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GREAT care and a sound discretion appear to have been exercised in the selection of the brethren on whom the honours of Mark Grand Lodge were recently conferred, and we must take the liberty of congratulating the GRAND MARK MASTER on having gathered around him a body of Grand Officers, who are emphatically representative, not only of the virtues which are specially characteristic of Mark Masonry, but of those also which are shared in common by all the different branches and sections of our Society. A perusal of the brief records we give elsewhere of their several Masonic careers, will show they are all good men and true, and worthy of the distinctions which have been bestowed upon them. It will also make it clear that, as we have said, a sound discretion has been exercised in selecting them, as it would be difficult to have distributed the limited number of offices with stricter impartiality among the several provinces and the metropolis. The first care, on the part of the Prince, appears to have been to choose thoroughly good men, and his next to choose them, as far as he could, from the different sub-divisions of the Degree, so that they might be considered fully representative of the whole body. There may probably be some brethren who will consider the list was capable of an improvement in this or that particular direction, but we think there will be a general consensus of opinion that, on the whole, a better choice could not have been made.

OUR Colonial brethren, now on a visit to the Old Country in connection with the Exhibition, must be intensely gratified with the reception they have experienced among their Masonic friends, and especially from the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, which, as our readers must remember, was constituted for the express purpose of meeting a recognised want and providing a home for the members of our Colonial lodges, when visiting the metropolis of the British Empire. The members of the Empire Lodge, too, must be pleased at finding their efforts have been so thoroughly appreciated by their Colonial guests. They undoubtedly laid themselves out in order to receive their visitors in a manner worthy of our ancient fame, their exemplification of the great Masonic rite of hospitality being an unquestioned success, and one which they themselves and successive generations of Empire brethren will have good reason to be proud. In saying this, we are very far from wishing to impugn the working of this rite as practised in our other lodges. But the Empire Lodge has a special character of its own, and it is no more than just to the brethren composing it that we should lay some stress on the result of its appearance in state before the Masonic public on an occasion which is not likely to be repeated for many years to come. There must always be plenty of Colonial Masons sojourning among us, but just now they are in overwhelming strength. Thus the recent banquet was on an exceptionally large scale, and we are glad the arrangements were devised and carried out so skillfully that we are justified in describing the success of the gathering as being commensurate with its extent and importance. We congratulate Bro. Sir P. CUNLIFFE OWEN, W.M. of the lodge, on the result. We also fully endorse the very high, but well-merited, encomiums which he passed on the services rendered to the lodge generally, but more particularly on this occasion, by our indefatigable Bro. LENNOX BROWN, Secretary, who, we believe, originated the idea of establishing such a lodge, who personally assisted in and directed most of the preliminary arrangements, and to whose suggestion, we believe, it is due that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement arranged for a special Colonial gathering at their meeting on the 2nd instant. The other officers, and the members as a body and individually, also deserve credit for their assistance; and we are confident that among the most agreeable remembrances which our Colonial Masons will take back with them from England to their distant homes in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, &c., &c., will be that of the truly imperial banquet to which they were invited by our Empire Lodge. And when it is explained further how easy it is for brethren hailing from the Colonies to become enrolled as members of the Empire Lodge in London, a marked reciprocity of fraternal feeling will be established between the old and the new homes of our race, and Masonry will have scored one more brilliant success in its continuous efforts to strengthen the bonds of good fellowship among men.

WE are receiving daily so many communications respecting the dual banquet of the Grand Mark Lodge that soon we shall have enough matter thereon to half fill one number of the paper, and as there is no indication of the supply lessening, the prospect is rather overwhelming, especially

when the correspondence is wholly on one side. As no official reply has been made to the letter signed "P.G.O." in the *Freemason* of the 26th ult., it does not appear to us desirable to print dozens of similar documents, asking for a like explanation, when the material for answering our correspondents is not forthcoming. We can only say that our columns are open for a reply from those who were responsible for the banquets being so held, and are thus able to explain why such an unusual course was taken. It is not for us to defend or to object to their action in the matter. Until an official explanation is forthcoming we deem it our duty to respectfully decline inserting any more letters on the subject. Meanwhile we shall believe that for good and sufficient reasons such explanation is either delayed or withheld, and we feel assured that our esteemed correspondents will see the wisdom of such a course under the special circumstances which are inseparable from the enquiry.

THE "Masonic Record of Western India" for May, now to hand, is an interesting number, and contains many suggestive details. The Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India has done good work during the past year, the figures indicating considerable prosperity. For 1884 there were 798 members, but all the lodges have not reported for 1885, when the Table was made up. The figures sent in, however, indicating that the numerical position is much as before. Full details are appended of the various funds connected with the Grand Lodge (subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Scotland), the one relative to the Scottish Freemasons' Benevolent Society in India, being of special interest. This Fund is of an admirable and most comprehensive character, attending as it does, to the education and maintenance of children, grants, and monthly allowances to brethren and widows, casual relief to applicants, loans to brethren, and other occasional helps. The cash balance in hand is about 13,000 Rs.

TEN per cent. of the gross monthly revenue of the Royal Arch Grand Chapter "of Scottish Freemasonry in India" is to be handed over to this excellent Fund, which deserves continued and increased support because of its eminently practical character, and especially as the whole cost of management for 1885 did not amount to a five pound note!

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS GRAND MASTER.

There cannot be two opinions as to the success of the meeting held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 1st inst., the day appointed for the solemn installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c. There was a muster of considerably over 1000 brethren, including Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, and the Masters and Wardens, Overseers, and Past Masters of the subordinate lodges, and had the space in the hall been twice as great, there would have been, even then, some difficulty in accommodating all who were desirous of taking part in the proceedings. The weather, moreover, was most suitable, and the officials to whom had been entrusted the conduct of the arrangements appear to have been able to carry them out without the slightest hitch and in a manner which secured them general commendation. In fact, everything was bright, and gay, and joyful. The Mark brethren were gratified at having the heir to the throne for their Grand Master, his attachment to, and well known interest in everything pertaining to the Order being well known, and it being regarded as ominous of a long and brilliant career of prosperity for the Mark Degree that his Royal Highness should have desired to be personally installed on the throne of the Mark Grand Lodge, at a meeting especially appointed for the purpose. Reflections on this and cognate matters, and, among the senior members, the remembrance of the smaller and far less impressive gatherings, which used to be held in the early days of the Mark Grand Lodge, and the striking contrast which presented itself between them and the present assembly, can hardly have failed to have influenced most of the brethren who had secured admission, and there was a fair amount of excitement noticeable among them as the hour approached for the arrival of his Royal Highness.

The Grand Lodge was opened at one o'clock by the Earl of Kintore, who was supported by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden designate, Lord Henniker, Earl of Lathom, Earl of Jersey, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Limerick, the Marquis of Hertford, Grand Warden; Earl of Onslow, Junior Grand Warden; the Rev. Canon Portal, and W. W. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Masters; Sir Francis Burdett, and some hundreds of Present and Past Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers. India and the Colonies, as well as the United Kingdom, being well represented. There were also present Bros. Binckes, Grand Secretary; A. M. Broadley, Past District G. Master of the Mediterranean; Sandeman, Past District Grand Master Bengal; Percy Leith, Past District Grand Master Bombay; Adlard, Punjab; Cama, Grand Treasurer; Dr. Trollope, P.P.G. Master Sussex; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of Craft Masons; Philbrick, O.C.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, Charles Stephens, Deputy Grand Master Berks and Oxon; Sir W. Clark, Grand Master of Victoria; R. Berridge, Grand D. of C.; C. F. Matier, Past Grand Warden; H. George Cooper, Past Grand Deacon;

H. George, Asst. G.D. of C.; the Hon. James Mason, Commissioner of Fiji; and a great number of other distinguished Mark Masons, among whom were

Bros. Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.G.M. Kent; Col. Geo. Tudor, P.G.M. Staffordshire; C. L. Mason, P.G.M. West Yorkshire; J. Sutcliffe, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; T. F. Halsey, P.G.M. Hert; Rev. Canon Tristram, P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; Col. J. Tanner Davy, P.G.M. Devonshire; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Bucks; John Walker, M.A., P.G.M. Gloucester; Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; R. C. Else, P.G.M. Somerset; Marquis of Hertford, P.G.M. Warwick, G.S.W.; Earl of Onslow, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; Col. Aubrey Saunders, P.P.G.M. Madras; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.P.G.M. Warwick and Staffordshire; Major-General R. H. Cunliffe, P.P.G.M. Madras; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.W.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.W.; F. Davison, P.G.W.; Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.W.; Col. Somerville Burney, G.M.O.; J. S. Eastes, G.S.O.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, G.J.O.; J. Stevens, P.G.O.; H. Venn, P.G.O.; W. Roebuck, P.G.O.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.O.; S. C. Dibdin, P.G.O.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.O.; W. S. Webster, P.G.O.; W. Foulsham, P.G.O.; W. Adlard, P.G.O.; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, P.G.O.; J. F. Tweedale, P.G.O.; J. Chadwick, P.G.O.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.O.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O.; A. B. Cook, P.G.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.O.; Rev. Hayman Cummings, G.Chap.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, G.Chap.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. W. Randall, P.G.C. Rev. F. C. de Crespiigny, P.G.C.; Rev. F. W. Thoys, P.G.C.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.G.C.; Rev. Dean Currie, P.G.C.; Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; A. Bates, D.P.G.M. Lincoln; W. Forth, D.P.G.M. Gloucester; Rev. W. C. Lukis, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Col. A. T. Perkins, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Spence Bate, D.P.G.M. Devonshire; T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; A. M. Saunders, D.P.G.M. Madras; Rev. J. J. Malsden, D.P.G.M. South Wales; H. J. Sparks, D.P.G.M. Bengal; C. J. Smith, D.P.G.M. Sussex; R. P. Spice, G.S.D.; Percy Wallis, G.S.D.; W. Nicholl, G.J.D.; Dr. G. Mickleby, G.J.D.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.D.; E. Margrett, P.G.D.; J. T. Caldwell, P.G.D.; E. L. Shepherd, P.G.D.; C. L. Lane, P.G.D.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.D.; G. Toller, P.G.D.; A. Williams, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; G. Lambert, P.G.D.; G. J. McKay, P.G.D.; C. W. Duke, P.G.D.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W.; C. H. Driver, P.G.I. of W.; C. Lacey, A.P.G.D. of C.; E. Friend, A.P.G.D. of C.; W. Reynolds, A.P.G.D. of C.; M. J. Walker, G. Swd. Br.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br.; Controller S. G. Bake, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. P. Collins, G. Std. Br.; W. Watkins, P.G.S.B.; J. D. Murray, P.G.S.B.; T. W. Coffin, P.G.S.B.; H. Pagot, P.G.S.B.; B. R. Bryant, P.G.S.B.; J. B. Atkinson, P.G.S.B.; E. J. Hoare, G. Org.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; G. Graveley, G.I.G.; W. Morris, P.G.I.G.; E. C. Milligan, P.G.I.G.; C. Fulmen, P.G.I.G.; A. Walkley, as G. Tyler; W. B. Williamson, D. P. Cama, W. E. Williams, H. Ellis, P. A. Scratchley, H. Stone, W. Rainforth, F. H. Smith, and C. A. C. Jones, G. Stwds.; Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City; H. C. Burt, P.P.G.W.; R. Owen, P.P.G.W.; G. F. Allenson, P.P.G.D.; S. Knight, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Horace White, P.P.G. Reg.; H. J. Gough, P.P.G.O.; Rev. T. M. Gorman, P.G. Chap.; F. G. Nichols, P.P.G.O.; J. A. Kelly, P.P.G.O.; J. P. Leven, P.P.G.W.; E. Head, P.P.G.O.; W. Graham, P.P.G.O.; W. B. Morris, P.P.G.D.; R. Nicholson, P.P.G.D.; A. C. Hewett, P.P.G.D.; W. Poore, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Green, P.P.G.S.; W. C. Heane, P.P.G.W.; G. T. Wright, P.P.G.O.; E. Bier, P.P.A.G.S.; H. M. Appleton, P.P.G.S.; A. J. Sinclair, P.P. Dir. of Cers.; F. Carrington, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas E. Taylor, P.P.G.D.; J. Phillips, P.P.G.O.; F. Wood, P.P.G.O.; T. Knight, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; C. Quennell, P.P.G.I.G.; G. Galloway, P.P.G.W.; G. Abbott, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; George Spinks, P.P. Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.; G. King Patton, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.O.; J. Shaw, P.P.G.W.; E. Hire, P.P.G.W.; R. Clowes, P.P.G.I.G.; A. B. Briggs, P.P.G.D.C.; J. F. Rumball, P.P.G.I. of W.; T. Cable, P.P.G.D.; J. Dew, P.P.G.W.; W. Groome, P.P.G.D.; T. Clarke, P.P.G.O.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.W.; D. C. Capon, P.P.G.S.; Col. C. Harding, P.P.G.W.; H. Black, P.P.A.G.S.; W. E. Franklin, P.G.T. Northumberland and Durham; G. Gardner, P.G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey; G. J. Cosburn, P.P.G.O.; H. Abell, P.G.I.G. Sussex; C. E. Saunders, P.G.S.B. Herts; Rev. H. J. Mason, P.G. Chap. Dorset; H. A. Stier, P.P.G.I.G.; W. M. Randall, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Smith, P.P.G.D.C.; C. E. Keyser, P.G. Treas. Herts.; W. Dobbs, P.G.D. S. Wales; J. Dickson, P.P.G.D.; F. J. Ferguson, P.P.A.G. D.C.; E. J. Shrewsbury, P.P.G.S.; J. Stedman, P.P.G.S.B.; A. C. Croydon, P.P.G.O.; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; Goodall, P.P.G.I. of W.; E. Hills, P.P.A.D.C.; W. Kipps, P.G. Reg. Kent; J. Coleman, P. Asst. G. Secretary South Wales; J. Young, P.P.G.W.; W. C. Brasher, P.P.G.S.; E. Denton, P.P.G.S.; N. Merridew, P.G.O. Warwickshire; Eugene Sweny, P.P.G.W.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Pike, P.P.G.I.G.; R. Lawson, P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey; J. L. Kennelly, P.P.G.O.; J. Pinder, P.P.G.O.; J. Gibson, P.P.G.I. of W.; E. Horne, P.G.S.B. Derbyshire; H. G. B. Frampton, P.P.G.D.; Thomas Clarke, P.P.G.D.; G. Haldane, P.G.W. Middx. and Surrey; E. Whittaker, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Walton, P.P.O.; C. K. Benson, P.P.G.I. of W.; A. F. Warrillow, P.G. Reg.; E. W. J. Hannah, P.G.W. Kent; C. Belton, P.P.G.I. of W.; F. Jones, P.G.D. Warwickshire; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.O.; J. Willmott, P.P.G.O.; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Pitt, P.P.G.O.; Gerard Ford, P.G.R. Sussex; J. Unwin, jun., P.P.G.W.; J. R. Hubbard, P.G.R.; A. Penfold, P.P.G.W.; C. Burley, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; G. Baker, P.G.I.G. Staffordshire; H. J. Chitton, P.G.I. of W. Middx. and Surrey; C. F. Hogard, Augustus Harris, Col. G. Beresford Knox, V. P. Freeman, J. Terry, T. Fenn, J. L. Mather, R. Glasspool, J. W. Fuller, H. Stone, C. E. Soppet, C. P. Evans, P. Leith, T. W. Poley, and others.

After the usual preliminaries had been gone through, Bro. Rowley, of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, presented to the Grand Lodge a beautifully bound Volume of the Sacred Law, on the front cover of which was inserted a portrait of the Prince of Wales appalled as Grand Mark Master Mason, together with a richly embroidered velvet cushion bearing the arms of his Royal Highness and the Prince of Wales's plume, the latter being the work of Bro. Rowley himself.

The Earl of KINTORE expressed to Bro. Rowley the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the handsome presentation.

At a quarter past one, the Prince of Wales entered the Grand Lodge amidst enthusiastic cheering, being accompanied by a large and representative body of Mark Masons deputed to conduct his Royal Highness to the throne. As the procession passed up the Hall, the National Anthem was performed on the organ, after which the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, offered up prayer. The Prince of Wales then took the customary obligation, and was conducted to the throne amidst tremendous applause by Lord Kintore, who ably performed the ceremony of installation. The Prince having been proclaimed and saluted,

Lord KINTORE, addressing H.R.H., said the brethren were impatiently desirous that the first opportunity should be laid hold of in order that, through his mouth, he might give expression to the feelings with which all Mark Masons were that day animated in consequence of the Prince's installation as Grand Mark Master. (Cheers.) He felt, however, such a task was beyond his powers, and that he was altogether incapable of representing the feelings of loyal devotion and pleasure which were felt by every Mark Mason in Great Britain, and in the Greater Britain beyond the seas, at the step which the Prince had been pleased to take that day. He desired to explain to his Royal Highness that the large gathering present was but a section of those who desired to attend. Still that section was sufficient to fill the largest available hall in London. (Cheers.) Freemasonry owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Prince of Wales, and he would greatly increase that debt by the step he had taken that day. (Cheers.) Mark Masons could never possibly discharge the debt they owed to his Royal Highness, and they could only ask him to receive their expression of devotion and loyalty as an instalment of interest for the debt. Lord Kintore went on to describe the great progress which had been made in connection with Mark Masonry, mentioning that the Grand

Lodge was organised in 1856, and contrasting the position of Mark Masonry in 1876 and 1886. In 1876 there were but five time immemorial lodges and 179 warranted and numbered lodges, divided into 18 Provincial Grand Lodges. In 1886 there were 13 time immemorial lodges and 375 warranted lodges divided into 44 Provincial Grand Lodges, including those in New Zealand, South Africa, Natal, Victoria, Tasmania, Gibraltar, India, and other parts of the Globe. (Cheers.) The financial position of the Grand Lodge was most satisfactory, and the Mark Benevolent Fund had the happy habit of doubling itself each successive year. (Cheers.) He was also glad to say they were in a position of fraternal relations with all foreign bodies. (Cheers.) No questions of theology or politics obtained discussion in their midst, and thus they were able to bind together men of widely different theological views or political opinions—(cheers)—all striving to forward in the broadest sense the cause of religion and charity—(cheers)—leading useful lives, and helping the needy and distressed. (Cheers.) His lordship referred to the presence of Mark Masons from far distant parts of the Queen's territories as loving evidence of the good result attending the Prince of Wales' personal efforts to draw together Colonists to the mother country. (Cheers.) He was sure that on this, the first great gathering of the Mark Masons held in her Majesty's jubilee year, (loud cheers)—they would all desire to convey to the Queen an expression from the Mark Masons of all parts of her vast empire the assurance of their unswerving loyalty to her throne. (Loud cheers.) They desired as representing the great body of Mark Masons to offer to the Prince the assurance of their heartiest welcome and thanks for consenting to preside over them. (Loud cheers.)

H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER in reply said he begged to thank the Past Grand Master, Lord Kintore, most heartily and sincerely for the address he had just delivered. He feared Lord Kintore had referred to him in terms far too kind and flattering. (Cries of no, no.) He assured the brethren he considered it a high honour and compliment which had been paid him that day, and he accepted the distinguished position of Grand Master of Mark Master Masons with a deep feeling of gratitude and as a high honour to himself. (Cheers.) He assured the brethren that anything he could do to further the interest and welfare of the Mark Degree would be done with sincere pleasure. (Cheers.) He was most thankful and grateful for the kind feeling the brethren had manifested towards him, and he appreciated very highly the compliment which had been paid by the Mark Masons who had attended from distant parts of the kingdom—(cheers)—Lord Kintore had spoken in kind and feeling terms of his (the Prince's) beloved mother the Queen—(great cheering)—the brethren rising *en masse* at the reference to her Majesty. It would afford her Majesty sincere gratification to know the kind terms in which her name had been mentioned, and the hearty manner in which it was invariably received in this part of the globe, and especially in a meeting of this description. (Cheers.) Personally he thanked them from his heart, and he desired to assure them that all he could do for the welfare of Mark Masonry would always be done with very great pleasure. (Loud cheers.)

The Grand Master then appointed the Grand Officers for the ensuing year and invested them as follows:—

- Bro. Earl of Kintore ... Pro G.M.
- „ Lord Egerton of Tatton ... Dep. G.M.
- „ H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught ... G.S.W.
- „ Lord Saltoun ... G.J.W.
- „ Lieut.-Col. Addison Potter ... G.M.O.
- „ George Galloway ... G.S.O.
- „ George Kenning ... G.J.O.
- „ Rev. T. Cartwright Smyth, D.D. ... G. Chap.
- „ Rev. Thos. Cochrane, M.A. ... G. Chap.
- „ James Moon ... G. Treas.
- „ Frank Richardson ... G. Reg.
- „ F. Binckes ... G. Sec.
- „ W. Kally Miller ... G.S.D.
- „ N. Tracy ... G.S.D.
- „ Horatio Ward ... G.J.D.
- „ F. Crouch ... G.J.D.
- „ Lieut. Col. R. W. Edis ... G.I. of W.
- „ Robert Berridge ... G.D. of C.
- „ G. P. Festa ... A.G.D. of C.
- „ Andrew McDowall ... A.G.D. of C.
- „ C. Philip Evans ... G. Swd. Br.
- „ Thomas Taylor ... G. Std. Br.
- „ William J. Thomson ... G. Std. Br.
- „ Professor Rose ... G. Org.
- „ William Vincent ... G.I.G.
- „ J. Pinder ... A.G.I.G.
- „ A. Walkley ... G. Tyler.

The Earl of KINTORE, on behalf of the Grand Master's Lodge, then presented the Prince of Wales with a handsome gold jewel, which his Royal Highness accepted with great pleasure, remarking that it would be a gratifying memento of the pleasant proceedings of the day. (Loud cheers.)

The Grand Lodge proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a conclusion, but before the brethren separated, the Grand Master gave permission to Bros. Russell, of the Brompton-road, to take a photograph of the memorable scene. The Prince then retired amidst vociferous cheering. A luncheon style immediately afterwards in the Venetian Room, at the Holborn Restaurant, at which

the Prince of Wales presided, supported by the Duke of Connaught, and a great number of Grand and Past Grand Officers.

