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THE point we touched upon in our last, the support of the Charities by our youngest lodges, is a very serious matter. It must be quite clear to all who will think on the subject, that unless the younger lodges emulate the older bodies in their kindly sympathy and aid of the Metropolitan Institutions, a time may come when those who have borne uncomplainingly the "burden and heat of the day" for many years may fairly say, "let others take up and continue the work where we have left it." Many of our oldest lodges send up a Steward every year, one we know there is which has a Steward for all the three Charities yearly, and many of our good brethren make themselves Stewards, year by year, for one or more, some for all the Charities, for fear anything should serve to impede the progress or interfere with the acknowledged utility and benefits of these admirable institutions. Now we are not saying too much when we repeat that some of our lodges, and especially the younger ones, have never yet sent up a Steward, or remitted a farthing to any one of the Charities. It would be a most interesting statistical detail, if it were procurable, how many actually of our lodges and chapters have not yet done anything for the Charities. For we may assume it as a fact alike unquestionable and distinct, that if they have done little publicly for the Charities, they have done little for private lodge benevolence; if they have done nothing for our metropolitan Institutions, they have done nothing or next to nothing for home benevolence. There is another fact as regards general benevolence which we shall all do well to ponder over, a fact perfectly well known to all who have to do with charitable asso ciations and organizations. It is this. That those who give the most never complain of giving, and those who give the least always do it grudgingly and querulously. We feel sure that our lodges only want "stirring up" to see the matter in its proper light, and we believe that the heart of Masonic charity is neither enfeebled, decayed, or quenched. We trust that our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution festival will evince that, despite hard times and bad times, the hearts of Freemasons are still as warm, as loving, and as unselfish as ever; and that just as in the past, so in the present and the future, (God helping us), we will maintain in their full efficiency and reality those great Institutions of our Order, which loving sympathy has founded, reared, and developed, and which constitute alike a test of Masonic professions, and are in veriest certainty the pride and glory of our English Freemasonry.

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Some persons often affect to doubt the importance and to question the value of Freemasonry. Yet every day which passes over our heads surely more and more serves to attest its reality, and to develope its high significance for mankind. We live in a very desultory and disunited age. The cries of contending factions and the interests of seemingly antagonistic sections of society tend to sever man from his fellow man, and to introduce a general feeling of disquietude and discord. Freemasonry, which lives above and looks beyond, far beyond the petty controversies and passing solicitudes of the hour, ignores all these things and rejects them in her complacent and serener atmosphere, her more magnanimous outlook on society and the world. She lives entirely above them. What matter to her the "shibboleths" of angry hosts, the war cries of party passion, the ebullitions of sectarian animosities? In her peaceful philosophy, founded on Divine

morality and wisdom, she bids all combatants cease from their contest, and regard each other with mutual kindness. At her benign command the "sword" is turned into the "ploughshare," the truimphs of war are exchanged for the victories of peace, nations need no longer "rise against nation," and the arts of gentler civilization and refining culture smooth away the rugged acerbities of intestine strife and internecine struggles. It is this peculiar fact which constitutes alike the temptation, the danger, and the responsibility of Freemasonry at the present hour. A religious, a philanthropic, and a loyal association, based upon reverence to Gon, love to man, and devotion to the throne and lawful government everywhere, and above all most reverential to religion, most desirous of peace, most zealous for charity, and most obedient to law, it serves as a rallying point amid divergent and often vehemently opposing opinions, for all who revere their Maker and love their brother man. Deprecating the vehemence of party spirit, and holding itself aloof from all sectarian dissensions, it affords a shelter and a resting place for many, who, looking at the turbulent sea of human life, hear nothing and see nothing but separation, confusion, and strife. And therefore, just now, in all lands where rightly understood, and mostly so among our Anglo Saxon race, it is happily progressing, because true to its own teaching, it never ceases in season and out of season to profess and practice its sacred, its healing, and its generous principles. In some countries, unfortunately, leaving its own strait path, it has turned to the right or the left. In some regions it mixes itself up with politics, always fatal to it; in some lands it affects to deal with social questions, an equally objectionable proceedure. A secret society everywhere, it has clearly no right by the constitutions of civil society, to discuss either political or social questions, and wherever it does so, it makes itself a snare to the subject and a fear to the ruler. Above all, ought Freemasonry in all times and places to keep away from public manifestations of any kind, which are not Masonic, and it should never affect to issue declarations about subjects alien to its own proper programme, because by so doing it renders itself obnoxious to authority, a seeming "fautor" often of revolution, and a laughing stock to society and the world. It ought to confine itself to its own humbler pathway of goodwill to all, of genial and particular and benevolence, while it should never pause in inculcating the genial principles of toleration and sympathy for all men. Thus and thus only will Freemasonry truly develope its proper mission, and thus and thus only will it eventually gain the goodwill of its many adversaries, v hile it retains the unchanging confidence of its friends, and the respect and gratitude of mankind.

THE discovery at Eleusis of an inscription alluding to the importation of the Eleusinian Mysteries into England, suggests many considerations for Masonic students to day. This is a new find and a new fact, and may be an important factor as regards the history of Freemasonry up to the present. Though it had been deemed not improbable that the Romans had introduced some Mysteries of their own into England, the general idea on the subject was very hazy indeed. Writers and students seemed to waver between the ceremonies and customs of the mysterious Colidei, or Culdees, who were assumed to come from the East, and the "aporreta" of Druidic Mysteries. But if the Mysteries of Eleusis were actually practised in England during the Roman occupation, it is impossible to say what traces of them remained, or how they became incorporated with the Guild system and Hermetic societies. As it is well known, many Masonic writers have leant to the Mysteries, have held that in some form or other accomodated or developed, traces of them are to be found in Freemasonry, and some have thought that the Druids preserved a developement of them in their secret assemblies. Anyhow, here is a nice little question for the curious and the antiquary, here is a pretty "Crux" for Masonic students to study and to solve. Bro. Gould in his recent work alludes to the Mysteries in connection with the "Compagnonage," but all seems to be tending, as we have ever held, to a form of actual English organization, though no doubt originally derived from alien sources and far off lands.

