendid ride was much enjoyed, singing being indulged in with much heartiness. Upon the road back the party were enabled to secure the services of Mr. L. Kalischer's band, which was returning from a fête. With this musical reinforcement to waken up the spirits of the party, and we fear the neighbourhoods through which we journeyed, home was safely reached with every one satisfied with the enjoyment of the day.

It is a pity that every bright picture must have its dark side, and the dark tint to the above picture is attributable to the absence, through various unavoidable circumstances, of the W.M., Bro. H. Doring, the Wardens, and several of the Past Masters, and that, owing to non-compliance with the request to advise as to numbers going, the worthy Hon. Secretary fears there will be but little to go to the Charities, despite the large numbers, who, at the last moment, "shewed up." We must not conclude our notice without giving a word of praise, and a most deserved one, too, to Bro. S. G. Bonner, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, through whose exertions, almost entirely, the success of the second annual outing as well as the first is due. That he had his reward in the success attending his efforts we cannot doubt, but, "palmam, qui meruit, ferat," and we trust Bro. Bonner will be spared for many years to enjoy the organising of many similarly pleasing outings. Adapting a line from Milton:

"And when they next doth ride abroad,  
May we be there to see."

**SUMMER BANQUET OF THE HENLEY LODGE, No. 1472.**

The annual outing or "Ladies' day" of the above flourishing lodge, whose locale is at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., and was certainly one of the most enjoyable of the season, both circumstances and management being all that could be desired. The party assembled at London Bridge Station, and proceeded to Brighton in special saloon carriages, there conveyances awaited them for a drive to the Devil's Dyke, where at the Dyke Hotel lunch was provided. After a few hours spent in the varied amusements on the spot, and a thorough enjoyment of the beautiful country around it, the party proceeded through West Brighton, past the Aquarium, to the Castle Hotel, of which Bro. H. Tuffs, P.M. 1272, is the courteous and hospitable proprietor. There a superbly appointed banquet was thoroughly enjoyed under the presidency of Bro. A. T. Ives, W.M. of the lodge. Among the company were Mrs. A. T. Ives, wife of the W.M.; Bro. J. Ives, P.M. and Sec., and Mrs.

and Miss Ives; Bro. E. West, P.M., and Mrs. West; Bro. A. J. Manning, P.M., and Mrs. Manning; Bro. Lewis, P.M.; Bro. Warren, P.M. Liberty of Havering, and Mrs. Warren; Bro. Paul, J.W.; Bro. C. East, W.M. 65; Bro. Canning and Mrs. Canning, sen.; C. Hefford, D.C., and Miss Hefford; Bro. C. Wood, W.S., and Mrs. Wood; Bro. Kaul and Mrs. Kaul; Bro. Sutcliffe and Mrs. Sutcliffe; Bro. Pauling and Miss Pauling; Bros. Low, Delo, and Dr. J. Vance, Mr. Richardson, and Bro. C. Jolly, S.W. (Freemason) and Mrs. Jolly.

The W.M. set the example of short speeches, yet in appropriate terms gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts.

The toast of "The W.M.," proposed by Bro. LEWIS, was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. IVES feelingly returned thanks.

"The Ladies" were honoured, and the toast of "Success to the Henley Lodge" was placed in the hands of Bro. JOLLY, who complimented the W.M. and Bro. West upon the admirable arrangements made by them for the comfort and happiness of the party.

Bro. PAUL responded for "The Officers."

Bro. WARREN responded for "The Visitors," and several other complimentary and personal toasts followed. Some excellent songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings, which were brought to a conclusion by "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

The carriages were in waiting and conveyed the party back to the station, and after a pleasant journey, town was reached in due course, and the brethren and their belongings separated with many "Hearty good wishes," after a thoroughly enjoyed and pleasant outing. We must not forget to mention the hearty work of Bro. Wood, Stwd., who was indefatigable in his attentions both at lunch and dinner.