The Prince of WALES briefly proposed "The Health of the Queen," which was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Lord KINTORE gave "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," acknowledging how much the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught had added to the benefits they had conferred on Masonry by the step they had taken that day. (Cheers.)



The Prince of WALES, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him, and such as he always met with in that hall. He hoped he might be spared to meet them on many future occasions, and he only regretted he could not remain longer with them, having an engagement to fulfil in the East end of London. (Loud cheers.) He hoped they would prolong the sitting under Lord Kintore's presidency, and in conclusion he heartily thanked them for their kind reception, and assured them of the great pleasure which the proceedings of the afternoon had afforded him. (Loud cheers.)

The Duke of CONNAUGHT said, that as Grand Senior Warden, his first duty was to obey the command of the Grand Master, who desired him to respond also. (Cheers.) He expressed his high appreciation of the honour that had been done him that day, and was excessively grateful to the Grand Master for having appointed him as Grand Senior Warden, and felt pleased he should have thought himself worthy of receiving one of the first appointments at his disposal. (Cheers.) So far as he had the power he should carry out the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and he hoped that circumstances over which he had no control would not take him out of the country and prevent him from discharging the duties during his year of office. (Cheers.) He hoped to be able to show by his regular attendance the interest he took in the duties of the high office which he had been called upon to hold, and in conclusion, he once more thanked the brethren for their kind and hearty reception. (Loud cheers.)

Other toasts followed, including "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Kintore," proposed by Lord Egerton of Tatton, and responded to by Lord Kintore; "The General Board," for whom the Past Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal replied, and others.

A luncheon was also provided at the Freemasons' Tavern, but the attendance was not large.

We have much pleasure in presenting the series of brief memoirs of the newly-appointed officers of the Mark Grand Lodge, as many portraits of them as we have been able to obtain being published as a supplement.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., &c., &c., was initiated into Freemasonry in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in the year 1874, and having had conferred upon him the Degree of M.M. the evening before the installation of his brother, the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G. Master, on the 25th April, 1875, had the honour of being present at that grand ceremonial and the splendid banquet which followed, as the youngest Master Mason in England. Since then he has filled the chair of W.M. in more than one lodge, the most conspicuous case being that of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, of which he was installed Master a few years since. In 1877 he was appointed G.S. Warden of England, his brother, the late Duke of Albany, being at the same time appointed to fill the chair of G.J.W. In 1878 his Royal Highness presided at the 80th Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, and qualified as a Vice-President of that Institution. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, Great Prior of the Order of Knights Templar in Ireland, and a Knight Grand Cross of the Order; an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, England; and honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Duke was advanced to the Mark Degree under the Irish Constitutions, and on the 1st inst. was appointed and invested with the insignia of office as G.S. Warden in the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales, &c., &c.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Lord SALTOUN, who has been invested as Grand Junior Warden of the Mark Grand Lodge for the current year, has won most of his fame as a member of our Society under the Scottish Constitutions, and it was in Scotland that he obtained his first insight into the Mark system.

GRAND MASTER OVERSEER.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. ADDISON POTTER, C.B., G.M.O., has splayed a conspicuous part in Masonry in the Province of Northumberland. He is a Past Master of the Northumberland Lodge, No. 685, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the Tyne Lodge, No. 991, Willington Quay, and a P.Z. of the chapters severally attached to those lodges. He is Craft Prov. G.S.W. of Northumberland and its Prov. Grand Superintendent in Royal Arch Masonry. He was advanced to the Mark in 1871 in the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge, and is founder and present W.M. of the Tristram Lodge, No. 346, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He is a Life Governor of all our Institutions and has once served as Festival Steward for each of them. He is likewise a man of considerable influence in his county, being on the Commission of the Peace for Northumberland and Newcastle, and a member of the Town Council as well as Mayor for two years in succession of the latter.

GRAND SENIOR OVERSEER.

Bro. GEORGE GALLOWAY, J.P., of Ashton-upon-Ribble, near Preston, Lancashire, who is G.S. Overseer, has been a subscribing member of our Society for 24 years, and has held office in the various branches of Masonry with which he is associated with. He is a P.M. of Charity Lodge (Craft), No. 350, Stoneclough, near Manchester, and P.Z. of the Meribah Chapter attached to it, as well as P.P.G.S.D. East Lancashire. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the year 1863, he was W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, T.I., Bolton, in 1866, and having held successively the offices of Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G.J.W., is now Prov. G.S.W. of the Mark Province of Lancashire. He is likewise a P.E.C. of the St. John's Preceptory, K.T., Todmorden, and Treasurer of the Prince of Peace Preceptory, Preston, a member of the Allied Degrees, and has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is a Life Governor of, and has been twice Steward for, the Boys' School, and has generally interested himself in everything that was likely to conduce to the welfare of the Order.

GRAND JUNIOR OVERSEER.

Bro. GEORGE KENNING, proprietor of the *Freemason*, was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Thistle Lodge, No. 8, in 1864, and filled the office of W.M. in the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, in 1873.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. T. CARTWRIGHT SMYTH, D.D., LL.D., one of the newly-appointed Grand Chaplains, has been a Freemason for upwards of 40 years, having been initiated, passed, and raised in the Royal Isle of Man Lodge, No. 338, on the roll of Scotland, but now apparently defunct, in 1843. Having shortly afterwards taken Holy Orders, and migrated to Newcastle-on-Tyne, he joined the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406—then No. 586

—in 1844, and the year following was exalted to the R.A. in the De Sussex Chapter, attached thereto. In 1847 he was installed K.T. in the Kent Encampment and perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the A. and A. Rite. Having in the meantime joined the De Loraine Lodge, No. 541—then No. 793—he was appointed S.W. in 1848-9, and about the same time was invested Prov. G. Chaplain of Northumberland. Having received a Ministerial appointment in India, he sailed for that country and his Masonic merits received almost instant recognition by his appointment to the D.G. Chaplaincy of Bengal. In 1852-3 he served as W.M. of the Star of Hope Lodge, then No. 761, Agra, being in the course of the same year advanced to the Mark Degree, and made an Excellent and Super-Excellent Mason. He is also a founder and was twice W.M.—in 1854-5 and 1855-6—of the Dalhousie Lodge, then No. 922, Mussoorie, and founder and first M.E.Z. of the chapter attached to it. Bro. Smyth was in India during the Mutiny, being senior Government Chaplain at Meerut, and greatly distinguished himself by his coolness and courage, and the help he was ever ready to administer to those in need of his spiritual or temporal consolation, and after a long sojourn at Singapore, where he was appointed D.D.G.M. of the Eastern Archipelago, he returned to the Old Country in 1867, and took up his residence near Leeds, where he holds the living of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and has since played a conspicuous part in Masonry as the principal officer in Craft and Mark Lodges, Arch Chapters, K.T. Preceptories, and as Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire. In fact, to enumerate the whole of his services would require more space than is at our command, and those who would know more of them should read his memoir by Bro. W. Watson, P.M., P.Z., of Leeds (Leeds: McCorquodale and Co., Limited, 1885), in which they will find the fullest particulars of his career.

Bro. the Rev. THOMAS COCHRANE, M.A., has been nearly thirty years a member of the Society, having been initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in the year 1857. Since then his career has been a remarkably successful one in all the branches of Masonry. Thus, in the Craft he is a P.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 214, Brentwood, and the Unity, No. 567, Warwick, a Past Prov. G. Chaplain of Oxfordshire, and Past Prov. G.S. Warden of Essex, and in 1882 was appointed to be one of the Grand Chaplains of the United Grand Lodge of England. In the Royal Arch Degree to which he was exalted at Oxford in 1859, he is a P.Z. of Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, and Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, Brentwood, and in 1882 was appointed 1st G. Std. Br. in the Supreme Grand Chapter. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 40, Warwick, in 1865, and having ten years later joined the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 7, was not long afterwards appointed I.G., and is now its S.W., Bro. General Brownrigg being its J.W. Here, too, he has won Provincial honours, having been appointed Prov. G. Chap. for Middx. and Surrey, while at the same time he has entered himself as an annual subscriber to the Educational and Annuity Branches of the Mark Benevolent Fund. In Masonic Knight Templary Bro. Cochrane served as E.C. of the Cœur de Lion Encampment at Oxford in 1877, and had the honour of installing the late Duke of Albany as his successor the year following, his services being recognised by his appointment as Grand Prelate of the Great Priory of England and Wales. He is also a Rose Croix Mason, having been perfected at Warwick in 1865, and being the present Prelate of the Canterbury Chapter Rose Croix, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square. He has qualified as a Life Governor of our several Charities, and has served as Festival Steward twice for the Boys' School, once for the Girls' School, and once for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is upon a brother who has achieved all these successes that the office of Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge has been conferred, and we are satisfied the choice of so worthy a brother for so distinguished a position will be universally endorsed.

GRAND SENIOR DEACONS.

Bro. PROFESSOR W. KALLEY MILLER, late Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, who has been appointed one of the Grand Senior Deacons, was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, and rose in time to be its W. Master. It was at Cambridge, too, that he was exalted to the R.A., advanced to the Mark, perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the A. and A. Rite, installed K.T., &c.; and here he rose ultimately to the position of Presiding Officer of each of the different Masonic Bodies, in which he obtained his earlier distinctions. When he migrated to Greenwich he carried with him his enthusiasm for Freemasonry, and became founder and was W.M. during the first two years of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, which was warranted in 1875, was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Trafalgar Chapter R.A., attached thereto, and founder and first W.M. of the Royal Naval College Mark Lodge, No. 294. He is also a Past Prov. G. Warden (Craft) for Cambridgeshire, and a Past Prov. G. Warden (Mark) for Kent, and has taken the 31° in the A. and A. Rite. As for the Charities, he has shown how great is the interest he takes in their welfare and how desirous he is of serving their interest by presenting to each of the three, Craft, Arch, and Mark, bodies at Greenwich, with which his labours as a Mason will be always identified, a Governorship in perpetuity to one of our Institutions. So fair a record merits the great honour which has just been conferred on Bro. Professor Miller by H.R.H. the G. Master of the Mark Grand Lodge.

Bro. NATHANIEL TRACY, the other G.S. Deacon, is well known in Masonic circles by his valuable services to the Province of Suffolk in his triple capacity of Prov. G. Secretary (Craft), Prov. G. Scribe E. (Royal Arch), and Prov. G. Secretary of East Anglia (Mark), of which Suffolk is a part. It is not necessary, therefore, that we should do more than give an outline of the different Degrees he has taken, and the different offices of distinction to which he has been appointed, and in which he has invariably acquitted himself well. He was initiated in the lodge of Perfect Friendship, No. 376—then No. 522—in January, 1851, and has twice filled the chair of W.M., namely, in 1855 and 1875. In 1857 he was invested Prov. G.J. Warden of Suffolk, and in 1883 was honoured by the late Lord Waveney with the appointment of Prov. G. Secretary in succession to the late Bro. Lucia. He was exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 376, in March, 1871, was elected M.E.Z. in 1875, and held the post of Scribe E. from 1875 to 1879. In 1883 he received the appointment of Prov. Grand Scribe E. Suffolk, holding it in conjunction with that of Prov. Grand Secretary. He was advanced in the *Freemason* Mark Lodge, No. 105, Bury St. Edmunds, in 1878, and the year following joined the Albert Victor, No. 70, Ipswich. In 1880 he was installed its W.M., and on

the constitution of East Anglia as a Mark Province, in 1883, he was unhesitatingly chosen by Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M.M., to fill the post of Prov. G. Secretary, a post for which it is unnecessary to say more than that he was admirably qualified to fulfil its duties, and has fully justified the confidence reposed in his ability. He was installed K.T. in the Prudence Preceptory, No. 16, Ipswich, in 1877, was elected E.P. in 1880, and has held the Registrarship from 1881 till the present time. Moreover, he is Chancellor in the Prov. Priory of East Anglia, and in 1883 was appointed Chamberlain in Great Priory. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Victoria Chapter, No. 22, in 1879, and was M.W.S. in 1882, since when he has been annually appointed and reappointed its Recorder. He has served in all four Stewardships for our Institutions, namely, two for the Old People, and one for each of the Schools, and has personally contributed of his means towards their support.

GRAND JUNIOR DEACONS.

Bro. HORATIO WARD'S services are of such a character as to fully justify his appointment to one of the Grand Junior Deaconships. He has been a member of the Fraternity for 27 years, having been initiated in the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne, in 1859. In 1865 he was installed its W.M., and the same year joined the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, the Mastership of which he held during the years 1870 and 1871. On the constitution in 1866 of the Vale of Avon Lodge, now the Shirley Lodge, No. 1112, Southampton, he was installed by the late Bro. Stebbing, P.G.D. its first W.M., while in his present Province of Kent, to which he removed in the year 1876, and where he met with a most cordial reception from the brethren, he was, in 1883, honoured with election to the chair of the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury. These various and valuable services have brought him provincial honours and other distinctions, of which Bro. Ward has great reason to be proud. Thus, in the Province of Wilts, he held the difficult post of Prov. G.D.C. for several years, is one of its P.P.G.J. Wardens, and at the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master in 1875, he represented his province as Special Steward, and was presented in Prov. Grand Lodge by Bro. Lord Methuen, P.G.M., in person with the special jewel, which all such Special Stewards are authorised to wear. During his residence at Canterbury he has been equally active, and having taken a leading part in the movement for erecting a Masonic Hall in that city, which is justly allowed to be one of the most perfect edifices of its kind in the United Kingdom, he had his reward last year, when the Prov. Grand Master of Kent conferred upon him the high distinction of Prov. G.J.W. In Royal Arch Masonry he has been equally successful. He was exalted in the Amity Chapter, No. 137, Poole, in 1863, and having taken a chief part in founding the St. Cuthberga Chapter, No. 622, Wimborne, was in 1868 elected and installed M.E.Z. He is also a founder and P.Z. of the Elias de Derham Chapter, and founder of the Harmony Chapter, No. 632, Trowbridge, and helped materially in bringing about the establishment of a Provincial Grand Chapter for Wiltshire, his services in this particular being rewarded with the collar of Prov. G.D.C. at its constitution, and subsequently—in 1876—with that of Prov. Grand Second Principal. He largely contributed towards the foundation of the Bertha Chapter, No. 31, Canterbury, and enjoys a high reputation in his adopted Province of Kent as an Installing Principal. He is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, having been perfected Rose Croix in the SS. Peter and Paul Chapter, Bath, in 1869. In 1878 he assisted in founding the Ethelbert Chapter, Canterbury, and the year following took the 30° under the Supreme Council. As regards Mark Masonry Bro. Ward was advanced in the Mark Lodge of Economy, No. 52, Winchester, in 1871, was a founder of the St. Martin's Lodge, Canterbury, is a P.M. of it, and a P.P.G.M.O. and present Prov. G.S.W. of Kent. He is likewise a Royal Ark Mariner, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Great Priory of the Templars, England, and a Life Governor and Steward for all three Institutions. Bro. Ward, lastly, is an honorary member of several lodges and chapters, and has at different times been honoured with many tokens of respect and regard by the bodies with which he is connected and for which he has laboured so successfully.

Bro. FRANCIS CROUCH, the new G.J.D., hails from Plymouth, and is one of the most energetic brethren in the Province of Devonshire. He has done excellent service both in Craft and Arch Masonry, and had a large share in founding the Lodge of St. George, No. 2025, and the chapter attached to it, a warrant for which has been granted quite recently. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 16, Devonport, which can boast of having the most numerous body of members among the Devonian Mark Lodges and of which he is now the Secretary. He is also a founder and first W.M. of the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 351, Looe, Cornwall, and his merits in connection with the Degree have been recognised in both Provinces, the office of Prov. Grand Assistant Secretary having been conferred upon him in Devonshire, and that of Prov. G.J. Overseer in the Province of Cornwall. His great strength lies, however, in his complete knowledge of the ritual of the Mark Degree, of which he is one of the most capable exponents to be met with anywhere, while his knowledge of the duties of all the important offices in the Mark Lodge is unsurpassed. As Bro. Crouch is still in the very prime of life, we trust that this latest honour he has received will have the effect of spurring him on to still greater efforts in behalf of the Mark Degree and the whole of Masonry in general.

GRAND INSPECTOR OF WORKS.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. EDIS, F.S.A., had the good fortune to obtain his first insight into the mysteries of our Order in that old and distinguished lodge, the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, in which he was initiated in 1867, and of which he became W. Master in 1874. He was exalted in the Watford Chapter, No. 404, about the latter year, and was advanced to the Mark in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, about 1875, having since served the office of W.M., and been twice appointed G. Insp. of Works in the Grand Lodge of M.M.M., a position to which he was for the third time invested by the Prince of Wales on the 1st inst. Bro. Edis is a joining member of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, has taken several other Degrees in Freemasonry, and has extended help, both as a contributor and Festival Steward, of all our Charitable Institutions.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. G. P. FESTA, A.G.D.C., though a foreigner by birth, and consequently somewhat heavily handicapped in his honourable rivalry, with English born Masons, has acquitted himself well during his nine years connection with the Craft, and indeed far better than could have been anticipated, even if his knowledge of our customs and language had been more familiar. In Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry he has rendered most valu-

able services, while the help he has given to our Institutions both as Festival Steward and by his personal contributions, as well as by founding sundry Charitable Associations in their behalf is in a measure incalculable. In fact, Bro. Festa, though he was only initiated in the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, in 1877, exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Hermes Chapter, No. 77, in 1879, and advanced to the Mark in the Thistle Lodge, No. 8, in 1878, has passed the chair in all these branches of the Society with signal credit to himself, both as an officer and exponent of our ritual, and with equal advantage to Freemasonry generally. He is also a founder and M.W.S. elect of the Rose and Lily Chapter of Rose Croix, having been perfected in that Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the Mount Calvary Chapter in 1883. But the most important of his labours are associated with the Montague Guest Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1900, of the former of which he is a founder, Past Master, and Treasurer, while of the latter he is the present occupant of the chair of Z., in succession to Comp. Montague Guest himself, as well as a principle founder. Having regard to these facts, it is not surprising that Bro. Festa should have been given an opportunity of doing general service to the Craft, and that he should have been elected and re-elected for three years in succession a member of the Board of General Purposes. His obedience to the benevolent instincts of Freemasonry has been similarly commendable. We have already referred to the many Charitable Associations which he has had a chief hand in establishing, and for most, if not all, of which he has acted as honorary Treasurer. But, in addition to the success which has crowned his efforts in this direction, he has been instrumental in materially assisting both by his contributions as well as by his canvass in their behalf, the great central Charities of the Order. He has acted as a Festival Steward on 18 different occasions, and is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and a Vice-President of both the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution. He is also assisting this year at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival in similar fashion, so that with such a record as this, it is not surprising his Royal Highness should have chosen Bro. Festa as one of the Mark brethren whom it was his desire, as the newly-installed head of the Degree, to honour. We trust that Bro. Festa will have yet many further opportunities of doing good suit and service on behalf of a Society to which he is so firmly attached.

Bro. ANDREW MCDOWALL, one of the new Grand Assistant Directors of Ceremonies, is comparatively a young Mason, having been initiated so recently as the 1st May, 1877, in the St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 948, Linslade, Bucks. But though of little more than nine years' standing, he has been a diligent, painstaking, and successful worker in all the different branches of the Order. He became W.M. of his mother lodge in 1882, and was appointed Prov. Grand Dir. of Cerms. Berks and Bucks, the year following. He was exalted in the St. Barnabas R.A. Chapter, No. 948, on 29th August, 1878, was elected M.E.Z. in 1884, and appointed Prov. Grand S.N. in 1885. In Mark Masonry he was advanced in the St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 97, the very day and year of his exaltation to the Arch, was installed W.M. in 1881, and invested as Prov. G.S. Warden of Buckinghamshire in 1885. He is also a Royal Ark Mariner, a member of the Allied Degrees, a Royal and Select Master, a Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta (Shadwell Clerke Preceptory and Priory of Malta attached, 1885), a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a founder and Past Master of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962. These are services of which even a Mason of twice Bro. McDowall's standing might well be proud, and, doubtless, such a one would be so in an especial degree, if he were able to add, as Bro. McDowall can, that in the course of his career, he had found time and ability to serve four Stewardships in aid of our Institutions, and to qualify himself as Life Governor of all three.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. CHARLES PHILIP EVANS, who has been appointed to this office, dates his connection with Freemasonry from the 3rd December, 1869, when he was initiated into the mysteries of its First Degree in the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, Newport, Mon. In the course of some years he rose to be W.M., and was subsequently appointed Prov. G.S. Deacon of Monmouthshire. He was exalted a R.A. Mason in the Silurian Chapter, No. 471, in February 1872, and occupied the chair of First Principal last year. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Keystone Lodge, No. 109, Newport, 27th March, 1871, and rose to be its W.M. in 1882. Provincial honours in the shape of the Prov. G.J. Wardenship of Monmouthshire having been conferred upon him in recognition of his services in connection with the Degree. Bro. Evans is a Life Governor of the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. THOMAS TAYLOR, G. Std. Br., is of good standing in the chief branches of the Order. He was initiated in the SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, No. 1410, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, on 24th September, 1872, and is now one of its P.M.'s and Secretary. In 1880 he served as Prov. G. Steward Berks and Bucks, and the year following was invested as Prov. G.S.W. In Royal Arch Masonry he is a P.Z. and Treas. of the St. George's Chapter, and was Prov. G.P.S. in 1884. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 163, Newport Pagnell, in April, 1873, and is now a P.M. and Secretary. At the constitution of the Mark Province of Buckinghamshire, under Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Bro. Taylor was honoured with the appointment of Prov. G.D.C., and having the year following been appointed to the chair of Prov. G.S.W., has since resumed his position of P.G.D.C. He was also nominated for the Grand Stewardship in 1882, and had the privilege of being present at the meeting in Golden-square, at which H.R.H. the G.M.M., was advanced to the Mark. As regards the Masonic Charities, he has rendered very substantial assistance to all of them, having qualified as a Life-Governor of both Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and served two Stewardships for the latter and one for each of the Schools, as well as for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. W. J. THOMSON, the companion Grand Standard Bearer to Bro. Taylor, has had a long and varied experience, and appears to have turned it to such admirable purpose as to have received recognition for his services from the chiefs of his province in Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry, as well as from those of the Prov. Priory of Knights Templar and in the Royal Order of Scotland. To state them summarily—he is in Craft Masonry, P.M. of the Sefton Lodge, No. 680, Liverpool, and the Equity Lodge, No. 1384, Widnes, and a P.P.G.D. of West Lancashire. In the Royal Arch, he is a P.Z. of the Loyalty Chapter, No. 86, Prescott, and P.P.G. Prin. Soj. West Lancashire; while in Mark Masonry he is W.M. of the Lebanon T.I.

