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APPROACHING ELECTIONS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 19th inst., when, after the regular business has been transacted, a poll will be opened for the election of candidates to fill the vacancies that have occurred during the past 12 months. For the

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the vacancies to be competed for are 15 in number, namely, 12 immediate and three deferred, while the number of approved applicants is 60. Of this number London furnishes 14 and the Provinces and a District Abroad the remaining 46, the London candidates being as follow, namely: No. 13, who brings forward 202 votes from three previous ballots; No. 20, who is now making his third attempt with the substantial array of 755 votes already in hand to help him; No. 24, who was a candidate last year for the first time and has to his credit 369 votes; and Nos. 40, 42, 43, 44, 47, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, and 58. The Provincial candidates include five from Devonshire and five from North and East Yorkshire, four each from Kent, Lancashire (East Division), and Warwickshire; three from Cornwall and the same number from West Yorkshire; two in each case from Durham, Lincolnshire, and Sussex; while the following send each a single candidate, namely: Cambridgeshire Dorsetshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Herts, West Lancashire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northumberland, Notts, and Staffordshire, the other being from the District of Bombay. The North and East Yorkshire include No. 1 on the list whose name has been before the Governors for 11 years, but who has only a small array of 96 votes in hand; No. 4, who has 84 votes to the good from six previous ballots; No. 5, who enters upon his sixth contest for a vacancy with 157 votes to his credit, and Nos. 32 and 45, who are new candidates. The Devonshire brethren stand in the following order on the list: No. 3, a nine-year-old applicant, who starts with 180 votes to the good from his eight previous attempts; No. 6, who has 118 votes in hand from five contests; No. 7, who has been before the voters for five years, yet has only 36 votes to help him at this election; No. 9, who has four votes in hand from three elections; and No. 23, who brings forward 106 votes from the 1892 election. It cannot be said in respect of these candidates from Devonshire that they have been overwhelmed with support at any of their previous ballots. The Kentish four are No. 14, who has made two attempts to win an annuity, and in doing so has scored only 36 votes; and Nos. 41, 49, and 50, who are new cases; the four from East Lancashire are all of them new, and rank on the list as Nos. 28, 34, 38, and 57; while the Warwickshire four comprise No. 15, who has 47 votes to the good; No. 27, who brings forward 30 votes from last year; and Nos. 46 and 60. The three Cornish candidates are Nos. 19 and 22, with 19 votes and eight votes respectively to their credit, and No. 59; while the West Yorkshire trio are all new cases, and will be found at Nos. 35, 36, and 37. Of the two Durham brethren, No. 10 has 52 votes in hand, and No. 16 none, though his name has been on the list at two previous elections. Lincolnshire is responsible for No. 8, who starts with 14 votes, and No. 18, who has 168 votes to his credit; and the Sussex applicants are Nos. 26 and 30, of whom the former was on last year's list, while the latter is now about to make his first trial. The Cambridgeshire brother (No. 11), who is in his 79th year, and has claims on Northants and Hunts and Leicestershire and Rutland—of both of which he is a P.P.G. Officer—as well as on his mother Province, brings forward 561 votes, and the Northumberland applicant, whose name has been on the list for 10 years, and who ranks as No. 2, has 251 votes to his credit; but the remaining brethren are either new cases or have derived but little benefit from their previous candidature, so that they virtually start level. There are, indeed, only three or four, whose votes brought forward are sufficiently numerous to influence their chances of success at the approaching election.

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there are 10 annuities to be competed for, namely, seven immediate and three deferred, while the number of candidates is 55. Here, again, London furnishes 14 of the latter, while the Provinces and Districts Abroad send up 41. The London cases are as follow: No. 1, who has been on the list for 13 years, and brings forward 353 votes as the result of her 12 previous efforts; No. 14, who is preparing for a sixth contest, and who has 825 votes to her credit to help her on the way; No. 17, who is still better circumstanced, as she brings forward 1144 votes from her previous ballots; No. 19, who has 982 votes in hand from the same number of attempts; No. 20, who ought to secure a vacancy, if her friends and supporters exert themselves, as she stands with 1894 votes to the good; No. 21, who brings forward 279 votes; No. 29, who has stood three previous elections, and has in hand 211 votes;

No. 33, whose husband was a Past Grand Officer, and who brings forward from the 1892 election 1042 votes; No. 34, who was also a candidate for the first time last election, and has 951 votes in hand; No. 38, with 511 votes to the good from May, 1892; and Nos. 44, 45, 51, and 53, who are all of them newly placed on the list. The 39 Provincial cases include seven from Devonshire, of whom No. 6 brings forward 222 votes as the result of the efforts made in her behalf at seven previous contests; No. 8, who has been a candidate for the same number of years, and brings forward precisely the same number of votes; No. 10, with 122 votes to the good from four previous ballots; No. 16, who has only a few votes to the good from four preceding elections; No. 30, who has been a candidate for four years, and will start with 172 votes; No. 31, who has already standing to her credit 263 votes from 1892; and No. 40, a new candidate. The following six hail from the Province of Kent: No. 5, who has been on the list for nine years, and has to his credit 924 votes; No. 12, a six-year old applicant, who brings forward 257 votes; No. 22, who starts with 375 votes obtained at four previous ballots; Nos. 23 and 24, who have made the same number of attempts, and start with 135 and 673 votes to their respective credits; and No. 43, whose name has been accepted since last year's election. There are four applicants from East Lancashire, of whom No. 3 has been on the list for 10 years, and has accumulated in that time 227 votes; No. 36, who made his first essay in 1892, but without result; and Nos. 46 and 47, who are new cases. There are two Cornish candidates—No. 9, who starts with 35 votes compiled at six previous trials, and No. 28, who has about the same number in hand from the 1890, 1891, and 1892 elections. Of the Cumberland and Westmorland widows, one, who stands at No. 2, and has made nine attempts, has 70 votes to her credit, and the other, who ranks as No. 35, made her *debut* in 1892. One of the candidates from Durham (No. 7) began her candidature in 1886, and brings forward 17 votes, and the other (No. 13), who started two years later, has 44 votes to the good. There are two from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, of whom No. 4 brings forward 2202 votes from the eight preceding ballots, and with such a start ought to experience little or no difficulty in securing a vacancy; and No. 15 who has 259 votes to her credit from the last five ballots. The Lincolnshire cases rank as No. 25, and No. 39, a new case; the West Yorkshire as Nos. 37 and 38, of whom the latter will start with 511 votes to her credit; and the two from Abroad are No. 27, who hails from Turkey, and after four unsuccessful attempts is about to start on a fifth with 1619 votes to the good, and No. 42, a new case, from the District of Bengal. There remain the following to be accounted for, namely, No. 11, from Bristol, who has been trying without result for five years; No. 18, from Staffordshire, who after four attempts is only a shade better off; No. 26, from Essex, who starts with the goodly number of 1298 votes to her credit; No. 43, from Suffolk, who was a candidate in May, 1892; and Nos. 48 (Norfolk), 49 (West Lancashire), 50 (Berkshire), 52 (Dorsetshire), 54 (Jersey), and 55 (Channel Islands), who are all of them applicants for the first time. From the foregoing particulars it will be seen that several of the older candidates are very favourably circumstanced by reason of the votes they bring forward from the election of last year.

There are certain other matters concerning the two lists to which attention may be properly called. It will evidently be the subject of general remark that the approaching election will be the first that has been held for many years at which the male list of candidates has exceeded the widows' list. This is due principally to the large number of brethren who have petitioned, and had their cases approved during the past year, while, on the other hand, owing to the greater stringency of the Regulations, and especially to the extension of the maximum age for acceptance from 55 to 60 years, the new widow cases have been comparatively few. Thus out of the 60 cases on the men's list, 33 have been approved since the 1892 election, while on the widows' list only 17 are new cases. Hence while more than one half of the men's list consists of new cases, less than one-third of the widows' list is in the same position. As regards the ratio of candidates to vacancies, in the case of the Male Fund it is four to one; in that of the Widows' Fund it is five-and-a-half to one. What this ratio will prove to be on the day of the election remains to be seen. The number of vacancies was declared in February, but sundry deaths have occurred since then, and others may occur between now and the 19th instant. For the full particulars of the several cases we must refer our readers to the lists which are appended to the voting papers; but as regards one important point—the length of time for which the male candidates or the late husbands of the widow candidates were subscribing members of a lodge or lodges—we remark that upwards of 50 per cent. in each case had been subscribing members for 20 years and upwards, while in a few instances the number of years exceeds 40.

We must remind our readers, and especially those among them who are interested in the success of a particular candidate or candidates, that the poll will close precisely at 3 p.m.

BRO. BAIN'S MASONIC LIBRARY.

Bro. G. W. Bain, of Sunderland, has compiled and published a catalogue of his "Masonic Books, Engravings, Medals, Jewels, Curios, and Certificates," and I hope the example thus set will soon be followed by other brethren in this country. The cost is heavy to produce such a handsome looking pamphlet of some 40 pages, but there is no need for other collectors to present all the copies to friends and Masonic students, as Bro. Bain has so generously done. Two hundred copies would soon be subscribed for if the compilation were at all equal to the one under consideration, and the increase of such publications would go far to interest many, who at present have not been drawn into the excitement of fraternal contests for rarities, as well as inform us all as to the locality and character of other Masonic Libraries in England.

About 1000 different articles are enumerated in this carefully prepared catalogue, the collection being *select* rather than numerous, but of considerable value and importance. Mere numbers do not indicate the real value of a library, and it has evidently been Bro. Bain's desire to acquire works of utility, rarity, and beauty (the condition generally being exceptionally fine), in preference to amassing an *omnium gatherum*, that would have nothing to recommend it but the number of tomes and the size of the collection. In future years my friend speaks of attempting a catalogue of a more ambitious character, and meanwhile asks for forbearance in respect to the "many defects" of the present compilation. As to the former, we shall all be glad to know there are still greater pleasures in store for us, but meanwhile we have nothing but praise for the present effort, and fail to recognise the defects about which the preface speaks. The descriptions are brief, and necessarily so, but I feel assured that all competent judges will agree with me in stating that Bro. Bain has realised their most sanguine expectations in the preparation of this interesting catalogue, and his success has been such as to justify him ere long in publishing a comprehensive bibliography of his valuable collection. He has done wonders in the five years he has been a Masonic collector, and though there are still many books lacking, those he has obtained are of considerable importance, and not a few of excessive rarity.

To make a selection from so many works of value is not an easy task. A few, however, of the sets stand out prominently, and almost speak for themselves. The Books of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England are virtually complete from 1723 to 1888, the only apparent break being the 1738 or second edition, but that is substantially represented by the 1746 issue, which is precisely the same, save having a new title, and, of course, there is also the facsimile reproduction brought out by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. There are two of 1723, one being an old lodge copy; three of 1767, one having the very rare appendix of 1776; two of 1784, one having the cancelled leaf, as well as the corrected leaves (two); 22 editions in all, besides the unrecognised octavo issue of 1769, which was once the property of an old Scottish lodge. Our dear and lamented Bro. Whympier, C.I.E., rejoiced in a complete set, so does Bros. William Watson, John E. Le Feuvre, and a few other Craftsmen.

"Ahiman Rezens," or the Laws of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, are all present, but the scarce edition of 1787, which (as Bro. William Watson states in the excellent catalogue of his remarkable library, where it is domiciled) is "exceedingly rare, existence even doubted." The Irish Constitutions are also well represented, beginning with the first edition of 1730, and then comes Bro. Spratt's of 1751, with several "Ahiman Rezens" of later date, but rarely met with. Scotland has not been lost sight of, the first and second separate issues being in the collection, as well as the magnificent "large paper" edition of the 1848, of which only 250 were printed, being one of the most elegant volumes ever brought out in connection with the Craft. The French reprint of 1736, the 1798 issue of Massachusetts, and some valuable editions of New York, Rhode Island, &c., being also noteworthy purchases.

One of the chief attractions is the sumptuous copy of Cole's engraved "Constitutions" of A.D. 1728-9. The second edition is also by its side, and the third of 1751. Only the 1762 is lacking to complete the quartette, which can be seen in the Worcestershire Masonic Library, so ably built up by Bro. George Taylor, of Kidderminster. Another grand quartette is Bro. Bain's series of the "Blue Blanket." All are known to me, but the one of 1756, which has generally been overlooked from the fact that the actual third edition of 1780 is termed the "second." The collection is weak in calendars, but exceedingly strong in lodge histories, catalogues of Masonic works, and pocket companions. The latter is quite a feature of the library, and one rarely equalled.

There are 14 editions of "Jachin and Boaz," and a wonderful lot of Rosicrucian and Occult works, which must have been very expensive to procure, unless the owner knows of some plan of procedure to which the rest of us mortals are strangers. Royal Arch Regulations are well cared for as respects this century, or rather since the "Union," but those previously are absent. The Knights Templars have many lines to include all their productions preserved, and modern authors are fairly looked after and duly catalogued. Many will have to be added of late issues, but that can be done with little difficulty.

The engravings are of a choice description, but I dare not stop to particularise, and so also the jewels, those of the "Argyle" Lodge, No. 76, Glasgow, in a case, complete, over a century old, being the most valuable.

There are 35 medals (mostly in Bro. Marvin's work), several of the pieces being of excessive rarity, and well worthy of being described. The "Bric-a-Brac" cannot fail to be specially considered in a more extended notice, particularly the furniture (in part), clothing, and warrant of the extinct Scottish lodge already mentioned, and the York curios.

The certificates make one of Bro. Bain's strongholds, and as he has fortunately secured the aid of Bro. J. Ramsden Riley (one of the best authorities on that subject), who has ably described these scarce and important documents, no more need be said on that point.

The few notes of mine in the catalogue were simple memos. sent to my friend as I returned proof sheets. As a matter of fact, it is but fair to state that the compilation is his own from beginning to end, as respects arrangement, titles, and descriptions, the credit being his only, and the thanks, therefore, should be bestowed wholly and solely on Bro. Bain.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when there was a very much larger attendance of the companions than usual. In the absence of the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the three Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Supt. of Oxford; the Earl of Euston, Grand Supt. Northants and Hunts; and Col. Noel Money, C.B., Grand Supt. Surrey.

Grand Chapter having been formally opened, Comp. LETCHWORTH, G.S.E., read the minutes of the February convocation, which were duly put and confirmed.