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To Correspondents.

If "A Steward for Both this Year" will send his name

The following have been received, but are not inserted owing to want of space:—
G.B.A.—Charles Sackville.

C.B.A.—Charles Sackville. East Medina Lodge, No. 175. Ashton Lodge, No. 1140. Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901. Pattison Chapter, No. 913.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The New York Dispatch," "El Taller," "The Citizen," "The Hull Packet," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Transactions of the Sunday Society," "The Canadian Crattsman," "Report of the Property Defence Association," "Boletin Masonico," "The Freemason's Repository," "The Metropolitan," "The Court Circular," "The New Zealand Herald," "The Yorkshire Gazette."



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

VOLUNTEERING AND FREEMASONRY. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

I did not reply to Bro. Stevens's letter in your last issue because I thought some other brother might have written upon the subject. As however no letter appeared I now with your permission will answer Bro. Stevens. He appears to have misunderstood my letter. Instead of answering my query as to whether it was strictly Masonic to wear uniform in a lodge that was in no way connected with a volunteer regiment (as mentioned by me) he gives us a long history of the Macdonald Lodge in connection with the 1st Surrey Rifle Volunteers. He tells us who were its first Master and Wardens, and quotes a bye-law respecting the wearing of uniform in that lodge by members of the lodge and also by visitors, who are entitled to do so; and I take it also that members of the 1st Surrey Lodge would wear their uniform if they visited the members of another lodge attached to a volunteer corp if invited as volunteers as well as Masons.

But does Bro. Stevens assert that they would be justified in wearing their uniform if visiting a lodge in no way connected with the service? I think not. My remarks apply to this case, and I again assert that any man who does so does prostitute his uniform by wearing it on an occasion when it is quite unnecessary, and as it appears merely for the sake of doing so.

I am sorry Bro. Stevens thinks I throw any slur upon the connection of the two bodies, because the aims of both are fas too high for that connection to be in any way detrimental to either. Both will assist a man in the exemplary discharge of his civil duties, and I hope the connection will long continue. I think, however many of us are likely to become very much displeased, not to use a stronger term, with the way some members of what I called a semi-volunteer corps, i.e., one that is in no way part of the army, navy, militia, nor amedable to the regulations issued for the government of the volunteer force generally.-I am, dear DOUBTFUL. sir, yours fraternally,

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

"No military lodge shall initiate any person who does not belong to the military profession." I therefore question the validity of the bye-law of Lodge No. 1216. I am not aware, however, that it is contra to the regulations of the craft, or of the army, to appear in lodge in uniform, whether red or black .-- Yours fraternally. Newcastle-under-Lyne, January 18th.

THE CRAFT IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

Having just returned from two years of foreign travel I looked through the files of the Freemason for news of the brethren abroad, and finding no news of the brethren in Hungary, I think a few notes of my visit to them may be agreeable to you and your readers.

It was in Vienna that I first met any of our H

fellow Craftsmen. It is known to you that Austria shares with Russia the reputation of refusing the right of free men to the Masons, who in every other land but these are noted for their loyalty. In England and Prussia the highest male members of the Royal Family belong to the Craft. In America the late President Garfield was one of its most devoted adherents. But it makes a strange impression on the foreigner that while in the country where Francis Joseph is king (Hungary) Masonry is free as in England, in the country where he is emperor (Austria) it is forbidden. In consequence, while the Austrian Masons belong to the very

Coming to Vienna some weeks ago from the Electrical Exhibition at Munich, I had been invited to deliver a lecture on my American travels, and at a banquet at its close one of my hearers made himself known and invited me to a private meeting with some of our colleagues there, which was held in an upper room of the Vienna house of a Hungarian Freemason. I there met journalists, lawyers, members of Parliament, actors, authors, and others of high culture, of whom I had often heard in the profane world, but who are never mentioned in our papers on account of the peculiar position of Freemasonry in Austria. Their orphan asylums and charitable institutions are among the best in Austria, and they are extremely careful as to the character of those whom they admit to their fellowship. While their meetings had quite enough of the convivial element it did not, as too often in England and America, altogether exclude more serious converse, and at every meeting which I had the privilege of attending a good paper was read and discussed on some matter which if neither political or sectarian was of great social or literary interest.

I was invited to accompany them to their work in Hungary, and on the Sunday morning about 40 of us went by rail to Pressburg, which is about 90 minutes journey by the express, and is the nearest large town in Hungary. day, which is not observed in Austria with the Puritanical strictness of England or Massachusetts, is the only day on which the brethren of the Craft could leave their profane occupations for the purpose.

Here we could work without interruption, and the solemn and religious feeling which pervaded the whole work in a body in which Jews, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Calvinists, and men of ino church were present was peculiarly interesting to me.