Lodge, Liverpool, and Prov. G.M.O. of Lancashire. He is E.C. Royds Preceptory, and P.E.C. of the W. de la More Preceptory, as well as P.P.G.M. and P.G. Treasurer in the Prov. Priory of Lancashire, and Std. Br. (Vex. Belli) in the Great Priory of England and Wales. In the A. and A. Rite he is a P.M.W.S. St. Peter's Chapter of Rose Croix, Bolton, and has taken the 31^o. He is Prov. G.S.W. of the Province of Lancashire and Cheshire in the Royal Order of Scotland, as well as P.M.P.S. of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, a Royal and Select Master, a member of the Allied Degrees, and a Rosicrucian. In addition, he is a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and Life-Governor of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund, besides being a Vice-President of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the Alps Benevolent Institution.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. HENRY R. ROSE is, no doubt, indebted for his appointment to the office of Grand Organist to his great ability, and the high position he has attained in the musical world rather than to any material services he has been able to render to the Society of Freemasons. He was the first initiate in the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, which was founded as recently as 1883, and he was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Davison Lodge, No. 331, in 1885. It is hardly possible, therefore, that in the three years that have elapsed since he first joined our Order, Bro. Rose could have had many opportunities of achieving distinction. Those opportunities are before him now, and we have every confidence that he will make the most of them as they present themselves. As an organist, however, he stands high, being Professor of the Organ in the Royal Academy of Music, and having been elected in succession to the celebrated Henry Smart, organist of St. Pancras Church. Let us hope that some day Bro. Professor Rose will be as distinguished in Freemasonry as he is already eminent in his profession.

GRAND INNER GUARD.

Bro. WILLIAM VINCENT well deserves the office conferred upon him by H.R.H. the Grand Mark Master, his twelve years' connection with Freemasonry having been most usefully and creditably employed. He was initiated in May, 1874, in the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Hampton Court, and was installed W. Master in October of last year. He was a founder of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, and W.M. in 1879, and in 1883 was appointed and invested Prov. G. Swd. Bearer of Middlesex by its respected Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. As to the Royal Arch Degree, he was exalted in the Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, was elected M.E.Z. in 1885, and re-elected during the present year. He is also a P.Z. of the Wanderers Chapter, No. 1604, which he joined in 1880, and in 1881 was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Eccleston Chapter. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Panmure Lodge, No. 139, in 1878, and was elected its W.M. in 1885. He is likewise an honorary member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 4, and the Duke of Connaught Lodge, and in 1884 was invested Prov. G.S.O. of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. In addition to these achievements Bro. Vincent is a Past N. of Royal Ark Mariners, Panmure Lodge, No. 139, and honorary member of the Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught Lodges; a member of the Allied Degrees, and one of the officers of the Constantine Council of R. and S.M. Lastly, he is a Life Governor of our Three Masonic Charities as well as of the Mark Benevolent Fund, has served as Steward for the Benevolent and Boys' School, and is one of the elected members of the General Committee of the Girls' School. One very remarkable coincidence in connection with Bro. Vincent's career should be mentioned, namely, that in 1885 he was W.M. of his mother lodge, Z. of his mother chapter, and W.M. of his mother Mark lodge; such a concurrence of honourable distinction is very rare.

ASSISTANT GRAND INNER GUARD.

Bro. JAMES ALBUTT PINDER, Assistant Grand Inner Guard, has done great things in his 18 years' connection with Freemasonry. He was initiated in the Kent Lodge, No. 15, on 15th March, 1868, and gradually worked his way to the Mastership in 1876. He is also a founder of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, founder and acting I.P.M., and since W.M. of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, and founder and Secretary of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997. He was exalted in the Doric Chapter, No. 933, in 1872, and the same year joined the Faith Chapter, No. 141, having been subsequently installed M.E.Z. twice, namely, in 1880 and 1884. In February, 1874, he was advanced in the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173, and in 1877 became founder and first W.M. of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205. He was a second time installed in the chair of A. in November, 1884, and is a Past Prov. G.M.O. of East Anglia. Bro. Pinder has done good service as a Preceptor, is founder and Secretary of the Kingsland and Walthamstow Charitable Associations, and founder and President of the Finsbury Masonic Charitable Association, has served as Steward for both Schools, and is a Life-Governor of them both, and a Life-Subscriber of the R.M.B.I. It will be admitted that his present honour is well deserved.

CONSECRATION OF THE CRAYS VALLEY LODGE, No. 2147, AT CRAYS VALLEY, KENT.

A large number of brethren assembled at the Institute of St. Mary's Crays, Kent, for the consecration of the above-named lodge and installation of the W.M., on Thursday, the 24th ult., at 3.30 p.m. The Consecrating Officers were as follows: Bros. Lord Amherst, R.W.P.G.M. Kent, in the chair; Jas. Smith Eastes, W.D.P.G.M.; B. R. Thorpe, Prov. G. Treas., S.W.; Rev. H. Cummings, P.P.G. Chap. Cornwall, J.W.; P. S. Vickers, Prov. G. Chap.; H. Ward, G.J.W., D.C.; J. Nicholls, P.P.G.S.W., S.D.; H. S. Watts, P.G.A. Sec., J.D.; N. C. Newsom, P.G. Std. Br.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler, I.G.

The founders of the lodge are the following: Bros. E. H. Rolfe, W.M. designate; T. C. Newsom, S.W. designate; E. H. Joynson, J.W. designate; W. May, G. M. Downie, H. Tyrer, jun., J. Pollard, A. Bowers, J. Marshall, W. Wright, and T. Knight.

Visitors: Bros. T. H. Fox, 1506; W. St. J. Fox, 1506; E. Coadale, 1531; J. H. Etheridge, W.M. 829; J. Elliot, W.M. 1973; T. Heaps, 1973; E. Watkins, 1445; G. Baldorf, 1329; J. Draper, J.D. 1702; E. Hide, 1719; R. V. Harman, W.M. 1692; G. B. Chapman, P.M. 27, W.M. 299; F. Wood, P.M. 1973; V. Cox, 120 (I.C.); H. Grimsey, 1953; L. Ettlard, J.W. 1259; F. Orchard, P.M. 198; G. B. Hart, 173; G. Weller, 1692; P. Jones, W.M. 1837; G. W. Mitchell, W.M. 615; E. Palmer, W.M. 913; J. Marshall, 1530; G. Harlow, 1227; G. Harlow, junr., 1613; H. J. Sturgeon, 1613; J. S. Hamilton, P.M. 1692, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; H. E. Frances,

W.M. 1009, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey; F. H. Wilcocks, 1572; W. Wade, 1178; H. Moss, W.M. 1339; J. Jomlin, 180; G. W. Knight, S.W. 1507; R. L. Gore, P.M. 1692; T. Lancling, 1692; J. Saunders, I.G. 1692; H. Baldry, S.W. 1692; D. Grinstead, P.M. 1692; H. T. Fryer, W.M. 1155; A. Bateman, I.P.M. 1973; J. Pollard, 1339; W. T. Brailey, 1531; John Hodges, P.M. 1706; F. W. Hanson, 1706; W. D. Kennett, W.M. 1206; E. H. Mimms, 169; R. Templeman, P.M. 1339; J. Hutton, P.M. 315; J. Knight, S.D. 829; F. Tyrer, 2016; A. Day, 58; R. F. Whin, 901; A. Pugh, 829; and W. May, Treas. 2147.

The lodge being opened by the R.W. Grand Master, Lord Amherst, supported by the above-named officers, the Prov. Grand Chaplain gave a very impressive oration. The ceremony of consecration was then performed, Bro. H. Ward, P.G.W., acting D.C. Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., at the request of Lord Amherst, took the chair, and the ceremony of installation was performed. Bro. E. H. Rolfe was duly installed into the chair of K.S., who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. T. C. Newsom, P.G. Std. B. Kent, S.W.; E. H. Joynson, J.W.; Wm. May, Treas.; G. M. Downie, Sec.; Hy. Tyrer, jun., S.D.; John Pollard, J.D.; Arthur Bowers, I.G.; John Marshall, Stwd.; and R. Russell, Tyler. Bro. E. H. Joynson was elected to serve on the Provincial Grand Charity Committee.

Several brethren were proposed as joining members and several gentlemen for initiation.

Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren were then photographed at the rear of the Institute by Bro. A. Bateman, P.M. 1973, after which they sat down to a *recherche* banquet, provided by Messrs. Hill and Son, of Bishopsgate-street, Bro. Rolfe, W.M., presiding, supported by Lord Amherst and Prov. Grand Officers. After the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, assisted by Bros. Cranch, Hodges, and Hanson.

The brethren returned by early trains, after having spent a very enjoyable afternoon. We heartily wish success to this new lodge, which has started under such favourable auspices.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARTHUR SULLIVAN LODGE, AT MANCHESTER.

On Monday, the 28th ult., this youngest lodge was consecrated in the Memorial Hall, Albert-square, and, judging from the interest taken in it, bids fair to become one of the largest in the province. The object of the promoters in starting the lodge is to give members of the dramatic and musical profession opportunities of attending their Masonic duties during the afternoon, and finish in time to attend to their professional duties in the evening. Such an object is at once worthy and desirable, as many members of the profession, who are at the same time members of the Craft, are precluded from taking an active part in the various Masonic ceremonies on account of their evening engagements. Such a lodge should, and we confidently predict will, flourish, and, although at present, like the proverbial cloud, no bigger than a man's hand, we feel certain that two years hence it will have rank as one of the best lodges in Manchester.

It was unfortunate that the petitioners whose names appear on the warrant could not prevail upon "Sir Arthur" to be present at the consecration, as his presence would have given additional éclat to the proceedings; but as it was the ceremony passed off remarkably well. The W.M. designate, Bro. Nathaniel Dumville, is an old and well-tried Mason, and known in musical circles in almost every town in Lancashire and Cheshire as a tenor singer, and, in connection with glees and choruses, there being scarcely a lodge for miles round in which his familiar and pleasant voice has not been heard. The S.W., Bro. A. H. Williams, and the J.W., Bro. Allen Avison, are both associated with music, whilst the name of the J.D. (Bro. Fred. Gordon) and the Steward (Bro. Seymour Jackson) are household words in connection with most of the principal concerts at the Free Trade Hall. The latter brother has been engaged by Bro. Carl Rosa for a limited period, and made his debut with the company in April last at the Theatre Royal here as Thaddeus in "The Bohemian Girl." Bro. Oliver Gagg, the other Steward, is an exceedingly clever flautist, has composed several "morceaux de musique," and is at present leader of an orchestra in Manchester. The remaining officers are all more or less connected with music, and their joint efforts will doubtless go a long way to make the lodge highly popular.

Most of the brethren assembled at 1.30, and ten minutes later the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, entered, attended by a goodly number of Past and Present P.G. Officers, and was duly saluted. On the right of the P.G. Master were Bros. George Mellor, Dep. G.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br. of England; Josiah Taylor, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.G.S.D.; E. Ashworth, P.P.G.J.W. On the left were Bros. Rev. E. J. Reeve, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Watson, P.G. Asst. Chap.; Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.G. Chap. Cheshire; Peter Ratcliffe, P.G. Treasurer; J. W. Abbott, P.G.D. of C.; and Warwick Wood, P.G. Std. Br.

Amongst the other brethren were—

Bros. J. M. Sinclair, P.G.J.D.; E. J. Coope, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; J. Lees Aspland, P.G. Reg.; Wm. Balmer, P.G. Dep. D. of C.; John Troop, P.G. Purst.; Wm. Hutchinson, P.G. Swd. Br.; Wm. Bostock, P.G. Asst. Std. Br.; Dr. Bentley, P.G. Org.; Thomas Higson, P.G. Tyler; E. J. Cummings, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Crosby, P.P.G. Purst.; W. L. James Andrew, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Southern, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Roberts, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G. Treas.; James Varley, P.P.G. Org.; E. L. Irving, P.M. (S.C.), S.W. 1170; Dr. W. E. Husband, 1030; L. Lord, 54; Wm. Brown, P.M., Sec. 1633; A. Harrop, 152; W. Fielding, I.P.M. 298; J. H. Watson, P.M. 350; Walter Biggs, J.W. 1496; Stephen Jupp, Sec. 1140; A. H. Jefferies, P.M. 1161; Henry Sedgwick, 934; F. W. Lean, 935; W. Mellor, 1221; J. Wadsworth, 1458; G. Dodd, 678; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; A. Lewtas, S.W. 1588; F. Poppellwell, 1588; J. Whittaker, late of 277; R. Hartley, 1009; A. Owen, I.P.M. 1408; T. Shorrocks, I.P.M., P.M. 204; Thomas Stopford, J.W. 1077; John Openshaw, 1077; George Stringer, 1077; John E. Ashton, Org. 1147; Thomas E. Rigby, W.M. 287; D. Edwards, P.M. 1052; Thomas Thornhill, 1055; J. B. Rendall, 1077; Wm. Bell, W.M. 1459; J. Wright, P.M. 1459; S. C. Richardson, S.W. 1459; W. Craven, W.M. 1633; A. P. Forest, I.P.M. 1633; J. Goss, 481; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., Sec. 1030; Henry Dawson, P.M. 1083; N. Jones, 1993; Thomas Cavanah, P.M. 1213, 1633; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; J. Simmons, 1011; W. O. Pettitt, S.D. 1055; Fred Gordon, 152; Wm. Cole, P.M. 1588; C. R. Hardman, 1055; Peter Jackson, P.M. 368; E. Goodwin, 526; R. Walker, I.P.M. 1052; Abraham Pemberton, P.M. 1030; James Newton, P.G.A.S.; James Haworth, S.W. 1392; William Nicholl, P.M. 317; J. W. Edwards, P.M. 317; and R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317.

The S.W.'s chair was occupied by Bro. W. O. Walker, P.G.S.W., and the J.W.'s by Bro. Jas. Beard, P.G.J.W. After a Craft lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees,

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks said they were assembled that afternoon on a most interesting occasion. They were going to consecrate a lodge for a peculiar and talented section of the community—a section to whom a large portion of the people were very much indebted for their talents and exertions.

The lodge he had been asked to consecrate was for the special convenience of men in the musical and dramatic profession, and of science and art, whose time was devoted to the amusement and recreation of others, to elevate their minds, and give them instruction. It was a great pleasure to him to find men whose time was so much occupied, not altogether for their own advantage as for the benefit of others, desirous to unite themselves with a body and society of men which had for its object the benefit and amelioration of mankind, and avail themselves of those principles which all Masons held so dear. The R.W.P.G.M., continuing, said he felt sure it was the wish of all present, as well as the whole body of Masons, to hold out the hand of fellowship to the new comers. He wished the new lodge prosperity, and that there might be unanimity amongst its members; that the arts and sciences would flourish, and the talented brethren connected with the lodge would become none the less illustrious for having joined the Masonic Fraternity. (Applause.)

After a prayer from the P.G. Chaplain, the petition for the warrant was read by the P.G. Secretary, and also the warrant itself by the P.G. Registrar, and, when the brethren had signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant, the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. E. J. Reeve, delivered on oration on the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, at the conclusion of which a cantata, composed expressly for the occasion by Bro. Dr. Bentley, P.G. Organist, was sang by Bros. Jackson, Gordon, Lewtas, Turner, Miller, N. and W. Dumville, and others, the two first-named brethren singing the solos, and the accompaniments being played by a string band, organised by Bro. Oliver Gagg, and conducted by Bro. Dr. Bentley. The usual ceremonial in connection with consecrating a new lodge was then observed, corn, wine, and oil being poured respectively upon the ground, and the lodge dedicated to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence.

After the concluding portion of the consecration prayer had been delivered, the R.W.P.G.M. declared the Arthur Sullivan Lodge duly constituted, and the ceremony terminated with the singing of anthem "Hosanna in the highest."

Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.W., then occupied the chair of K.S., for the purpose of installing Bro. Nathaniel Dumville first W.M. of the lodge, which was done with all due rite and ceremony, after which the officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. James Varley, P.P.G. Org., I.P.M.; A. H. Williams, S.W.; Allen Avison, J.W.; E. W. Irving, P.M. (S.C.) Treas.; Benjamin Brierley, Sec.; Charles Reynolds, S.D.; Fred. Gordon, J.D.; Wm. Dumville, D. of C.; Dr. Bentley, Org.; Joseph Gagg, I.G.; Oliver Gagg and Seymour Jackson, Stwds.; and N. Jones, Tyler. The working tools were explained by Bro. Wm. Hardcastle, P.G.A.D.C. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. W. O. Walker, P.G.S.W., and to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. J. W. Abbott, P.G.D. of C.

Prior to the lodge closing the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the R.W.P.G.M. for his kindness in being present under great inconvenience, and whilst suffering from a severe cold.

The vote was seconded and carried with acclamation, after which Col. STARKIE returned thanks.

Bro. WILLIAMS, S.W., proposed that Bro. Arthur Sullivan be elected an Honorary Member of the lodge.

This was seconded and carried unanimously.

A list was read by the ACTING SECRETARY announcing 27 brethren for joining members of the lodge and four for initiation.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

Most of the brethren subsequently adjourned to the Freemasons' Hall, where a banquet had been prepared for them, presided over by the W.M., Bro. N. Dumville. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, including "The Healths of Col. Starkie, Sir Arthur Sullivan," and others.

The clothing, jewels, etc., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London and Manchester.

CONSECRATION OF THE QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, No. 2021.

An addition was made to the list of London Chapters by the consecration of the Queen's Westminster Chapter, No. 2021, on Tuesday last, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. J. M. P. Montagu, Grand Supt. Dorset, as H.; Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.A.S., as J.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.A.S., as D.C.

The founders of the chapter were Comps. Major G. Lambert, M.E.Z. designate; Capt. R. Payne, P.Z. 1328, H. designate; Lieut. H. C. Lambert, M.E.Z. 21, J. designate; G. Coop, P.S. 1604; Clifford Probyn, 21; G. Flint, 2nd A.S. 753; C. J. Livett, P.Z. 507; H. Von Joel, C. P. Belleby, 1604; A. Steng, R. Cross, C. Kempton, P.S. 753; P. J. Cumming, R. Cousins, and W. Woodruff.

In addition to the founders there were also present Comps. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.B., P.Z. 619; J. Stedman, J. Hodges, 19; G. F. Smith, junr., P.Z. 507; W. M. Bywater, P.Z. 19; Lawler, W. W. Lee, 1524; and others.

The chapter having been formally opened, Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., as M.E.Z., addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and said that they were met on a very interesting occasion, which was to start a new chapter in Royal Arch Masonry. It was about three years ago that, some brethren belonging to a well-known Volunteer regiment, founded the Queen's Westminster Lodge. That lodge, under the guidance of such Masons as Major Lambert, had had a short but flourishing career, and its members now wished to put the keystone to their Masonic art by the formation of this chapter. The founders had acted very wisely in choosing so eminent a Mason as Comp. Major Lambert to preside over them, and he would be supported by two companions who would ably fulfil their respective chairs. The new chapter they were about to consecrate would, no doubt, be carried to a successful issue, for no chapter could possibly be started under more favourable auspices.

The petition and charter were next read, and the officers named in the latter were approved by the companions.

Comp. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.A.S., as J., then delivered the following brief oration:—

Freemasonry lives not only in the knowledge of a great and glorious past, but in the fact that it is always ready to use its influence to promote that which is right, and support all that is good and true. Keeping itself apart from all party strife it is at all times energetic in everything that is conducive to the welfare of the country. The

consecration of the chapter that day was an evidence of the interest taken in the volunteer movement. In the year 1859, as some of the companions present might remember, England suddenly realised that an invasion of her shores was practicable. The army was, as far as numbers was concerned, inferior to those of other countries. There is one feature in English character, and that is, a desire in times of difficulty and danger to know the worst, and also a desire to correct it. As a natural result of this the Volunteer movement sprang up. There were many who sneered at it, but it had gone on progressing year after year until it had reached its present prosperous condition. The spirit that started that movement was a thoroughly Masonic one, for it was a spirit of loyalty to the Queen and a desire to support and uphold our great kingdom. There are times when circumstances call upon us to rise, and there are times when treason sneaks behind us, and disloyalty is not ashamed to make itself known. It is our duty to help that which is right and suppress all that is wrong, and our services should at all times be ready to maintain and uphold the dignity of our country and our Queen.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, at the conclusion of which Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke placed the following companions in the three Principals' chairs: Comps. Major G. Lambert, M.E.Z.; [Capt. R. Payne, H.; and Lieut. H. C. Lambert, J.

Comp. Major LAMBERT said his first duty on accession to office was to express to the G.S.E. and the other Grand Officers who had so ably assisted him the hearty and sincere thanks of the companions for the manner in which the consecration ceremony had been carried out. Words were but words, and he sincerely hoped that their actions in the future would express their gratitude.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind remarks, and assured him that it had been a great pleasure to the Grand Officers to be present and render any assistance.

The following officers were then elected and invested: Comps. G. Coop, S.E.; C. J. Livett, S.N.; Clifford Probyn, Treas.; C. P. Bellerby, P.S.; C. Kempton, 1st A.S.; W. Woodruff, D.C.; H. Von Joel and Edwards, Stewards. Comp. Kingdom was elected 2nd A.S.; but, owing to his unavoidable absence, his investment was postponed.

The Consecrating Officers were then unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter, and 14 propositions were received for exaltation.

There being no further business for transaction, chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal," and "The Pro Grand Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers" being all received with the customary enthusiasm.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., then rose and said he had been permitted to propose the next toast, which was a very important one—it was "Success to the Queen's Westminster Chapter." They had met together that day to launch a new chapter, and it would be very inconsiderate on their parts if they omitted to drink success to it, and wish it "God speed." Their new chapter had been started under unusually good auspices, for it had an excellent staff of officers and a good body of candidates coming on. The companions present would all be glad that they had seen the start of this chapter, and would join with him in wishing it a prosperous career. He wished to couple with the toast the name of Comp. Major Lambert, M.E.Z., whom he trusted would have a happy and successful year of office.