The ACTING GRAND Z. said it was now his pleasing duty to announce to the companions that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by virtue of his office as M.W.G.M. was the Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter and he had appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom as Pro Grand Z., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, G.H., and Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.J. The appointments would, therefore, be as follows:

Comp. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B. ...	Pro G.Z.
" the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe ...	G.H.
" W. W. B. Beach, M.P. ...	G.J.
" Edward Letchworth ...	G.S.E.
" Rt. Hon. A. Akers Douglas, M.P. ...	G.S.N.
" Robert Grey ...	Pres. C.G.P.
" S. Cochrane ...	G. Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ...	G. Reg.
" L. G. Gordon Robbins ...	Dep. G. Reg.
" Rev. F. W. Macdonald ...	P.G.S.
" W. E. Brymer, M.P. ...	1st A.G.S.
" R. V. Vassar-Smith ...	2nd A.G.S.
" Clement Godson, M.D. ...	G.S.B.
" Philip H. Waterlow ...	Deputy G.S.B.
" S. G. Kirchhoffer ...	1st G. Std. Br.
" Major G. C. Davie ...	2nd G. Std. Br.
" Hugh Mackintosh, M.D. ...	3rd G. Std. Br.
" J. Lloyd Griffith ...	4th G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Marsden ...	5th G. Std. Br.
" Horatio Ward ...	6th G. Std. Br.
" Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj. ...	G.D.C.
" A. C. Spaul ...	D.G.D.C.
" Robert Willoughby ...	1st A.G.D.C.
" C. A. Cottebrune ...	2nd A.G.D.C.
" Samuel Vallentine ...	3rd A.G.D.C.
" Samuel V. Abraham ...	4th A.G.D.C.
" John Read ...	G. Org.
" A. A. Pendlebury ...	A.G.S.E.
" H. Sadler ...	G. Janitor.

After the above companions had been invested,

The ACTING GRAND Z. said the M.E. the First Principal had appointed on the Committee of General Purposes the Grand Principals and Comps. Robert Grey, President; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg.; and Sir George D. Harris. Comps. T. C. Walls, J. S. Cumberland, Hy. Garrod, W. A. Scurrah, Lennox Browne, George E. Fairchild, and M. Slaughter were then nominated for election as the other members, but as only six were to be elected Comp. Lennox Browne said to save an election he would withdraw as the seventh nominated candidate, and thereupon the Acting M.E.Z. declared the other nominees duly elected.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was then taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January, to the 18th April, 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows;

To Balance, Grand Chapter £257 1 6	By Disbursements during the
" Unappropriated ...	Quarter £300 8 8
" Account 212 17 4	" Balance 472 11 0
" Subsequent Receipts.. 491 16 8	" Unappropriated
	Account 188 15 10
	£961 15 6

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

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

1st. From Comps. Thomas Aitken, as Z.; John Joseph Black, as H.; Thomas B. B. Baverstock, as J.; and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, Guildford, to be called the Royal Alfred Chapter, and to meet at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, in the county of Surrey.

2nd. From Comps. the Right Hon. Charles Spencer Canning Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master for Somersetshire, as Z.; A. Duckett, Past Prov. Grand Scribe N., as H.; Alfred George Hayman, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome, to be called the Dungarvan Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Frome, Somersetshire.

3rd. From Comps. Williams Cocks, as Z.; John William Dewsnap, as H.; Philip George Philips, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Rye Lodge, No. 2272, Peckham, to be called the Rye Chapter, and to meet at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye-lane, Peckham, near London.

4th. From Comps. George William Dixon, as Z.; George Cook Burry, as H.; Kenneth Ronald Montgomery, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, Sutton, to be called the Lorne Chapter, and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, in the county of Surrey.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Pollard, as Z.; Henry Robert Rose, as H.; Joseph William Young Harrison Lavies, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, London, to be

called the Earl of Mornington Chapter, and to meet at the Café Royal, Regent-street, London.

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 32, Liverpool, Lancashire (W.D.), praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

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

The Zetland Chapter, No. 1071, from the Masonic Hall, Alexandra-square, to the New Masonic Hall, Fore-street, Saltash, Cornwall.

The Londesborough Chapter, No. 734, from the Masonic Hall, Driffield, to the Masonic Hall, Bridlington, Yorkshire (N. and E.D.).

The Royal Chapter, No. 207, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Sussex Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, Jamaica.

The Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721, from the Freemasons' Hall, Eastgate-row, North, to Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Chester.

The Temperance in the East Chapter, No. 898, from 6, Newby-place, Poplar, to the Town Hall, Stratford.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee having taken into further consideration their recommendation for an addition to be made to the number of officers in Provincial and District Grand Chapters, which was referred back by the Supreme Grand Chapter at its last convocation, in order that the numbers of chapters in the respective provinces and districts may be regarded and not the number of lodges, in the recommendation, now beg to recommend—

That, in provinces and districts numbering 15 chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint annually two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers. In provinces and districts numbering 20 chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies. In provinces and districts numbering 30 chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar, a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and that the Grand Superintendents of provinces or districts be empowered to appoint such Provincial or District Grand Chapter Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of officers for the several Provincial and District Grand Chapters after the confirmation of the minutes of Grand Chapter.

The following chapters having exalted candidates before the expiration of 12 months from the dates of raising, viz.:

The Athol-Israel Chapter, No. 74, Birmingham.

The Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, Greenwich.

The Downshire Chapter, No. 594, Liverpool.

The St. Marylebone Chapter, No. 1305, London.

In violation of Rule 73 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations, the Committee ordered the candidates to be re-obligated in Chapters, No. 74, 79, and 594, and those chapters to be severely reprimanded, and that the consideration of the irregularity in Chapter, No. 1305, be postponed for explanation to be given by the chapter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th April, 1893.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) THOS. CHARLES WALLS.

On the motion of Comp. Sir G. D. HARRIS, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, all the recommendations contained in the above report were carried.

Comp. CHARLES N. M'INTYRE NORTH, M.E.Z. 1275, then moved the following propositions:

1. That a Committee of Revision be appointed to examine the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, and to determine the relative positions, and the correct interpretations of certain portions of the same.
2. That the Committee be composed of the General Committee; one representative from each Provincial Grand Chapter, composed of 12 or more chapters, two skilled companions selected by the Committee, and the proposer and seconder of the above motion—seven to form a quorum.

In doing so, he said, the discussion initiated by the presiding M.E.Z., at the last convocation, although unexpected, was one at which he was not surprised, as they all knew those in authority were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the Masonic Constitution, were always solicitous for its welfare, and in perfect touch with the aspirations and opinions of the rank and file. But when he found that our leaders were to a certain extent fettered by the obligations of their office, he felt it his duty to bring forward this, the most weighty proposition that could be submitted in this Supreme Grand Chapter, because the rapid increase in the number of chapters at the present time would only intensify any divergence of opinion which might exist, unless an authoritative decision was given on the subject. Having for 35 years devoted his spare time to archaeological research, his rule was never to accept an authority until he had examined the foundation on which that authority rested. Applying that rule to his study of Freemasonry, his investigations during his year of office as Master of the New Cross Lodge led to the discovery of the exact site of King Solomon's Temple, and the direct confirmation of the Masonic tradition and his investigations while preparing for the position he now occupied of M.E.Z. of the Star Chapter showed him that (in the working he was accustomed to) there were here and there ambiguities which marred the beauties of the Sublime parables adorning the ritual. This led him to search for other authorities, and the result was that the several versions, all equally ambiguous in parts, when placed together clearly showed that they were divergent departures from some consistent original. In fact, the crews who had manned the good ship for so many years in all weathers; at times were too much at sea, and consequently had lost sight of a landmark here and there, or

misunderstood a signal. All that was necessary was a timely reference to the original chart laid down for our guidance, by this they could take their correct bearings, and all would be fair sailing, as Comp. Fenn told them, the original was still in existence. He agreed with Comp. Fenn that it was not advisable to open the chapter in a different manner. There was great enjoyment in the thought that you were taking part in a ceremony while perhaps your dearest friend was not in it. It would be too much to ask human nature to do away with that enjoyment. But he could not agree with Comp. Fenn that the ritual would not bear altering, if he meant by this that it must remain as it was at the present day. It did not require altering—it was too precious for that—but it needed revision, so as to bring the conflicting versions to an harmonious whole. The Royal Arch ritual was like unto a beautiful garment of purple and fine linen, in which the golden thread of Divine truth was closely interwoven; here enriched by loving hands with pearls of price; there perchance a missing tache, a slight rent or patch, or may be a gusset on the cross by which its outline was marred; yet still, in spite of time and rough usage, needing only a careful restoration and loving repair. For this he asked, and with it a retention of all that enriched without transgressing the canons formulated for Masons; a removal of defects, and a restoration on the lines laid down for their guidance by the wisdom of their forefathers. He had spoken in parables—*Si talia jungere possis, Sit tibi scire satis*—but he must now say a few words in regard to the relative positions and meaning of certain portions of the ritual. He would not touch on those parts in which a certain latitude was permissible; time would not allow him to go through the whole of the ceremonies; but he would mention a few points more particularly relating to the Third Lecture to show the necessity for the Committee asked for.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z., interrupting, said he understood that Comp. North was moving for a Committee.

Comp. NORTH said he was giving reasons why there should be a Committee.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z. observed that it did not seem to him to be necessary to go through the ritual in order to get a Committee,

Comp. NORTH replied that if he was out of order he would put himself in order by moving his motion at the end of his observations.

The ACTING M.E.G.Z. said Comp. North's argument was before the Committee was appointed, he could give his arguments when the Committee was appointed. Did he not think that his argument should be addressed to the Committee of Grand Chapter.

Comp. NORTH said he merely mentioned these things as a reason why he asked that there should be a Committee appointed. (Hear, hear.) There were not many points he had to state, the whole matter would not take five minutes. Comp. North proceeded to point out the parts which bore evidence of forgetfulness, doubt, and hesitation. As Mrs. Malaprop said, it was "a nice derangement of epitaphs," a jump backwards instead of a continuous narrative. The meanings of certain words were not given correctly. He contended that there were certain discrepancies which cast a doubt on the correctness of the whole which could only be solved by those versed in Hebrew and kindred languages. He did not ask for enquiry in a destructive spirit or in opposition to those who had so loyally preserved the several workings entrusted to them; for through that loyalty they were able to trace the divergencies to their proper source, but he would remind them in the words of an old friend of his, "lang syne," Robert Storey—

Time weareth all

A rift may claim a wise examination,
A stone decayed may be replaced,
Not touched the old foundation.

The question he put was—Would they let the companions who looked to them for guidance perpetuate a ritual part of which was a jumble of unmeaning words and a farrago of nonsense; or would they give them a ritual which, when perfect, was a practical sermon instinct with Divine truth? Could he doubt what their answer would be?

Comp. W. A. SCURRAH seconded the motion.

Comp. THOMAS FENN said: I quite agree with Comp. North that the resolution he has proposed may be one of the most important in its results that Grand Chapter has ever had to consider, and I earnestly hope you will pause before giving it support. Until Comp. North spoke—looking at what fell from him at the last convocation—I was doubtful of the object he had in view. We now learn that his object is to establish a uniformity of ritual. It only requires, I think, a retrospective glance at our history to show that uniformity is unattainable. Grand Lodge agreed to a uniform ritual, and ordered it to be used by all lodges under the English Constitution. but, although they sent out instructors all over the country, uniformity does not now, and never did, exist. It is well known that many lodges, especially in the provinces, have their peculiar methods of working, and it is not very long ago that the University of Oxford invented a brand-new ritual of its own, with all modern improvements up to date. (Laughter.) The revision of the Royal Arch ritual was conducted under the personal superintendence of the Duke of Sussex, who, it is well known, was an accomplished Biblical student and Hebrew scholar, as well as an expert in Masonic work. The revised ritual was adopted in 1834, and it is well known to many of us. Can any further revision be necessary? In chapters, in the provinces especially, where certain modes of working have been in practice for many years it cannot be expected that a new ritual will be adopted by old workers who, like myself, have arrived at an age when unlearning and relearning becomes a task of memory too great to undertake. I will relate to you, in a very few words, an incident to show how old workers in the country might be expected to treat any proposed new method—A young Mason from London was visiting a provincial chapter, where an old expert was taking the part of P.S., and at a certain point alluded to "Cyrus King of Prussia." After the ceremony, the young Londoner reminded the old gentleman that Cyrus was King of Persia, not Prussia. "Young man," he said, "don't you attempt to teach your elders. I have been 40 years a member of this chapter, and it has always been King of Prussia here, and King of Prussia it shall be while I live." (Laughter.) Seriously speaking, the whole dramatic story of the Royal Arch is a romantic fiction, founded on anachronisms and impossibility. It will not bear rough handling, and judging from the numberless so-called improvements that have been suggested, it would be very roughly handled, indeed, by such a Committee as that which has been proposed. I do not know exactly what the proposer means by "determining relative positions," but if it alludes to the *dramatis personæ* all I can say is that if you put them in their relative *chronological* positions, you will have to do away with either Z. H. and J., or with S., E. and N.,

because they did not live within a considerable period of each other, and could not, therefore, by any possibility, have been present together at any one time. Still, it is an interesting legend. It answers its purpose very well, and why not let well alone. It carries with it many serious and sublime truths, and, to use the very words of Comp. North at the last convocation, "If the members of Grand Chapter would take the meaning of the thing into consideration, they would find that the ritual would satisfy any reasonable enquirer." I pray you, companions, to bear in mind that the removal of one stone from an arch endangers the whole structure. It is the thin end of the wedge we have to dread—drive in the wedge, loosen one stone and the whole fabric of our ancient Royal Arch may fall to the ground.

Comp. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF supported Comp. Fenn, and said that as Comp. Fenn had alluded to the late Duke of Sussex being a great Biblical scholar, and assisting in the preparation of the ritual, he might say there was an old tradition at Cambridge, which he believed was quite true, that the Duke of Sussex was assisted by the late Mr. Hall, Vice-Chancellor of Trinity. They worked very carefully. Although every syllable might not be right when tried by historical light, still there were no such glaring inaccuracies as Comp. North had pointed out. He thought it better to let the ritual be as it now stood.

Comp. W. A. SCURRAH said after the remarks of Comp. Fenn, he begged to withdraw the seconding of the motion.

The Acting M.E.G.Z., however, put the motion, which was then negatived, and Grand Chapter was closed.