**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. GEO. PARKER BROCKBANK, G. STD. BR. ENG.**

On Friday, the 24th ult., over 80 brethren assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, to do honour to one of the most philanthropic Masons in Lancashire; one who, by his disinterested zeal for the welfare and interests of Freemasonry, extending over a period of 40 years, has won golden opinions from all who know him. In our previous notice of the Grand Officers who were invested last April, full particulars of Bro. Brockbank's Masonic career were given, and it only remains for us to add that no sooner did the Bolton brethren become aware of his elevation to Grand Lodge than a movement was set on foot by a select Committee to consider and determine what steps should be taken to mark the satisfaction and delight they all felt at our highly esteemed brother's long and faithful services to the Craft being thus recognised by Grand Lodge. The principal members of the Committee who so successfully carried out the scheme were Bros. A. G. Harwood, P.M. 1723, P.G. Std. Br. East Lancashire (ex-Mayor of Bolton), Chairman; Chas. Heywood, P.P.G.J.W. East Lancashire, Vice-Chairman; Johnson Mills, Treasurer; and Alderman J. W. Taylor (Bolton), P.P.G. Org., Honorary Secretary. The total amount collected from 200 subscribers was £200, part of which sum was devoted to the purchase of a most elaborate testimonial on vellum, made by Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., who expended a deal of time and care over its production, and a silver tea and coffee service (presented to Mrs. Brockbank), and a complete suit of full and undress Grand Standard Bearer's clothing, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester. The balance remaining is for the purchase of votes in the three London Institutions and for a local Charity.

The dinner, which called forth all Bro. and Mrs. Phillips' resources, was nevertheless a complete success. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by Bro. George Parker Brockbank on the right, and Bro. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.D., on the left, Bro. Charles Heywood, P.P.G.J.W., occupying the vice chair.

After dinner the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince and Princess of Wales" were proposed by Colonel STARKIE, and drank with much enthusiasm by the assembled company; after which Bro. JOSIAH TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary, reported letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. George Mellon, V.W. Dep. P.G.M.; W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon (both letters read); Fredk. Binckes, Secretary Boys' Institution; F. W. Hedges, Secretary Girls' Institution; J. Terry, Secretary R.M.B. Institution; Samuel Pope, Q.C.; the Mayor of Bolton, J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.W.; Chas. F. Matier, R. Harwood, P.P.G.D.; John Morris, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; R. H. Hutchinson, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. R. Ross, Ald. Kevan, and Veevers, P.P.G.D.

The R.W.P.G.M. then called upon Bro. Josiah Taylor to read the address, which being done, Bro. Charles Heywood, P.P.G.J.W., handed the service of plate to the R.W.P.G.M. to present to Bro. Brockbank for his wife's acceptance.

The Colonel then rose and made one of his happiest speeches, in the course of which he spoke most highly of Bro. Brockbank's disinterested services to the Craft, and his honourable connection therewith, presented the testimonial, as previously described, amidst loud and prolonged applause, calling on the brethren to rise and drink the recipient's health, which invitation it is needless to say was promptly and cheerfully responded to, and when the enthusiasm had subsided, Bro. Dr. Bentley sang the following, the music composed by himself, and the words by Bro. Jarrett:

Come, brothers all, obey the call,  
And swell the choral strain,  
The song we raise, when worth we praise,  
Should bear a glad refrain.  
The Masters of our Art we sing,  
Come! take the cheering draft,  
Join in the toast which here we boast,  
The Rulers of the Craft.

**CHORUS.**

Then loudly we'll boast, and proudly we'll toast,  
The Rulers of the Craft.

Let hand in hand each brother stand  
To toast our Royal Head,  
Where Mason's worth on regal birth  
Has double lustre shed;  
Long may he fill the chair and still  
In Brotherhood's own cause,  
See triumph crown the wide world round  
Our grand Masonic laws.—Chorus.

And in our highest council set  
May rulers still be found  
As tried and true, as honoured too,  
As now that chair surround;  
Carnarvon's name and Lathom's claim  
Each loyal brother's praise,  
And past and present rulers share  
The chorus now we raise.—Chorus.

And in their ranks our loyal thanks  
On Brockbank's name shall rest,  
By merit raised, by pity praised,  
Our brother and our guest,  
Since noble deeds for others' needs  
Make heaven's own nobleman,  
With prince and peer we'll toast him here,  
As only Masons can.—Chorus.

The song was capitally sung by Bro. Dr. BENTLEY, and the chorus taken up with great zest by the company, after which Bro. BROCKBANK returned thanks.