Comp. Major GEORGE LAMBERT, M.E.Z., in reply, said he wished to return his sincere thanks to the G.S.E. for his kind remarks, and also to the companions for their reception of the toast. He was at the present time a non-combatant; but his heart and soul was in the regiment and its associations. Their lodge had had a short, but successful career, and he hoped the same success would attend the chapter. The rise of that chapter into existence was somewhat curious. Some years ago he had the honour to be associated with an excellent Mason, who had rendered good suit and service to the Order—Comp. Atkinson. That companion left him a large amount of banners and other Masonic regalia, some of which they had seen that evening in the chapter. Having them in his possession, he desired to use them, and they had therefore been utilised for the chapter they had just started. He expected that he would be well supported, and then they would make their chapter as great a success as they had the lodge. He would carry out his duties to the best of his ability, and, with the assistance of his Second and Third Principals, he had no doubt that the Queen's (Westminster) Chapter, which they had launched that evening, would have a flourishing and prosperous career.

"The Consecrating and Installing Officers" was next proposed by the M.E.Z., who said they were much indebted to Comp. Colonel Clerke, the G.S.E., for coming among them on this occasion, and they were very glad that he had found time and health to enable him to consecrate this chapter. There was no doubt that whatever work the G.S.E. was connected with, it was well done, and if the companions wished to repay him for his kindness they could do so by keeping their chapter to the front. There was also Comp. Montagu, who had travelled a long distance to be with them and assist in the work. Comp. Richardson had also come a very long distance in order to be present, and to render his valuable assistance in the ceremony. Their thanks were also specially due to Comp. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg for his eloquent oration, which, though short, was impressive, terse, and to the point. They were also indebted to Comps. Matier and Thomas for their kind and ready help. He asked all the companions to drink heartily the health of the Consecrating and Installing Officers.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., in response, said the magnitude of this toast was so great that he felt that his words would be inadequate to express his thanks. On behalf of himself and the Grand Officers who had so ably assisted him, he returned his sincere thanks, and assured them that after they had discharged their duty, it was very gratifying to them to meet with the reception they usually did on these occasions. He had not the opportunity in the chapter of thanking the companions for the honour conferred upon them by electing them honorary members, but he wished now to return his heartiest thanks, and to assure the companions that it was an honour they appreciated. It had afforded them great pleasure to be present and launch this new chapter into existence, and they sincerely hoped it would flourish. He wished to cordially thank the companions who had assisted him so ably, and without whose aid it would be impossible for him to satisfactorily carry out the work. Comp. Montagu was a shining light in Masonry, and was at all times ready to do all he could to render assistance. He was also indebted to Comp. Richardson for his invaluable aid in placing the companions in their proper order, and generally helping in the satisfactory performance of the ceremonies. He sincerely thanked the companions of the chapter for the kind and fraternal reception accorded them, and trusted that the chapter they had consecrated would be successful.

"The Second and Third Principals" was next given by the M.E.Z.,

who remarked that it was an easy task for a captain to command a company when he had an efficient staff of officers under him. He was happy to say that his two Principals would satisfactorily perform their duties, and thus assist him in the working of the chapter. They all knew how well Comp. Payne worked in the lodge, and there was no doubt that he would bring the same acumen to bear on this work in their chapter. They were also aware of the efficient working of the present M.E.Z. of No. 21, whom he was sure would satisfactorily carry out the duties of J. He thought the companions would agree with him that they were fully justified in the choice they had made.

Comp. Capt. R. PAYNE, H., responded, and, after returning thanks, said they had an excellent example in the working of their present M.E.Z. He would carry out his duties to the best of his ability, and would be satisfied if he gained their approbation.

Comp. Lieut. H. C. LAMBERT, J., also responded, and said he earnestly hoped that the chapter would be a success, and that the same regularity would be practised that they had witnessed in the excellent rendering of the consecration ceremony that evening.

Comp. BYWATER replied for "The Visitors," and thanked the companions of the chapter for the kind and cordial welcome the visitors had received. The M.E.Z. had said that they were gratified to have visitors on that occasion, and he could assure him they were very pleased and proud to be present, and that they one and all desired to see the prosperity of the chapter.

"The Officers" having been given, and suitably responded to, the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. J. Stedman, who was assisted by Comps. Hodges, G. F. Smith, and Lawler, and Master G. Haynes.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

A large and distinguished gathering of brethren took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, held under the banner of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096.

The chair was occupied by the R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by the following :

Bros. Col. F. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., P.D.P.G.M.; George Price, Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. Greenwood, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Sebastian Hart, Prov. G.S.D.; J. Steele, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Patterson, Prov. G. Purst.; J. W. Baldwin, Prov. G. Std. Br.; G. J. Dunkley, Prov. G. Org.; J. Hooke, Prov. G.D.C.; J. C. Collier, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; F. J. Blake, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Strong, P.P.G.J.W.; H. J. Dumas, P.P.G.J.W.; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D.; F. West, P.P.G.R.; J. G. Horsey, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Belton, P.P.G.D.; S. Patterson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Paddle, Prov. G. Stwd.; A. E. Taylor, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. Lawrence, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Gouldon, P.P.G.D.; J. Bond, P.P.G.P.; W. R. Church, P.M. 1347; R. W. Price, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Rhodes, P.P.G.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org.; J. Hamer Owen, P.P.G.J.D.; H. C. Jepps, Prov. G. Stwd.; E. Stiwell, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. J. Kemp, P.P.G.P.; G. Webb, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Squire, P.P.G.S.B.; W. A. Barnett, P.P.G.R.; B. Ridge, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Dixon, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; T. Hales, W.M. 1347; A. J. Williamson, 1564; G. J. Westerfield, 813; G. T. Glaxton, P.M. 1872; S. Ward, W.M. 1861; H. Hobbs, W.M. 2096; H. E. Turner, W.M. 1149; W. G. Batchelor, P.M. 452; and a large number of other brethren.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been formally opened by R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master, the roll of the lodges in the province was called, the brethren present answering for their respective lodges.

The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was then received and adopted, and the sum of £10 unanimously voted to the fund for the renovation of the Parish Church, Croydon.

The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, and Bro. George Price unanimously re-elected.

The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his Prov. Grand Officers as follows :

Bro. Chas. Greenwood, P.P.G. Sec., 410	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" F. A. Guimaræns, 416	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. D. Langton, 2096	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Dr. Dawes, 1872	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. W. Stainer, 1920	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Geo. Price	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Saxelby, 463	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Chas. Greenwood, jun., 410	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Hugh Marcus Hobbs, 2096	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. Parson Smith, 1556	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" H. C. Jepps, 410	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. Hight, 1714	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Clifford, 1826	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Paddle, 1851	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Moorman, 1981	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. Lane, 1638	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Pile, 1892...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Batchelor, 452	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Courtenay M. Gray, 1920	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Laker, 1362	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Storr, 2146	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" S. Ward	...	...	...
" T. Moreton	...	...	...
" R. Bunce	...	...	...
" H. Burgess	...	...	...
" W. Young	...	...	...
" Potter	...	...	...
" Bowles	...	...	...

The R.W. the PROV. GRAND MASTER then briefly addressed the brethren on the progress of Masonry in the province during the past year, and stated that two lodges had been consecrated in that time. He also took the opportunity of thanking the province generally for the support he received at the recent Girls' School Festival, and more especially the George Price Lodge, under whose banner they had met that day.

There being no further business for transaction, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Parish Church where a service was held, and an impressive sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.D.G.M. A special word of praise is due to the musical arrangements at this service, which

were under the direction of Bro. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., and were of an excellent character, the anthem being a bass solo, "O Lord, have mercy" (Mendelssohn), beautifully rendered by Bro. Franklin Clive, and an alto solo chorus "But the Lord is mindful of His own" (Mendelssohn.) At the conclusion of the service a collection was made on behalf of the fund for the restoration of the church, the amount realised being £6 4s.

A banquet followed, at which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master presided. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been warmly received, the PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Royal Family." He said that the reason he had included the Royal Family with this toast was that the brethren had seen many of them lately at the recent large Masonic gatherings. Many of the brethren were with him (the Prov. Grand Master) at the recent meeting at Brighton when H.R.H. installed his brother, the Duke of Connaught, as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex. Many of the brethren were also present at the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. when H.R.H. was invested as the Grand Master, and only a few days ago he had the pleasure of seeing H.R.H. invest his son as S.W. of the Alpha Lodge. It would be interesting to the brethren to know that the Alpha Lodge was instituted when the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master. It is now so far exceptional that none but officers of Grand Lodge are eligible for admission. There had been but two initiations in that lodge during the last 35 years. One was a Minister from Sweden, where H.R.H. the Prince of Wales first saw the light of Masonry, and the other was Prince Albert Victor, whom he was pleased to say took a very great interest in Freemasonry, and would, no doubt, be a worthy follower of his father. The brethren would therefore receive this toast with warmth, and he would ask them to drink to the health of their M.W.G.M. and the rest of the Royal Family.

In proposing "The Grand Officers Present and Past," the PROV. GRAND MASTER said those who attended Grand Lodge could not fail to notice the interest taken by the Grand Officers in their work. There were three Grand Officers present, and he would ask his esteemed friend, Bro. Col. Peters, to respond.

Bro. Col. PETERS, P.G. Swd. Br., in response, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for coupling his name with the toast. It was a pleasure at all times to reply for this toast, especially when it was so ably proposed and so warmly received. The Grand Officers were always ready and willing to do all they could to promote the welfare of the Craft and were glad to see their efforts were appreciated. It had given them great pleasure to be present that day for they were always delighted to be present on such interesting occasion.

"The Health of the R.W. the P.G.M." was next proposed by Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, D.P.G.M., who remarked that Bro. General Brownrigg had presided over them for about 15 years, and had endeared himself to the heart of every Mason in the province. When their present Prov. G.M. succeeded the late Bro. Dobree, he thought that Bro. General Brownrigg would have a difficult task to excel for Bro. Dobree was well known as being a very good and distinguished Mason. He had, however, found that although the late Bro. Dobree was an eminent Mason, they had found one equally as good in their present Prov. G.M. He hoped he should never see another Prov. G.M. installed; but that Bro. General Brownrigg would be spared for many years to continue in his present position, and to retain the love and affection of the brethren.

Bro. General J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIFF, C.B., R.W. Prov. G.M., in reply, said that, in presiding over them for the fifteenth time, he could only feel that their welcome had increased year by year. He took the greatest possible interest in everything connected with the province, and was very pleased to find that he was so well received, and that any suggestions he made or advice he gave were kindly received, and generally acted upon. It was for this reason that matters had gone so smoothly in the province, and he had also to thank the Prov. Grand Officers for the support he received. He had now a toast to propose which the brethren would most warmly receive, for it was the health of one whose good, kind face they were so pleased to see among them again—he referred to Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold. They had keenly felt the loss of that brother, although his place had been ably filled by one who had been longer in the province. He heartily welcomed Bro. Arnold, whom he had a strong idea would from time to time be lured back again among them, and would always be sure of the same hearty welcome.

Bro. Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.D.P.G.M., replied, and said that out of the heart the mouth speaketh; but on the present occasion he found it difficult to express his thanks for this cordial reception. He was not certain whether he would be in England for this meeting; but he wrote the Prov. Grand Secretary asking for information as to the date, and on landing in this country the first communication he received was the notice from Bro. Greenwood. It afforded him very great pleasure to be present, and he wished to sincerely thank them all for the presentation they made prior to his leaving England. He thanked them for the handsome watch they had given him, and he had completed the presentation by buying a piano with the balance of the money presented to him. So that while in another country he had had the ticking of the watch and the music of the piano to remind him of his friends in England. He was glad to find on his return that Bro. Greenwood had been appointed to the post he (Bro. Arnold) lately held, and also that the number of lodges in the province was over 30, thus enabling the Prov. G.M. to distribute more Provincial honours than he had hitherto been permitted to give. During his stay in America, although he had not been much impressed with the working, he was glad to say that he had received a kind and warm welcome. In conclusion, he again thanked them for the presents he had received, and also for the hearty reception accorded him on his return.

"The Prov. Grand Officers" was next given by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who said he had no doubt that body would ably perform their duties, and there was no appointment he had made that day that had given him greater pleasure than to invest Bro. Chas. Greenwood, as Deputy P.G.M. He had always found Bro. Greenwood's services invaluable as Prov. Grand Secretary, and he was very grateful to him for accepting the position he now held.

Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, Deputy Prov. G.M., said he was delighted to be able to respond to this toast. He had been associated for a long time with the Province of Surrey, it being 30 years since he was appointed Prov. Grand Secretary. He was pleased to see around him a few brethren who were connected with the province at that time. He could not help noticing the vast changes that had taken place since he became associated with it. There were but five lodges in the province and the number of members did not far exceed 100, but now there were more than 30 lodges and there had been a proportionate increase in the number of brethren. He considered it an honour to be selected to fill the important position of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and hoped for some time to be able to assist his good friend, the Prov. Grand Master, in the working of the province. The Prov. Grand Officers who had been appointed that day had distinguished themselves in Masonry, and he hoped that they would make a point of attending the Prov. Grand Lodge meetings and continue to evince that deep interest in the welfare of the province that they now felt.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The George Price Lodge," observing that the very name would ensure the toast being warmly received, and eulogising the excellent arrangements made by that lodge for the comfort and convenience of the brethren. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hobbs the esteemed and energetic W.M. of the Lodge.

Bro. H. M. HOBBS, Prov. G.S.D., W.M. 2096, returned thanks, and assured the brethren that the George Price Lodge considered an honour had been conferred upon it by holding the Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner.

The toast of "The Masonic Press" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

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SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

LEWIS AND PRIORITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
 "Chisholm" has called attention to Bro. Lamb Smith's queries in your issue of 24th April, but he would have added to the value of his reply had he quoted his authorities. His statement of the old customs is strong; and I should take it as a kindness if he would give us his authority as to "fees and other matters" and "before or after."

If it will not be trespassing too much on your space I will try my hand at answering Bro. Lamb Smith's queries, as I am rather doubtful if "Chisholm" is entirely correct.

Q. What is a Lewis?
 "The age of the candidate in this country (Ireland) is 21 years (except by dispensations in the case of 'Lewis,' i.e. the son of a Freemason, when it is 18 years)." — "Kelly's Freemasons' Pocket Companion," p. 54.

"Lewis, the son of a Mason . . . In England and France to be a Lewis or Louveteau confers certain privileges, in England that of being initiated at 18 (if otherwise suitable, a dispensation being obtained), and in any case before any other candidate of the same evening, however noble; and in France, of receiving Masonic baptism, and the lodge incurs certain responsibilities of nurture and education." — "Mackenzie's Royal Masonic Encyclopædia," p. 450, sub tit. Lewis, and see also ib. sub tit. "Adoption Rite of;" and "Baptism Masonic."

The condition now is that "no man shall be made a Mason in any lodge under the age of 21 years, except by dispensation," which may be legally granted to a Lewis, or the son of a Master Mason . . . By permission of the authorities a person of the first mentioned age may not only be initiated, but in due course attain the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. It was formerly thought necessary that a sponsor should be obligated with him, and openly undertake that the pledge should be preserved inviolate; but this solemnity is now disregarded, and the dispensation considered an ample security and guarantee for the practice." — "Dr. Oliver's Freemasons' Treasury," p. 99.

"It has been a traditional custom amongst Masons from time immemorial to allow the privilege of initiation as to a Lewis, or a son of a Master Mason, provided his father be made a party to the O.B.; and our present Constitutions empower the Grand Master to issue a dispensation for that purpose." — "Oliver's Masonic Jurisprudence," p. 26.

The discrepancy between these last two quotations as to the sponsorship will be noticed. What is the present practice as to this?

In Dr. Oliver's "Discrepancies of Freemasonry" a long account is given of the ceremony of "adoption or application of a Lewis," and in that account it is stated "on the birth of a male child, if the father, being a Master Mason, is desirous," &c., &c., and again "the newly-born son of a brother who is a Master Mason."

A full account of this ceremony was given from the "American Mirror and Keystone" in the "Freemasons' Magazine" of 10th December, 1858, which commences thus: "In the French Rite the son of a Mason is called a 'Lowton,' as among the English he is called a 'Lewis,' and is entitled to the privilege of being initiated three years before his majority. In many of the lodges in France there is an interesting custom called 'the adoption of a Lowton' . . . the proceedings on such an occasion are thus described by Clavel in his 'Histoire Pittoresque de la Franc-Maçonnerie.'" Then follows an account very similar to that given by Oliver, except that it is fuller, and commences by speaking of the "wife of a Mason," and again "the son of a brother," without the qualifying words "who is a Master Mason."

In the "Freemasons' Magazine" of 10th May, 1862, in answer to an inquiry where the ceremony of Masonic baptism could be seen, a correspondent sends a cutting from an American paper containing a very similar, but not identical, account; but commencing "a Louveteau is the son of a Mason," and using the phrases "the wife of a Mason," "the son of one of our brothers."

Mackey, in his "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," has a long article on Lewis, in which he says: "3. The son of a Mason is in England called a Lewis, because it is his duty to support the sinking powers and aid the failing strength of his parents. . . . In Browne's 'Master Key,' which is supposed to represent the Prestonian Lecture, we find the following definition: 'What do we call the son of a Freemason? A Lewis. . . . What is the duty of a Lewis, the son of a Mason, to his aged parents? To bear . . . His privilege for so doing? To be made a Mason before any other person, however dignified by birth, rank, or riches, unless he, through complaisance, waives this privilege.' The lecture does not state in exact terms the whole nature of the privileges of a Lewis. Not only has he in an initiation the precedence of all other candidates, but in England and France the right to be initiated at an early age. For while the general law in both these countries requires a candidate to have reached the age of 21, a Lewis can be received when only 18. No such regulation is, it is true, to be found in the English Constitution, but, as Oliver says, it is 'a traditional custom;' and a provision seems to have been made for it by allowing the prerogative of dispensing with the usual requirement of age in certain cases. In this country (America), where the symbolism of the Lewis is unknown, no such right is now recognised." (Mackey has previously stated that the Lewis has not been adopted as a symbol by the American Masons except in Pennsylvania.) "It is, however, probable that the custom formerly existed, derived from England; and it has been thus attempted, I think reasonably enough, to explain the fact that Washington was initiated when he was only 20 years and 8 months old."

Mackey also has an article on Masonic Adoption, which is much the same as those already quoted from the "Freemasons' Magazine."

In "Kenning's Cyclopædia," under "Lewis," we find: "The word Lewis is also applied to the eldest son of a Mason, and, by Masonic custom (not law) a Lewis, with other candidates for initiation, can claim to be initiated first. Some add that he can also be initiated before 21; but that cannot be unless by dispensation, as with minors generally. The word 'Lewis,' as applied to a Mason, seems to be first used in the Constitutions of 1738 in respect of H.M. King George III., eldest son of Bro. H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales, where a toast is drunk 'to the Lewis' (p. 207), and where the chorus comes in—

"Now a Lewis is born, whom the world shall admire,
Serene as his mother, august as his sire."

The last authority to which I shall refer is the definition in our lectures, which I need not quote.

Now, putting aside the references to the foreign ceremony of adoption, I would point out that we have three distinct definitions given us by the authorities I have quoted—

- (a) The son of a Mason;
- (b) The son of a Master Mason;
- (c) The eldest son of a Mason;

and, where the authorities differ so much, I feel diffident of offering an opinion which is right.

Personally, I incline to the first, because the duties of a Lewis are, I take it, common to all sons of all Masons, and if the duties are common to all, I take it the privileges should be also common to all; and, for the same reason, I do not think the privilege of claiming priority over other candidates would cease at 21.

But I should hope some brother who has had more experience can inform us positively what is the practice as to granting dispensations.

One can hardly think the learned editor of "Kenning's Cyclopædia" would confine it as he has done without good reason. Perhaps he will kindly give us his authority.—Apologising for thus trespassing on your space, I am, yours fraternally,
LEX SCRIPTA.

ASSESSMENT OF CORPORATE BODIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A form of account for the purpose of obtaining particulars for assessment of the new duty of 5 per cent. per annum imposed by 48 and 49 Vic. Cap. 51, upon the income of bodies corporate and unincorporate (including Masonic Bodies) has just been received here.

I observe that the Act contains an exemption from duty in respect of "property acquired by, or with funds voluntarily contributed to any Body corporate or unincorporate within a period of 30 years immediately preceding" (Section 11 sub. sec. 6.) This is a very important exception in the case of Masonic Halls and other trust properties, but by some unfortunate omission no mention is made of the exemption in the form of account required to be furnished, and thus in all probability it will in the majority of cases escape notice.

I think it well, therefore, to call the attention of your readers to the fact that such exemption exists.—Yours fraternally,
JAMES R. BRAMBLE, 32^o.

Prov. G. Reg. and P.P.G.S.W. Bristol.
Freemasons' Hall, Bristol, July 5th.



Craft Masonry.

CARDIFF.—Glamorgan Lodge (No. 36).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Working-street. There was a large attendance, not only of lodge members, but of Masons from other lodges in the district. The chief business was the election of the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. Bro. Sidney Coleman, P.G.S., was chosen for the exalted post of W.M., and the following offices were also allotted: Bros. C. W. Page, S.W.; A. J. Harris, J.W.; T. Wallace, Treas.; W. C. Hurley, Sec.; E. Dawson, S.D.; E. H. Roberts, J.D.; G. T. Coleman, I.G.; E. Bregeon and J. J. Roberts, Stwds. The installation of the W.M. was conducted with becoming ceremony, and at its conclusion the brethren partook of a light luncheon, provided by Mr. Maggs.