The Masonic records of the brethren appointed to office in Grand Chapter have already appeared in connection with their Craft appointment, with one exception, viz., Bro. George Read, who has received the collar as Grand Organist without a previous nomination to the purple, as is generally the case. His record, however, is an exceptionally long and formidable one, as the following particulars will show:

Bro. JOHN READ was initiated in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88 (then No. 104), in 1856; joined the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, in May, 1865; was founder of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, and W.M. from December, 1887, to June, 1889; joined the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, in 1872, Percy Lodge, No. 198, in 1883, and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076 (Correspondence Circle), in 1887. He is also P.P.G. Org. for Middlesex. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in the Temperance Chapter, Deptford, in July, 1865; was founder and first P.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, in 1866, founder of the Cecil Chapter, No. 449, in 1890, and founder and first S.E. of the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319, in 1874. He joined the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, in 1876, and is an hon. member of the Gallery Chapter, No. 1928, and the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771; likewise Prov. G.S.B. Herts, 1891-2-3. He has also held various offices in Mark Masonry, and was Grand Organist for three years under Bros. Beach, Raymond Portal, and Lord Limerick, filling the same office in the Royal Ark Mariners. He has filled the position of E.P. in the Knights Templar, M.W.S. in the Rose Croix, 187, being also a member of the 30°, the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the Cryptic Degrees, the Royal Order of Scotland, and the Secret Monitor. Bro. Read is a Life Subscriber to the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Wakefield, on Wednesday, the 19th ultimo, under the banners of Lodges Unanimity, 154; Wakefield, 495; and Sincerity, 1019. Present: Bros. Henry Smith, Past Grand Deacon of England, Deputy Prov. G. Master, Acting Prov. G. Master; William Harrop, P.M. 290, P.P.G.W., Acting Deputy Prov. G. Master; the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Prov. S.G.W.; Richard Jessop, Prov. J.G.W.; B. Broughton, Col. Joshua Day, T. Bateman Fox, J.P., and W. F. Smithson, P.P.G.D. of Eng., P.P.G. Wardens; the Rev. B. Mayou, Prov. G. Chap., as P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. A. H. B. Lees, Prov. G. Chap.; John Gibbs, Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. Letch Mason, Thomas Ruddock, Henry Oxley, and Thomas Harrison, P.P.G. Treasurers; Capt. Joseph Botfomley, Prov. G. Reg., as P.P.G. Reg.; John Cooper Malcom and Jos. Binney, P.P.G. Registrars; Herbert Geo. Ed. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; John Wm. Balme, Albert Walker, and W. C. Lupton, Prov. S.G. Deacons; John Cass, J.P., Prov. J.G.D.; C. Tait Rhodes, Wm. H. Pawson, Davis R. Glover, Wm. Gaukroger, J.P., Jas. Bedford, George Marshall, Chas. E. Rhodes, John Read Dore, T. Ibbetson Walker, Fred. Cleeves, Wm. Ridgard Massie, and Fred. Rand, P.P.G. Deacons; Chas. Gott, John Barker, Thos. W. Roome, Reuben Castle, James Lawton, Wm. Watson, and W. Greaves, P.P.G. Superintendents of Wks.; Tudor Trevor, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; Sydney Thos. Steele, Prov. Deputy G. Director of Ceremonies; Chas. A. Phillips, Prov. A.G.D.C.; Austin Roberts, J. W. Monckman, Edmund Lord, Charles Howroyd, John Dyson, and James Jenkin, P.P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; Col. F. C. Wemyss, P.P.G.S.B., as Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Wilson Macvay, John Jas. Rutherford, and John F. Tanner, P.P.G.S.B.'s; John Hey, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Wm. Fitton, P.P.G.D.C., as Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Laycock, Wm. Asquith, Robert Riley, Thomas Riley, Joseph Wilson, and Robert Fisher, P.P.G. Standard Bearers; George Carbert, P.P.G. Org., as Prov. G. Org.; W. Ash, Max Blume, and G. F. Carr, P.P.G. Organists; Joseph Matthewman, Prov. A. G. Sec.; B. Fawcett Glover, Prov. G. Purst.; Charles Shaw, Prov. Asst. G. Purst.; George Althorp, F. W. Turner, Richard Cliffe, and many others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, letters and telegrams of apology were received from Bros. T. W. Tew, J.P., Prov. G.M.; Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W., D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire; also from 46 Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and brethren.

The roll of lodges was called, and it was found that 70 out of 75 were represented.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge holden at Bradford on Wednesday, October 26th, 1892, were presented.

Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M. 304, proposed "That the minutes be taken as read," seconded by Bro. W. GAUKROGER, P.M. 61, and carried.

On the motion of Bro. J. C. MALCOLM, P.M. 306, seconded by Bro. J. BINNEY, P.M. 139, the minutes were confirmed.

The ACTING PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then delivered the following address:

Brethren,—It is exceedingly gratifying to me to see our annual communication so numerously attended. It affords strong evidence of your continued interest in the Craft, and at the same time enables you to renew your acquaintance with old and tried friends, and to welcome the many new faces which are yearly to be seen at our gatherings. The Province of West Yorkshire—in its numbers, its organisation, its enthusiasm, and its generous acts of Charity—may be regarded, I venture to believe, as a successful Masonic combination. We are proud of it, and we try to maintain its efficiency and to ensure its progress, and I trust that we, and those who come after us, will ever continue to do so; but we cannot always expect to sustain this high tide of prosperity. As in all human institutions, founded though

they may be even upon Masonic principles, we must expect change, and must be prepared in our turn for vicissitudes and for less prosperous circumstances. Unhappily, for the last two years, we have lamented the absence from our midst of our venerated Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew. Without his guiding hand, his ardent enthusiasm, and his elevating influence, we have yet struggled on, for we have been buoyed up with hope—we have trusted that "Time, the great healer," would restore him to us—that we should again see his face, and hear his cheery voice in our assemblies. Brethren, it is my painful duty to quench that hope. Feeling that there is no prospect of his ever being able to discharge the duties of his exalted office in the way in which he considers they should be discharged, our R.W. Provincial Grand Master has already placed his resignation in the hands of the Grand Secretary, with the request that it shall be presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the earliest moment consistent with expediency and the convenience of this province. Brethren, this is a great blow to West Yorkshire. It is almost impossible to rate too highly the splendid services and constant devotion of our Provincial Grand Master. Consider his strong personality; his genial hospitality; his unbounded generosity; his entire lack of personal ambition; his noble advocacy and support of our Charities; his munificently fostering care of our Masonic library; his unwearied efforts to elevate the character of our assemblies—to guide, to teach, and to sustain us. Consider, I say, all these attributes, and you will agree with me that he is a Provincial Grand Master whom it is a calamity for us to lose, and whom it will be difficult, if not impossible, for us to replace. We, the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, owe a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Thomas William Tew, for, by his efforts, he has not only secured the most cordial relationship between us and Grand Lodge, but he has placed us in the foremost rank of Provincial Masonic Communities. He has spared neither labour nor time in our service—for us he has spent many an hour of study and research—on our behalf he has often left his own domestic circle and, regardless of weather or season, has travelled many a weary mile—in a word, brethren, in the interests of the Masons of his province, times without number he has sacrificed his health, his comfort, and his convenience. Devotion like this should not, could not fail to meet with appreciation. He has won the esteem, the respect, and the affection of us all, and I don't hesitate to assert that no more popular chief, and certainly none more deserving popularity, exists than our Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas William Tew. Let us cherish the memory of his services, and revere his name; and though we may not be able to open our hands so generously, or display so great practical benevolence, we can at any rate emulate his uprightness, his attention to duty, and his disregard of personal advantage or reward. Connected with this subject, though of considerably less consequence, I feel it my duty to say that the retirement of our Provincial Grand Master will also involve the resignation of his Deputy. For 23 years I have served the Craft, and have endeavoured, whether as Secretary or Deputy, to improve its organisation, and maintain its reputation. Since the illness of Bro. Tew, I have had constant personal communication with him, and, to the best of my ability, I have administered the affairs of the province; and on the appointment of his successor, I think I may claim to do what I have long contemplated, that is, retire from this onerous and important post. Should, however, it be the wish of the new Provincial Grand Master, and solely with the object of promoting the interests of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire, I would, though very reluctantly, put aside any question of personal convenience, and consent to remain in office until our new chief shall have had time to make himself to some extent acquainted with the routine work of the province, and to consider the question of the appointment of my successor. Who our successors may be I know not; some accomplished gentleman and true Freemason will, doubtless be found by our Royal Grand Master to take the place of Bro. Tew, and I venture to say that in the selection for that office, representations from this province will receive suitable consideration. Whilst on personal matters, let me take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of this province to our Very Reverend Bro. the Dean of York for his recent visit amongst us, and for the exceedingly practical and valuable address delivered by him in the Defence Lodge, 1221, Leeds, on that occasion. The cordial and fraternal feeling which has so long existed between ourselves and the sister Province of North and East Yorkshire must necessarily be strengthened and increased by such visits, and the bold and outspoken utterances—not by way of apology, brethren, nor of defence, for we need neither—the manly exposition of the rev. Dean of what Freemasonry is, and what it is capable of becoming, will find an echo in the heart of every brother worthy of the name, and will tend to remove the mistaken impressions of the outside world, which doubtless to some extent have been prejudicial to our Order. Our Provincial Grand Master applauds, too, the action of Acacia, Defence, St. Nicholas, and other lodges for their efforts to promote the progress of Masonic knowledge, and is pleased also to see that our worthy librarian, Bro. W. Watson, is devoting some portion of his time to this useful work, and giving such lodges as may seek it the benefit of his extensive and long sustained research into Masonic history and tradition; all this shows that the seed which Bro. Tew has long and persistently sown is bearing fruit, and it is, I assure you, a matter of profound satisfaction to our Provincial Grand Master in his enforced retirement. And now to turn to less personal matters. From the report prepared by our Prov. Grand Sec., we find that our numbers are 3555, as against 3647 last year; that 256 new men, I hope good and true men, have been admitted to our Order; that 124 brethren, for reasons which were doubtless good, but which we cannot help regretting, have resigned; that the "icy hands of death" have removed from our ranks no less than 82 members of our Fraternity, thus forming gaps in families and lodges never again to be filled; that there have been 42 exclusions; and that 180 brethren remain in arrears. In relation to this last most unpleasant item, I would only ask Treasurers if they have diligently and conscientiously used every effort to prevent brethren from falling into arrears. I have often impressed them with the necessity and the duty of asking for payment of subscriptions early in the financial year; it is the only way in which a condition of affairs which is, to say the least of it, discreditable to us, can, in the future, be prevented. Then as to annual returns. Let me remind, or, if necessary, inform Worshipful Masters that on the 1st December in each year, the Secretary of every lodge is supplied with the forms both for this province and for London, with special envelopes for each set. The forms for Prov. G. Lodge returns, I may also say, are carefully written out by our Prov. Grand Secretary in order to secure accuracy. This must be a material and valuable help to lodge Secretaries; notwithstanding this it is yet the fact that, at the expiration of the fixed limit, viz., 31st January of this year, 22 lodges had neglected this simple duty, and in some instances it took many days and much correspondence to obtain the returns. This should not be, and indeed would not be, if only Worshipful Masters would read and carry out Provincial By-law 46, and otherwise fully acquaint themselves with the duties and responsibilities of the office they were elected to fill. One of the first duties of a W.M. for instance, after investing his officers, should be to sign the return of Past Masters and Wardens, a return which should have been previously prepared by the out-going Secretary, and see that it is sent off by post the following day. Changing every year, how few Worshipful Masters know this or act upon it. Again, this same By-law 46 declares that a copy of every lodge summons should, month by month, be sent to the Prov. Grand Secretary. If this is neglected, and there can be no excuse for Secretaries, as printed addressed envelopes are supplied for the purpose, information of the work and the progress of the lodge is withheld, and particulars which have been found most valuable in supplementing or confirming defective or doubtful returns are kept back from the office, and thus inquiry, correspondence, and expense are caused which might otherwise be avoided. Unless Masters of lodges take a personal interest in these things, it is impossible

that the organisation of the province can be maintained at its proper standard. Though the matter is so simple and the trouble so slight, yet, year by year, the neglect continues. Then, as to quarterages, the law distinctly says "6d. per quarter or any portion thereof." Yet it frequently happens, when an initiation takes place towards the end of a quarter the necessary 6d. is not paid, costing a letter and postage to obtain what is legally due. Let me also remind Worshipful Masters that an interval of 28 days must intervene between an initiation and a passing, or between a passing and a raising, and no dispensation can shorten that interval. In respect to the necessary inquiry (By-laws 30 and 31) in the case of candidates for initiation and joining, there seems to be some laxity. The law is very clear and precise, and states that in the case of a candidate seeking admission to the Craft, or wishing to enter a lodge as a joining member, inquiry shall be made of the lodges in the town from which the candidate comes, and proper printed forms are provided for that purpose, which may be obtained of the Provincial Grand Secretary at a nominal cost. Through the publicity given to accounts of lodge meetings in other than Masonic papers the outside world knows more of our proceedings than is at all necessary or expedient, and many are doubtless attracted to our ranks by the advantages which they think they can thereby obtain. I would, therefore, suffer no reports of your lodge gatherings to appear in non-Masonic papers, and when it becomes necessary to make inquiry as to anyone from another town wishing to join you, see that such inquiry is fully and amply made, and if there is a doubt then give not the candidate, but the Craft the benefit of that doubt. Where a lodge is not progressing, or is not in affluent circumstances, there is perhaps a temptation to lightly interpret this law; but it should be remembered that by admitting an unworthy member—though it may be a temporary gain to the lodge in question—it is a permanent and serious injury to the whole Craft. After what I said at Leeds in April, and at Bradford in October of last year, on the subject of exclusions, it is not necessary I should add anything to-day. I have reason to hope that those words were not without effect, and the time is not far distant. I trust, when there will exist no lodge in this province to which such remarks can have any possible application. Brethren, it is not my intention to trespass upon the ground of the Chairman of our Charity Committee, but I may venture to state that our three Masonic Institutions are in a flourishing condition. Last year we largely concentrated our donations on behalf of the "Old People," and purchased "The Thomas William Tew Presentation" for men at a cost of £1155. This year we propose to give our chief support to the Girls' School, and, as Treasurer of that noble Institution, I am glad to hear that no less a sum than 1100 guineas has been already subscribed and mainly paid, and the votes used for the election last week. This being our annual meeting, it is my pleasing duty to confer Provincial rank upon sundry deserving brethren. But the pleasure is largely discounted by its extreme difficulty. When I tell you that our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has on his list upwards of 200 selected brethren, everyone of whom he would, if he could, thus honour, and that he has only 24 collars at his disposal, you may form some slight idea how hard is the task imposed upon him. It is true it is four more than formerly, owing to the new regulations; but what are these amongst so many deserving brethren? I can only ask you to believe that we have done our best, and can assure you that I, knowing their merits, feel as keenly as themselves the disappointment of those whom the exigencies of our Provincial Grand Master's position have compelled him to pass over. I cannot close my remarks without offering my hearty thanks to the Worshipful Masters, and Past Masters, and brethren of the three Wakefield Lodges for the excellent arrangements they have made for our comfort and convenience to-day. Wakefield has long been a nursing mother to Freemasonry. Within its precincts there is one of the oldest existing West Yorkshire lodges; and we cannot forget that this city was the original cradle and home of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire as at present constituted. To the Wakefield Masons, distinguished as they are by their brotherly concord, their generous hospitality, and their ardent zeal in all that concerns the best interests of the Craft, our gratitude is due, not for the present visit only, but for many pleasant sojourns which we have on previous occasions made amongst them. In my own name, and in that of my officers, I thank you, also, brethren, for your cordial salutations, and for your kindness and patience in listening to this my address.