At our banquet a few brethren from other Hungarian lodges joined us. The first toast was to the King of Hungary, and the orator expressed a desire that in the dominions where he rules as Emperor of Austria the Craft might also be permitted publicly to drink his health. Among later toasts was one to the Craft throughout the world, and to this the visiting brother from Chicago responded as well as the difficulties of a foreign language permitted him. He might, however, have spoken in English with little fear of being misunderstood, for I was surprised to find how large a number of the Craft spoke English well and fluently, and on several later occasions the toast to the visiting brother was spoken in English. After the banquet the Austrian brethren returned to Vienna, while I went on to Budapest. There the Craft being free from the fetters which interfere with it in Austria, I had the opportunity of visiting several meetings, both Craft and Royal Arch. It was interesting to remark the variety of languages spoken; while at one lodge German, at another Magyar was the official tongue. English, French, Magyar, German, Roumanian speeches were made at the banquets and understood by most of the hearers. Many of the leading members of the Hungarian lodges are well known in England.

Bro. General George Klapka, one who lived in exile among us, represents the Grand Orient of France and Egypt in the Scottish Grand Orient of Hungary, and the Grand Master of the Craft Lodges is Bro. Franz Pulszky, now Director of the National Museum of Hungary, who with his lamented wife Theresa Pulszky was in his years of exile an ornament to the literary world of London.

Bro. Franz Pulszky delivered two lectures while I was in Hungary, one before the English club on Italy; and the other in a German Craft Lodge on "Budapest fifty years ago." The latter interested me so much that I asked and obtained permission from the Grand Master to publish an English translation of my notes in one of our Masonic journals. I was especially gratified at the high intellectual capacity of most of the brethren whom I had the pleasure to meet; while the ritual and convivial part of the meetings left nothing to be desired, the intellectual part was far above the average, and I shall always remember with pleasure the few evenings that I spent in the Craft and Grand Orient Lodges of Hungary.—Yours fraternally,
JOHN FRETWELL.

Charing Cross Hotel, January 13th.

IS HE LEGALLY AND REGULARLY ELECTED?-A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

In my letter to you of the 13th inst., and which appears in to-day's issue of the Freemason, I am made to say, no doubt through my illegible handwriting, "that he must have continued to be a subscribing member of some warranted lodge to preserve his work as a Past Warden." The sentence should have read, "to preserve his rank as a Past Warden."

I am sorry for giving you so much trouble, but if you vill kindly is rection you will oblid fully and fraternally, JOHN GAMBLE, P.M.

Lydney, January 20th.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

One of our great Masonic truths is the old adage with which I head my letter to you to-day. But it is an adage which is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. We all have our trials of temper to contend with. Heads of institutions, secretaries of charities, chairmen of meetings, officials in harness, members of a domestic circle, &c., &c., all have special temptations to give

way to one of the most inherent weaknesses of our common imperfect nature.

And yet how idle after all and worthless are most things for which we contend, about which we are so angry and so impatient, so hasty and so headstrong; those trifles which annoy, those difficulties which perplex, those childishnesses, which serve to move and to agitate so many of us hour by hour, amidst all the petty miseries of earthly life, and the shifting episodes, of our worldly struggles. The only one availing help and remedy for all these utter emptinesses, is that screnity of disposition which Masonic philosophy enjoins, that amiable and genial disposition which laughs down all the common troubles of public or private life, and which thus vanquishes, and thus alone vanquishes, the baser developments, (if any), of "envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness."

That, as a brother Mason, I may show that profession and practice go hand in hand, and that I mean what I say, and say what I mean, I beg to subscribe myself, yours most PEPPER POT.

THE ELEUSINIAN INSCRIPTION. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

In your impression of this week, you publish a note from "Masonic Student" anent the Eleusinian Mysterics, in which he gives a short extract from the Times together with a Greek inscription.

Perhaps either "Masonic Student" or some other brother will, for the benefit of those of the fraternity who are not acquainted with Greek, kindly give a translation of this

inscription.—Yours fraternally,

F. WHEELHOUSE, 1237.

[We have forwarded the letter to Bro. "Masonic Student."—Ed. F.M.]



IoS ECKERT.

I am much obliged to Bro. Speth for his note, the more so as I was not able when I wrote to collate the Abbe Gyr's book with Eckert's work. "Die Mysterien der Heidenkirche," published by Emil Eduard Eckert, at Schaffhausen in 1860, is apparently by the same writer. I believe that I have lent my copy of Eckert, "Freimaurer Orden," &c., to a friend, and I do not at present remember to have seen his work "Tempel Solomonis." Bro. Speth will observe that the exact dates of the alleged papal Bulls are in no way confirmed by the allegations of the quarrelsome Steinmetzen, though the fact of a papal confirmation of some kind seems possible and probable. Still I should like to see the document. It is not likely I think that Dugdale got his authority from the Steinmetzen declarations, which were private documents, as Wren's statement is clearly based on Dugdale. But the probability is that there were either papal bulls for building and restoring cathedrals, &c., or an incorporation of building fraternities with episcopal licenses, afterwards confirmed by Papal Bulls.

BOOKWORM. I am much obliged to Bro. Speth for his note, the more so BOOKWORM.

DR. STUKELY.

As I feel strongly the value and importance of the facts as to Dr. Stukely, I hope my friend Bro. Whytehead will induce Bro. Lukis to help us still further in the research.

MASONIC STUDENT.

A LATIN MAGAZINE.

Can any New York brother tell me if it be true that one of the colleges in or near New York is publishing an "Ephemeris" in Latin. If so, can he procure me a copy of same. Kindly direct to Editor, Freemason, 16, Great Queen-street, London, W.C. BOOKWORM.

111] 7 THE REV. DR. STUKELY'S DIARY.