Subsequently "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M." was proposed in terms of gratitude for his kindness in presiding, and the brethren shortly afterward separated.

Amongst those present were Bros. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, R.W.P.G.M.; Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Past G.D.; C. J. Banister, Past G. Swd. Br.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Walker, P.P.G.J.W.; John Gebb Smith, P.P.G.J.W.; Chas. Heywood, P.P.G.J.W.; J. H. P. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg.; J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; J. Newton, P.P.G.S.D.; H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.J.D.; Geo. Fergusson, P.P.G. S. of Wks.; J. W. Taylor, P.P.G. Org.; Hy. Greenwood, P.P.G.P.; Thos. Higson, Prov. G. Tyler; Frank A. Huet, P.P.G. Purst. Staffordshire; W. H. Horrocks, P.M. 37; Jno. Hardcastle, J.W. 37; J. Naylor, 37; Wm. Golding, 37; R. Nightingale, 37; Dr. Bentley, 37; Thos. Barnes, 37; J. F. Skelton, W.M. 146; W. Cooper, P.M. 146; Geo. Taylor, P.M. 146; R. Duxbury, P.M. 146; R. Johnson, 146; R. Cuerden, 221; J. Ratcliffe, 221; J. Partington, W.M. 348; J. Barrett, W.M. 1723; R. Lathom, P.M. 1723; J. W. Draycott, 221; Geo. Stirling, 221; R. H. Phillips, S.W. 348; Ed. Hindley, 348; Thos. Magee, 1723; J. W. Forbes, 1723; J. Lever, 1723; T. B. Long, 1723; Dr. Whittaker, 1723; J. Seddon, 1723; H. M. Staveley, 1723; J. W. Almond, W.M. 1773; Wm. Nicholl, P.M. 317; J. H. Watson, P.M. 678; Wm. Coope, P.M. 350; Chas. S. Lane, West Hartlepool; R. B. Seddon, Wigan; J. D. Murray, Wigan; Reg. Young, Liverpool; T. C. Thornburn, Birkenhead; W. J. Thomson, St. Helens; Ed. Farrer, P.M. 350; T. Whittaker, 350; T. L. Shepherd, 678; Jno. Richardson, 678; T. A. Martin, 678; R. L. McMillan, 163; G. T. Freeman, R. H. Swindlehurst, J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; A. H. Jefferis, W.M. 1161; Arthur Middleton, 645; R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason); and others.

We had omitted to state that before the brethren separated the R.W.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Testimonial Committee," and coupled with it the names of Bros. Chas. Heywood, P.P.G.J.W.; Wm. Jaffrey, P.P. G.D.; and Wm. Nicholl, P.M. 317.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The reports of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, with respect to the last examinations have just been published, and it no doubt will be very gratifying to the subscribers to this Institution to hear that out of 32 girls who were examined in geology 30 passed, and out of 57 examined in physiography 49 passed as follows: 11 advanced, 14 first class, and the remainder second. Such a result as this not only shows how well the children work and appreciate the great advantages they receive at the Institution, but what excellent teaching must also have been given them by Professor Thompson to produce such a result.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. ROBT. WELLBURN, 312.**

On Saturday last the mortal remains of Bro. Robt. Wellburn, Past Junior Warden of the Lion Lodge, 312, were interred in the cemetery at Whiby with Masonic honours. Eight Past Masters of the Lion Lodge officiated as bearers, and other members of the Fraternity were present to pay a last tribute and respect to their departed brother, who was initiated into the Lion Lodge in 1863, and held the office of Junior Warden in 1867.