The address, which was most impressively delivered, was followed with the closest interest, and called forth many expressions of sympathy from a most attentive audience.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER then called upon Bro. T. Bateman Fox, P.M. 208, Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, to present his report.

Previous to doing so, Bro. FOX claimed the indulgence of the brethren in order to make a few preliminary remarks. He said—

Brethren,—We have listened with great interest to our worthy Deputy's most excellent address, and we heartily endorse every word he has said in relation to our beloved Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Wm. Tew. We have clung to the hope that for some time at least we should not lose our distinguished chief—that we should see him again in our midst—that we should be cheered by his genial presence, and enlightened by his wisdom. It has pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to order otherwise, and we can only submissively bow to that decree. It would not become me to take up your time in the attempt to add to the eloquent eulogium which Bro. Henry Smith has pronounced upon our excellent Prov. G. Master; I will only say that in my humble opinion it is not one whit too strong, and I will venture to add that wherever and whenever West Yorkshire Masons meet, the name of "Tew" will always be received with reverence and respect. But if words of mine cannot add to or improve upon Bro. Henry Smith's judicious expressions, yet they may supply a deficiency which his characteristic modesty would have ignored. Brethren, I want to remind you that Bro. Henry Smith, too, has left his mark upon Freemasonry in West Yorkshire. I want to point out to you that his has been a valuable and distinguished Masonic career—I might almost say unrivalled in our annals—I will go further, and assert that I don't think there is a man living whose Masonic experience has been more extensive, or whose attention to the interests of the Craft has been more devoted. Bro. Henry Smith was initiated in the Hope Lodge, Bradford, in the year 1852, so that he is a Mason of 41 years' standing. That in itself is worthy of note, but it is by no means all. Previous to 1870 he rendered great assistance to the then Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Richard Reed Nelson, and on his death in that year was appointed by the Earl de Grey and Ripon to succeed him. We all know, brethren, the order, the method, the system, the business precision which exist in the office of the Prov. Grand Secretary to-day; that organisation we owe entirely to Bro. Henry Smith. On his appointment he was able to see what our condition then was and what it might be made to become, and his comprehensive grasp, his untiring application, his unceasing attention to and mastery of detail, have resulted in our being perhaps the best organised Masonic province under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England. On the retirement of the Marquess of Ripon in 1875, Sir Henry Edwards, his successor, recognising the capacity and zeal of the Prov. Grand Secretary, gladly retained his services, and down to 1885 Bro. Henry Smith most efficiently discharged the duties of that office. For 15 years he faithfully served this province in that capacity. In 1885, after the installation of our present Provincial Grand Master, amid the applause of the numerous brethren assembled at Leeds on that occasion, Bro. T. Wm. Tew made Bro. Henry Smith his Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Eight years he has held that office, and you, brethren, know how well and ably he has done his duty in that most responsible post. In 1887 he received jubilee rank as G.D. of England. Throughout all his Masonic

career—41 years a Mason, 15 years Prov. Grand Secretary, and eight years Deputy—perhaps there is no portion in which Bro. Henry Smith has shown greater interest, or displayed more marvellous energy than in his connection with the Charity Committee of this province. From its foundation, in 1859, in which he took an active part, down to to-day, our worthy Deputy's zeal has never flagged. Always present at its meetings, never absent from the elections in London, active in securing new votes and in collecting and judiciously exercising existing ones—it is largely through his efforts that the work of our Charity Committee has resulted so successfully, and that we stand forth possessing a voting strength and an organisation second to none in the Craft. Out of consideration to Bro. Henry Smith, brethren, I will not say more—I might call attention to his personal donations to our Charities, and to the appreciation in which he is held by the Managers of our Charitable Institutions, of one of which he holds the important office of Hon. Treasurer, and to other matters—but I am sure you will agree with me that if at the same time that we lose our Prov. Grand Master we are also to be deprived of the services of our Deputy, less I could not have said, and I feel confident that the circumstances in which we are likely so soon to be placed will be considered ample justification for these few and imperfect remarks. Some definite resolution of appreciation of his services will no doubt be moved on some future occasion, and I also hope a permanent and fitting recognition of those services will be tendered. I will now turn to the business of the meeting."

Bro. FOX then announced the successes which had attended the labours of the Charity Committee since the last annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, pointing out that two girls, one widow, and three men had been elected; also, that in addition to this, they had by presentations secured the benefit of the Charities for one girl, one boy, and one man; that for next month's election they had two men candidates and one widow, the election of all of whom they were hopeful of securing, and that they were fortunately able in the last election to assist a last chance case of the sister Province of North and East Yorkshire. After alluding to the successes obtained by the Boys and Girls in the Cambridge Local and other examinations, results which proved the efficiency of the Schools, Bro. FOX concluded a most interesting statement by thanking the brethren and the Charity members for the prompt return of the voting papers, and was pleased to find that the leakage had been the smallest on record. He then formally moved the adoption of the report.

Bro. W. C. LUTON, P.M. 974, Vice-Chairman, seconded. He thoroughly agreed with all that had been said by Bro. FOX. He announced, for the information of the Charity members, that complete lists of lodge and individual votes for the annuitants' elections next month were already prepared by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and would be sent out to them in the course of the following day; that the collection of the papers would thus be greatly facilitated; and that he trusted every possible effort would be made to secure their collection.

On being put to the meeting, the report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. J. GIBBS, P.M. 904, Prov. G. Treasurer, then presented his balance sheet. In moving its adoption, it already having been printed and circulated, he called the attention of the brethren to the increased balance, notwithstanding extraordinary expenditure during the year.

Bro. J. BOTTOMLEY, P.M. 275, acting Prov. G. Reg., seconded, and the balance-sheet was adopted *nem. con.*

Bro. C. GOTT, P.M. 302, acting Prov. G.S. of W., presented an inventory of the regalia and other property of Provincial Grand Lodge, and, on his representation, it was duly received.

Bro. J. MATTHEWMAN, P.M. 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec., was then called upon and said: Prov. Grand Officers and Brethren,—Through the courtesy of the W. Deputy now acting in the chair of K.S., I am permitted to announce that our R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, has great pleasure in presenting to each lodge in West Yorkshire a copy of my book of his Masonic Addresses. In cases where a lodge library already exists, he trusts the volume will be a welcome addition to its shelves, and where such collections are not to be found, that it may be a nucleus round which other Masonic works, from time to time, may cluster. The books are here, and if at the close of this meeting Worshipful Masters or other representatives will come forward and sign in the name of their respective lodges, copies will be handed to them. Brethren, within the covers of that volume will be found not only a reproduction, with notes and explanatory circumstances, of most of the very valuable Masonic Addresses which Bro. Tew, during the last 30 years, has delivered, but also a record of his stainless and honourable Masonic career. No printed page, no effort of mine is needed, I know, to keep the memory of our Prov. Grand Master fresh and green in the minds of the West Yorkshire brethren whom I see before me; but I am proud to think that my name is associated with the production of a work which may, I trust, hand down to future generations of Freemasons the record of the life, the character, and the virtues of Thomas William Tew. I thank you, W. Deputy, for affording me the opportunity of making, in our Prov. Grand Master's name, this presentation to the lodges, and you, brethren, for the more than kind way in which you have heard me.

Bro. WILLIAM WATSON, P.M. 61, P.P.G.S. of W., and Honorary Librarian of the Province, then presented his report. He would not, he said, make a long speech, but would remind them that it was just five years since his appointment, and that during that time the library had increased beyond his most sanguine expectations, and that they stood that day in the proud position of possessing a collection of MSS., books, and curios, second perhaps to only one other in Europe. He moved that the library report be taken as read, printed, and circulated.

This was seconded by Bro. J. R. DORE, P.M. 750, and carried.

The election of Bro. W. Fisher Tasker, P.M. 296, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, was proposed in most complimentary terms by Bro. JOHN GIBBS, P.M. 904, seconded by Bro. WILLIAM GAUKROGER, P.M. 61, supported by Bro. CARR, P.P.G.O., on behalf of Bro. C. L. Mason, and carried with acclamation.

Bro. FISHER TASKER, whose election was apparently a very popular one, duly thanked the brethren.

Bro. RICHARD WILSON, P.M. 289, then rose to propose "That a cordial vote of thanks be given to the Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, for his gifts to the library and for his present of a copy of Masonic Addresses to the various lodges."

After some discussion as to this being the suitable time or not to add the expression of regret of Prov. Grand Lodge at the announcement of the Prov. Grand Master's coming retirement, and deciding that at present it was premature, this was seconded by Bro. JOSEPH BINNEY, P.M. 139, and carried with great applause.

Bro. J. ROBERTSHAW, P.M. 1239, on rising to propose that the brief address of the Chairman of the Charity Committee be printed, was told that that request had been anticipated by him, and would be carried out.

The retiring Prov. Grand Officers then advanced and gave up their collars,

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER addressing a few words of thanks to them during the process.

This done, the new appointments for the year were summoned to the dais and invested. They were—

Bro. R. Wilson, 289	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Jas. Wm. Davis, J.P., 61	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Dunbar, 1783	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. F. E. Egerton, 910	...	...
" Wm. Fisher Tasker (elected) 296	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. J. Waugh, 1545	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. G. E. Green, 1019	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Foster, 974	...	...	} Prov. S.G.Ds.
" Wm. A. Statter, 154	...	...
" A. Macredie, 1779	...	...
" C. Hirst, 2261	...	...
" H. Cowbrough, 1042	...	...	} Prov. J.G.Ds.
" Wm. B. Wall, 290	...	...
" Thos. C. Hope, 302	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Wm. Watson, 61, P.P.G.S. of W.	...	...	Prov. G. Librarian.
" Wm. D. Quarmbly, 208...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. D. Hollis, 1311	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" L. Eismann, 827	...	...	} Prov. A.G.D.Cs.
" Thos. Norfolk, 600	...	...
" Thos. Uttley, 307	...	...	} Prov. G.S.B.
" C. England, 910	...	...
" Wm. Haigh, 1283	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Constable, 2259	...	...
" Wm. Cockerlyne, 304	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Joseph Matthewman, 1019	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Edwin Billington, 1462...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. Holden Holdroyd, 1514	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Wright Barber, 1648	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Edward J. Massie, 1513	...	...
" John Dawson, 521	...	...
" Thomas Brayshaw, 2091	...	...
" W. Edward Smithies, 1231	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Howgate Holroyd, 603	...	...
" Thomas Leighton, 139	...	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.
" Thomas Chester, 904	...	...

The Chairman of the Charity Committee announced that at the last meeting of that body three petitions for relief were presented and considered. He proposed the suspension of By-law 42.

Bro. LUPTON seconded, and the ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER acquiesced.

Bro. FOX then moved that a grant of £10 should be made in each of the three cases.

This was seconded by Bro. LUPTON, and carried.

A cordial invitation to Provincial Grand Lodge by Bro. C. PAWSON, W.M. 296, to hold its October meeting under the banner of Royal Brunswick Lodge, Sheffield, was then given. Bro. Pawson, in kindly terms, hoped that the Prov. Grand Master would accede to his request, and thus assist them worthily to celebrate the centenary of their lodge.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER did not doubt but the invitation of Bro. Pawson would be as favourably considered as it was heartily given.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

Dinner was served in the Banquet Hall. The acting Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, took the chair, and was supported by about 80 brethren.

CONSECRATION OF THE KING SOLOMON CHAPTER, No. 2029.

The Lodge of King Solomon, to which this new chapter is attached, was consecrated on May 31st, 1884, and was one of the first temperance lodges in this country. On November 5th, 1887, the King Solomon Mark Lodge, No. 385, was consecrated, it being probably the first Masonic body consisting exclusively of teetotalers. This latter has had one continuous run of harmony and brotherly love from its foundation to the present day, practically realising "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The King Solomon Chapter has long been in contemplation, but it is through the untiring zeal of Comp. Major Thos. W. Richardson, P.Z. 141, and H. 1929, that it has now been brought into existence.

The consecration took place on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., and this is the first Royal Arch chapter meeting there. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., who was assisted by Comps. Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B., 1st A.G. Soj., as H.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; C. E. Keyser, G.S.B., as Scribe N.; and Frank Richardson, P.A.G. Soj., G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders were Comps. Major T. W. Richardson, P.Z. 141, H. 1929; Robt. A. Gowan, J. 141 and 1929; Harry Tipper, P.Z. 141; Capt. Frank Sheffield, 141; Dr. H. W. Williams, S.N. 141; Lewis E. Newnham, P.Z. 446, P.P.A.G.S.; Thos. Knights, 141; Edward Macbean, P.Z. 50 (S.C.), and 600, G. Chancellor Scotland; Robt. Roy, P.Z. 859 and 1118; Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., &c., P.Z. 1159, P.G. Soj.; and Reginald Mills.

The chapter was opened by the Principals (*pro tem.*), after which the other companions were admitted.

The D.C. read the petition and the charter granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter, and the companions signified in the usual form their approval of the Principals, Z., H., and J., who were nominated in the charter to preside over the chapter.

An excellent oration was delivered by Comp. the Rev. J. STUDIOLME BROWNRIFF, in which he laid great stress on temperance in all things, not only in eating and drinking, but particularly in speech.

The anthem which followed was well rendered, under the direction of Comp. Harry Tipper, Comp. W. J. Thrussell, presiding at the organ.

The wine used in consecrating was the pure non-alcoholic "blood of the grape," the members of the new chapter all being teetotalers.

At the completion of the consecration service, the Principals were installed, the full service only being needed for the H. chair, that being ably rendered by Comp. Major-Gen. Hay. The other officers were then elected and invested. The officers are Comps. Major Richardson, M.E.Z.; Gowan, H.; Roy, J.; Tipper, as I.P.Z.; Macbean, Treas.; Newnham, S.E.; Dr. Williams, S.N.; Capt. Sheffield, P.S.; Knights, 1st A.S.; and R. Mills, 2nd A.S. Comp. E. J. Mills was elected Janitor. Comp. Macbean, though intending to come from Scotland in order to be present, communicated at the last moment his inability to attend.

The by-laws, which were in circulation, were taken as read, and unanimously adopted, subject to proper authority.

The Consecrating Officers were unanimously elected as Honorary members.

Several candidates were proposed for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed, and the members and visitors adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant.

The banquet appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all, including the M.E.Z., who, we may here mention, is a life vegetarian, having never eaten "flesh, fowl, or fish." He was apparently well pleased with the pineapple, strawberries, grapes, and other fruits which graced the table.

According to temperance custom, the companions were asked to "Rise to the sentiment of the Queen," which, as with all loyal Masons, was heartily responded to.

The customary "sentiments" (toasts) were responded to with enthusiasm and goodwill, while the evening was enlivened between the "sentiments" by selections by the Royal Criterion Quartette, under the direction of Comp. Harry Tipper.