I am sorry I cannot fully answer the No. 104 query of "Masonic Student," for after many years of labour with him in the wide field of Masonic research it is a real pleasure for me to afford him any information. Neither do I know of anyone who can enlighten him as to the continuity or even identity of the lodge held at the Salutation Tavern in 1721. I can however speak positively about the MS. exhibited by Grand Master Payne. If he will examine the extracts given by Bro. Whytehead in the Freemason for April 17th, 1880, and compare the two portions with the beginning and end of the Cooke MS. (No. 2 Gould's numeration) I feel assured that he will agree with me that they are one and the same. "Masonic Student" has a copy of the MS. of 1728, evidently made from this MS. exhibited by Payne, unless we are to suppose that there were two exactly alike. I anticipate that Masonic Student will come across my reasons for such an opinion erelong, as I answered Bro. Whytehead's query at the time.

LEWIS.

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I very much regret that up to the present time but little has turned up to assist in arriving at the origin of the word "Lewis," but can assure Bro. Speth that the subject is not forgotten, and that I hope to have something to say on the matter shortly.

W. II. RYLANDS. LEWIS.

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LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, presided. Bro. James Brett, P.G.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., occupied the Junior Vice-President's chair, in the absence of Bro. C. Atkins, who was unfortunately laid up with bronchitis. There were also present Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, Neville Green, Henry Garrod, Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Britten, William Stephens, W. H. Perryman, Thomas Cull, E. F. Storr, J. D. Collier, J. M. Klenck, H. G. Cusins, Charles Fred. Hogard, Charles Dairy, Brackstone Baker, Thomas Vincent, Reuben Pearson, Wm. Robinson, T. W. Lambert, Edward White, Wm. Wainwright, W. George Lemon, John S. Kinneer, T. Holleyman, W. F. Gardner, J. C. Haslip, Charles Searell, Robert Martin, W. Smallpeice, Wm. C. Brown, Albert Jones, C. E. Spark, Thomas Harper, J. Peacock, Henry John, J. H. Taylor, P. McCarthy, A. Nicols, J. J. Berry, F. T. Millett, J. H. Thompson, L. Dethnees, J. H. Watts, G. Perkins, Edgar Bowyer, W. M. Stiles, Albert Ercott, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey (Freemason.)

The rules of the Fund of Benevolence were first read by

Bro. Joshua Nunn, President, informed the brethren that since the last meeting letters had been received from four brethren in the country who were then relieved thanking the lodge for the grants made. This was an unusual acknowledgment for the lodge to receive, but it was very gratifying to receive an acknowledgment. There were also two other acknowledgments, one of which was of a more formal character. It consisted of resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, signed by the Grand Master, Wardens, and Secretary, that the Grand Lodge of England be thanked for having granted assistance to an Illinois brother who when in England was in distress. It was also solved that this vote of thanks be entered on the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Another acknowledgment came from a brother in Chicago, who wrote a letter thanking the Lodge of Benevolence for £10 granted to him 1880 to enable him to return to America; the brother also returned the £10. Bro. Nunn said that this was not the first time American brethren had gratefully acknowledged the assistance rendered by the Lodge of Benevolence, nor the first time they had returned the money given. It was exceedingly gratifying, and showed the brotherly feeling there was in the American brethren. Bro. Nunn then added that shortly there would be a meeting of Grand Lodge to settle the draft revised Constitutions. There were some of the Constitutions which he did not propose to give notice to alter, but he proposed to alter the time which a brother must have been a Mason to render him eligible for relief. He had therefore sent in a notice to the Grand Secretary that he should move that the time should be five years.

Bro. W. H. SMALLPEICE said he had given notice to Grand Secretary that he would move that the quarterages to be paid to the Fund of Benevolence for both town and country brethren should be a shilling a quarter without distinction.

The brethren then proceeded to confirm the grants recommenced at the December meeting to the amount of £180. The new list contained 28 cases, 11 of which were from the provinces, one from Jersey, one from Madras, two from Scotland, one from Jamaica, and 13 from London. There was also before the lodge a Swedish brother who was not on the list. The brethren sat till near ten o'clock, and granted a total sum of £685. Four cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved as follows: one £100 (£100); three £50 (150); two £40 (80); five £30 (\mathcal{L}_{150}) ; one \mathcal{L}_{25} (\mathcal{L}_{25}) ; five \mathcal{L}_{20} (\mathcal{L}_{100}) ; two \mathcal{L}_{15} (\mathcal{L}_{30}) ; four \mathcal{L}_{10} (\mathcal{L}_{40}) ; and two \mathcal{L}_{5} (\mathcal{L}_{10}) .

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 25th inst., when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton in the chair, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, Col. Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, Robert Grey, Peter de Lande Long, and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the General Committee of the 2Sth December were read and verified, and the minutes of the Quarterly General Court of 13th January, House Comof the 18th January, and Audit Committee of the 21st of

January were read for information.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the tradesmen's bills, &c., for December, amounting to the sum of £1379 14s. 5d.

There being no other business before the Committee, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman'

A grand chess match came off in Leeds on A grand cness match came oft in Leeds on Saturday last between So representatives of Yorkshire and as many from Lancashire, this being the largest number of players ever engaged in such a contest. In the result Lancashire obtained a decisive victory with S5 wins to Yorkshire's 36. Eighteen games were drawn. Mr. Blackburne, the great blindfold player and winner of the first prize at the Berlin Chess Tournament in 1881, acted as umpire.

CONSECRATION OF THE MACDONALD LODGE OF ARK MARINERS.

A new Ark Mariners Lodge was consecrated on Saturday at the Guildhall Tavern, by Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary (Mark Degree), who was assisted by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.O.