The following members of the lodge were present: Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; Geo. B. Hughes, W.M.; George Thomas, P.M.; Amos Jenkins, O.G.; Thomas Wallace, I.P.M.; S. Cooper, P.M.; D. Thomas, P.M.; C. W. Page, Sec.; W. C. Hurley, J.D.; E. J. Fletcher, W. T. Martin, H. H. Davenport, J. W. Peacock, W. Lewis, G. Coleman, R. Price, E. Ensor, D. Edmunds, A. H. Roberts, I. J. Roberts, W. Nichol, and J. R. Ward. Visitors: Bros. James Radley, J.W.; J. E. Deacon, F. H. Williams, John Ballinger, J. H. Hussey, W.M.; G. W. Roberts, J.W.; W. D. John, P.M.; W. H. Mathias, G. W. Clarey, Alfred Taylor, W.M.; P. J. Riley, Henry Tainsh, Henry Fox, W.M.; T. D. Bounsall, W. C. Peace, P.M.; W. C. Pride, S.D.; Isaac Pike, R. C. Roper, S.W.; E. T. Lodge, S.D.; R. Weights, W.M.; R. Parry, S.W.; A. J. Sinclair, P.M.; A. Boetle, W.M.; F. P. Adey, P.M., P.G.S.D.; D. Williams, S.W.; T. D. Griffiths, W.M.; J. Munday, S.W.; and J. Hughes, W.M.

After the installation ceremony had been gone through, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet was provided, presided over by Bro. Sidney Coleman, W.M. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

HULL.—Minerva Lodge (No. 250).—Thursday, the 24th ult., being St. John's Day, the brethren of the above lodge met to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. W. White-side, as Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most impressively conducted by Bros. Past Masters Walter Reynolds, Haigh, and G. Hardy. A very large number of Past Masters and brethren from the various lodges in the neighbourhood were present, and after the lodge was closed, a very pleasant evening was passed.

The W.M. invested the following as his officers: Bros. Henry J. White, P.M., I.P.M.; Rev. Canon Kemp, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; George Dibleby, S.W.; Randolph R. Hawley, J.W.; Henry Haigh, P.M.,

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LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).

The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Thursday morning, the 24th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. Wm. Blunsum, W.M., for the ensuing year. There was a numerous attendance of the members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Dr. Clarke, W.M. 673; Tyson, I.P.M. 1183; Saunders, 249; Cockburn, J.W. 673; Vernon, P.M. 249; Foster, 1356; Whalley, P.P.G.D.C.; Jackson, P.M. 673; M'William, and others.

Bro. Wm. Blunsum, S.W., was presented by Bro. Isaac Turner, W.M., and Bro. John L. Houghton, P.M., and effectively installed by Bro. W. H. Veevers, P.M. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. J. Turner, I.P.M.; Wm. R. Roberts, S.W.; E. Dow, J.W.; A. Pederson, P.M., Treas.; E. R. Latham, Sec.; Haydn P. Cowell, Org.; D. Dunkel, S.D.; C. Webster, J.D.; B. Allenby, I.G.; D. Jones and Whitehead, Stwds.; and John L. Houghton, P.M., D.C. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Veevers, P.M., for the able manner he performed the ceremony of installation. The brethren and ladies afterwards assembled at the Central Station, from whence they proceeded by train to the Tatton Arms Hotel at Northenden, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Moore, after which the party spent a most enjoyable day, the weather being all that was desired.

During the morning a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Isaac Turner, on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of his able services during the past year.

DURSLEY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 761).

The annual festival of this lodge took place on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Victoria Hall, when Bro. H. J. Francillon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was, for the second time, installed Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. H. J. Small, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. G. Adams, S.W.; S. Bloodworth, J.W.; W. P. Want, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; T. H. Wilkins, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. M. Williams, S.D.; J. Whitmore, J.D.; H. J. Small, D.C.; R. Ely, I.G.; and H. Sheen, Tyler.

The banquet, provided by Mrs. Ayliffe with her accustomed care and success, was held at the Old Bell Hotel. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. Brook Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M.; the Rev. H. Kynaston, D.D., P.G.S.W., P.P.G.C.; J. Walker, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Moss, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Powell, P.G.S.B.; H. Blandford, P.P.G.P.; G. H. Perrin, W.M. 855; E. T. Chipp, W.M. 1005; J. S. Bradstock, W.M. 1067; J. Carleton, P.M.; A. Woodward, P.M.; Heane, P.M.; W. Renwick, B. London, T. Camm, and J. Wadley.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

The brilliant gathering of Masons that assembled at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, on Friday, the 2nd inst., on the occasion of the installation meeting of the above lodge showed unmistakably how popular the new Master, Bro. T. R. Richardson, really is among his brethren, not only of the lodge, but in the neighbourhood and province generally; and when we say that some 135 brethren were present, we think we have said enough to establish our premises.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. E. Palmer, and the usual routine business having been concluded, Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., P.G. Stwd. and P.G.S.D. designate Kent, D.C., presented Bro. Richardson, S.W. and W.M. elect, to Bro. Palmer, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual ceremony having been admirably carried out, and the new W.M. duly saluted, he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Lawson, S.W.; W. D. Keeble, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, Sec.; F. H. Johnson, S.D.; W. G. Lloyd, J.D.; W. Busbridge, I.G.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; A. Penfold, P.M., D. of C.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M., W.S.; W. Sanders, A.D. of C.; B. de B. Lopez, P.G. Std. Eng., and W. C. Taylor, Stwds.; and W. J. Larder, Tyler. Bro. Palmer then recited the charges admirably, and so concluded a most impressive ceremony, for which he received a vote of thanks, to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, P.G.D. England, who, on entering the lodge was accorded grand honours, was then elected an honorary member by acclamation, and Bro. Coupland was re-elected representative on the Provincial Charity Committee, and, after those brethren had returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Gravesend, where, at the New Falcon, a superbly appointed banquet, served in Bro. Hubbard's best style, awaited them.

Among the other brethren present, and not above mentioned were Bros. W. T. Vincent, P.M.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmonds, P.M.; W. Rees, P.M.; J. Haslett, W. Tucker, J. Randall, W. Lomax, D. K. Somers, D. Davis, W. H. Pryce, T. Timms, E. Morris, W. Newton, A. W. Jackson, W. Lock, P. Farrier, A. Carlisle, W. Corder, R. E. Saunders, C. W. Scuttlebury, J. J. Collins, R. Jinman, A. D. Capon, D. C. Capon, W. Francis, A. Moore, W. Seager, R. T. Turrell, W. Ledger, H. Stewart, J. O. Cook, G. H. Campbell, J. Hooton, J. Widgery, H. Malings, J. Griffiths, W. Sallenger, W. Agate, C. Clapham, Hambrook, W. Young, G. Frost, P. Weaver, W. Topp, P. Estler, G. Hager, C. Jolly, W. Rahtz, H. H. Grafton, W. Charlsworth, H. G. Delatouche, E. Lewis, E. Bryceson, Dr. H. Bryceson, R. Courtman, W. A. Fenn, G. W. Clifton, Quartermaster W. E. Donohue, H. Shaw, F. Hoar, and H. Coombes, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.M. 1837, P.P.G.C. Kent; Dr. W. Coleman, 706; Dr. H. Berrays, P.M. 706; H. De Gray, 13; Col. Mills, Phoenix Lodge; W. Akers, W.M. 13; J. C. Smith, W.M. 1744; W. J. Graham, P.M. 700, W.M. elect 2041; G. H. Graham,

I.G. 2041; W. Moulds, W.M. 1576; J. Etheridge, W.M. 829; Capt. W. Richey, P.M. 700; J. Richardson, P.M. 376; G. B. Chapman, P.M. 209; J. Warren, P.M. 700; G. Kennedy, P.M. 1536; E. B. Hobson, P.M. 700; J. Sanderson, S.W. 700; F. G. Nichols, S.W. 706; W. Maule, S.W., W.M. elect 1536; R. J. Naylor, J.W. 700; W. H. Hedger, W.M. 77; T. Day, P.M. 1076; J. J. Miburne, J.W. 13; Capt. J. McCaffery, 700; Quartermaster Willmott, 1536; C. E. Skinner, 20; A. Dixon, 13; G. Roche, 706; Dr. E. B. Robinson, 1967; T. Cooper, S.D. 1536; A. Walter, 1257; E. Jordan, 1789; J. Lawson, 1789; W. Webber, 700; G. Risch, 706; Quartermaster J. Rowan, 1789; C. Watkins, 615; J. Manger, 1260; A. Allworthy, 1261; H. H. Church, 1973; H. Ough, 1150; J. Funnett, 20; H. Haddins, 1261; J. Swanson, S.D. 700; C. Howard, 13; W. Robinson, 1076; J. E. Southgate, 700; and others.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," having been duly honoured, that of "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; Lord Lathom, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled with the name of Bro. Eastes, who the W.M., in putting the toast, said they were very proud of having that day enrolled among them as an honorary member. They also had Bro. Lopez, a Past Steward of England, as a member, who had accepted office in the lodge, and of whom, as a representative of the Pattison family, they were especially proud to have amongst them. As Bro. Eastes would have to leave shortly, he should couple his name with the toast.

Bro. Eastes, who, on rising to respond, was received with several rounds of cheers, assured them that he felt it both an honour and a pleasure to have to respond for the Grand Officers of England, and must heartily thank the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received by them. There was the true Kentish ring about it that showed it came from the heart. Many of those who had been at Grand Lodge must have seen the masterly manner in which Lord Carnarvon carried out the duties of his exalted position in the absence of their Grand Master; while Lord Lathom discharged his duties to the satisfaction of every brother in the Craft, and he (Bro. Eastes) might well repeat the words of Lord Amherst when speaking of their esteemed Pro Grand Master—"That he never met a more perfect specimen of a gentleman than Lord Lathom." Provincial Grand Masters were ex-officio members of Grand Lodge, consequently their own Grand Master, Lord Amherst, was one, and a grander specimen of a Mason and gentleman could not be found, and those who had had the honour of serving under him in P.G. Lodge felt proud of the service, and of the Master; and although he, Bro. Eastes, felt it a high honour to be a Past Officer of Grand Lodge, yet he esteemed it just as highly to be an officer of the Grand Lodge of Kent, under Lord Amherst. Kent was a province that had always done its duty in the cause of Charity, and the Pattison Lodge had done well in the cause, and he felt much honoured that the lodge had so unanimously elected him an honorary member of it, and he hoped to be enabled to come among them, and watch personally the working of so excellent and vast a lodge, where every member seemed so happy, and so harmoniously bound together. He had not hitherto been able to visit the lodge so much as he should have liked, but he continually heard of its progress through the kindness of Bro. Jolly, who, in the columns of the "Freemason," kept them in Kent, well informed of the Pattison's doings. He paid a high compliment to the Past Masters, and trusted to see a good muster of the members at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, which is to be held the following week at Folkestone. The run he said would do them good; the sea breeze would do them good, and every accommodation would be made for their comfort. He again thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "Lord Amherst, Prov. G.M. of the Province of Kent," and as it was time for Bros. Eastes and Jamblin to go, he should couple with it that of "The P.D.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past." He said their esteemed Grand Master was so well known and beloved by every Mason in the province, that it was totally unnecessary for him to say a word in recommending the toast to their notice. He coupled it with the name of Bro. Jamblin.

Bro. Jamblin, in the course of a worthy and brilliant reply, that kept the brethren in roars of laughter, said that he had had the pleasure of visiting the Pattison Lodge before, and had a lively remembrance of their hospitality, and better still, of being remarkably well next day. He did not mean that as a joke. Their meeting that night presented a most pleasing appearance, here were they, in that comfortable room, celebrating with joy and rejoicing their annual gathering, while all outside was hurry and bustle; everyone engrossed in politics, cabs rushing about here, and carriages there, all noise and bother. Well, it was a grand sight to see such a goodly array; he could remember the time when Grand Lodge itself could not show such a muster as was presented that night by the Pattison Lodge. The province was certainly improving and increasing, and to what could they attribute that prosperity, but to the fact that they had a splendid Mason in the person of Lord Amherst, at their head; and further, that he was supported by another splendid Mason in the person of Bro. Eastes. He could remember the time when, if it was said there was a Mason in a room, the word went round to "Look after the spoons." Certainly the wine cellar. But let them look at the meeting at Folkestone the previous week. There was the Prince of Wales, he was present, was he a likely one to collar the spoons? There was his brother, the Duke of Connaught, whom the Prince installed as Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, did he want the spoons? There was the Lord Chancellor, why he was the man who looked after those who looked after the spoons. There was Lord Charles Beresford, and others, who did not want either spoons or cellar, but who were an honour not only to Masonry but to any society. He would now leave off joking, and conclude by thanking them most cordially for their hearty reception of the toast.

Bros. Eastes and Jamblin then retired, amid every demonstration of respect.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing spoke eulogistically of Bro. Richardson's many excellent qualities. They had seen the able manner in which he had invested his officers, and knew how well he had carried out the duties entrusted to him in the various offices below the chair, and he felt sure that Bro. Richardson would carry out the duties of the chair with zeal and ability, and to their entire satisfaction. He wished their

W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and called upon them to drink the toast with a true Pattison fire, and they did most heartily.

The W.M., in response, said that if he had any difficulty before in introducing the toasts, he had a double difficulty now that he had to return thanks, because he felt a greater difficulty to speak about oneself than about other people. The very kind wishes of the brethren were meant for him as Master of the lodge, about the progress of which he had no hesitancy, all the hesitancy he felt was with regard to himself, having to follow so many able Past Masters, because he knew the responsibility of the position. He hoped to be enabled to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and even to raise it to a higher standard, and trusted to have the hearty co-operation of every individual member of the lodge in so doing. He then referred to the proposed temple, which the lodge were about to build for its meetings, and believed that the installation of the next Master of the Pattison Lodge would be held within its walls. He thanked them most feelingly for the toast, and resumed his seat amid much applause.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Penfold, in response, said that the W.M. had said that the P.M.'s had promised him their unqualified support during his year of office. The P.M.'s always did their utmost to support the chair, but he thought in this case the chair would be able to support itself. Sometimes the P.M.'s had been apprehensive lest the Master in the chair should fall short their standard; but in this case their apprehensions were of a different character, they were apprehensive lest their W.M. should go on a little too fast for them. The W.M. had told the brethren that he was the youngest brother that had ever been elected to the chair of the Pattison Lodge. Now, whether it was that the W.M., being so much younger had more steam, or whether they (the P.M.'s) being older, wanted a little more oiling to get along faster, he could hardly say, but the W.M. might rest assured the P.M.'s would go with him as fast as they could, and would only put the brake on under extreme pressure; but that was not likely to occur. Bro. Penfold then adverted to the Masonic temple about to be erected by the Pattison Lodge, and said, financially, they had been so far fairly successful, nearly £1500 being promised by the brethren. This was a subject they all had at heart, and under the direction of their energetic W.M., and no less energetic S.W., there was some hope of carrying the matter through during the present year. They intended to register the undertaking as a limited liability company, under the Public Companies' Act; although primarily, it was not exclusively confined to the Pattison brethren, the committee of which he (Bro. Penfold) was Treasurer, would be glad to receive the name of any brother wishing to join in the undertaking, the only qualification they required was that the shareholder should be a Mason, as they intended to keep it entirely in the hands of the Craft. They had two or three very good sites offered to them, but they were not quite agreed upon that yet, each site had its supporters. The "battle of the sites" would take place very shortly, and the one that the majority considered the most eligible would be selected. He cordially thanked them for the toast, and expressed the pleasure he felt at having so good a W.M. in the chair, and looked forward with every confidence to a prosperous and pleasant year.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Palmer with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, and in so doing spoke enthusiastically of the admirable manner in which that brother had devoted himself to the best interests of the lodge during his Mastership.

Bro. Palmer, who is deservedly popular among the brethren, was loudly cheered when he rose to return thanks. He said he accepted the gift with a great feeling of pleasure and gratitude; with regard to the success that had attended the lodge during the past year, he could not help feeling a little gratified, inasmuch that he had had during his year of office the pleasure of initiating no less than 15 good and excellent gentlemen into the Craft. A larger number than had ever been initiated in any one year of the hitherto life of the lodge. He hoped Bro. Richardson would have as successful a year as he had had, and although he should be at the left of the W.M., yet any service that might be required of him, either for the W.M. or brethren generally, would be cheerfully placed at their command. He thanked them heartily for the generous manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

A pleasing episode then occurred for Bro. F. Tyler, Organist of the lodge, who has raised and perfectly trained a choir for the occasional anthems and chants incidental to the various ceremonies, was presented with a purse of sovereigns, and Mrs. Tyler (Miss F. C. Atkinson, of the Royal College of Music), was presented with a handsome and costly gold locket, the latter on her recent marriage. Bro. Tyler suitably returned thanks.

Bro. Ledger, who was Organist prior to the advent of Bro. Tyler, was also presented with an Organist's jewel for past services rendered, and he returned thanks.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, and Bro. Major W. G. Graham, Dr. Allworth, Moulds, and others responded, and "The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

An important feature of the affair was the erection of four banners bearing their respective coats of arms of the W.M., and Past Masters Coupland, Penfold, and Palmer. They were exceedingly handsome and were much admired by the brethren.

A selection of music was played during dinner by a stringed orchestra, under the direction of Mr. E. P. Birt, of the Royal Artillery Band, and Miss F. C. Atkinson (Mrs. Tyler), Miss F. Logan, Bro. Clifton, and Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, sang through an excellent programme of vocal music during the evening. Bro. Tyler presided at the piano, and the whole affair was most enjoyable, and worthy of the Pattison Lodge and its accomplished Master.

ILFRACOMBE.—Lodge of Concord (No. 1135).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, High-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th ult., to install the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Ivimy, for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bros. S. Jones, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. D. Attwood, P.P.G.P.; R. Lake, P.G.S.; C. E. Clemow, P.M.; C. G. Barnett, P.M.; A. Huxtable, P.M.; J. S. Catford, P.M.; J. Gaydon, P.M.; A. W. Campbell, P.M.; and St. Paul, P.M. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed

the W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers of the lodge: Bros. C. E. Clemow, I.P.M.; W. Rees, S.W.; A. Lazar, J.W.; R. Lake, P.M., Sec.; F. Brede, S.D.; A. Wrighton, J.D.; H. R. Grover, I.G.; and J. Blackford, Tyler.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Victoria Hotel, the excellent catering of Bro. A. Huxtable being highly appreciated; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated after passing a very pleasant evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—On Monday, the 28th ult., the brethren of this lodge held a numerous-attended meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, to install the new W.M., Bro. M. Brown, an old and popular member of the lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Davies, W.M., who appropriately finished his term of office by very efficiently installing his successor. There were present, among others, Bros. J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.P., P.M.; Jos. Bradshaw, P.M.; J. P. Chapman, P.M.; J. Holme, P.M.; A. Burgess, P.M.; R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas., P.M. 241; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; J. Tyson, P.M. 1182; and others.

The newly-installed officers were Bros. J. Davies, I.P.M.; W. Barnes, S.W.; T. Guile, J.W.; T. P. Chapman, P.M., Treas.; W. Lockwood, Sec.; J. Boyle, S.D.; G. J. Bridgman, J.D.; J. Rawsthorne, I.G.; H. Millington, J. Jennings, and W. Evans, Stwds.; and J. Clarke, Org. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

Bro. Casey provided dinner in good style, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. E. Edwards, 1609; J. F. Jones, 1657; O. J. Rowlands, 2042; and J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., accompanied by a beautifully chased silver tea and coffee service for Mrs. Davies, on behalf of the brethren.

CLEATOR MOOR.—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Market Hall, when there were present Bros. H. Ward, W.M.; Jno. Bewley, S.W.; H. Rothery, J.W.; Chas. Gowan, Sec.; J. D. Welch, S.D.; Jno. McHarry, J.D.; J. S. Dickinson, I.G.; Temple, Watson, and Leathes, Stwds.; John Caffry, Tyler; J. J. Robinson, P.M.; J. F. Kirkconel, P.M.; Christie, Nixon, Benson, Frears, Sumpton, and Hindmarch. Visitor: Bro. D. Snedden (S.C.)

The lodge having been opened, Mr. Wm. Heathcote was balloted for, and unanimously accepted as a candidate for Freemasonry, after which Bro. Hindmarch was passed, and Bros. Benson, Frears, and Sumpton were raised. Lodge was then closed.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Ferguson, P.M. 177, &c. The chair was occupied by Bro. G. Gregory, P.M. 1538, &c., who was supported by Bros. Messer, Jackson, Ross, Bleakley, Dimsdale, Secretary; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bleakley acting as candidate, and the First and Second Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren. The sum of one guinea was voted out of the lodge funds to Mrs. Shury, who was an unsuccessful candidate at the last election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Messer was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. Jos. Bailey, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; H. Dehane, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; W. C. Williams, J.D.; W. J. Mason, I.G.; J. Smith, Stwd.; E. J. Day, Org.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; and W. H. Wadham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries had been observed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Bro. Mote was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed for the admirable manner Bro. Jos. Bailey had rehearsed the ceremony. It was announced that the only son of Bro. Jos. Taylor had died after a few days' illness; a vote of condolence was passed. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; W. A. Scurrah, S.W.; Powell, J.W.; A. Scurrah, S.D.; Axford, J.D.; Martin, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; C. J. Scales, Treas.; E. Storr, Sec.; and Saunders, Assist. Sec.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Scales offered himself as candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hemming offered himself as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was closed on to the First Degree. Bro. Eaton, of the Mass Lodge, Boston, U.S.A., was heartily welcomed as a visitor. In the course of his remarks, he said it gave him great pleasure to visit London lodges. He had visited the Empire, the John Hervey, and others, and it seemed to him wherever he went he was heartily welcomed by English brethren, and he could assure them, if they would pay a visit to Boston, they would be as well entertained as he had been in England. Bro. W. M. Stiles said he had a pleasing duty to perform, that was to propose Bro. Scurrah, S.W., as W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Scurrah being W.M. of the Henry Levander Lodge, and was shortly going to install his successor, and would work the ceremony of installation in that lodge of instruction on the 19th instant. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; Hy. Crookes, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; L. Gunzell, S.D.; O. W. Battley, J.D.; W. Brindley, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Geo. Wilson, G. F. Swan, C. Holland, E. J. Gittens, E. C. Mulvey, John Skinner, Frank Gulliford, C. Lambert, C. Corby, F. Dusterwald, James Woodward, H. J. Weise, and A. Clark.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture with Bro. G. Reynolds, Bro. F. Gulliford offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture with Bro. F. Dusterwald. Bro. W. C. Smith

worked the 4th and 5th Sections of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. Hy. Crookes, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. A. Clark proposed that two brethren be appointed to receive Colonial and other brethren who attend on the evening of the 15th inst., when the Fifteen Sections are worked—seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith, and carried unanimously. Whereupon the W.M., Bro. E. J. Bromley, and Bro. F. Dusterwald said it would give them great pleasure to undertake that duty. Bro. W. C. Smith gave notice of motion "That Colonial brethren attending on the evening of the 15th inst. be made members, and that each brother be presented with a copy of the bye-laws of the lodge of instruction, and that his name, and name and number of lodge be written on the front page. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that a summer festival take place in connection with this lodge of instruction in August, and that ladies may attend the same with brethren—seconded by Bro. F. Dusterwald, and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that the summer trip be from Waterloo to Windsor, thence on steam launches up the river Thames, with luncheon, returning in time to dine at the Star and Garter, at Windsor, and back to Waterloo. This route was agreed upon. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1786).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Musson, W.M.; Green, P.M., S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Green, Junr., S.D.; Hayes, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; and F. Purnell.