The following visitors were present: Comps. J. G. Twinn, P.Z.; W. J. Thrussell, and B. A. Smith, P.Z.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 13th instant. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, who was supported by the officers of the province as follows: Comps. W. E. Morrison, P.G.H.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.S.E.; C. Bampfyde Warre, P.G.S.N.; R. Pridcock, P.G. Reg.; C. Histed, P.G. 1st A.S.; G. Holman, P.G. 2nd A.S.; T. Berry, P.G.S.B.; J. Easter, P.G. Std. Br.; Frank Holford, P.G.D.C.; W. Norman Roe, P.G. Org.; W. Seymour Burrows, P.G. Stwd.; and H. H. Hughes, P.G. Janitor.

Those present also included—

Comps. F. West, P.A.G.S., P.G.H. Surrey; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Adames, P.Z. 311, P.P.G.P.S.; T. C. Woodman, P.Z. 271, P.P.G.P.S.; S. Tanner, P.Z. 311, P.P.G. 1st A.S.; G. E. Chapman, P.Z. 311, P.P.G.S.B.; F. J. Cox, M.E.Z. 916; H. M. Davey, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 38, P.P.G.H.; C. W. Tomes, P.Z. 916, P.P.G. 1st A.S.; W. Gill, P.Z. 811; C. H. Haine, P.Z. 916; W. Wright, H. 311; R. Piper, 732; W. W. Smith, 732; Walter Smith, 732, P.G.P.S.; B. Burfield, H. 811; J. W. Broad, M.E.Z. 311; S. Stone, P.Z. 311; F. Hart, 1821; J. D. Denis, J. 916; T. W. Markwick, P.Z. 40; C. C. Cook, P.Z. 732; A. Lloyd, P.S. 732; T. Clark, H. 732, P.G.S.B. Surrey; R. Hughes, M.E.Z. 40; G. Wilson, J. 311; H. W. G. Abell, J. 811; S. B. Legg, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; O. N. Wyatt, P.Z. 38, P.P.G.S.N.; A. F. Lamette, 271; R. Clowes, G.C., P.G.S.B.; R. Weston, 311; Alf. King, P.P.G.J.; C. C. J. Hood, 271; W. Burnes, 811; E. Broadbridge, 811; W. Botting, M.E.Z. 732; M. Clark, 255, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Coe, 732; H. Langton, M.E.Z. 271; W. Dawes, P.P.G.J.; J. C. Buckwell, M.E.Z. 811; and J. Parkinson, P.G.S.B.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the roll was called, all the chapters in the province being represented. The sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions. He expressed his great gratification at the increase, though small, in the number of Royal Arch Masons in the province within the last two years, and earnestly hoped the Order, for which he had great affection, would continue to prosper. He next proceeded to point out certain combinations of letters known to Royal Arch Masons, and, in an interesting and instructive manner, entered into a method of elaborating their use.

The Grand Superintendent appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices:

Comp. W. Seymour Burrows, P.Z. 271...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Very Rev. E. R. Currie, P.Z. 40	...	Prov. G.J.
" V. P. Freeman, P.Z. 311, 315, 732	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Gill, P.Z. 811	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. M. Reed, P.Z. 732	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Pridcock, P.Z. 916	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Dennant, P.Z. 271...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" C. C. Cook, P.Z. 732	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" C. H. Haine, P.Z. 916	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" F. W. Markwick, P.Z. 40	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Smith Stone, P.Z. 311	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" F. Holford, P.Z. 271...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. N. Roe, 811	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. P. Slingsby Roberts, M.E.Z. 1466	...	Prov. G. Steward.
" H. H. Hughes	...	} Prov. G. Janitors.
" A. Coe	...	

On the termination of the meeting the companions sat down to a banquet, at which the customary Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening vocal selections were rendered by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Alice Holman, and Comp. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Comp. W. Norman Roe, Prov. G. Organist.

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Star Chapter (No. 1275).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Present: Comps. C. N. McIntyre North, M.E.Z.; Meierhoff, H.; Grummant, P.Z., acting J.; Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E.; H. Payne Makeham, S.N.; W. Eckersall, P.S.; J. H. Edwardes, 2nd A.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; G. Benedetti, P.Z.; G. Elliott, P.Z.; Jas. Hill, I.P.Z. 1329; C. Lazenby, P.Z. 297, P.P.G. Reg. Lincoln; P. H. Horley, 2026; C. H. Stone, A. Fry, R. Barr, J. S. Targett, 1275; and C. Patrick, P.Z., Janitor.

The chapter was opened, a conclave of Installed Principals constituted, and Comp. Harry G. Martin, J. elect, was presented by Comp. Hilton, and duly installed by the M.E.Z. in the chair of J. After an inaugural address by the M.E.Z., the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then delivered, with the aid of tracing boards, a very interesting lecture, illustrated by diagrams. The lecture, for which the evening had been set apart for the instruction of the newly-exalted companions, was listened to with marked attention by a highly critical and appreciative audience.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been given and duly honoured,

Comp. Woolmer Williams, S.E., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. North." In the absence of the I.P.Z. it was his peculiar privilege as well as pleasure to propose the health of the M.E.Z., and trusted he might long be with them after he passed the chair. They knew him to be an able worker, but the masterly and comprehensive lecture delivered that evening in the chapter was a revelation to many, and proved that the M.E.Z. thoroughly understood the hidden mysteries, and worthily upheld the high standard which the Star Chapter prided itself the Principals had always maintained.

The M.E.Z., in returning thanks, accepted the hearty greeting, he must confess, as a matter of course, for he did not know of a more hearty, good-natured, and forgiving set of companions. They had encouraged him to add another Latin word to the list he had delivered that evening, and would without misgiving cry *peccavi*, as they always forgave any fault, and overlooked all shortcomings in their officers so long as they did their best to maintain the reputation of the chapter.

The M.E.Z., Comp. North, in giving the next toast, said the presence of visitors was a great inducement for the members of a lodge or chapter to pull themselves together. There were three points with regard to their visitors that evening to which he would call attention. They had the perfect number (three) of perfect Masons, and felt perfect satisfaction at being honoured with their presence. Comp. Hill was well known as an able worker in the numerous Degrees to which he belonged; Comp. Lazenby, P.P.G. Reg. Lincolnshire, had a well-earned reputation; and Comp. Horley, he was sure from the attention he had given, would worthily in the future maintain the credit of our ancient Institution.

Comp. C. Lazenby, 297, in reply, expressed his pleasure at being placed with Comp. Hill to reply for the visitors, and at the reception he had received. He had accepted the invitation to be present that evening to listen to the lecture by the M.E.Z., because it was the first time he had known it to be delivered in London. He had looked forward with interest to the event, but the whole of the points were so ably explained, that his enjoyment had far surpassed his expectations.

Comp. J. Hill, 1329, first thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind invite, and said that, being himself rather a deep student in Freemasonry, he was much interested; but the lecture was only what he expected it would be from the author of "Wisdom, strength, and beauty." It was the first time he had heard a lecture delivered in a Royal Arch chapter, and the Star of the North had shed so great a light on the subjects discussed, that he hoped he (the M.E.Z.) would be able to find an opportunity for more fully explaining the symbolic meaning of the distinctive bearings on the ensigns which he had drawn with so skilful a hand, as the subject alone would suffice for an evening's instruction. Thanking the companions for their cordial reception at his first visit to the chapter, he hoped that it would not be the last time that he and his companion visitors would have that pleasure.

Comp. Meierhoff, H., in returning thanks for "The H. and J.," said their M.E.Z. promised the companions on their (the H. and J.'s) behalf a burst of Masonic eloquence and a flood of rhetoric; but after the lecture, the dinner, and the speeches of the M.E.Z., a burst or flood of any sort was not desirable. "Sufficient for the day was the evil thereof."

Comp. Martin, J. (after apologising for not sending a telegram from Germany at the last meeting), followed in the same humorous style, both returning with interest the good-humoured banter of their colleague.

Comps. Williams and Grummant ably replied to the toast of "The S.E. and Treasurer."

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Past Principal," expressed his regret at the accident Comp. Addington had met with, and which had deprived them of his cheery presence.

Comp. Hilton, in reply, said he had that evening experienced a great deal of pain and pleasure. Although suffering all day from an attack of neuralgia, he had felt bound to put in an appearance, and was thoroughly rewarded for the struggle he had made by the great pleasure he experienced while listening to the lecture delivered by the M.E.Z. It was entirely new to him, but its beautiful truths could not be repeated too often, and he hoped that it would not be the last lecture the M.E.Z. would give them on the tracing board. Referring to the kindly reference made to his work in the Star Chapter of Instruction, he was proud that his efforts were appreciated, and had borne such good fruit. Founded by a few companions the chapter had steadily increased in numbers, and the interest thus created had led to the establishment of a number of new chapters, presided over by able and painstaking officers. In bringing about this satisfactory result he had been ably assisted by Comp. Stone, as S.E., Comp. Grummant, P.Z., who was ready to take his or any place at any moment, and others, to whom his best thanks were due. Comps. Elliott and Benedetti also responded.

Comps. Stone and Makeham replied for "The Officers." The efforts of Comps. Barr, Stone, Lazenby, Targett, and Grummant to promote the harmony of the evening were highly appreciated.

The meeting was brought to a close with the Janitor's toast.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Windsor, W.M.; J. Mitchell, S.W.; White, J.W.; W. W. Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Sandberg, S.D.; Steele, J.D.; T. Holbrow, I.G.; Shaw, Innocent, Joel, Lyall, Warran, and Folkard.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, with Bro. Shaw as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The 4th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Joel, 2381, was elected a joining member. He returned thanks, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for second time, and Bro. Mitchell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He replied, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst., at the "Frascati," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. A. Becker, W.M.; H. Sillis, S.W.; Marcus, J.W.; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; J. Dixon, S.D.; F. Hewson, J.D.; W. Truman, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; E. J. Gittins, P.M.; J. M. Watson, M. Taylor, and W. Shales. Visitors: Bros. H. Lichtenfeld, A. Watson, B. Marcus, and J. Beynon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mulvey worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bro. Marx worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Watson being candidate. Bro. Beynon answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. Lichtenfeld and B. Marcus, of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205; A. A. Watson, Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353; J. Beynon, Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742. Bro. H. Sillis, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Oliver, W.M.; Moody, P.M., S.W.; Bradley, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, P.M., Sec.; Cottis, S.D.; Matthews, J.D.; Murray, I.G.; Gellowski, P.M.; Saunders, W.M. 144; Thomas, Beauchamp, and Stutfield.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Thomas being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Beauchamp, who had previously answered the usual questions, personating the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Third Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Midland Grand Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. Leighton, W.M.; G. A. Nock, S.W.; W. Freemantle, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; Rix, S.D.; W. R. Bennett, J.D.; R. C. Edwards, I.G.; W. Baker, Sec.; J. Lander, C. F. Cox, D. D. West, H. Imray, F. W. Crohn, T. Davidson, C. E. Palmer, W. C. Hodgkinson, Dr. McMillan, and W. A. Sands.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. Lander and Hodgkinson, which was unanimous in their favour as joining members, they were accordingly heartily welcomed. Bro. Palmer volunteered to act as candidate, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and delivered the charge, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Nock worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture, and the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Nock was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting; he appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of passing, with an explanation of the tracing board and the 6th section of the First Lecture. The lodge was then closed in due form.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting was held at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult. Present: Bros. Borel, W.M.; Osborne, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Paul, Preceptor; Crossingham, I.G.; and Zache.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Osborne, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The Preceptor, assisted by Bro. Mason, worked the 5th Section. Bro. Mason, assisted by Bro. Osborne, worked the 3rd Section. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the S.W., Bro. Osborne was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Reeves, W.M.; Ruthven, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Binnie, P.M., Preceptor; Stocker, Sec.; J. C. Driscoll, S.D.; S. D. Lewis, J.D.; Wilson, P.M., I.G.; Dexter, and Barnes.

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. Dexter being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Dexter being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, when the S.W., Bro. Ruthven, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and no further business being before the lodge, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, and the lodge was closed.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row. Present: Bros. Larter, W.M.; Andrews, S.W.; Juby, J.W.; F. Reeves, Sec.; Baldwin, P.M.; and C. Reeves.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Reeves being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. F. Reeves, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Baldwin proposed and Bro. Juby seconded that Bro. Andrews be W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Secretary announced that the lodge had four votes for the R.M.B.I. These were applied for by Bros. Larter and Baldwin, and after a short discussion as to the merits of their respective candidates, it was decided that Bros. Larter and Baldwin should have the disposal of two votes each. Bro. F. Reeves then gave notice that whereas it has been the usual custom to suspend the meetings of the lodge during the summer months, he will propose, on Thursday next, that such practice be only partially carried out, and that from May till October the lodge shall meet once a month, viz., on the first Thursday in each month, that being the regular meeting night of the Benevolent Association worked in connection with this lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).—Brethren of various lodges and members of this lodge—to the number of 60—attended on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, to hear the Fifteen Sections rehearsed. Bro. Pinder, P.M., presided, as W.M., assisted by the following: Bros. J. A. Powel, P.M. 186, S.W.; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, J.W.; W. Finch, P.M. 1365, Preceptor; and W. D. Church, P.M. 1365, and J. H. Gaskin, P.M. 1897, Secretaries.

The Sections were worked by the following in a most perfect manner: First Lecture: Bros. H. Groome, 861; P. Tricket, 2374; C. Lockin, 1524; D. J. Witte, 1327; G. A. Peters, 1227, I.G. 1645; and T. Draper, 917. Second Lecture: Bros. J. R. Cordell, 813; H. Gack, 1227; T. Hill; J. A. Powel, 186; and F. A. Stainer, 861. Third Lecture: Bros. J. Bunker, 1158; H. G. Gush, 1541; T. Draper, 917. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the W.M. and brethren for the admirable way they had rendered the various Sections, also to the Preceptor and Secretaries. The brethren having replied, the W.M. closed the lodge, and one of the largest and most successful meetings of this flourishing lodge of instruction terminated.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Philip Upton, W.M.; G. T. Peall, S.W.; D. M. Forbes, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon and J. Duncan, P.M., Secretaries; R. Loomes, S.D.; C. Smith, J.D.; V. J. R. Longman, I.G.; A. Oliver, H. B. Harding, P.M.; S. Napper, P.M.; and R. Chenery.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Oliver being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Harding answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Harding being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. R. Chenery was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Peall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. R. M. H. Griffith, W.M.; Willison, S.W.; R. Stebbings, J.W.; C. Weeden, P.M., Preceptor; Hunter, P.M., Treas.; E. Dimes, Sec.; Barth, S.D.; Shoebridge, J.D.; and A. J. Blake, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tuck, P.M. Bro. Weeden presented Bro. Shackell, P.M., for installation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Shackell duly installed. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the W.M. saluted according to ancient custom. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. J. Robinson acting as candidate. The W.M. assumed the chair, and lodge business was transacted. Bro. Willison was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 21st ult., when there were present Comps. Wilson, M.E.Z.; Bannister, H.; Scott Young, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Voisey, Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Dunn, S.N.; Chabot, P.S.; Hill, Salmon, J. C. Reynolds, jun., H. G. Martin, Kirby, Dawson, Rice, Powell, Oldfield, Lewis, Andrews, North Lazenby, Grummant, and Loader.