**BRO. SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE, BART.**

The inevitable has at length happened, and our venerable and respected Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., who celebrated the completion of his 100th year in October of last year amid such universal rejoicing, passed quietly away to his eternal rest on Tuesday, the 28th ult. It was only some days previously that any serious alarm was felt for the condition of the eminent patient, the fact being that Sir Moses died, not from any malady, but rather from a general failure of the vital powers. As to his career, it has been fully described in the daily press. He was one of the greatest of philanthropists, a man who never lost an opportunity of benefiting if possible his fellow creatures, irrespective of creed and nationality, and though we cannot claim him as an active member of our Fraternity for many years, his life was one continuous illustration of the principles of Masonry. The deceased was initiated in the Moira Lodge, now No. 92, on the 13th April, 1812, being registered on the books of our Grand Lodge as a "gentleman" of "Kennington, Surrey," and he continued a subscribing member till 1817. He was one of the very few brethren who could claim to have been a member of a lodge under the regular or so-called "modern" Grand Lodge of England. The great event of the Union between the "Ancients" and "Moderns" was one of his earliest recollections in connection with the Craft, and having been initiated in the Grand Mastership of George Prince of Wales, now leaves for ever the scenes of his earthly career in the Grand Mastership of Albert Edward Prince of Wales his great nephew. The funeral was fixed for Friday (to-day) at Ramsgate.

Bros. the Earl of Hardwicke, Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, M.P., and Sir F. Johnstone were among the party which travelled to Goodwood in the special train made up for the Prince and Princess of Wales.



Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., P.P.G.M. Ayrshire, has left town for Kilkieran, Maybole, N.B.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., distributed the prizes to the successful scholars at Christ's Hospital on Wednesday afternoon.

Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, O.C., M.P., has accepted for the first year the presidency of the Croydon Liberal Club, Park-street.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead attended the opening on Monday, at the Old Bailey, of the July Sessions of the Central Criminal Court.

Bros. Lord Charles Beresford and F. Seager Hunt addressed a meeting of the electors of Marylebone in St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on Monday evening.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.S.W., lately Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, was entertained at a farewell dinner at the Mess, St. James's Palace, on Monday.

A marriage has been arranged between Lord William Cecil, Grenadier Guards, and Miss Tyssen-Amherst, eldest daughter of Bro. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P. for West Norfolk.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Steward, P.G.M. Cornwall, and the Ladies Edgcumbe leave Cadogan at the end of the current week for Mount Edgcumbe, Devonport.

It is believed that Bro. General Lord Wolseley will be the guest of Bro. Bass at Tulchan Lodge, Strathspay, during a considerable part of the season, and that he will shoot over the moors in that district.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., has consented to attend the Cutlers' annual feast at Sheffield on Thursday, the 5th September, and will address a public meeting in that town the day following.

Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., presided at the 37th annual meeting, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, of the Builders' Benevolent Institution. Bro. Plucknett was subsequently re-elected Treasurer of the Institution.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and the Misses Fowler were at Wimbledon on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when the Public Schools' Match was shot off, his lordship's son being one of the Harrow team, and making the second highest score for his school.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided at the 47th Anniversary Festival at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., of the Thames Angling Preservation Society, Bros. Alderman Staples, Alderman Evans, and T. Beard were among the guests.

The installation of R.W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., as P.G.M. Durham, in succession to the late Marquis of Londonderry, will take place in the Castle Hall, Durham, on Friday, the 21st instant. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. England and Prov. G.M. West Lancashire.

The Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, will not meet on the Tuesday following Bank Holiday, but on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., the Preceptor, Bro. E. A. Francis will occupy the chair, when it is anticipated there will be a goodly muster of the brethren. The usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held after the labour of the lodge of instruction is completed.

Bro. Alderman Cowan presided on Monday at the annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils of Aske's School for Boys at Hatcham, and the same day Bro. J. Cox, with Mrs. and the Misses Cox and Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, were amongst those present at a similar function by the Marchioness of Salisbury at the Mary Datchelor Girls' School, Grove-Jane, Camberwell.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Staples, Alderman De Keyser, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Puleston, M.P., E. Dresser Rogers, T. Beard, J. Cox, and H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., were among the guests at the banquet given at the Guildhall Tavern, on Friday, the 24th ult., by the City of London School Committee. Several of these were present at the distribution of prizes to the successful pupils earlier in the day.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master of England, has fixed Friday, the 21st inst., for the installation of Sir Hedworth Williamson as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham, in the place of the late Marquis of Londonderry. The ceremony will be performed in the Castle Hall, Durham, at 12 o'clock. The brethren will attend divine service in the Cathedral at one o'clock, and the luncheon will be held in the Castle Hall at half-past three o'clock.