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The new lodge is attached to the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104. There were present Bros. N. J. Basnett, George Yaxley, William P. Collins, G. Ward Verry, W. B. Scott, Josiah Manwaring, Ferrand Davies, W. H. Bale, M. Mildred, Alexander Allan, and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. N. J. Barnett was installed W.C.N. The other brethren appointed to office were Bros. Alfred Williams, J.; George Yaxley, S.; Robert Berridge, Treasurer; G. Ward Verry, Secretary; W. Johnston, S.D.; Josiah Manwaring, J.D.; M. Mildred, I.G.; and G. L. Reinhardt, Warder.

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Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Dewar and Poore for the ceremony of consecration.

Bros. G. Ward Verry, G. Yaxley, F. Davies, J. Manwaring, A. Allan, F. B. Scott, W. Johnston, W. H. Bale, and W. P. Collins were elevated to the Ark Mariners Degree at the commencement of the proceedings.

Bros. Dewar and Poore were elected honorary members of the ladge.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF GREECE AND MR. GLADSTONE.

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Mr. Gladstone has written the following letter to our Most Worshipful Bro. His Imperial Highness the Prince Démétrius Rhodocánakis of Chio, in answer to an address that had been presented to him by the Grand Lodge of Greece by H.1.H., who is the Grand Master, and at the same time the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° for Greece, an honorary Member of those for Scotland, Ireland, America, and Italy, and one of the five Grand Crosses of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland.

"Io. Downing street. Whitehall.

Temple for Scotland.

"10, Downing-street, Whitehall,
"2nd December, 1882.

"Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of
your Imperial Highness's letter and the address of congratulation with which the Grand Lodge of Greece have
been so kind as to present to me. I can assure your
Imperial Highness that I am most grateful for the good
wishes of the Grand Lodge, and I pray you to convey to
them my best thanks.—I have the honour to be, sir, your
Highness's most faithful servant,

(Signed) "W. E. GLADSTONE.

"H.I.H. Prince Rhodocánakis, Athens."

New Zealand.

LAYING FOUNDATION - STONE WITH MASONIC CEREMONY.

Caversham, a suburb of Otago, presented an unusually lively appearance the on 21st October last, there being a large influx of visitors to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the proposed new Presbyterian Church. influx of visitors to take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the proposed new Presbyterian Church. Nearly 1000 people were present at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the ceremony, was performed with Masonic honours. The District Grand Lodge of New Zealand South, Scottish Constitution, was opened in the Caversham Town Hall, at three o'clock p.m., by the R.W. Bro. Jas. Gore, Dep. Dist. G.M., and shortly afterwards the brethren were formed into a procession, headed by the band of the Industrial School, and marched in the following order to the site of the church: Tylers, Visiting Brethren, Lodge St. Patrick, I.C.; Lodge St. John's Kilwinning, S.C.; Lodge Celtic, S.C.; Lodge of St. Andrew, S.C.; Lodge Dunedin, E.C.; Lodge Otago Kilwinning, S.C.; Lodge of Otago, E.C.; the Dist. G. Tylers; the officers of the Dist. G. Lodge of Otago and Soutland, E.C.; the architect, Bro. Cameron, with the plans; Past Masters, with vessels containing corn, wine, oil, and salt; the Dist. G. Secretaries, S.C. and E.C.; the Dist. G. Treasurer, S.C.; G. Bible Bearer, Bro. G. Calder; the Dist. G. Chaplains, E.C. and S.C., Rev. W. Ronaldson and W. Bro. Barrett; the Dist. G. Wardens, S.C., with the working tools; the G. Steward, G. Lodge of Scotland, R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell; Stewards, G. Sword Bearers, the R.W. Bro. T. S. Graham, Dist. G.M. Otago and Southland; and the R.W. Bro. J. Gore, Dep. Dist. G.M., S.C.

On reaching the site of the church, the Grand Masters and officers of the District Grand Lodge's were conducted to their respective stations, and a short service took place, conducted by the Dist. G. Chap., S.C., Bro. Barrett, assisted by the choir of the Burns Statue Fund.

Bro. H. Neill, R.W.D.G. Secretary (S.C.), next read a scroll containing a description of the circumstances under which the church had been founded, together with the names of the minister, the members of the Deacons' Court, and of the Masonic dignitaries taking part in the proceedings. This, together with the several newspapers published in D

cement, the foundation-stone was duly lowered into its place, the choir singing the Masonic anthem "When earth's foundation first was laid."

The R.W.D.G. MASTER declared the stone well and

truly laid, and the consecrating elements were then presented, and the R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. G. W. Harvey, sprinkled corn; the R.W. Bro. Gore poured oil; the R.W. Bro. Kerr, wine; and the R.W. Bro. Caldwell sprinkled salt upon the stone.

The Rev. Mr. FRASER then addressed the assemblage, after which the Masonic procession then formed, and returned to the Town Hall, and another short service was conducted by the Rev. R. Waddell.

Bro. W. W. Lake, of Social Lodge, No. 93, was on the 9th inst. duly installed as W.M. of his lodge.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at the City Terminus Hotel, on which occasion there was a large gathering of members of the lodge as well as of visitors. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Da Silva, presided, and amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Henry M. Harris, P.M., S.W.; John A. Gartley, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Paton, Org.; W. Biggs, P.M.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; A. Bassington, P.M.; and L. Norden, P.M. Visitors: Wm. Mundy, 1839; S. W. Lazarus, P.P.G.W. Wilts; J. Benjannin, W.M., 188; John Maclean, W.M., 130; S. V. Abraham, W.M. 1017; F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604, J.W. 1257; H. Gabriel, 1445; Asher I. Myers, 185; Benjamin Haynes, J.D. 27; C. F. Matier, 645; Lewis M. Myers, I.P.M. 188; James C. Hayes, J.W. 619; Hunt, P.M. 194; Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 1604; Gabriel, 1445; Davis, 507; Da Silva, 1839; Charles John Perceval, P.M. 1607; Lewis Lazarus, 188; Isaacs, 758; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (Freemason).