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From what we hear of the constitution of the Board of Stewards which is working for the Girls' School Festival on the 17th inst., we are strongly inclined to think the prospects of a liberal return are encouraging, and that the highest total subscribed during the four years that have followed the Centenary will on this occasion be exceeded. We do not propose to worry our readers with a series of elaborate calculations, but there are just a few facts within our cognisance which may be cited in support of our favourable anticipations.

Firstly, there are some 50 or 60 more brethren acting as Stewards this year than there were last. Then there is a substantial improvement in the number of London lodges which will be represented; and, lastly, the Provinces appear to have resumed something like their old form. Mere numbers are not a trustworthy guide; but seeing the Stewards have not been so heavily handicapped as they were in 1892, when the Benevolent Jubilee attracted so large an amount of donations and subscriptions, we are not too sanguine when we suggest that last year's low average of £30 per Steward will be exceeded 10 days hence.

As regards the Provinces, much cannot be expected from the Chairman's Province, because it is far from being a strong one; but we know Northants and Hunts will do its devoirs manfully, while it is an open secret that West Yorkshire will be numerously represented and return a goodly sum. Thus, without committing ourselves to any definite statement, we look forward to a Return which will approach, if it does not equal, the average of the years preceding the Centenary. We earnestly hope the brethren will do their utmost towards helping to bring about a realisation of our hopes, because the School is sorely in need of funds. As we remarked last week, since 1888 it has had a succession of bad harvests, and even a partial return of the old prosperity will help to put things straight again.

The Royal Pavilion, Brighton, will be the scene of a grand Templar function on Saturday, the 27th inst., when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will be installed Provincial Prior of the Order for Sussex. The ceremony will be performed by the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior of England and Wales, &c., who will be assisted

by the Earl of Euston, Great Sub-Prior, and other distinguished Sir Knights. After his installation, his Royal Highness will appoint and invest his provincial officers, and when the business has been concluded, luncheon will be served. The proceedings are timed to commence at 2 p.m.

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The betrothal, which has just been officially announced, of the Duke of York, surviving son of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., with the Princess Victoria May, only daughter of the Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, and the Duke of Teck, will cause very general rejoicings among her Majesty's subjects, who will be especially delighted to find that the popular Princess May has at length found consolation for the grievous loss she sustained at the beginning of 1892 by the death of her fiancé, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. We feel sure that Masons in particular will derive pleasure from the betrothal,—which it is hardly necessary to say has received her Majesty's sanction—as it must be a subject of gratification to the Prince, who has presided over them for so many years.

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We have received the report of the proceedings of second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Launceston, on Wednesday, the 18th January last. From the report it is evident that Masonry in this remote dependency of the British Crown, since its organisation as a separate and independent body, has made substantial progress. In respect of numbers, it is stronger now than it was two years ago, while as to its funds, they appear to have been well and wisely administered. We note one important change in the constitution of Grand Lodge. Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, M.A., who, in the old days, was District Grand Master under the English Constitution, and who, when it was determined to establish the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, was unanimously selected to preside over it as M.W. Grand Master, being desirous of laying aside the cares and responsibilities of office, has been succeeded in the chair of this promising Grand Lodge by his old Deputy, Bro. E. O. Giblin, M.D. Bro. Giblin is a Mason of long standing and large experience. As the Deputy of his predecessor, he necessarily is thoroughly conversant with the duties which now devolve upon him. We congratulate him on his election to be the chief of Tasmanian Masonry, and we have no doubt his administration will be honourable to himself and beneficial to the body over which he presides.

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At the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland held at Freemasons' Hall, Brisbane, on the 1st March last, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.M.G., District G. Master, two sums of £50 and £100 respectively, were, on the recommendation of the District Board of General Purposes, voted from the funds of District Grand Lodge towards the relief of the sufferers by the floods, which have caused such heavy loss; the sum of £50 being granted for the relief of Freemasons only, and that of £100 towards the Central or General Relief Fund.

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Universal regret will be felt at the sad news, which reached us early in the week, of the death, suddenly, at Bombay, on the 27th ult., of Bro. H. J. Whymper, P.D.D.G.M. of the Punjab. He had quite recently declined the appointment of D.G.M. of the Punjab on the score of ill-health, and the genuineness of the reason for so declining has only been too well exemplified by his death. He was in every sense of the word an excellent Mason—zealous in all he undertook, ardent in the pursuit of Masonic knowledge, thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of the Craft, always ready to impart the knowledge acquired, and unbounded in his generosity—he presented to all with whom he came in contact a worthy model for their imitation. The record of his career deserves to be chronicled by a sympathetic pen, and we have asked Bro. Hughan, as one of Bro. Whymper's closest Masonic friends, to undertake that duty. Bro. Whymper leaves a widow and daughters. His brother, Mr. Edward Whymper, is the celebrated mountain climber and artist.

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We have pleasure in drawing attention to Bro. Hughan's appreciative article on Bro. G. W. Bain's catalogue of his Masonic Library and Museum. Bro. Hughan is so familiar with the general subject of Masonic bibliography, medals, and curios that any words of his come with weight and authority.

Bro. Bain has been a most industrious and successful collector in a surprisingly short period. His initiation dates from 1883 in No. 949, Sunderland, in which he served as W.M. in 1888 and 1889, and he is now P.P. G. Reg. of Durham. To have obtained such a number of Masonic valuables in a few years shows what can be done by well directed efforts. Every new collector, however, adds to the difficulty of securing old and rare Masonic works. Collections of such are increasing in value year by year and are not likely to be less so at any time because of the formation of lodge libraries.

Correspondence.

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

"THE MINSTREL."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg to ask your permission to rectify a printer's blunder in the May number of "The Minstrel."

In a par. at p. 58, reporting the installation of the Grand Officers of our Grand Lodge, the name of the Grand Pursuivant, Bro. Thos. Minstrel, has by the printer been given as *The Minstrel*. So that our worthy brother is changed into a newspaper. I offer him best apologies for the error.

As "The Minstrel" appears only once a month, I take this, the earliest opportunity, to rectify this mistake.

Thanking you for allowing this letter to appear in your next, believe me, yours fraternally—

THE EDITOR OF "THE MINSTREL."

115, Fleet-street, May 1st.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR NORFOLK, 1893-4.

This little gem is one of the smallest of the annuals published in the provinces, and yet, so well is the matter arranged, that its 90 pages are brimful of information and accurate as usual, under the competent editorship of the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, of Norwich. Its appearance on the first of May is most welcome, and as a May gift will not only prove very handy for this gay month but for the remainder of the financial year. Norfolk is not a large province but is well managed and most compact. There are 17 lodges, six being situated in Norwich, two each in North Walsham and Yarmouth, and remainder in seven other towns. The senior lodge is No. 52, Norwich, dating from 1736, and contains 28 members of Provincial Grand Lodge, all duly described as to years of Masterships, and other qualifications, in Provincial Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge. So also as to the next in age, No. 85, Harleston, working from 1753, and the remaining 15 down to the junior, viz., No. 2237, at Wells. There are seven Royal Arch chapters which speak well for the interest exhibited by the brethren in the Craft. The oldest is No. 52, Norwich, of the year 1788. What about a centenary warrant Bro. Barnard? The old charter was doubtless returned to Grand Chapter, as required, and a new warrant obtained in 1821, but that would not affect the continuity. Mark Masonry is not so flourishing as might reasonably be expected, but the Knights Templar and Rose Croix Degrees appear to be more successful. Bro. Barnard has done well and successfully edited one of the best Masonic annuals published.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This lodge held its last meeting of the season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. J. Cockram Taylor, W.M.; Troit, S.W.; White, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey, S.D.; Swan, J.D.; Glückstein, I.G.; Sharpley, Org.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; M. Heaphy, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; Frommholz, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; W. J. Hakim, P.M.; C. Wetzer, P.M.; Welch, I.P.M.; and others.

The lodge furniture was draped with crape and the brethren wore Masonic mourning, out of respect to the memory of Bro. Carter, P.M., Treasurer, who died on the 9th and was buried on the 14th ult. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. C. James was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. A. Goldsmith, 2398, was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being admirably performed by the W.M. A resolution was unanimously carried to increase the subscription of non-dining members to £1 is. per annum. The W.M. was unanimously elected to the position of Trustee to the Benevolent Fund, vice Bro. J. A. Green, P.M., deceased. It being necessary to elect a Treasurer for the remainder of the year, in the place of Bro. Carter, deceased, Bro. W. J. Hakim, P.M., was duly elected. Bro. Capt. Walls, P.M., moved a vote of condolence to the family of the late Treasurer. In the course of his remarks, he said that for the long period of nearly 40 years Bro. Carter had been a member of No. 141. In 1892 he was re-invested for the 33rd time as its Treasurer. So recently as February 28th last he was in their midst apparently in the best of health and

spirits. When the members entered the lodge that night it must have been a great shock to them to notice the vacant chair to the left of the W.M. that had been so often occupied by their dear friend and brother as senior Past Master of the lodge. The Secretary that evening had read a letter from the son of their deceased brother, in which he thanked those members of the lodge who had written to him extending their sympathy in remembrance of one who had always been a good husband, a good father, and a good friend. He (the speaker) would also add a good Mason. Bro. Carter's open face was the best index of his character, geniality, good humour, and kindheartedness being embodied in every feature. In conclusion, he said that their late Treasurer, with the weight of nearly 73 years pressing upon him, had gone to an honoured rest, but his memory would remain green in the Lodge of Faith, and his earnest work in the cause of Masonry be remembered whilst a single member lived who knew him. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Carter's old intimate and fellow-worker—Bro. Hopwood, P.M.—and carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed. There was no banquet.

Ranelagh Lodge (No. 834).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Regent's Circus, on the 11th ult., and was well attended both by members and visitors. There were present Bros. H. F. Williams, W.M.; Arthur Williams, S.W.; W. W. Williams, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; R. Phillips, D.C.; H. Hewitt, I.G.; J. Banks, Stwd.; G. Mallett, Tyler (*pro tem*); F. J. Oliver, P.M.; T. G. Doncaster, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; C. Barker, P.M.; E. Lucas, P.M.; William Bennett, T. Jobson, H. J. Inderwick, J. Worth, W. H. Dyne, H. Stottes, E. D. Richards, G. E. White, C. J. Chambers, A. White, Lomie, A. Abrahams, S. Segar, W. Icton, R. Collins, R. Shaw, J. R. Ward, E. H. Grand, R. S. Cartwright, and others. The visitors were Bros. T. Walden, W.M. 2012; R. Reid, 1275; E. Chappell, 141; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; Baron A. Grant, 127; W. Braithwaite, 304; G. Glover, J. Brown, P.M. 1012; D. S. Long, P.M. 1275; Dunkley, P.M. 1777; R. H. Williams, P.M. 865; G. Gardner, P.M. 2309; W. F. Tate, J. H. R. Bright, 194; T. B. Moyle, S.W. 167; J. Vandyke, 1017; J. R. Jones, 172; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, and the Auditors' report approved, Bro. E. Swallow was passed. The W.M. then proceeded with the important task of installing Bro. Arthur Williams as his successor, which he performed in a most commendable manner. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. W. W. Williams, S.W.; E. Newland, J.W.; G. F. Butt, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Oliver, P.M., Org.; H. Scharien, S.D.; H. Hewitt, J.D.; R. Phillips, I.G.; J. Banks, D.C.; and J. C. Morgan and S. Segar, Stewards. The usual addresses were ably delivered by Bro. H. F. Williams, the I.P.M., and were appreciated by the members and visitors. The new W.M. then initiated Mr. Edgar Henry Grant in excellent style, for which he is to be congratulated. The W.M., in a few appropriate words, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. H. F. Williams, I.P.M., remarking that he had fulfilled his arduous duties to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Bro. H. F. Williams expressed his heartfelt thanks for the kind appreciation of his services to the lodge, which had been an honour and pleasure to him.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet. The menu cards, which deserve special mention, were designed and hand-painted by the W.M.'s son, all being of different designs.

At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Bro. H. F. Williams, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," wished him a happy and successful year of office. He had been with them for some years, and was always willing to do everything for the lodge. He was perfect in the working of the ritual, a good genial fellow, and would increase the reputation of the lodge.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, had a flattering reception. In eloquent terms he stated that as W.M. of the lodge he had attained the summit of his Masonic career. It was a great honour to him to hold that position, and he thanked the members, from whom he had met with nothing but kindness and courtesy, for having placed him there, and in conclusion expressed a hope that he would have plenty of work to do.

In giving the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. observed that he had hoped to have had three initiates that evening. He was glad to receive Bro. E. H. Grant in the lodge, and he was proud of having an initiate at his (the W.M.'s) installation.

Bro. Grant, who appeared to be one of the droll kind, on rising to respond was received with acclamation. In a humorous speech he thanked the members for the exercise he had had at that festive board. He regretted that the others mentioned by the W.M. had not been there to help him pull through what he had undergone in the lodge and at that table. He was pleased that he had joined the Order, and he was anxious to know more about it.

The W.M. gave the next toast—"The Installing Past Master." He paid a great tribute to the grand working of Bro. H. F. Williams, who had done everything to the entire satisfaction of the lodge. There were always plenty to criticise the working of a W.M.; but he had withstood all that, because he was simply perfect, and he hoped he would continue a member of their distinguished lodge, of which it was a great honour to be a Past Master.

Bro. H. F. Williams, in reply, said that he could not find words to sufficiently thank them for his reception and the great kindness he had received from all during his year of office, which he should never forget.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given, the Worshipful Master, stating that he was a Steward for the Boys. His list of subscriptions amounted to 90 guineas, and he hoped it would be materially increased, so that it would be one of the largest. He coupled the name of Bro. Gardner, P.M., whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Gardner replied in a lengthy speech, urging the brethren to support their W.M., who was one of the best he had ever met in his Stewardship for the Boys, and the lodge could have no one better than their W.M. to support the cause of Charity.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors." They were favoured with a great number, and he gave them a hearty greeting, to which Bros. Walden, Tate, Dunkley,

and Glover, suitably replied, all bearing testimony to the excellent working witnessed that night, and the lavish hospitality of the members.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," to which suitable responses were made.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very happy and pleasant evening.

Miss Greta Williams and Miss Florence Lucas contributed some excellent songs. Both these ladies have fine voices, and their efforts were much appreciated by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master is to be congratulated on the success of the gathering.