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. Green being the candidate. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush. Present: Bros. Sims, P.M., W.M.; W. Williams, S.W.; E. A. Austin, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Wood, S.D.; Rigby, J.D.; Purdie, P.M., I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Stonnill, Curtis, Cavers, Brietbart, Head, and Crags.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Curtis offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The W.M. gave the explanation of the second tracing board. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Head candidate. Bro. W. Williams having been elected W.M. for the next meeting, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

BRINTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. E. A. Francis, Preceptor, W.M.; Thos. Poore, I.P.M.; W. Boyce, S.W.; S. Richardson, J.W.; G. R. Langley, Sec.; J. Andrews, S.D.; C. J. Axford, J.D.; C. H. Phillips, Treas., I.G.; Hooper, Tarr, G. C. Banks, R. Banks, Mayer, Stokes, Burridge, Bird, Hicks, and Loney.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Burridge proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., in his usual able and impressive manner, Bro. Burridge acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Langley, Sec., proposed, and Bro. Hooper seconded, that Bro. Hicks and Loney, of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1049, be elected joining members of this lodge of instruction, which was carried unanimously. Bros. Hicks and Loney returned thanks for their election, and promised a frequent attendance. Bro. Thos. Poore proposed, and Bro. Richardson seconded, that Bro. Boyce, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week, which was carried unanimously.

The Secretary announced that the funds in hand amounted to upwards of £10 10s., and then proposed that a ballot be taken among the 12 members who had been most regular in their attendance during the preceding 12 months for the sum of £5 5s., to be paid into one or other of the Masonic Charities. This was seconded by Bro. C. H. Phillips, Treasurer, and carried unanimously. The ballot proved in favour of Bro. Boyce, J.W. of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, who requested that it might be paid into the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, (Widows' Fund) upon the list of Bro. Langley, Secretary, who is a Steward, representing the Lodge of Unity, No. 183, at the next Festival. The W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was then closed in perfect peace and harmony.

The usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association in connection with this lodge of instruction was then held, and a ballot was taken for the sum of £5 5s., which proved in favour of Bro. Archer, and was paid into the Girls' School. This Association was started about three years ago, since when the sum of £493 10s. has been paid through it to the various Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and all this by payments of its members at the rate of 1s. per share per week. "Great ends from small beginnings come."

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Bros. Charles Sims, P.M., fulfilled the duties of W.M.; Bro. David Stroud and J. H. Wood respectively as S.W. and J.W.; and Bro. G. Gardner, Treas., as acting Preceptor. The other officers were performed alternately among the brethren present. The W.M. worked the ceremony of the F.C.'s Degree, Bro. A. Williams being the candidate, after which, in a forcible and didactic rendering, the W.M. gave the lecture on the second tracing board, which was highly appreciated by the brethren present. Owing to it being the occasion of H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany laying the foundation-stone of the chancel and tower of the new parish church, and the excitement of the elections, the brethren did not meet in their accustomed numbers. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting, who, on returning thanks for the appointment, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the brethren of the many lodges to which he is affiliated for their kindness and sympathy shown him during his long absence through domestic bereavement. The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday at 7.30, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Ayling, P.M., than whom there is no better Preceptor in the Craft. Brethren are cordially welcomed.

Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—This prosperous chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. G. Manners, C.C., M.E.Z.; Alfred Tisley, H.; W. Clemow, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; F. Farrington, S.N.; W. E. Farrington, P.S.; Farthing, 1st A.S.; T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., 2nd A.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z.; Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe, Hon. Member; Skelton, Christian, Gaze, Edwards, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe ably installed Comps. Tisley, as M.E.Z.; W. Clemow, as H.; and F. Farrington, as J. The following investments were then made: Comps. Jenkins, S.E.; W. E. Farrington, S.N.; Farthing, P.S.; T. A. Woodbridge, 1st A.S.; Christian, 2nd A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been presented to Comp. Manners, a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer.

Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Comps. W. Lake, P.Z.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z., Treasurer; and others. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was ably presided over by the M.E.Z.

A few toasts were proposed, and duly honoured.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).—The installation convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, H.; J. Strugnell, J.; J. Young, S.N.; J. Lister, P.S.; L. Lardner, 1st Asst. Soj.; E. M. Lott, Mus. D., P.G.O., &c., Treas.; T. Simpson, N. Prower, M.A., and others. Comp. T. O. Harding, M.A., 1889, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then installed Comp. H. J. Lardner as First Principal; Comp. J. Strugnell, as Second Principal; and Comp. J. Young, as Third Principal. The officers invested were Comps. J. Lister, S.N.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; L. Lardner, P.S.; R. Webber, 1st Asst.; T. Simpson, 2nd Asst.; Lott, Treas.; Herbert, D.C.; N. Prower, W.S.; and Parkinson, Janitor.

The I.P.Z., in the name of Bro. G. H. Mason, then presented the chapter with a very handsome set of collars and jewels, suitably engraved. A vote of thanks having been passed to the donor, the M.E.Z. presented Comp. T. C. Walls with a Past Principal's jewel. Several letters of apology having been read from absent members, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed.

HASTINGS.—Emulation Chapter (No. 40).—The installation banquet of this chapter, which had been postponed from last week on account of the meeting at Brighton, took place at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, 28th ult. Comp. P. Robinson, M.E.Z., presided, and was supported by the following companions: Comps. B. Sargent, H.; C. W. Duke, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; General Randolph, P.Z., P.G.H., &c.; G. R. Lockyear, Z., P.G.S. 315; G. Wilson, P.Z.; W. Neats, P.H. 745; F. Rossiter, P.Z., P.G.P.S.; Capt. Hennah, P.Z.; Dr. Croucher, P.Z.; T. H. Cole, P.Z.; E. Bradnam, Mayor of Hastings; J. B. Foord, A. L. Ward, P.S.; W. S. Allen, C. Hallett, J. Pearce, W. T. Jordan, G. Hughes, C. Muscat, and several others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to by the representatives present, and a very enjoyable evening spent.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—This chapter held their convocation for the installation of officers for the ensuing year on Tuesday, the 29th ult. The acting Principals were Comps. George Varcoe, Z.; J. T. Baker, H.; and J. De Cressy Treffry, J. A brother from Fowey was exalted. Comp. W. Tonkin, P.Z., P.G.D.C., assisted by a Board of Installed Principals, installed the following as Principals: Comps. J. T. Baker, Z.; J. De Cressy Treffry, H.; and Dr. D. P. Tucky, J. These officers then invested Comps. J. Collins, S.E.; J. Wellington, S.N.; J. Bassett, P.S.; N. C. Couch, A.S.; J. Mitchell, J.A.S.; and H. Elliott, Janitor.

The companions afterwards retired to the New Inn for refreshments, where they spent a pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. Present: Comps. J. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; W. A. Scurrell, H.; G. W. Knight, J.; H. Slyman, S.E.; Ratchiffe, S.N.; Whiting, P.S.; Edmonds, Preceptor; Christian, Medwin, Gibbs, Kaufman, Dean, P.G.R. of Dorset; Gregory, and others.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Slyman candidate. After rising for the first time, Comp. Edmonds congratulated Comp. Gregory, M.E.Z. of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538, and his officers on the excellent rendering of the ritual that evening at the Guildhall Tavern; he had never heard the work done better, and was proud to say that he, as Preceptor, must heartily congratulate the companions who attend so regularly at this chapter of improvement on the excellent rendering of this splendid ritual. After the third time of rising, "Hearty good wishes" to the M.E.Z. were given, and the chapter was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present: Comps. J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z., M.E.Z.; H. Swain, H.; J. Ferguson, Z. 1691, J.; H. Dehane, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., S.N.; R. P. J. Laundry, P.S.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, Treas.; E. J. Day, Org.; W. H. Wadhams, Janitor; Rev. S. Saunders, P.G.J. Middx., P.Z.; and J. Crutenden.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Saunders being candidate. On the ballot proving unanimous, Comps. Rev. S. Saunders and J. Ferguson were duly elected members. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed. The Grand Master of Nova Scotia was unable to attend on this occasion.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY (D.)—This old and distinguished encampment met at the Eminent Commander's house, Cambridge Park, Essex, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Sir Knts. George Graveley, E.C.; Glenn, 1st Captain; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C.G., Reg.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; Dr. Sanders, M.D., P.E.C.; W. Roebuck, P.G.H., P.E.C.; L. Steele, and others.

The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, it was unanimously resolved that the next meeting of the encampment shall be held at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn. The encampment was then closed.

Having lunched with the Eminent Commander the sir knights drove through the most picturesque parts of Epping Forest, and subsequently dined at the Kings' Head Inn, Chigwell. The weather was exceedingly fine, and every praise is due to the Eminent Commander for the excellent manner in which he catered for his guests.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

In consequence of an outbreak of German measles, the usual Stewards' visit to this Institution was not held this year, the prizes were therefore distributed by the Chairman of the month, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. and Patron, on Tuesday, the 30th ult., in the presence of the House Committee, and a few visitors who were not kept away by fear of infection. Bro. Henry Smith, of West Yorkshire, Bro. Edward and Mrs. Terry, Bro. and Mrs. and Miss Shipp, and a few others we noticed among those present. Some excellent singing, playing, and recitations were given. The following are among the chief prize winners:—

Gold Medal for Proficiency, with £5—Jane Mildred Taylor.

Silver Medal for Good Conduct, with £5—Agnes Deeley. Passing Senior Cambridge Examination—(Gold Medallist last year)—Julia Harvey (Honours) and Edith Hicks.

Passing Junior Cambridge Examination—Jane Mildred Taylor, Mary Wyatt, Cecily Jardine, Agnes Deeley, Ellen Senior, Gertrude Ashworth, Grace Bartrum, Clara Coales, Edith Corney, Ada Crow, Catherine Hide, Mabel Lewis, Mabel Osmond, Juliet Priestley, Mary Spalding, and Ethel Stone. Six of these passed with Honours.

Proficiency—2nd Class, Maud Bladon; 3rd Class, Beatrice King; 4th Class, Maude Hill; 5th Class, Edith Matthews; 6th Class, Ethel Fallding; and 7th Class, Elizabeth Midgeley.

General Usefulness—Ethel F. M. Palmer and Jessie Hogg.

Needlework—Clara Coales, Louisa Anscombe, Florence Lizzie Duckett, and Charlotte Hartop.

Machine Work—Annie Hill and Edith Orridge.

Order and Attention—(As proved by conduct marks throughout the year)—Constance Hart and Norah Besly.

The former prizes were given by the Institution, but the following by the House Committee and other friends:—

Religious Knowledge—(As distinguished at Cambridge Examination)—Edith Hicks and Mary Wyatt.

Music—First prize, Rose Bridgeman; second prizes, Maud Carter, Ethel Ellison, and Mary Wyatt; third prizes, Florence Mason and Ellen Delafons.

Singing—Agnes Stephenson.

Drawing—Ellen Senior, Alice Pope, and Rose Pelham.

French—Fanny Oberdoerfer.

English Composition—Alice W. Cecil.

Elocution—First prize, Ada Crow; second prizes, Agnes Stephenson and Ellen Ashton.

Arithmetic—Julia Harvey and Jane M. Taylor.

Good Conduct—First prize, Cecily Jardine; second prizes, Mary Wyatt and Susannah Tippler.

Needlework—First Prize, Annie Parker. Fancy Work—Ellen Good.

Cookery—First prize, Ethel F. M. Palmer; second prize, Alice Stewini; third prize, Emily Hill.

Calisthenics and Department—Eva Mary Owens and Athalinda Allison.

Swimming—Ellen Ashton, Emily Thomas, and Jane Smith.

Amiability—(Selected by her schoolfellows)—Grace Bartrum.

The CHAIRMAN then addressed the children as follows: Children,—I have a few words to say to you and I will make them as few as possible considering how short our time is. I congratulate you all, particularly those who have won the fight upon the success that has attended their exertions, but it is hardly less honourable to those who have lost to have been beaten by a worthy foe, because very good and earnest work indeed must have been done by all to attain to the position which you have and so well to have upheld the reputation of the School. To those who have not been successful I say do not be downhearted. There is nothing to be ashamed of in being beaten by a good foe. Remember what Napoleon the Great used to tell his soldiers, that each one carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. Consider that each of you carry the gold medal in your pocket, and each one make up her mind to win it. You have got all next year to work, and let us see at this anniversary how well you can all come out. At this Institution you have special advantages over all other kindred Institutions. There are teachers and teachers, and fortunately the whole of our staff are teachers in every sense of the word, as shown by our standing in learning at the top of all kindred institutions. Miss Davis, our head governess, has been with us for many years, she was here long before I had the honour of a seat on the House Committee, but I knew by reputation that when she took the reins of power in her hands the education here consisted simply of the three R's, reading, writing, and arithmetic, with a little sewing thrown in. But let us just consider what the Institution is now, and we will take this year's returns of the public examinations the children go through as the key to the whole structure. We sent up 20 children to pass the Cambridge Local Examination; 18 of these passed, six in honours. Out of six sent up for the College of Preceptors five passed. Out of 150 sent up for the drawing examination in the science and art department, 118 passed, 48 of them with prizes. The returns for the other science examinations of the science and art department are not yet out, but there is every reason to expect that you will come out better than last year. Last year out of 32 sent up for geology 30 passed (a very difficult subject for children to master); out of 50 sent up for physiology 49 passed (a very good return indeed, I think). But now I have kept one to the last, and I have done so because it is the best. We have a young lady on the staff, not a junior member, but at the same time anything but a senior member, who took it into her head to enter for the Metropolitan examination of the Royal Academy of Music. Well, she came out most satisfactorily, and she is now entitled to write after her name Licentiate of that learned body. I refer to Miss Goodridge. But that is not all the honour she has conferred upon the Institution; she received her musical education entirely within these walls from Miss Redgrave, our first assistant governess. Miss Redgrave in her turn received her musical education entirely within these walls from Miss Davis herself. I think these facts and figures, without any words from me, are sufficient to show the high standard to which this Institution has attained. It is one of which not only the whole body of subscribers, but the whole body of Masonry in this country ought to be justly proud, and I believe they are. I can safely say that the

House Committee are proud of the position taken by the Institution over which they are called upon to preside, and I may also say they look upon a seat on their board as the greatest reward to be obtained in Freemasonry. And now, children, on Saturday many of you were asking why your holiday was clipped one day short, and you were directed to return on the 16th instead of the 17th of August. I have no objection now as a great secret to tell you. The 17th of August will be the 25th anniversary of the day Miss Davis took up her residence as head governess in this Institution, and therefore the House Committee feel that on that day they would like to be down here, and in the midst of all of you congratulate her upon her long service on the completion of her silver wedding in teaching, and wish that they may all be present with her and you again in another twenty-five years to congratulate her on the completion of her golden wedding. Miss Davis, on behalf of the House Committee I offer you and all your very able staff our sincere thanks for the exertions you have used in the past, and for the good work that you have performed, and trust that the well earned holiday which you are now about to take will be one of enjoyment and relaxation to you all, and that you will one and all return to us and resume your duties with renewed energy and vigour. On an occasion like this it would not be possible to separate without some reference to our good friend and Matron, Miss Jarwood. Miss Jarwood is not present with us to-day, because much to our regret she is getting into the sere and yellow leaf, so much so that about 12 months ago the House Committee considered that as she had for some years borne the heat and burthen of the day, it was only right some one younger and stronger should relieve her of her active duties. Fortunately for us we were able to find upon our staff (and indeed we are always able to find everything within these walls that we require), a lady who, by the unanimous voice of the House Committee was selected for those duties. I am happy to say that in the choice of Miss Buck the Committee have not been deceived, but from personal knowledge and experience they are agreed that Miss Jarwood's mantle has fallen upon very competent and deserving shoulders, and they are happy to congratulate the subscribers upon the fact that this lady is following carefully in the footsteps of those who have gone before her. There is also another lady whom I should like to mention, and it is my friend, if she will allow me so to call her, Mrs. Howell, the wife of our most esteemed and respected friend, Dr. Howell, the Honorary Surgeon to this Institution for upwards of 35 years, and mother of our Assistant Honorary Surgeon, who has been following in his father's footsteps now for some years past. Mrs. Howell seems to prove the adage that those who have most to do can always find most time for everything else. It is not considered right that in an Institution like this singing should be taught, but Mrs. Howell, who I believe must have been privately initiated, because she practises what we Masons teach, has stepped into the gap, and out of sisterly love, and notwithstanding her very arduous domestic duties can find two afternoons a week to teach these children singing. But for her we should not have had the treat we have had to-day, and therefore I thank her most sincerely for the good and solid work which she carries on at this Institution. And now, children, I will say to you as the parson does on Sunday, fastly. In Masonry we always adjourn from labour to refreshment and refreshment to labour, so we will now all of us go to tea, and on our return we should like to witness you go through your calisthenic exercises. Therefore I will ask you to reassemble in this hall for that purpose at seven o'clock.

Calisthenic exercises were then performed by the children with great precision, and to the evident pleasure of the visitors, among whom we were pleased to notice several ex-pupils.

The proceedings terminated with "God save the Queen."

DRURY LANE LODGE AND THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

"A pleasing and interesting incident occurred this week in connection with the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, showing the practical interest which members of the literary and dramatic professions take in the welfare of 'ye mystic tie.' As we recently pointed out in these columns, a movement was started early in the present year with the object of affording representative men in the higher grades in literature, the drama, music, and art, who are Freemasons, opportunities of more frequently meeting each other under the most congenial auspices; and the outcome of that effort was the constitution of the Drury Lane Lodge, whose 'local habitation' is within the historic walls of the National Theatre, where a special and beautifully appointed Masonic temple has been erected.

"The rapid strides made by that lodge, both as regards numbers and popularity, has surprised nobody more than Mr. Augustus Harris and those who were his coadjutors at its inception. Under the presidency of Lord Londesborough as its first Master, the Drury Lane Lodge, though scarcely six months old, has fixed itself like a star of the first magnitude in the firmament of Freemasonry, and has established a foundation in so brief a space as to render its history unique in the annals of the Craft.

"But the particular occasion to which we now refer is the annual distribution of prizes amongst the boys at the Royal Masonic Institution at Wood-green, where, as an 'interesting novelty,' it was announced that two prizes had been added to the list by Mr. Augustus Harris on behalf of the members of the Drury Lane Lodge, to be awarded to the boys who acquitted themselves most creditably in histrionics and English composition.

"Lord Suffield, a well known and ardent supporter of the drama, was the President of the day, and it was announced that, although dramatic representations had invariably formed a prominent feature of the entertainments on 'prize days,' yet hitherto no premiums for merit had been awarded in that branch of education. The Drury Lane Lodge, however, had manifested a practical desire that this should form part of the curriculum of the school, and hence the prizes offered.

"The result was most satisfactory. The familiar and well-worn farce by Martin Beecher, 'In Possession,' was the piece selected; and, considering the youth of the lads who sustained the respective rôles, the piece went with a swing and smartness quite refreshing. A competent jury, amongst whom was Mr. Edward Terry, the comedian, had been empanelled to sit in judgment,

and, after the applause of a well-satisfied audience had subsided, the head-master of the school stepped forward and announced that the prize for the best actor had been awarded to Master P. O'Doherty. The decision was unanimously endorsed by the audience, who had been immensely tickled by the young Irish lad's dryly humorous style, which earned for him the sobriquet of a 'miniature Toole.' He, of course, was Simon Blobber, the man in possession, and right well the little fellow sustained the part. Two other boys, C. J. Johnstone, who played Mr. Rattleton Rorke, and R. F. Reynolds, as Miss Piretta Platts, the lady's maid, were 'highly commended' both by the umpires and the audience.

"The prize for English composition was gained by a lad named S. W. Richardson, who perpetrated a very passable essay on 'The Life of Brutus.'

"There can be no question that encouragement of this kind to the rising generation not only acts as an incentive to emulation in striving after an intelligent interpretation of our dramatic writers, but goes far too lift the schoolboy mind out of the rut of 'pump-handle' elocution, of which we have such painful recollection 'when we were boys together.'"—*Era.*

MASONIC CHARITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., when Bro. R. A. Davies, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last Court and of the various Committees (read by Bro. R. Martin, one of the Honorary Secretaries) were confirmed, and 21 children were elected on the foundation of the Institution, two of whom were placed on the combined education, clothing, and maintenance fund. Several grants were made for the advancement in life of children who are now, or have been, on the foundation, and an alteration in one of the bye-laws (proposed by Bro. Martin), with the view of increasing grants for clothing when deemed necessary, was carried unanimously. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177, AT KEMPTON PARK.