After the confirmation of the minutes and the transaction of some other lodge business, the W.M. in admirable style passed Bro. Mundy of 1839 to the Second Degree. Subsequently Bro. Henry Morris Harris, one of the P.Ms. of the lodge and S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M. and Treas., for installation. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Da Silva in splendid style, and added one more to the many honours of the Israel Lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. John A. Gartley, S.W.; E. H. Norden, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M. Israel Lodge, Liverpool, S.D.; Solomon Jacobs, J.D.; H. C. Lonsdale, I.G.; I. P. Cohen, Dir. of Cers.; R. J. Paton, Org.; Jacob Bueno de Mesquita and Lewis Nathan, Stewards; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

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Bro. Da Silva then delivered the addresses and was enthusiastically applauded as he completed the ceremony. The Worshipful Master afterwards presented in the name of the brethren a beautiful P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Da Silva, who in acknowledging the gift said he had always taken great interest in the lodge and endeavoured to enhance its welfare and the comfort and happiness of the brethren, and he hoped that his future conduct would shew that his interest was a lasting interest.

The Secretary announced that he had received letters of apology for inability to accept the invitation of the lodge to be present from Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, 259; and Charles Coote, Treas, 1319. The Secretary said he hoped to represent the lodge next year as Steward for the Boys' School.

Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed.

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W.M." said the W.M. was not a novice to his work, having passed through the chair in years gone by. They knew that when he undertook the work of the Lodge of Israel he did so with the knowledge that they would give him a vast amount of trouble; but still it was a labour of love, and it would be for the good of Freemasonry in the end. He (the W.M.) knew also that whatever his efforts might be on behalf of the Order he would be supported by the goodwill of every member of the lodge.

The W.M. in reply said that as far as lay in his power he would do everything that could be done that would conduct to the brethren's comfort and the prosperity of the lodge during his year of office, and not only for that year but for

during his year of office, and not only for that year but for many years to come. He held the same kind feelings towards the lodge as he had in times past. It had been an ample reward to him for what he had done that he had always had the goodwill of the members of the lodge. He hoped that at the end of his year they would say that he had endeavoured to do his duties, even if he had not succeeded in carrying them out.

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The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Masonic Charities" also included "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel," and said it was clear that in a large body of men there must always be some amount of want and distress; but it could not be denied that the Masonic Charities were administrated with furnamen enistenced. Charities were administered with fervency, quietness, and zeal. The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel had to zeal. The Benevolent rund of the Logge of Israel had to his certain knowledge done a vast amount of good; it had given with its right hand without the knowledge of the left, and the lodge placed the strictest confidence in the administrators of the fund. Some brethren who had been assisted by the fund said it had been the making of them. The lines of Burns were applicable to the fund—

"Affliction's sons are brothers in distress— A brother to relieve, how exquisite the bliss."

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The fund was raised wholly out of the voluntary contributions of the brethren of the lodge, and no one else was allowed to give to it. He regretted that other engagements prevented Bro. Terry being present to reply on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

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Joseph Da Silva.

Bro. Da Silva said when he first joined the lodge and at every step he took he was exceedingly proud, and when he was elected W.M. he achieved the summit of his ambition. It had been his desire to attain the Mastership of the lodge. He studied hard to get up his duties thoroughly, and he hoped he had satisfied the brethren's desires and earned their respect. He wished his endeavours had been more successful, but he could assure the brethren he had done his best. When in office he resolved

to install his successor, and he had done so. He had now retired, and Dryden's lines suited his case:

"Not heaven itself upon the past has power, But what has been has been, and I have had my hour."

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Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M. and Secretary, read a list of donations to the Benevolent Fund amounting to £14 11s. 6d. The total amount of the Fund was over £700.

Bro. S. V. Abrahams, W.M. 1017, replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and said he was delighted at the way the lodge had been conducted, both by the retiring W.M. and the officers. It was indeed an intellectual treat, and had fully come up to the expectations of the brethren. It would be some satisfaction to him if he could feel that he had done as well when he installed his successor in the Montefiore Lodge the following evening.

Lodge the following evening.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece, and other brethren

also responded.

Bro. S. M. Harris replied for "The Past Masters," who Bro. S. M. Harris replied for "The Past Masters," who he said were always ready and willing to do their duty in the interests of the lodge, and when they had passed the chair they did not pass into "the sere and yellow leaf." Bro. Gartley, S.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the evening.

All the speeches were given with admirable brevity, and the brethen enjoyed some amusing songs and recitations.

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GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—
The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present amongst others Bros. W. Cleghorn, W.M.; T. E. Bathard, J.W.; T. Owen, S.W.; S. Webb, Treas.; T. H. Staton, Sec.; C. Kempton, S.D.; R. Cane, J.D.; C. Morant, Org.; J. B. Lancaster, I.G.; H. T. Reed, P.M.; J. Hemming, J. Paul, J. D. Morant, T. E. Doughty, A. C. Doughty, Frank Osborne, James Forbes, P.M.; P. G. Jupe, P.M.; Joseph Edgar, J. S. Powell, James Jackson, J. A. Theirry, J. J. How, A. Perry, G. Pallett, G. Flint, T. Young, T. Myatt, H. T. Bonner, C. Fraish, G. C. Rouchettes, A. L. Theirry, W. E. Kelsey, G. Edwardes, G. H. Smith, W. Yorde, E. M. Parrott, T. E. Saunders, E. Lloyd, J. B. Lynne, E. Gosling, H. J. Hill, W. Soden, H. P. Reed, J. W. Robinson, C. Lloyd, A. Christie, A. Orton, P. Bosco, A. J. Higgs, and H. Brooks.