New Cross Lodge (No. 1559).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Portland Hotel on Friday, the 14th ult., Bro. Borrett, W.M., in the chair, Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, P.M., announced that a Committee had been formed in order to present their esteemed Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M., with a testimonial in recognition of his many years' devotion to the deaf and dumb of Deptford. He felt that he might with propriety make the announcement in the lodge, because he was moved to solicit admission into the Order when, in his capacity of architect to St. Barnabas Church, he heard of the great interest the members of the lodge had taken in the building, and their determination to have the capstone of the building laid with Masonic ceremony. His first duty as a Mason was to prepare the mortar and tangle, and to wait on their rev. brother while he laid the stone, and now as a P.M. of the Craft he was able to wish him God-speed in his future labours when he had completed the task allotted to him in Deptford by the Great Architect of the Universe. He (Bro. North) need scarcely allude to the example Bro. Sturdee had set the members of the lodge as a type of a worthy Mason, zealous in the discharge of his Masonic duties, whether acting as officer or Chaplain of the lodge, ever mindful of his duty to his Master, without taint of sourness or pharisaical spirit, joining heartily in all innocent merriment his cheery good nature and sympathetic bearing had endeared him to all as an embodiment of practical and work-a-day Christianity. To place on record their approval of the movement (of which he had only heard that afternoon) he suggested that a nominal sum should be subscribed from the funds of the lodge, and that the brethren should afterwards subscribe individually. In conclusion, he proposed "that the sum of two guineas be subscribed towards the proposed testimonial to the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M. and Chap., as a mark of fraternal respect from the members of the lodge." This resolution was seconded by Bro. Cogliati, S.D., and carried unanimously, and later in the evening Bro. Borrett, W.M., with the Past Masters, Bros. Faulkner, North, Cowley, Grummant, Grassi, and Meyer, the Wardens, officers, and brethren placed a list of subscriptions in the hands of the Treasurer to be presented with the amount subscribed by the lodge.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The last meeting of the session of this popular lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 11th ult., when there were present: Bros. A. L. Bullen, W.M.; G. H. Foan, I.P.M.; H. J. Keene, acting as S.W.; G. C. Bond, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; J. Woodward, acting as S.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; C. O. Burgess, I.G.; R. S. Potter, Tyler; G. H. Reynolds, P.M.; W. J. Green, Homer Price, C. Morrell, W. V. Morgan, J. Mills, T. Carter, A. Bush, E. Giles, C. Pullen, W. M. Carter, J. Pullen, T. Middleweek, T. Warren, A. Freeman, W. J. Thrussell, J. Wise, W. R. Faulks, J. Citron, J. W. Davis, and many others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were read from several members regretting their absence, also from Bro. A. H. Smart, the candidate for passing, he being away in Belgium. The brethren congratulated Bro. G. H. Foan, I.P.M., on his recovery from a serious illness.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Club Room, where an excellent repast had been prepared by Bro. G. P. Bertini, presided over by the W.M.

The usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to. The brethren on parting said they had spent a very pleasant time, and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—The first meeting of the session of this interesting lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, S.W., on the 18th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Hancock, W.M.; J. J. Woolley, I.P.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; J. Skinner, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; C. O. Burgess, acting as S.D.; A. Harris, J.D.; J. B. Grieve, I.G.; G. A. Bergholz, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; J. Rowe, A. H. P. Snow, C. G. Sherwood, J. Williams, A. Hirsch, F. Hansen, J. Woodward, H. Lewis, G. P. Bertini, J. B. Crump, C. J. Rotter, G. T. Atkinson, A. Scarlett Thomson, J. Coltart, W. S. Lincoln, J. W. Hughes, W. C. Thomson, S. Solberg, W. G. S. Harvey, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M. 179; J. Boulton, W.M. 2442; D. Haslett, P.M. 145; J. H. Pullen, W.M. 1622; A. L. Bullen, W.M. 1614; and A. C. Bourner, 2149.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held in October last were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Thomson was raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. giving the lecture. The Secretary read several letters and telegrams from brethren expressing their inability to attend; also letters from Bros. T. J. Shryock, M.W.G.M. Maryland; T. C. Smith, P.G.M. Illinois; and G. C. Connor, P.G.M. Tennessee. The American brethren sent their hearty greetings to the brethren of the lodge, wishing the Anglo-American Lodge prosperity and success.

After the W.M. had been congratulated upon his return to his native land from Constantinople, and Bro. J. B. Cumming, Treas., upon his appearance amongst them after his severe illness, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Prince's Room for the banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bros. G. P. Bertini and A. Aubenal.

The brethren having partaken of the good things placed before them, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a very happy way, and they were heartily responded to.

The W.M. informed the brethren that since their last meeting the Veteran Lodge of Illinois had conferred a great honour on the lodge by electing Bro. Geo. Reynolds, the Secretary, an honorary member of that lodge, and asked

him to return thanks for their toast of "The Sister Grand Lodges of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada."

The Secretary, in doing so, said that he could assure the brethren that should any of them visit America they would receive a most hearty welcome. He much appreciated the honour the Veteran Lodge of Illinois had conferred upon him.

All the visiting brethren returned thanks for the toast of "The Visitors."

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant and happy evening to a close, and congratulations were passed on the successful opening of the session.

Bishopgate Lodge (No. 2396).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., on the 24th ult. Present: Bros. H. J. Tibbatts, S.W.; A. J. Hollington, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; F. Dadswell, Treas.; Milton Smith, Sec.; Jacobs, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; H. Mead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, Org.; G. N. Johnson, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Airey, P.M. 190; E. G. Jackson, 307; J. Wagstaff, D.C. 569; T. J. Sturgeon, 1815; W. Tyler, 2077; F. A. Lloyd; S. W. Latham, 1962; J. W. Tyler, I.P.M. 2077; R. Fisher Young, P.M. 1385; P. J. Archbold, P.M. 19; J. W. Martell, J.D. 1567; C. W. Shepherd, 65; J. M. Knight, P.M. 95; J. H. Batty, P.M. 22; C. J. Wood Moore, P.M. 227; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

After the opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. R. D. Colquhoun and A. J. Skipper were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Mr. W. J. Lamb was initiated, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. H. Mead, P.M. Bro. G. N. Johnson, P.M., P.G. Stwd., then installed Bro. H. J. Tibbatts as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following officers were invested: Bros. Alfred J. Hollington, P.G.S., S.W.; Samuel Jacobs, P.P.G. Purst. Herts, J.W.; F. Dadswell, Treas.; Milton Smith, Sec.; D. A. Romain, S.D.; C. J. Thomas, J.D.; W. Newman, I.G.; H. Mead, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., D.C.; H. E. F. Gadsdon, Stwd.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; and R. H. Goddard, P.M., Tyler.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Alderman Lieut.-Col. H. D. Davies, I.P.M.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; and others. Propositions were received, and the lodge was closed.

A well-served banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. H. Mead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he hardly knew what to say except to express his belief that Bro. Tibbatts was a thorough good Mason, and one who would do his best to uphold the interests of the lodge. He had known Bro. Tibbatts for many years, and having elected and installed him, they possessed a Master who would preside with credit to himself and the lodge. The brethren would all wish their W.M. a happy and prosperous year, and health and strength to carry out all his good intentions.

Bro. H. J. Tibbatts, W.M., in reply, expressed his indebtedness to Bro. Mead for the way the toast had been proposed, and to the brethren for their reception of the toast. He hoped all the good things referred to would be realised in the year to come. He considered that a very proud moment and a day of days to be elected and installed as Worshipful Master of the Bishopgate Lodge. He looked upon it not lightly, but with a knowledge of the deep responsibility connected with it. He hoped to discharge that faithfully, and that the lodge would never regret having elected him. He had the interest of the lodge at heart, for he loved it in every sense of the word as he did Masonry, and every brother belonging to it. He could not conclude his remarks better than by quoting the words following the toast on the programme: "Be satisfied I will do my best."

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters." He was sorry that Bro. Johnson, P.M., had unfortunately been obliged to leave, for the impression made upon him by that brother in the installation ceremony would never be forgotten or effaced from his memory. The brethren all knew the ability of the Past Masters, for it was evinced in the lodge.

Bro. H. Mead, P.M., returned thanks on his own behalf, and also for Bro. Johnson, P.M., who felt a vast amount of pleasure in doing all he could for the lodge. All the Past Masters were actuated by the same motive, and would continue to do their utmost during the forthcoming year as in the past.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next received with the usual heartiness.

In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. said the members endeavoured to make them as comfortable as possible, and he hoped they had not departed from their usual custom that evening.

Bro. P. J. Archbold, P.M. 19, said that if he was not an old member of Lodge No. 19 and a founder of another, he should ask to become a member of the Bishopgate Lodge. That visit was one of the red-letter days of his career, and he had been much pleased with the entertainment and enjoyment. Bros. J. H. Batty, P.M. 22, and W. Airey, P.M. 190, also responded.

Bro. F. Dadswell, Treas., replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he felt proud of his position as Treasurer, and pleased to be associated with such a hard working Secretary as Bro. Milton Smith. He was particularly proud to be Treasurer on the occasion when Bro. Tibbatts was W.M., for it was not long since that brother came to him in his usual earnest manner and with regard to the establishment of a lodge for Bishopgate. Knowing Bro. Tibbatts so well, he gave all the assistance he could. He (Bro. Dadswell) was a very old Mason, and it was one of his regrets that in 1856 he left the Craft, and did not re-enter it again until he joined that lodge. He never made a greater mistake, and he encouraged the young initiate to become Master of his lodge, and thus be well received in any part of the world.

Bro. Milton Smith, Sec., returned thanks, and said all his work was done with pleasure, and he hoped to be of still further benefit to the lodge.

"The Officers" was cordially given, and the brethren separated after the Tyler's toast.

Under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, Organist, a capital programme of music was rendered to the enjoyment of all present. He was assisted by Bros. Kelson Truman and W. Devey and Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

AMERSHAM.

Carrington Lodge (No. 2421).—The first installation meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated about a year ago, and which has fully justified its existence since that time, was held at the British Schools on Saturday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. Harry N. Price, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M.; J. C. F. Tower, S.W.; J. Stephens, P.M., J.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Hobbs, acting Sec.; R. Ferguson, P.M.; H. G. Clarke, S.D.; F. J. Harding, D.C.; W. Andrews, I.G.; H. F. Woodd and G. Darlington, Stwds.; W. Ruddell, W. Hobbs, A. H. Mann, A. G. Collins, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs.; J. A. Bodger, G. H. Wetherell, J. Hattersley, P.P.G.D.; W. Boyton Johnson, P.M.; and E. H. Coltman. Visitors: Bros. Lord Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Deputy Prov. G.M.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; Col. A. B. Cook, P.G.D.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; H. S. Baman; N. D. Hart, 142; J. Mills, 1614; A. Ricketts, 1609; E. W. Hobbs, 2308; J. G. Stone, Geo. Price, A. Cooper, P.G.D.; C. Dodson, P.G.S.; E. Delevanti, Org. 2021; E. C. Sisson, 435 (U.S.A.); E. Owen, W.M. 1593; W. Porter, P.M. 1269; W. G. Whittington, 936; G. V. Wood, P.M. 1608; W. Nicholson, 2308; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and a dispensation authorising the members to meet at the British Schools was read. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. G. H. Wetherell and E. H. Coltman were passed to the Second Degree by Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.M., Treas. Bro. Harry N. Price, W.M., then resumed the chair, and installed Bro. J. C. F. Tower as W.M. in a highly creditable manner. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Stephens, P.M., S.W.; R. Ferguson, J.W.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; H. G. Clarke, S.D.; W. Andrews, J.D.; F. J. Harding, I.G.; H. S. Woodd, D.C.; G. Darlington and J. G. Stone, Stwds.; and Whiting Tyler. The W.M. gave the brethren a taste of his quality by impressively initiating Mr. J. A. G. Bodger. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. H. N. Price, I.P.M., who suitably acknowledged the gift.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was subsequently enjoyed at the Town Hall, Amersham.

After dessert the usual toasts were heartily honoured.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, replying for "The Grand Officers," returned thanks for the kind hospitality extended to them. It was a personal pleasure to himself to be present, because when the W.M. joined his mother lodge, he (Lord Euston) was one of the Deacons at the installation ceremony. He hoped the W.M. would have a prosperous year, and he could assure him of the presence of the Grand Officers to assist him if necessary. Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., also replied. He said it was a pleasure to come down to that nice Buckinghamshire town to meet so many genial faces. He was pleased to see them establishing such a good lodge, and knowing the energy and capacity of the members he was certain they would maintain the prestige of the Order and that particular lodge.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., remarked that he was pleased to renew his acquaintance with the members of that lodge, having been present at the consecration. They had spent a most enjoyable evening. The work in the lodge had gone on in a manner that would please the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The I.P.M. performed his duty in a manner almost surpassing himself, and the W.M. also transacted his duties in a style that augured well for the future prosperity of that lodge. He should carry away very pleasing recollections of his visit to them that day.

The Worshipful Master then said that although the Prov. Grand Master was unable to be present, they had the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Studholme Brownrigg with them. They knew Bro. Brownrigg's able work, and the fact that their province had surpassed the Province of Berks in the number of lodges was a good deal owing to his efforts.

Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Dep. Prov. G.M., in reply, said he could assure them that the Provincial Grand Master was extremely sorry not to be present, but his duties were so numerous in the many positions he occupied, that it was quite impossible to give to Masonry the time he would desire. He (the Deputy Prov. G.M.) came amongst old friends, and therefore, they would receive him with kindness, and forgive his shortcomings. He had a special interest in that lodge, and was glad to see the work done in the manner he approved. Every officer knew his work, and the ceremonies were done without unnecessary waste of time. He hoped they would set an example in Masonry to the lodges in Bucks and to the rest of England. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had a few privileges, and had the right to demand the gavel. He could not make better use of that than to congratulate the W.M., whom they had that evening placed in the chair. He had the honour of knowing Bro. Tower as an old friend, for he belonged to a lodge of which he could call himself the grandfather. Whatever lodge the W.M. belonged to, he was a Mason who would be a credit to Bucks and to Masonry at large.

Bro. J. C. F. Tower, W.M., said he had now come to the worst part of the whole day's work. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had proposed his health, and he was reminded of what somebody else had said—"not only have you toasted me, but you have buttered me as well." He thanked them for drinking his health, and would do all he could to do his work thoroughly. He had attempted some work that night, and hoped to improve, but whatever faults they found with him they would find he did not bore them with long speeches.

"The Installing Master and I.P.M." was next proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said they had all seen the work of Bro. Price, I.P.M. He thought the installation ceremony that day might be equalled, but he doubted if it could be surpassed. It was done in a most perfect manner, and he (the W.M.) felt it most strongly as he was the candidate.