There are few events in the "annual round" of Freemasonry looked forward to with greater or more pleasurable anticipation than the summer excursion arranged by the members of this old lodge, which has just celebrated its centenary, when arrangements are made to enable the brethren to invite their friends of both sexes to enjoy a "day in the country." This year has been no exception to the rule; indeed, taken by comparison, the centennial picnic, which took place under such satisfactory auspices on Friday last, eclipsed many of its predecessors both in point of numbers, locality, and variety, as well as abundance of entertainment. We have still vivid recollections of happy days spent upon the slopes of Richmond Hill, where the palatial Star and Garter overlooks the silvery Thames and the expansive landscape in the valley alongside; of sumptuous dinners in the gilded salons; and of *al fresco* pastimes in the pretty gardens of that world-renowned resort. But we venture to opine that in few parts of the country could there be found a more delightful or sequestered locale for a Masonic gathering than in the pretty grounds of Kempton Park, the scene of so many a brilliant and Royal gathering in connection with our greatest national sport. Through the exertions of Bro. George Everett, who is one of the directors of the Kempton Park Company—and whose name has only to be mentioned in the Domatic Lodge, of which he is Past Master and Treasurer, to elicit a spontaneous outburst of respectful applause—the whole of the charming grounds belonging to the club, the park, pavilion, and grand stands were placed at the unreserved disposal of the visitors, an act of graceful courtesy that will long be remembered by those who had the good fortune to be present on the occasion. The weather—and something must be said in respect of that essential element of an outdoor fête—was all that could have been desired, for the sky was flecked with fleecy clouds, and a light breeze tempered the otherwise oppressive heat of the sun into a refreshing temperature.

The Committee and a number of their friends assembled at Waterloo Station at noon, special arrangements having been made to convey Bro. George Everett's party to Sunbury. Of course, the platform was the scene of that interchange of amenity which always prevails at Masonic gatherings, and, after a delightful hour's ride through the prettiest part of Surrey, the party reached Kempton Park, the arena of the day's festivities. To those who are familiar with the charmingly laid-out grounds of that enclosure, it need only be said that they are just now the picture of perfection, and those who made acquaintance with the spot for the first time on Friday were loud in their expressions of admiration of the sylvan scene. Passing along the roofed-in walk, fringed on either side with rows of exquisite standard roses, we came to the closely-shaven lawn in front of the pavilion, which is as level as a billiard table, and dotted with flower beds worked in the most skilful designs of the landscape gardener, whilst here and there ornamental fountains sent up cool jets of spray into the air, producing the most refreshing effect. In cosy corners underneath the trees seats were placed for the rest and retirement of the guests, whilst in the grand stand every convenience was found for personal comfort and enjoyment.

From the stand an entire view of the racecourse is commanded, and in the enclosure—the sanctum of fashion on "great days" at Kempton—were lounges and tables, around which the company clustered in luxurious ease, listening to the strains of the Crystal Palace military band, who played a choice selection, under the leadership of Mr. Jesson. Each train from town brought a fresh accession to the party, and by four o'clock upwards of two hundred ladies and gentlemen had congregated at what must be admitted to be an ideal pic-nic. The Committee, headed by the genial and esteemed W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Harry Nelson Price, were most assiduous in ministering to the thorough comfort and happiness of their guests; and Bro. Everett was quite a ubiquitous personage. Moving about here, there, and everywhere, seeing that the arrangements were carried out perfectly in every detail, During the afternoon

some excellent groups of the company were taken by Bro. H. Stiles, photographic artist, of S. High-street, Kensington, copies of which brethren will no doubt be glad to secure as a memento of the very happy and auspicious event.

It was a very difficult matter to obtain a complete list of the company present, but amongst them we observed Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; F. Binckes, Secretary of the R.M.I.B., and Miss Binckes; Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the R.M.B.I., and Miss Terry; Bro. Tarling, Miss B. Price, Mrs. Miller, Bro. and Mrs. Walter Price; Bro. F. Dutton, Bro. and Mrs. Wyld, Miss Wyld, guests of the W.M.; Bro. and Mrs. Manley; Bro. and Mrs. Trodd; Bro. Henry Price, Bro. Fred. Kent, P.M., Mrs. Kent, and Miss Kent; Bro. John and Mrs. Kent, Bro. and Miss Coleman; the Misses Grammer, Bro. W. J. and Mrs. Innes, and Miss Innes; Bro. John Moore and Mrs. Moore, Bro. W. P. Webb, P.M.; Bro. J. McLean, P.M., and Mrs. McLean; Bro. and Mrs. Wilfred Morgan; Bro. G. Barclay, P.M. 1608; Bro. Ball and party; Mrs. Coles, Bro. and Mrs. Fruen; Bro. and Mrs. Hall; Bro. B. E. Blasby, W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge; Bro. and Miss Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, and Miss Rogers; Mrs. Buck; Bro. H. J. Amphlett, Bro. James Stevens, P.M.; Mr. Austin, Bro. George Everett, P.M., Miss Everett, Miss Alberta Everett, Miss Birdie Everett, Bro. G. Everett, jun., and Mrs. Everett; Mr. Walter Everett, Mr. Edgar Everett, Mrs. Jackson, Bro. C. W. and Mrs. Blake; Mr. C. and Mrs. Fenning; Bro. J. Buscall, P.M.; Bro. T. and Miss Noton; Bro. J. W. Paucker, Bro. Owen, Bro. H. E. Price, Mrs. Hyde, Miss Polly Hyde, Miss Elizabeth Hyde; Bro. Foster Reynolds and Mrs. Reynolds; Bro. Maton, Bro. S. Blasby, Bro. H. Sapsworth, Bro. A. Simmer, S.W., and Mrs. Simmer; Mrs. P. Pearce, Miss Owen, Capt. P. Storr, R.N.; Bro. E. F. Frampton, Bro. Scard, Mrs. Salmon, Bro. T. Morris, Secretary, Mrs. and Miss Morris; Bro. R. Harvey, S.D., and party; Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., and party; Bro. J. Billingham, C.C.; Bro. H. J. Chapman, J.W., and party; Bro. J. Sadler Wood, J.D., and party; Bro. N. Salmon, I.G., and party; Bro. J. Willing, jun., P.M.; Bro. J. E. Spurrell, D.C., and Mrs. Spurrell; Mrs. and Miss Smith; Bro. Forman, Miss Gould, Bro. Wallis and Miss Price; Bro. Carthew, Bro. Henry Price, Miss Price, Mrs. Miller, Bro. Ernest Smith, Bro. Herbage, P.M. and Miss Herbage; Bro. and Mrs. Wigmore; Bro. and Miss Goodfellow; Bro. and Mrs. Berricloth; Bro. Carl Riechelmann, Org., and Madame Riechelmann; Bro. and Mrs. Grimes; Bro. and Mrs. Walter Goodfellow; Miss Erard, Bro. and Mrs. Haynes, Miss Haynes; Bro. Clarke, Bro. W. Palmer, Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M.; Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M.; the Misses Newman, Bro. Blackburn, Bro. Bedford Lemaire, P.M.; Bro. P. H. and Mrs. Stephens; Bro. J. Patterson, P.M., and Mrs. Patterson; Bro. W. H. and Mrs. Baker; Bro. A. P. and Mrs. Piper; Bro. Briggs, P.G.S. Middx.; Mrs. Banks, Bro. Morris, jun., Miss Broxton, Bro. R. J. White, Bro. Peacock, Bro. and Mrs. Hewetson; Bro. George Gardner, W.M. 2012, Mrs. Gardner, and Miss Gardner; Mr. and Mrs. Cave; Mr. and Mrs. Newman; Mr. Blackburn, and many others, whose names we were unable to ascertain.

After disporting themselves about the pretty gardens, the racecourse, and the vicinity, lounging under the shelter of umbrageous trees, and listening to the ripple of cheerful conversations and laughter, mingled with the sweet cadences of the land, the company was summoned by the clanging of the dinner bell, at the sound of which certain knowing ones echoed the ejaculations so familiar to the ears on race days, "They're off!" "Archer up," "Two to one bar one," &c. However, the guests were soon comfortably settled in their places at the banquet table, in the Pavilion, the interior of which presented an air of the most luxurious elegance and refinement.

"Perfect in graceful luxury was the room
Replete with beauty, laden with perfume,
Lavish'd from flowers half drooping with their bloom."

The tables were laden with every delicacy of the season, and between the dishes were numerous vases and epergnes of choice cut flowers, which emitted a delicious fragrance. A recherché repast was provided by Messrs. Bertram and Co., the well-known caterers to the Crystal Palace, and the arrangements were well carried out under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. Abbott. At dessert,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER rose to propose a toast which was always received with the greatest loyalty and affection in such an assembly as the present, and he asked them to join with him in drinking to the "Healths of Her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) He was sure the toast would require very few words from him to ensure for it a very cordial reception; but, perhaps, on an occasion like the present, when they were in the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign, it would be received with even more enthusiasm than usual. Her Majesty, throughout a long and glorious period of 50 years, had universally endeared herself to the people of this nation; her subjects knew there was not a joy, or sorrow, or care, in which she did not thoroughly sympathise. Long might she reign to confirm them in that belief. (Cheers.) The second part of the toast was bound up in the first, the happiness of the Sovereign being bound up in the prosperity of her children. He therefore asked them to drink the health of the Prince of Wales, who to them as Masons was more than to others, his Royal Highness being the head of their Order. At the same time he had endeared himself to all classes of his fellow countrymen by the untiring thoroughness with which he carried out the various duties of his position. (Cheers.) The Princess of Wales was beloved and adored not only by the English nation, but throughout the world—(cheers)—for she was possessed of every grace and charm that could adorn a lady. Of the rest of the Royal Family there was not one but who had a personal claim upon their gratitude, some in the field, others on the seas, and in all cases when any good work was brought forward for the benefit of the people they were ever first and foremost to render their assistance. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, followed by the National Anthem, Madame Riechelmann singing the solo.

The GRAND SECRETARY said their worthy Chairman, the Master of this lodge, had been good enough to permit him to propose the next toast. He need scarcely say he seized that opportunity with the very greatest pleasure, because it allowed him to propose to them a toast which he was quite certain would be received with the greatest cordiality by every one, and more especially by the visitors and guests of this worthy old lodge, the Domatic, whose members were

their hosts on this occasion. (Cheers.) It was but a few months ago he had the good fortune to be present at what was called by Freemasons the "centenary meeting" of the Domatic Lodge. They all felt in the present day that they lived very fast, and that the world went round very rapidly; but he confessed when, a short time afterwards, he was asked to come down here to celebrate a centenary meeting he fancied he must have been, like "Rip Van Winkle," asleep for a hundred years. (Laughter.) But such was the hospitality of the Domatic Lodge that they intended to have a centenary meeting two or three times a year. (Laughter.) However, that might be, here they were again, putting a finishing touch to this centenary meeting of which they were all so justly proud. Although he saw a large number of ladies present, some of whom had no doubt come with the full expectation and hope of discovering all sorts of Masonic secrets—(laughter)—he was afraid he could not divulge them, or he should be ordered out to immediate execution. (Renewed laughter.) But he might say to their fair friends that Masonic work comprised the practice and promulgation of all the moral and social virtues, to teach each other to be at peace and live in goodwill with all mankind. The Domatic Lodge had been practising those virtues during the 100 years of its existence, and all honour to them for carrying on so good a work. The brethren have done all they could to ameliorate the evils which beset mankind, and he was sure all would rejoice with him that they had celebrated what they in Masonry regarded as a "red-letter" day, namely, the completion of the 100th year of the lodge's existence. (Cheers.) In honour of the event its members—and Masons were not above the vanities of the world—were permitted to wear a jewel, which although they did not display them that day, they had them stored up somewhere at home. The music of a charming band had no doubt set many of the ladies longing for a dance, and he would not detain them further than to propose "Prosperity to this old Masonic Lodge, the Domatic, No. 177," coupled with their hearty thanks to those hospitable members who had shewn them such kindness that day. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. J. FERGUSON, P.M., whose name had been associated with the toast, after returning thanks, was happy to say at the present time the Domatic Lodge was in a very prosperous condition. It had been prosperous for many years, thanks to the wisdom and discretion of those who presided over it. This element of prosperity was created by those careful men who, in early days, laid down a fixed rule that a certain sum only should be expended on their entertainments. In the old times they were not extravagant, for they resolved that on their nights of meeting the expenditure should not exceed fourpence—(laughter)—and that all liabilities should be settled before the company departed. After a few years the Domatic Lodge appeared to have grown more lavish, for they advanced their expenditure to eightpence—(laughter)—and so they had gone on improving. In later times they had instituted a summer banquet. They had previously an entertainment on St. John's Day, for which the tickets were to be five shillings, and not more than two shillings was to be expended on liquor—(laughter)—therefore they were sound, hard-headed people in those days, and got home in a prudent and respectable manner. He hoped the lodge would go on prospering under the guidance of its responsible rulers, and while they were led by such a Past Master as their esteemed Bro. George Everett—(cheers)—prosperity in the future was ensured.

Bro. F. KENT, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Ladies" in a few happily-chosen sentences; and the toast was gallantly acknowledged by Bro. Taring.

The W.M. then asked the brethren of the Domatic Lodge to drink to "The Health of the Visitors," a toast that was always thoroughly honoured by that lodge, whose members were ever ready to stretch forth the right hand of fellowship, and to welcome those who might be brought into their company. At the present time in looking round, he was pleased to see the beaming smiles of the ladies and the happy countenances of so large an assembly of guests, which denoted that they were enjoying the reunion—(cheers)—and on behalf of the brethren he extended to one and all a right hearty and sincere welcome.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, on behalf of the visitors, so numerous as to far outnumber the members of the lodge present that day, thanked them most sincerely for the kind invitation accorded to them, and for the hospitality shown them on the present occasion. The grace and the beauty which adorned the room surpassed anything he had witnessed for some time. He knew the band was waiting, and the ladies devoted to terpsichore were longing to choose their partners; he would therefore conclude by thanking them for the generous hospitality exhibited towards the visitors that day, and express on their behalf the earnest hope that whatever prosperity might have attended the Domatic Lodge during the last 100 years, on the yet unwritten page of its future history there might be recorded a vastly increasing amount of success.—(Cheers.)

The W.M. then said the important duty devolved upon him of proposing "Continued Prosperity to the Kempton Park Company," to the directors of which they were indebted for their entertainment that day, so far as their place of meeting was concerned. He thought they would all agree with him that it would be impossible to find a more lovely, quiet spot than that on which they were now assembled. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in associating with the toast the name of Bro. George Everett, through whose favour, and the readiness of his brother directors, this magnificent park had been placed at the disposal of the lodge that day. (Cheers.) For his own part he was under a great personal obligation to Bro. Everett for the kind manner in which he had performed many duties which ought to have rested upon himself. He felt bound to mention this, as visitors might go away giving him (the speaker) credit for arranging the whole of that affair, whereas he was not entitled to that honour. His duties had called him very much out of town, and Bro. Everett had acted in his stead, the happy results of which they had now before them. (Cheers.)

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT said he was not likely to forget for some time the good feeling which had induced the company to receive that toast in so hearty and cordial a manner. He thanked them on his own part, and on behalf of his brother directors, for the kind compliment which they had paid to them, and also for their good wishes for the continued success of the Kempton Park Company. He was very pleased and glad to see so numerous an assemblage present. It was well-known to most of his friends that he took a deep interest in all that pertained to Fre.

masonry in general and the Domestic Lodge in particular; and when it was determined to supplement the great gathering which took place at the Criterion in February last, by a festival here, in which the members and their friends might participate, he at once suggested their coming to Kempton Park, and it appeared it had given universal satisfaction. (Cheers.) If he might judge from what had been said at this festive board, the endeavours of the Committee to ensure their comfort and happiness had been in the highest degree successful. When he mentioned to the directors their desire to come here, they most readily fell in with his views, and their worthy Secretary, Mr. Hyde, did everything he possibly could to facilitate the arrangements for a thorough day's enjoyment. (Cheers.) He might say this was not the only friendly gathering to which Kempton Park had been devoted. During several summers past they had given permission to some hundreds of poor school children to visit Kempton Park, in order to enjoy "a day in the country," and he was pleased to see around him many friends, particularly Mr. W. J. Innes and Mr. John Moore, who, by their liberal contributions and collections, had enabled those children to be regaled in a manner which had gladdened their young hearts. (Applause.) They had not restricted this privilege to any district, and the children had come from all parts of London. Next Tuesday a large number were coming from Bayswater. He mentioned this because he thought it was a cheering sign of the times that, although the place of recreation was a racecourse, yet they had received applications from clergymen that children might come there, and they had on nearly every occasion been accompanied by the clergy themselves. (Applause.) He felt very pleased that no doubt, in consequence of the fine weather, some 40 or 50 guests had turned up more than they had expected; and he hoped they would take this circumstance into consideration if there should happen to have been any shortcomings in the arrangements. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. J. FERGUSON said, in the absence of the officers whose duty it was to look after these little matters, it devolved upon him to propose a toast which would recommend itself very much to all present, and that was "The Health of the Presiding Genius of the Day—their excellent Worshipful Master." (Cheers.) Bro. Price had evidently ingratiated himself into their favour by his good looks, his kindly feeling and urbanity, and the interest he had taken in preparing and assisting to carry out this entertainment. (Applause.) He was very pleased to be a Past Master under so distinguished a W.M. as Bro. Harry Nelson Price, who now presided over the Domestic Lodge, and if the members only followed the example he had set them, there was little likelihood of the prosperity of the lodge diminishing in any way. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER returned his sincere thanks for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He was exceedingly glad to find they had so thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The grounds, however, had proved so attractive as to entice the ladies away; so, as he disliked talking to empty benches, he would merely thank them once more for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast so flatteringly proposed by Bro. Ferguson. (Cheers.)

Bro. GOODFELLOW then gave "The Healths of the Stewards," on whose behalf Bros. H. J. CHAPMAN and J. E. SPURRELL responded; soon after which the company again repaired to the gardens, where dancing had already commenced on the greensward. Tea and coffee were dispersed amongst the guests, who sat in "lête-à-lête" groups at little rustic tables underneath the trees; and as the shades of evening closed in upon the scene, the cool atmosphere of the gloaming tended much to the personal comfort and enjoyment of all present. Later on a grand ball took place in the pavilion, where the pleasures of the evening were sustained with unabated zest until the time when the latest "special" was announced for the conveyance of the visitors back to town. The whole affair was admirably managed throughout, and the guests were loud in their expressions of appreciation of the unbounded hospitality of the brethren of the Domestic Lodge.

We should not omit to mention that during the banquet a selection of music was sung, under the direction of the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Carl Reichelmann, who was assisted by Madame Reichelmann, Mr. Wilford Morgan, Mr. J. W. Packer, and Mr. Owen, of the London concerts.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, Portsmouth, presented Miss Robinson, as a token of esteem and appreciation of many kindnesses, with a handsome terra-cotta bust of Her Majesty at the lodge room, the Sailor Boys' Room, at the Soldiers' Institute. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. Palmer, presided, and there was a large attendance of the brethren, including Bros. G. F. Bevis, S.W.; P. H. Emanuel, J.W.; J. R. Pither, Secretary; T. Tufnell, Treasurer; and others.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER thanked Miss Robinson for her presence, as he knew what the exertion cost her. He had been deputed to make the presentation as a mark of esteem for her assistance at the foundation, for her allowing them to meet there rent free, and, above all, for her general character and Christian disposition in uplifting the downcast and oppressed. They esteemed the great work of her life in seeking to humanise and Christianise the soldiers and sailors, in providing that institute for their comfort, and so avoiding those temptations which surrounded them on their joining the service. (Hear, hear.) They had often heard her sentiments of loyalty, and knew that the name of the Queen was beloved by her; and the presentation was doubly appropriate, for Her Majesty was the mother of the first Freemason of the empire, and the first Grand Master who ever granted a foundation for the establishment of a temperance lodge, and whose name would be honourably handed down to posterity. He unveiled the bust, and expressed a hope that Miss Robinson's life would long be spared to continue her useful and Christian work. (Hear, hear.)

Miss ROBINSON suitably replied, and said she felt the higher gratification because they were now celebrating their beloved Queen's jubilee. She hoped that they would allow the bust to form part of the furniture of their very beautiful lodge room. (Hear, hear.) They had fought for the name of Temperance Lodge, but it was a name worth fighting for, and although she was a red-hot teetotaler, she commended them for admitting non-abstaining

members, for they could show that they could carry on their functions with as much dignity and credit as the non-abstaining lodges. Though women did not like Freemasonry, no wife or mother could object to a husband or son joining such a lodge, and for that reason she wished them every success. (Applause.) She claimed for religion what they claimed for Freemasonry, and prayed that their lives might be more than ever in accordance with the principles they professed. (Hear, hear.)

At Miss Robinson's request, a verse of the National Anthem was sung, and then the W.M. thanked Miss Robinson for allowing them to use the bust in the lodge room, adding that it would perpetually remind them of two good women—her whom it represented, and her to whom it belonged. (Hear, hear.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., the Committee of this Institution carried out an idea which they have long entertained, viz., to set apart one day in each year for the reception of ex-pupils. About 30 came to this very pleasant reunion, they being received by the Chairman of the month, Bro. Frank Richardson, and by Bros. Hammerton, Robert Grey, Matthews, Hunt, and Hedges, Secretary. It is hoped that when it is more generally known, a larger number of ex-pupils will avail themselves of the privilege of visiting their old school, as we feel certain it will be for the benefit of both present and past students. It will be the means of obtaining much useful information as to the present employment of many of the ex-pupils, and it is anticipated that, from the hints obtained on this occasion, opportunities may be found in the future for recommending some employment to those who have not yet left the Institution.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their stated monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. William Roebuck, V.-Pat. and Trustee, P.G. Swd. Br., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. S. Richardson, C. F. Hogard, H. Venn, Col. Alex. Ridgway, F. Walters, F. Adlard, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Webb, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Rev. Richard Morris, M.A., LL.D.; W. Paas, Thomas Griffiths, W. Maple, W. Wingham, G. J. Moorcroft, T. Hastings Miller, Rob. Martin, G. P. Festa, and Frederick Binckes, V.-Pat., P.G. Std., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the reports of the distribution of prizes, by Lord Sufield, on Saturday, the 26th ult., and the Festival at Brighton on Wednesday, the 30th ult., were submitted and read.

The petitions of 17 candidates were then taken into consideration, with the result that 15 were accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list for the October election, one was rejected and one deferred. This raises the number of candidates for the said October election to 44, of whom, 22 or—in the event of Bro. Edgar Bowyer's motion, at the Quarterly Court next Monday, for an addition of 10 boys, being carried—32 will be elected.