In our report of the Mark Benevolent Festival last week we omitted to notice an important and agreeable feature of the proceedings, viz., the musical entertainment at the banquet. Under the able leadership of Bro. Professor E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., a small but select party, consisting of the Misses Sargent and Kerton, and Bros. Franklin Clive, and Arthur Thompson, rendered the songs, &c. allotted to them in the programme in a manner which called forth repeated manifestations of pleasure and more than usual attention from the brethren and ladies present.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. J. H., Mrs. and the Misses Puleston, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. and Lady Knight, Bro. Alderman Staples, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. De Keyser, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs. Whitehead, Bro. Alderman Savory, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Cowan, Bro. Sheriff elect Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, Bro. and the Misses Dresser Rogers, Bro. Major and Mrs. Joseph, Bro. Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, Bro. G. and Mrs. Rose-Innes were among the numerous guests present at the garden party given on Saturday last, at Ewell Grove, by Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Evans.

Among the numerous articles and items of interest which we have been compelled to hold over is the report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire, held at Barnet on Friday, the 24th ultimo.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Leinster, and the Ladies Fitzgerald, have left town for Carton House, Maynooth.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., attended divine service on Sunday last, at the French Protestant Church, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on the 17th instant.

It is stated that the departure of Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.S.W., for New South Wales will take place in the third week of October.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and the Lady Mayoress dined with the Chevalier and Mrs. De Bausen on Thursday, the 23rd ult.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, and the Duchess of Abercorn, have returned to Hampden House after a few weeks sojourn at Hamburg.

Bros. W. C. Borlase, M.P., and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead were present at the election dinner of the Tallowchandlers' Company, on Thursday, the 23rd ult.

Bros. the Hon. F. F. Leveson-Gower, M.P., and Baron H. De Worms, M.P., were present at the meeting on Saturday last, of the Commissioners of the Royal Patriotic Fund.

Bro. Sir Edward J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., presided at the meetings held on the 23rd and 24th ult., of the Load Line Committee, Bro. T. Sutherland, M.P., who is a member, being also present.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Lord E. Pelham-Clinton, attended the meeting at the Mansion House on Friday, the 24th ult., on behalf of the Naval and Military Officers' Association, founded in January last.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., was present at the breakfast given at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Saturday last, under the auspices of the South African Committee and the Aborigines Protection Society.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for India, will visit Sir George Wombwell, at Newburgh Priory, in the course of next month, and is expected during his visit to address a public meeting at York.

Among the numerous wedding presents to H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice, was a massive silver tea and coffee service, the monogram "H. B." engraved on each article, from the late venerable Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart.

By the kind permission of Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., who is a Past Master of the company, the next Livery dinner of the Spectacle Makers' Company will be held at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the 14th October.

The Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. Coleridge Kennard, M.P., were among those present at the distribution of prizes on Saturday afternoon last, by the Duke of Edinburgh, to the successful pupils of the Royal Naval School, Greenwich.

About 200 guineas have already been subscribed towards the testimonial which the tenants and friends of Bro. Sheriff-elect Clarke have it in contemplation to present to him on the occasion of his being elected one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers-Buller, just returned from the Soudan, accompanied by Lady Buller, arrived at Crediton, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., and experienced a hearty welcome home from the local authorities, the townspeople, and his tenantry.

R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, will to-morrow (Saturday) lay the N.E. cornerstone of the New National Schools, Castleford. The arrangements will be carried out under the banners of St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, and Legiolium Lodge, No. 1542, and Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Pury-Cust, Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain of England, will deliver an address suitable to the occasion.

The court of assistants of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company resolved at their meeting on the 22nd ult., Bro. Major J. A. Joseph, Master, in the chair, to offer their congratulations to Bros. Alderman Evans and Thomas Clarke, who are both members of the company, on their election as Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and also to take part in the Sheriffs' inaugural ceremony, on the 28th of September, if desired.

Bros. General Lord Wolseley and Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., were among the guests at the banquet given on Wednesday, the 29th ult., to Her Majesty's Ministers, the former replying for the toast of the Army, and the latter for that of the Navy. Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.S.W. Kent; D. Plunket, M.P., P.G.S.D. Ireland; W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd.; Akers-Douglas, M.P.; the Earl of Dunraven, H. S. Northcote, M.P.; Baron H. De Worms, M.P.; and Lord Eustace Cecil, M.P.; were also present.