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Amongst the visitors there were Bros. J. Bastow, 120;
D. Cereake, 142; J. H. Leach, 49; H. Kempton, 442; E. Anderton, 1657; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; M. J. Rutter, 1003; T. F. Wuest, 753; R. Blum, 511; J. Parker, 1158; C. Girling, 198; A. J. Willmore, 1056; H. White, 1671; S. Brus, 334; G. A. Harrison, 1671; G. Rake, P.P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. Allhorsen, 435; F. H. Smith, 569; W. Neate, 25; G. Müller, 73; T. M. Jenkins, 34; W. Cashier, 1287; W. Ball, 45; and H. C. Stephens, 1425.

The minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed, after which Bro. William Cleghorn proceeded to raise Bros. T. G. and A. C. Doughty and Frank Osborne to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. From the manner of the W.M.'s working we were prepared for a grand treat in the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. From the manner of the W.M.'s working we were prepared for a grand treat in the installation ceremony, and our anticipations were duly verified later on. After Bro. Cleghorn had for the last time officiated in the chair of K.S. as W.M. of the Great Northern Lodge, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Cleghorn proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Owen, S.W., into the place he himself has so well occupied to the credit of himself and the lodge. Without a flaw the Installing Master gave the various charges to the new W.M., and led the ceremonies for the lay members to follow in the saluting, &c. Both members of the lodge and visitors remarked on the beautiful and impressive manner in which the ritual had been carried out. The new W.M., after being duly saluted, proceeded at the request of the late W.M. to invest his officers, and in placing the collar round each brother's neck and delivering into his hands his implements of office gave the usual directions and cautions; that which struck us most as deserving of special mention being the charge to the Tyler, Bro. Rawles. The new officers are Bros. T. E. Bathard, S.W.; C. Kempton, J.W.; S. Webb, Treas.; T. H. Staton, Sec.; R. Cane, S.D.; J. B. Lancaster, J.D.; G. C. Morant, Org.; J. Edgar, I.G.; and J. Rawles, Tyler.

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F. M. Bleachley, and being in their favour they were duly initiated. Both of them must have felt the impressiveness of the ceremony so ably rendered by the new Master, auguring well for the lodge's future. After a candidate for initiation at the next meeting had been proposed, the Auditors' balance sheet was passed on the motion of Bro. Auditors' balance sheet was passed on the motion of Bro. Hemming, which, we believe, was a very satisfactory one for the lodge. One of the Auditors remarked that they found the accounts kept in such excellent order by Bro. Webb that they had had no trouble. A letter was read from a Past Master regretting his inability to attend, and one from the widow of a late member thanking the lodge for a letter of condolence.

The lodge was then closed, and the goodly number of brethren proceeded to the Tavern, where a well served banquet awaited them.

In giving the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft" the Worshipful Master said we were proud to think the Queen was the daughter and neice of two Grand Masters, and takes a great interest in our Charities.

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The National Anthem was then sung.
The Worshipful Master then proposed "H.R.H. the
Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said his Royal High-

rense of Wates, W. W. G. M., and sad his loyar linguistics had held for several years the position of Grand Master to the approval of every one in Grand Lodge.

The Organist next sung "God bless the Prince of Wates."

"The M.W. Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the

Grand Officers' was given from the chair, the Worshipful Master saying the toast was a very important one. The noble earls devoted much of their time to Grand Lodge, and as regards the Earl of Carnarvon it was a treat to see him

do his work.

Bro. Soden here sang "The maniac," which was loudly

applauded.

The Worshipful Master rose again and said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Initiates." He ought to congratulate himself on having two such initiates. With regard to Bro. Lloyd he was an old and esteemed friend of

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nis, and brother of Bro. E. Lloyd, and last but not least one of the seven brothers.

Bro. A. M. Reed sang the "Entered Apprentices Song," the brethren taking the chorus up in a hearty way.

Bro. Lloyd in responding said he was extremely glad to enter the Craft; he had long wished to do so, his curiosity was now satisfied, and he felt all the better for going through the ceremony and the dinner.

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The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Cleghorn, I.P.M., who said he was sure they would respond heartily to the toast of the W.M. He had been longer in the lodge than he (the I.P.M.) had, but owing to other engagements had allowed him to go before. He could predict for him a successful year of office.

A duet by Bros. G. C. Morant and S. Webb, and a song by Bro. Edwards, "The bold Marco," followed.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with applause, mentioned he had to express his grateful thanks to the I.P.M. and to the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received his toast. During his year of office he hoped to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the lodge. He was twelve months older in Masonry than Bro. Cleghorn, but not having time he thought it better to give way to better men. He hoped to go through the year with credit to himself.

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The Worshipful Master in giving the toast of the "Visitors" remarked how glad he and the lodge were to see so many present. They ought to congratulate themselves on having so many high up in the Craft. He alluded to the presence of Bro. Lloyd, 1149, the father of the initiate

initiate.

Bro. Webb, the Treasurer, then sang "The message" in a faultless way.

Bro. Rake, P.P.G.W. Hants and the Isle of Wight, in responding said he was glad to be there that night and bear testimony to the excellent working of the Master. They all knew what an excellent P.G.M. they have where

they all knew what an excellent P.G.M. they have where he came from, but never had he seen more perfect work than that day. He was sure the initiates would remember the event as long as they lived.

Bro. Jenkins, 34, also responded and reproached himself that he had not made better use of his time in years gone by, for he felt himself such an inefficient member of the Craft. He had much pleasure in accepting the invitation to be present that evening.