Bro. Harry N. Price, I.P.M., said it afforded him a great amount of pleasure to respond to the toast so kindly, and he was afraid, too flatteringly proposed. It gave him more than ordinary pleasure to think that at the conclusion of his year he stood in the same position as he did at the start of the lodge in the regard of the members. During his year he had endeavoured to forward the interests of the Carrington Lodge, and was pleased to see it standing in a

most flourishing and prosperous condition. They mustered 11 members at the consecration, and now numbered 24. They had borne in mind the good advice given by the Dep. Prov. Grand Master with respect to bringing members in, and he believed that every member would be an ornament to that lodge and Freemasonry. The W.M. had set a good example by short speeches, and the Dep. Prov. Grand Master had said that celerity was a good thing, and he should follow that example, and simply thank them for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received.

"The Initiate" was next duly honoured, and appropriately responded to by Bro. Badger.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and gave them a cordial welcome, and expressed the hope that their experience that evening would induce them to repeat their visit.

Bros. A. Cooper, Owen, and G. Price acknowledged the kind hospitality shown them, and the gratification they had experienced at witnessing the admirable work.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were given.

The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable meeting.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. G. Blizard Abbott, W.M.; F. Thompson, S.W.; F. C. Collingwood, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Gray, P.M., Sec.; R. F. Young, P.M., D.C.; S. Tryon, I.P.M., Prov. G.S. of Wks.; J. E. Cussans, P.M.; J. Brittain, P.M.; J. P. Euerby, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; J. H. Baxter, P.M.; R. W. Oldfield, S.D.; W. Anneveld, I.G.; W. Marshall, A.D.C.; Tibbatts, Stwd.; Goddard, Tyler; Cranston, Mason, Billson, G. Phillips, H. F. P. Inglis, Ellis, H. Grimwade, C. Grimwade, Witthaus, H. Dade, and others. Visitors: Bros. Faulkner, 3; Solomon, 361; John Probert, 340; and Dr. Haskins.

When the minutes of the previous lodge had been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Dade was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. announced his intention of acting as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Treasurer gave notice that at the next meeting he would move the grant of a sum from the lodge funds to be placed on the Master's list. The names of two candidates for initiation and membership were handed in and lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together, the after-proceedings being rendered more than usually delightful by the singing of Bros. John Probert, Baxter, Tibbatts, Grimwade, Gray, and Dade.

DENTON.

Duke of Athol Lodge (No. 210).—There was a large assembly of the brethren, including several visitors, at the regular meeting of this lodge, on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Bowling Green Hotel, and the occasion was taken advantage of for presenting a handsome illuminated address, in album form, to Bro. F. M. Veevers, late J.W., in recognition of his past services in the Lodge and Chapter of Faith, on his removal to Rochester. The lodge was opened by Bro. Chambers, W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed, after which Bro. Foreman, P.M., assisted by Bro. Bromley, P.M., and the officers, initiated Mr. James Clough; the ceremony was acknowledged to have been performed in a masterly and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, that of presenting an address to Bro. Veevers, and in eulogistic terms referred to the services rendered, not only to the lodge, but to the town generally, by Bro. Veevers, who was held in high estimation both as a public man and as an officer of the lodge. Bros. Bromley, Jas. E. Smith, S.W.; James Woolfenden, P.M.; and others, also testified to the good feeling existing towards the recipient. Bro. Foreman then read the address, which is as follows: "Address to Brother James Mallett Veevers, Junior Warden, Dear Brother and Companion.—We the members of the Duke of Athol Lodge, No. 210, of which you have been Junior Warden, and of the Chapter of Faith, of which you are Principal Sojourner, having learned of your removal from Denton to Rochester, embrace this opportunity of expressing our unfeigned regret at losing one of our most valuable and valued officers, and of assuring you of the high esteem and respect we entertain for you as a citizen and a brother. We rejoice that your removal brings advancement, and promises for your future financial prosperity; we also trust it may bring social comfort and happiness, and that the change to a more genial climate may conduce to good and vigorous health amongst all the members of your family. Your career in the Lodge, from the lowest office up to the Wardenship, as also in the chapter, has been uniformly marked with prosperity of conduct and attention to duty, you have been distinguished by the eminence of your gifts and the importance of the services rendered. As a man and a brother we have ever found you genial in companionship, courteous and dignified in manner sagacious in counsel, and prompt and efficient in the discharge of every duty. You have won the warmest regards of your neighbours and fellow townsmen for your uprightness of character and your ready sympathy and co-operation with them in the various duties of citizenship. We desire to assure you that we shall ever cherish the liveliest interest in your welfare, and we earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may prosper you in your new sphere; that you, your beloved wife, and family may find a happy home, and be long spared to each other in the enjoyment of perfect health and every happiness which the world can afford.—We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally (signed), W. F. Chambers, W.M.; James Woolfenden, P.M., P.Z., Hon. Treas.; Thomas D. Foreman, P.M., Z., P.G.D.C., Honorary Secretary, Denton, 19th April, 1893." Bro. Veevers, who was evidently very much impressed by the proceedings, said: "Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren,—I never at any time anticipated being the recipient of such a worthy recognition for any services rendered. I have endeavoured to perform whatever fell in my path in the best possible manner, and in doing so always felt it a pleasure as well as a duty. I beg to thank you most sincerely, and to assure you I feel very deeply the great kindness which has prompted the brethren of the Duke of Athol and the companions of the chapter to present this handsome and artistic, but much too flattering, testimonial, now that I am compelled, through the exigencies of my profession, to sever active connection with you, and though I shall value the gift for itself and as a work of art, yet the kind-

ness and brotherly feeling of which it is the outcome will ever be prized far more highly.

The address to Bro. Mallett Veevers, J.W., is engrossed and illuminated upon four leaves. The first page, which is full of detail and thought, is executed upon vellum. The border is taken from a MS. Breviary, or Book of Hours, once belonging to Queen Mary. The coat-of-arms of the Duke of Athol Lodge is introduced in the title of the page, and the initial "W" commencing the address is a beautiful piece of illuminating, with the compass and square forming a background to the letter. Page two contains the body of the address, with four illuminated initials, the first showing the crest, coat-of-arms, and motto of the Veevers family, and each of the remaining three bearing a Masonic emblem, introduced in an exceedingly neat and tasteful style, and page three, the chief feature of which is another initial "W," faced by a Masonic pillar and displaying the mosaic pavement, there is here a delicate border of tracery work, with the commencement of the signatures, and page four contains the remaining names of subscribers to it.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The first regular meeting since the installation gathering was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 24th ult., when there was a fairly good muster of brethren. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Jobson, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following: Bros. M. R. Wright, I.P.M.; Wm. Stafford, S.W.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, J.W.; Rev. E. W. Drage, Chap.; A. Dodds, Sec.; T. W. Bagnall, S.D.; H. Jackson, J.D.; B. Grice, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. J. Campbell and W. Holzapfel, Stewards; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; Wm. Dalrymple, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; T. Chegwidden, J. Lightboun, T. Smith, J. Neill, T. Henderson, J. Charlton, J. T. Pragnell, G. C. Potts, J. J. Bowman, J. Armstrong, G. Graham, and others. The visitors comprised Bros. V. Raven, W.M. 1427; T. R. Jobson, P.M. 1664; G. N. Patterson, P.M. 424; T. R. Short, P.M. 424; T. A. Moffitt, P.M. 424; R. Stewart, S.W. 424; W. J. Heppell, S.D. 424; J. H. Elliott, 424; J. O. Hogg, 424; John Adamson, Sec. 424; J. A. G. Ross, P.M. 481; T. Wright, W.M. 1342; R. Fletcher, 1312; R. W. Vietch, 1342; W. Anderson, 1342; H. Duke, 1712; and others.

The ballot was taken for two candidates, and Messrs. R. Hewitt and T. D. Armstrong, being in attendance, were initiated by Bro. W. J. Jobson, W.M. The working tools were explained by the J.W., Bro. Bowker, and the charge delivered by Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M. Bros. J. Charlton and R. J. Hindmarsh were afterwards passed as F.C.'s by Bro. M. R. Wright, I.P.M., and the S.W., Bro. W. Stafford, explained the working tools.

After other business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and those present adjourned to the refreshment room, where songs, toasts, and harmony prevailed until a late hour.

HAMPTON COURT.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on the 17th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. Thomas Grant, W.M.; H. Bond, S.W.; J. Spooner, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. T. Peat, S.D., acting Sec.; R. W. Rice, J.D.; H. Sapsworth, I.P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and two emergencies were read and confirmed. Bros. Bond and Alexander were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. O'Hara and Kearswell raised to the Third Degree, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a most painstaking manner. Bro. H. Bond, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. Featherstone, Treas.; and Bro. J. Gilbert, Tyler. The by-laws having been read, Bros. Crocker and Thomson were elected Auditors in conjunction with the Permanent Committee of the lodge. Upon the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by Bro. F. L. Chandler, P.M., and which was carried unanimously, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, per Bro. T. Grant, W.M. as Steward to that Institution for 1893. The acting Secretary announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Teddington on Saturday, May 6th. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; E. Dare, P.M.; R. Simpson, I.G.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, at which the W.M. presided with his usual geniality and ability.

LEICESTER.

Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).—The annual festival of this prosperous lodge, the second largest in the province, was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 28th ult., and was largely attended, there being present, amongst others, Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Rev. Canon Sanders, LL.D., P.G. Chap. England; and visiting brethren from Market Harborough, Kettering, Wellingborough, Northampton, Tamworth, Birmingham, &c., over 30 being installed Masters. Bro. Andrew Fergusson, S.W., having been unanimously elected W.M. at the March meeting, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the installation ceremony being very ably rendered by Bro. H. Howe, the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Bros. C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.D.C.; R. B. Starkey, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; J. G. Bower, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; and T. S. H. Ashwell, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Chambers, S.W.; Rev. J. W. Willson, M.A., J.W.; R. B. Starkey, P.M., Treas.; G. J. B. Woolley, Sec.; F. Lambert, S.D.; F. W. Billson, LL.B., J.D.; T. S. H. Ashwell, P.M., D.C.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; G. E. Barton, I.G.; W. Walters and E. Lester, Stwds.; and James Tanser, Tyler. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. H. Howe, I.P.M., and complimented him upon the successful year he had had and the work done, he having initiated no less than 14 candidates. Bro. Howe thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel they had given him, and said the work had occupied a deal of his time, but it had been to him a labour of love, and if the brethren were satisfied with the manner in which he had presided over them he was amply repaid for all the sacrifices he had made and the labour he had given. Bro. Starkey, P.M. and Treasurer, as the first-born in Masonry of Bro. C. J.

Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G.D.C., presented a jewel of honour to that distinguished brother in acknowledgement of the many services he had rendered to the lodge during its existence—it now having attained its majority, being just 21 years since it was consecrated, and Bro. C. J. Wilkinson was the only founder now living who had been a continuous member thereof, he always taking a deep interest in everything connected with the lodge, and ready to give to every brother the benefit of his long Masonic experience. The jewel is one of unique pattern, combining the emblems of P.D.C., P.P.S.G.W., and P.M. Bro. Wilkinson suitably returned thanks, and said he should like to propose a vote of thanks to the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, and Bro. J. T. Thorpe, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., for the services they had given to the lodge, they being two of the few brethren who still remained amongst them who were present at the ceremony of consecration. Bros. Partridge and Thorpe, in a few appropriate words, acknowledged the vote, and hoped they would be spared to visit the Commercial Lodge for many years to come. Bro. S. Knight, P.M., P.P.A.G. Pust., presented Bro. G. O. Marshall, Organist, with a jewel, he having acted as Organist to the lodge for the past seven years, and had been a most regular attendant at the meetings. Bro. G. O. Marshall, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the brethren for the very beautiful jewel they had given him. Bro. W. W. Vincent, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., in accordance with notice of motion, proposed "That the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. J. H. Thompson's list as Charity Steward for the Boys' Institution." This was seconded by Bro. Howe, supported by Bro. Knight, and carried unanimously. Three candidates were proposed for initiation, and the Secretary read a long list of apologies for non-attendance, amongst whom were Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrars, P.G.M.; the Hon. Pauly Hastings, W.M. 779; Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; and H. Martin (Mayor of Northampton).

A banquet was afterwards held, at which over 100 brethren attended, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The menus were much admired, having appropriate quotations from the Scotch poets—Burns and Scott—appended to every dish, officers, and toast.

The W.M. was initiated in the Lodge of Antient Stirling, No. 30 (S.C.).

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

MANCHESTER.

Palatine Lodge (No. 2447).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 21st ult., when Bro. Fred. Broadsmith, P.P.G. Reg., W.M., presided, and opened the lodge. There were four ceremonies to be performed, one initiation and three raisings, all being rendered by the W.M. in his well known style. Bro. J. J. Tinker presented the working tools.

There were present Bros. Fred. Broadsmith, W.M.; H. J. Owen, S.W.; W. P. J. Faucais, J.W.; J. J. Tinker, Treas.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, Sec.; George Graham, S.D.; J. Newton, I.G.; W. Spencer, Stwd.; and G. Metcalfe. Visitors: Bros. J. Partington, P.M., and Henry Perry, W.M. 106.

Royal Arch.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. Nelson Prower, M.A., M.E.Z.; E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., H.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., S.E., acting J.; Herbert Herbert, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; and F. Plummer, P.S. Comp. T. O. Harding, M.A., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers then took place, with the following result: Comps. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., M.E.Z.; J. Young, P.Z., H.; F. Plummer, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; H. Herbert, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas.; and E. Mallett, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Young, P.Z.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; J. Strugnell, P.Z.; G. Herbert, P.Z.; and Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

The M.E.Z. presided most ably, and made some effective remarks in proposing the different pledges. He had kindly invited the members of a well-known church choir, and they, assisted by Comp. E. B. Lane, discoursed most eloquent music. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character.

YORK.

Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, when there was a large muster of the companions, amongst whom were Comps. S. Border, M.E.Z.; Robinson, H.; Brogden, J.; J. Todd, P.Z., Treas.; Purnell, S.E.; Gramshan, P.S.; Wright, 1st A.S.; Buckle, B.A., P.Z.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.Z.; H. Foster, P.Z.; M. Rooke, P.Z.; Geo. Kirby, P.Z.; Capt. D. Grant, Waistell, Hodgson, Twedy, James Ward, E. R. Turner, Laughton, Draper, Bryson, Proctor, Biscoomb, Dow, Anderson, and others.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the M.E.Z. elect, Comp. G. J. Robinson, together with Comp. Brogden, H., and Comp. Hodgson, J., were duly installed by Comp. J. Todd, P.Z., Treas. The officers elected at the previous chapter were invested by the M.E.Z., and Comp. Hollander, 1611, was elected a joining member.

The companions dined in the banquet room of the lodge, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

The M.E.Z., replying to his toast, expressed the great gratification it was to occupy the position the companions had been pleased to elect him to, and assured them that no efforts on his part should be wanting to ensure the success of the chapter and Royal Arch Masonry.

Several companions contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the proceedings terminated in a most agreeable manner.