The testimonial which we stated a short time since was being raised for the purpose of doing honour to a most distinguished Mason, Bro. G. Parker Brockbank, G. Std. Br., of Bolton, Lancashire, was presented to that worthy brother at Masons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday, the 24th ult. A pleasant and influential company was gathered together for the occasion, and as is customary and wise on these occasions, a dinner formed part of the proceedings. Everything passed off most successfully. A report will be found in another page.

3,000,000 tins of CHAMPION'S MUSTARD were sold in London alone during the past year. Why was this? Because the public, having satisfied themselves it was the best and cheapest gave it a preference over all others.—ADVT.

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Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips has left Grosvenor-street for his residence, 12, Queen's-gardens, Brighton.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford have resumed their visit to the Granville Hotel, St. Lawrence-on-Sea.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., completed his 52nd year on Thursday, the 23rd ult., having been born on the 23rd of July, 1833.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey gave a garden party at Normanhurst Court, Battle, on Saturday last, Bro. H. A. Brassey being among those present.

At the Court of Aldermen on Thursday, the 23rd ult., the Sheriffs-elect, Bros. Alderman Evans and T. Clarke attended and entered into the usual bond for the discharge of their duties.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., has issued an address to the electors of Hythe announcing that it is again his intention to solicit their suffrages at the next Parliamentary election.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Marlborough House for Goodwood on Monday on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, this being the Goodwood race week.

The will and two codicils of the late Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., who died 5th November, 1884, has just been proved by the executors, the gross personalty being sworn at about £382,950.

We regret to find that by an oversight we omitted from the list of those present at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund last week the names of Bro. C. H. and Mrs. Driver and Bro. R. Berridge.

Bro. Sir J. and Lady McGarel Hogg and Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., were present at the reception held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., by the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and the Countess Karolyi.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on Monday last, received an address from the Standing committee of the Church of Ireland, Bro. Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, being head of the deputation which presented it.

Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Col. Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, were among the members of the Ministry present at the Ministerial banquet given by Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., on Wednesday, the 22nd ultimo.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.S.W., was entertained at dinner at Limmer's Hotel on Saturday evening last, previous to his departure for New South Wales, by the officers, present and past, of the Royal Horse Guards, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Lord Methuen were present.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at a meeting held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, the Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and Bro. Commander Cameron, R.N., C.B., being among those present.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their sons and daughters, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, and others, visited the Duchess of Cambridge, at St. James's Palace, on Sunday last, in order to congratulate Her Royal Highness on having that day attained her 88th birthday.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, arrived at Eastbourne on Sunday morning last, and proceeded to Lady Fanny Howard's residence, Compton-place, where the Duke of Devonshire and other members of the family are staying. The marquis and duke have since returned to London.

Bro. Bancroft presided at the annual dinner at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, Bro. Major Joseph, Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, being among the guests, and Mrs. Bancroft replying very eloquently to the toast of "The Ladies."

Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., (in the chair), G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., Lord R. Grosvenor, M.P., Viscount Sherbrooke, and Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., were present at the banquet given at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Friday, the 24th ult., to Earl Spencer, lately Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The Queen's dinner party on Thursday, the 23rd ult., included the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family, with Bros. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Steward, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain, Earl Granville, and General Lord Wolseley, G.C.B.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their sons and daughters, left Osborne for London on Friday, the 24th instant. En route their Royal Highnesses inspected in Portsmouth Dockyard the Light Camel Corps, just returned from the Soudan. In the evening there was a ball at Marlborough House in honour of the Princess Beatrice's wedding.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah was installed W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge on Saturday last by Bro. H. Lovegrove. A very handsome specially designed jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. Lovegrove, and unusually tasteful menu cards were used on the occasion. We hope to give a report of the proceedings next week.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., will preside at the distribution, by H.R.H. Princess Christian, of medallions and certificates to the successful members of the City and Port of London District of the St. John Ambulance Association. Bro. the Duke of Connaught is President of the District, and the ceremony is fixed for Saturday, the 15th inst., in the Guildhall.

The Court of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company intend entertaining at dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., the Sheriffs-elect, Bros. Alderman Evans and T. Clarke, who are both members of the Court of Assistants. The dinner will be given by members, personally, and not out of the funds of the Company.