Four applications by ex-pupils for grants towards outfit having been entertained, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the proceedings terminated.

THE RECENT BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The following sums have been received since our report of the Festival was published last week, viz.:

LONDON.		
Lodge		£ s. d.
14	Bro. Gordon Smith	26 5 0
23	" J. A. Blackman	17 17 0
70	" C. Kedgley (additional)	10 10 0
145	" W. F. Masters (additional)	5 5 0
657	} T. H. Gardiner	36 15 0
1150		
1671	" C. W. Meiter (additional)	10 10 0
	" J. Weston (unattached)	9 19 6
	" J. L. Mather (additional)	6 6 0

PROVINCES.

CORNWALL.		
	Bro. C. Truscott (additional)	4 2 0
KENT.		
	Province (additional)	47 0 0
LANCASHIRE (WEST.)		
1505	Bro. Robert Foote	10 10 0
SURREY.		
2096	Bro. H. M. Hobbs (additional)	10 10 0
WORCESTERSHIRE.		
	Bro. J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick	10 10 0

It should be stated that Bro. J. Boddington, as Steward for Lodge No. 507, Warwickshire, gave in a list of £26 5s., the amount of which was included in the "General Total," as well as in the Provincial total—£283 10s.—in the "Analysis of the Returns;" but it was not entered against Bro. Boddington's name in the Returns, nor was it comprised in the £257 5s., set down against Warwickshire in the "Summary of the Provinces."

The sum of £26 5s., returned as the list of Bruce (unattached) London, should have been credited to Bro. Edgar Bowyer.

Under Essex, Bros. G. H. Finch and H. T. Sibley were given as Stewards for Lodge No. 2005, but Bro. Sibley is not a member of the lodge, and he ought not to have been associated with Bro. Finch as representing it. If Bro. Sibley's name is retained in the list, it will have to stand alone at the bottom of the list.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469.

Thanks to the indefatigable energy of Bro. Barrell, the now second-time Worshipful Master of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, the annual summer excursion of the local Masonic Body has become a recognised institution, and one of a most delightful and attractive character. This year Blenheim Palace and Oxford formed the ground plan

of the trip, and although it must be confessed that the brotherhood, especially looking at the heat on that day, had set themselves a somewhat trying task, still the day proved not one whit less enjoyable than the various excursions of the past eight or ten years. On Friday, the 2nd inst., the banner of the lodge drew within its shadow a combined party of sixty ladies and gentlemen friendly to the Craft. Breakfast was provided at Woodstock, the road ride between Islip and Oxford being taken in four-horse coaches, which it had previously been arranged should pick up the excursionists at the former station. Of course, some time was occupied in inspecting the features of historic interest in Blenheim Palace, and in the afternoon the colleges, halls, walks, museums, and other objects of interest in the city of Oxford were duly honoured, Bros. Acock and Bowden, and several other gentlemen of light and leading connected with the Craft in the Province of Oxford, acted as "guides, councillors, and friends."

The banquet, provided at five o'clock, at the Queen's Restaurant, proved possibly one of the most recherché spreads ever placed before the Masons. The bill of fare, in fact, left nothing to desire, whilst the dessert and wines were equally excellent.

After "the labours of the day," we need scarcely remark that the repast was discussed with more than ordinary verve, amply fortifying the party for the return journey, which was timed for eight o'clock. Long Sutton, Boston, and Sleaford Lodges contributed their quota to the pleasure party, and the W.M., Bro. Barrell, may congratulate himself that, backed by the whole of his officers—who are nothing if not loyal to his every call—he succeeded once more in promulgating a most delightful excursion.

Ireland.

FANCY FAIR IN AID OF THE METROPOLITAN MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the 23rd and 24th ult., a very brilliant fancy fair took place in the concert hall of the Queen's Hotel, Queenstown, in aid of the Metropolitan Masonic Orphan Schools. The Duke of Abercorn and the Earl of Bandon were among the distinguished patrons, and the arrangement of the affair was most efficiently carried out by the local committee. The decorations of the hall and grouping of the stalls were extremely effective, the various exhibits of art work, needlework, and vertu being displayed to tasteful advantage. The fancy stalls were ably managed by Mrs. and the Misses Hall, Mrs. and the Misses Miller, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Cavendish, Miss Chester, Miss B. Wallen, the Misses Raymond, Miss Garfit, and the Misses Andrews. Over the combined sweetness and beauty of the flower table adequately presided Mrs. W. H. Beamish, while the refreshment department, as usual a popular centre, was well dispensed by Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wainwright, Miss Christian, and Miss Pickard. Crowds of fashionables visited the bazaar each day, and good sales were realised by the fair and zealous stall-holders. The charming little amateur concert got up by the young lady musicians proved, moreover, a very attractive afternoon interlude.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The Grand Lodge of New York is to be congratulated on having obtained a worthy successor to Bro. J. G. Barker as Grand Librarian, in the person of Bro. Herman G. Carter.

From the Grand Master to the Grand Tyler, all the brethren are much gratified with Bro. Carter's attention to the library, and with his able arrangement of the many valuables to be found in that important and ever increasing collection.

Bro. Carter has now issued five separate catalogues, in all, of the library, as follows:—

1. June 5th, 1883. Report and Catalogue of the Grand Bodies, showing list of such as are wanted to complete volumes and files. Under *England*, various odd copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge are given from December, 1792, to the Union; and from 1814 to 1859. A complete set would be a boon, and is much desired by Bro. Bro. Carter—so also by other Grand Librarians, and by not a few brethren even in England. Ireland is represented by a few reports from 1809; but Scotland is not recorded. Naturally the various American Grand Bodies are in strength, and make a splendid lot.

2. June 3, 1884. Catalogue of Magazines and Periodicals, with list of wants. A very large number of these publications are noted from 1793, from all parts.

3. June 2, 1885. Catalogue of four classes of Masonic Publications, Calendars, &c. In which Cole's engraved list of 1756 is included, an ornament in any collection, and exceedingly rare and valuable. *Masonic Constitutions*, &c., with this series are given the Laws of 1723, 1746 (1738, with a new title) 1756, 1767, 1784, &c., of England, also "Ahiman Rezon," &c. We note Scots' "Pocket Companion" is mentioned for 1751. An error doubtless for 1754. *Rituals, Monitors, Manuals*, &c., and lastly, *Foreign Masonic Books*.

June 1, 1886. Two Catalogues—(a)—Two classes of Masonic publications. "*Polemic Works*," "*Masonic Addresses*." These make a big show, and many are especially valuable, because of being old and rare pamphlets—(b)—Masonic and other curiosities. These are arranged into the following classes: Medals and coins, jewels, collars, aprons and sashes, minerals, autographs, and autograph letters, furniture, pottery, statuettes and glassware, diplomas, certificates and warrants, miscellaneous. Valuable articles presented by W.W. Bro. J. W. Simons.

There is a Free Reading Room, the Assistants of the Grand Library being paid by the voluntary contributions of the Fraternity, so it is quite clear that the New York Frates are fully alive to the value and importance of their Grand Library.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Mrs. Evans, presided on Saturday last at the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools at Caterham, the pleasant task of distribution being performed by the latter. A large number of the friends and supporters of the institution were present, including Bros. N. B. Headon and E. F. Storr.



Bro. Wm. Mackie was installed W.M. of the Wilson Hles Lodge on Tuesday last, at the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross. We hope to give a report in our next.

The centenary of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth, Bro. Col. Crease, C.B., R.M.A., W.M., will be held on Saturday, the 31st inst., when Lord Lathom and several other Grand Officers will be present.

Bro. Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood visited the Ilford rifle ranges on Saturday last, and expressed himself as being well satisfied with the arrangements made at the butts.

Bro. Earl Granville, President of the City Liberal Club, Walbrook, will take the chair at the annual meeting of the members at the Club House, on Monday, the 26th instant.

Bro. Walter Darkin, of the John Hervey Lodge, has just been elected C.C. for the Ward of Castle Baynard, Bro. Frank Tayler, C.C., for the Ward of Cordwainer, of the same lodge, is the present W.M.

A very successful meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland—Prov. Grand Lodge of London—was held at 33, Golden-square, on Saturday last, when eight approved candidates were admitted. We hope to give a report shortly.

We regret to announce the death on Saturday evening last, after a long and painful illness, of Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, nephew of the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, and a writer of considerable repute on subjects connected with Freemasonry.

The King of Denmark, who was accompanied by Bro. Prince John of Glücksburg and the Duchess of Cumberland, returned from Wiesbaden to Copenhagen on Saturday last, meeting with a most enthusiastic reception from the inhabitants of his Capital.

To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, H.R.H. the Princess Christian will lay the foundation stone of the Finsbury and Shoreditch Polytechnic Institution, Appoldstreet, E.C. It is expected that Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs will be present at the ceremony.

The members of the Lodge of Instruction connected with Lodge 20, at Chatham, had a delightful water excursion to Clacton-on-Sea on Wednesday, June 30th, in Mr. Scrivner's steamer Rapid. The party numbered about twenty-five. Mr. Lewis, of the Mitre Hotel, catered the necessary food and drink.

Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and Sir E. Du Cane, K.C.B., have been appointed, by the Home Secretary, members of a Committee to consider what provision should be made in Courts of Assizes and Quarter Sessions for the accommodation of prisoners waiting for trial.

At an emergency meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar the E.P. elect, Sir Knight Neal York, was installed by Sir Knight Cumberland, and the officers were appointed as follows: Sir Knights Shilcock, Constable; Shirley, Marshal; McDowell, Sub-Marshal; Magnus Ohren, Treas.; and H. Lovegrove, Registrar; the other office bearers being Sir Knights Bennett, Carter, Read, Dunkley, and Robinson.

The Duchess of Albany laid the corner stone of St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the foundation stone having been laid by her late husband the Duke of Albany. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. Sir R. Collins, K.C.B., and having graciously acknowledged the address presented to her, and received the purses of money contributing towards the building fund, drove away amid the hearty cheers of the crowds assembled.

The First Summer Festival in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, will take place on Wednesday, the 11th August next. Saloon carriages will be attached to the 10.50 train from Waterloo for Windsor, and thence by steam launches for a trip up the river Thames, returning in time for dinner at the Star and Garter, Windsor, at five o'clock. Luncheon, &c., will be provided on board the launches. Full particulars as to tickets, &c., for ladies and brethren to be had of the Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, 3 St. James's-square, Pall-Mall, S.W.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Hughan has received a letter from Bro. Meyer, to the effect that the lecture by Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, Torquay, delivered in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, U.S.A., on the 23rd ult., was a great success. The arrangements were made by the Melita Lodge (of which Bro. Meyer, the chief of the Mary Commandery Pilgrims, when in Europe, is a Past Master) by consent of the Grand Master, there being about 400 brethren present, who were well pleased with the information afforded respecting the great Pyramid. Bro. Chapman was most heartily received by Bro. Hughan's numerous friends in Philadelphia, the introduction from that well known brother being sufficient to ensure as much hospitality and attention as possible.

A moveable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at the invitation of Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. G. Master of East Anglia, and the members of the province, at Novere's Rooms, Theatre Plain, Norwich, on Wednesday next, the 14th inst. Grand Lodge will be opened at 4.30 p.m. punctually, and a cold collation will be served at the Masonic Club Rooms, 47, St. Giles-street, Norwich, at 5.30 p.m.; tickets, exclusive of wine, 7s. 6d. The Great Eastern Railway Company have very considerably undertaken to issue tickets to brethren desirous of attending, from all booking stations—London excepted—at a fare and a quarter for the journey; and fro on the day of issue, and from London to Norwich and back the same day at the same rate of charge—a fare and a quarter—to parties of not less than six first class passengers travelling together, provided notice is sent to the Mark Grand Secretary, 3a, Red Lion-square, not later than the morning of Monday next, the 12th instant.

Bro. Henry Lovegrove has been elected honorary Secretary of the Departmental Committee of Science (Light and Air, &c.) of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington has consented to become an honorary member of the Nottingham Ancient Imperial United Order of Oddfellows.

Bro. Alderman Waterlow presided at the annual dinner, held at Cawte's Esplanade Hotel, Southsea, on Saturday last, by the employés of the firm of Waterlow Brothers and Layton.

Bros. Lord Wolverton and Alderman Savory have been elected to vote on behalf of the parish of St. Mary Wolnoth, for the lay representatives of the rural deanery at the Diocesan Conference.

Telegraphic addresses (Inland) for the Freemason Printing and Publishing Works—"Freemason, London." For Jewels, Clothing, Furniture, Banners, &c., &c.—"Kenning, London."

The Prime Minister of Victoria, acting in behalf of that and our other Australian Colonies, has addressed a cordial invitation to the Prince of Wales to visit Australia next year in connection with the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition.

The 14th Annual Garden Party in aid of the building fund of the Butchers' Charitable Institution, was held at Walham Green, on Tuesday, among those present being Bro. the Lord Mayor, Alderman De Keyser, W. Smout and W. Malthouse.

A meeting of the Order of Malta has been held in connection with the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, Knights Templar, when Sir Knight W. R. Palmer was installed in a most able manner by Sir Knight Cumberland, assisted by Sir Knights H. Lovegrove, M. Ohren, H. H. Shirley, J. Read, and others.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House for Newmarket for the races on Tuesday morning, and was to return to town to-day (Friday). The Princess of Wales and her daughters left for the same destination later in the afternoon, remaining as guests of the Earl and Countess of Cadogan.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting, held in the Venetian Parlour of the Mansion House, on Friday, the 2nd inst., of the Committee for the Relief of Distress among the Unemployed. It was announced that there was a balance still remaining of over £5000, and it was agreed to divide it among the Metropolitan Public Gardens' Association, the Society for the Relief of Distress, and the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association.

A movement is on foot for the purpose of erecting a memorial in Westminster Abbey to the late Bro. Sir Walter Scott, Bart., author of "Waverley." The memorial will take the form of a medallion portrait, and it has been ascertained that the cost will be £253 10s. of which £157 10s. will be for the portrait itself, and the rest for the fees and expenses to the Abbey authorities. It is considered there will be no difficulty whatever in raising the prescribed sum.

The Queen, accompanied by several members of the Royal Family, received the troops at Aldershot, on the 2nd inst. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, with Bro. General Lord Wolseley, were with the staff of the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief. Since the Review, her Majesty has had conveyed to the force her satisfaction at its appearance on the field and especially at that of the Militia regiments, which were present in line.

The Princess Louise, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, opened a grand bazaar in the grounds of University College, Gower-street, in aid of the funds of the North London University College Hospital, on Friday, the 2nd inst. A guard of honour of the Artist's Corps under the command of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Edis was on duty, and the band of the regiment alternately, with that of Tottenham House, played a choice selection of music during the afternoon.

Among the Members returned to the new House of Commons, the following are members of our Fraternity, namely, Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart. (City of London), Morgan Howard, Q.C. (Dulwich), T. W. Boord (Greenwich), Lord Charles Beresford (Marylebone, East), F. Seager Hunt (Marylebone, West), Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart. (Middlesex, Hornsey Div.), F. Dixon-Hartland (Middlesex, Uxbridge Div.), Lord Randolph Churchill (Paddington, South), W. A. Burdett-Coutts (Westminster), Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart. (Bristol, West), Peter Rylands (Burnley), Sir J. Gorst, Q.C. (Chatham), J. T. Agg-Gardner (Cheltenham), H. W. Eaton (Coventry), J. H. Puleston (Devonport), Hon. H. S. Northcote (Exeter), W. W. B. Beach (Hants, Andover Div.), Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart. (Hereford), Abel Smith (Herts, Hertford Div.), Baron Dimsdale (Herts, Hitchin Div.), T. F. Halsey (Herts, Watford Div.), Sir E. Watkin, Bart. (Hythe), Lord Elcho and C. Dalrymple (Ipswich), A. Akers-Douglas (Kent, St. Augustine's Div.), A. F. Godson (Kidderminster), Col. Sir F. Stanley (Lancashire, Blackpool Div.), General Feilden (Lancashire, Chorley Div.), Baron H. de Worms (Liverpool, East Toxteth Div.), Lord C. Hamilton (Liverpool, West Derby Div.), Sir J. Fergusson, Bart. (Manchester, N.E.), W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst (Norfolk, Thetford Div.), Sir John Mowbray, Bart. (Oxford University), E. Clarke, Q.C. (Plymouth), Admiral Sir E. Commerell, V.C., K.C.B. (Southampton), A. Staveley Hill, Q.C. (Staffordshire, Kingswinford Div.), Joseph Dodds (Stockton-on-Tees), Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart. (Surrey, Kingston Div.), Sir G. Greenall, Bart. (Warrington), the Earl of Bective (Westmoreland, Kendal Div.), G. F. Cavendish Bentinck (Whitehaven), R. Richardson-Gardner (Windsor), Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart. (Worcestershire, Bewdley Div.), D. Smith and W. T. Marriott, Q.C. (Brighton), Sir W. Hart-Dyke (Kent, Dartford Div.), Hugh C. E. Childers (Edinburgh, South), and the Earl of March (Sussex, Chichester Div.).

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Bro. Major and Mrs. Josephs and Bro. Horace Jones and Mrs. Jones, attended the Lady Mayoress's reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday.

Bro. the Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, M.P., will preside at a Confederation Banquet of old Australian Colonists to be held at the Kensington Town Hall on Thursday next, the 15th instant.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales distributed the medallions and certificates gained by the students of the Polytechnic Ambulance Classes, a vote of thanks being afterwards passed to his Royal Highness for his kindness.

Lord Randolph Churchill has been ordered by his medical advisers to seek rest and change of air away from London, for two or three weeks, and has left England for some salmon fishing in the North of Europe.

An emergency meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge will be held to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, when Bro. W. A. Scurrah, Prov. G.S. of W., will perform six raisings and two initiations, which, with two notices of motion by Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M. and Treas., will make up a full agenda.

Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman De Keyser, J. P. Knight, and Capt. Shaw were included among the guests at the dinner given at the Mansion House on the 2nd inst. by Bro. the Lord Mayor to the great French financier, M. Léon Say.

To-morrow (Saturday) the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, and on Monday that of the Boys' School will take place. At the latter Court a motion for the increase of the establishment by 10 boys will be submitted and considered.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will attend the Council of King's College, Strand, at 4 p.m. to-day (Friday), and in the evening will be the guest of the Cooks' Company at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. His lordship will also be present at the State Ball, and the Baroness Burdett-Coutt's garden party at Holly Lodge.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, left Marlborough House for Aldershot, on the 2nd inst., in order to be present at the review of the troops there by her Majesty. Their Royal Highnesses lunched with the officers of the 10th Hussars, and dined with the Lieut.-General commanding the camp.

The opening meeting of the Industry Chapter of Instruction, No. 186, will be held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., this (Saturday) evening, at 7.30 o'clock. Comp. Waits, P.Z. 720, will occupy the Principal's chair. All members of the Order are cordially invited, and it is anticipated that there will be a goodly assemblage of the companions.

The numerous friends of Bro. Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., Deputy Mayor of Worcester, &c., will regret to hear that he met with a severe accident on Sunday last. In alighting from a cab, in Furnival's-Inn, he slipped and broke several of his ribs. We are happy to state that our genial brother is progressing slowly but satisfactorily.

Our pages last week contained an announcement of the issue of shares in Willis's Rooms (Limited.) This historic house, first known to the fashionable world as Almack's, and for many years under its present designation, has all the advantages that position and associations can bestow on it, and on entering into the lists as a competitor with the numerous modern palatial establishments that have sprung up during the last few years, those advantages, if wisely turned to account, are bound to tell. The directors could not have done better than appoint Bro. Dawkins, so long and favourably known to the frequenters of Freemasons' Tavern as manager, and we congratulate both him and the directorate on the association.

The Queen received at Windsor Castle on Monday a large number of the representatives of the Colonies and India. Luncheon was served in the Waterloo Gallery, and the guests were afterwards introduced to her Majesty by the Prince of Wales. The great officers of State, and the ladies and gentlemen of the royal household were in attendance on the Queen, who was accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princess Louise of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and other members of the royal family. Bro. Sir W. and Lady Clarke and Miss Clarke, Bro. Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. Sir M. E. and Lady Hicks-Beach, Bart., Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sir F. and Lady Bolton, and Bro. Sir P. and Lady Cunliffe-Owen were among those to whom invitations were sent. The guests were conveyed to and from Windsor by special trains from and to Paddington.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, in the Masonic Temple, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W. (entrance from Piccadilly or Jermyn-street), on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., at seven o'clock, when they hope to be favoured with the attendance of many Colonial and other brethren. Bros. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, W.M. and Preceptor; E. Farwig, P.M. 180, S.W.; and E. Chamberlain, J.D. 87, J.W. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614; Second Section, Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, A.M.D. 197; Third Section, Bro. F. Dusterwald, 1586; Fourth Section, Bro. R. Kirk, 1681; Fifth Section, Bro. J. Paul, J.W. 1472; Sixth Section, Bro. E. C. Mulvey, S.D. 179; Seventh Section, E. Chamberlain, J.D. 87. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. R. J. Harnell, 2021; Second Section, Bro. J. Skinner, P.M. 538; Third Section, Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180; Fourth Section, Bro. C. Corby, W.M. 957; Fifth Section, Bro. J. Docker, P.M. 1687. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. A. Clark, P.M. 1227; Second Section, Bro. J. Hemming, S.D. 1287; Third Section, W. Brindley, P.M. 1604.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, July 17, 1886.

SATURDAY, JULY 10.
Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Prk.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Lleyton.
" 1689, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Chap. 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hal, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Royal and Select Masters, Constantine Council, Sa, Red Lion-sq. 3.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, JULY 12.
Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
Chap. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 44, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, JULY 13.
Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
S.C. 33, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, S.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.

New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14.
Moveable Grand Lodge, Mark Master Masons, Norwich, 4.30.
General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hot., Upper Norwood.
Chap. 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 946, Strawberry Hill, Town Hall, Twickenham.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
S.C. 33, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 15.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Ho., London Bridge.
" 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.
" 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1963, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea-pk.
Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.
Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JULY 16.
Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
" 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8. [at 7.30.
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell,
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

SATURDAY, JULY 17.
Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1861, Claremont, Crown Hot., Chertsey, Surrey.
" 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 354, Rose and Lily, Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross.

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