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Bro. Neate in his reply for the same toast said he was initiated in 1843 and knew the father of the initiate (Bro. Lloyd) very well, so that he had an additional pleasure in being there to see the son of an old friend made a Mason. "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary, Past Masters, and Officers" were duly given from the chair and cordially responed to.

The lodge was closed at a late hour.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—
The usual monthly meeting of The Great City Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended. Bro. W. F. Kibble, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Keeble, S.W.; Baber, J.W.; Fendick, S.D.; F. W. Potter, J.D.; Skinner, I.G.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; Blackie, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chap.; and P.Ms. Freeman, Stevens, and others. The number of visitors was smaller than usual. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read, Bro. Ernest Milton Caslon was passed to the Degree of a

Bro. Ernest Milton Caslon was passed to the Degree of a F.C., and Mr. Charles James Snell, a candidate, was impressively initiated into the mysterics and privileges of

Bro. Duscher, one of the visitors, entered into an explanation of the Masonic statistics given by him at a previous lodge which had elicited several articles from time to time appearing in the Freemason, which was received with great satisfaction and loudly applauded.

Some other business having been transacted the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual formal toasts. In response to that of "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand formal toasts. In response to that of "The Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. and Chaplain of the lodge, said he thanked the W.M. and the lodge on behalf of the Grand Officers Present and Past for the compliment which had been paid to them and which he had no doubt they would very much appreciate. He had no doubt that there were but few members of the Grand Lodge who were more cognisant of the difficulties that arose in that great assembly than the nobleman whose name appeared at the head of the toast. It was quite clear that in a few years if there was no alteration in the antiquated rules which at present govern Grand Lodge that it would soon resolve itself into confusion worse confounded. He felt sure that the time would come when they would be compelled to tiself into confusion worse confounded. He felt sure that the time would come when they would be compelled to take into consideration the great increase in the number of lodges, and make the legislation and constitution of Grand Lodge adequate to the increased numbers. He was exceedingly pleased that the W.M. had coupled his name with the toast of the Grand Officers, although perhaps he was one of its humblest members, but much as he honoured the position given him by the late Earl of Zetland as Grand Chaplain, yet he felt much greater pleasure in being year after year chosen as the Chaplain of the Great City Lodge and for the affectionate manner in which he was always received by the members. He trusted that Bro. Small, who had that night been initiated—and if they would permit him to use a bad joke, would not be a small brother—was glad that he had joined the Great City Lodge, and he trusted and believed he would not prove an unworthy member. He thought he saw the impression that must have been made upon his mind by the prove an unworthy member. He thought he saw the impression that must have been made upon his mind by the ceremony of initiation so admirably performed by the W.M. That brought to his mind the toast which he had been asked by the W.M. to propose, which was usually placed at the top of the list, and by breaking in upon that rule he believed it would be more honoured in the breach than in the observance. Bro. Small had received his First Degree, but there were two others more important, and he might observe that many men had received the First and Second, but never obtained the Third, for before they could do so the Great Architect of the Universe had given them notice to quit the world immediately. Their charities were notice to quit the world immediately. Their charities were founded upon the knowledge of this fact that they knew not what was in the hands of the G.A.O.T.U. and they knew not what a day might bring forth. These charities drew forth their sympathies for their fellow men, for the widow

and orphan, who were left like the leafless tree of the forest, but their three great charities, so well known, then came to aid them. He preached no sermon, but to remind them as aid them. He preached no sermon, but to remind them as to what was right and true, to and assist in the great work of doing the greatest thing in the code of Freemasonry, which was charity, and when he found that upwards of £10,000 was raised in one year towards the support of these charities he said that was unique. After some further observations to the same purport he asked the brethren to support the W.M. who would represent the lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Kebble, W.M.," and referred to the very able mannner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair.

The Worshipful Master returned thanks on behalf of the Masonic Charities and hoped the brethren of the Great City

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Lodge would support him on the occasion which had been
referred to by Bro. Simpson, their Chaplain.
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The Worshipful Master returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his name was always received, and if his duties involved some labour and time they were well spent, and he was amply repaid by the kindly greeting with which he was always received.

The Worshipful Master said he had then come to what might be truly termed the toast of the evening, a toast to which they wished to do the greatest honour. They had that night admitted amongst them Bro. Small, who had been well and worthily recommended. This was an eventhe might well consider as the turning point in his life. He had might well and worthly recommended. This was an event he might well consider as the turning point in his life. He had travelled a great deal, and in taking the first step that night in his initiation a wide vista was thrown open to him for future enquiry, to assist in the completion of which he trusted he might attain that position which was the just ambition of every Mason.

Bro. Small in returning thanks said he was deeply impressed with the beauty of the ceremony he had passed through, and of which he had little conception, and with that feeling he was highly pleased in having joined Free-

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masonry.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Visitors," expressing the happiness the lodge felt in seeing them amongst

Bro. Duscher, 1687, in responding for the visitors said: If am nearly ashamed of the honour shown me each time I come among you, inviting me as you do to speak on behalf of the visitors. Among the visitors there are many who would be more apt than I am to return thanks for them, which you must have discovered ere this. I am not a master in the art of paying compliments. I can but thank you for the kind reception we have met with this evening. We will endeavour to follow your example when thank you for the kind reception we have met with this evening. We will endeavour to follow your example when in your turn as visitors you come to see us in our respective lodges. This duty of politeness accomplished, allow me, Worshipful Master and brethren, a slight digression. A few days ago I read in the Pall Mall Gasette some very sad news—that Peterborough Cathedral, so famous in English history, one of the most beautiful Gothic churches in the world, built by our brethren of the 13th century, was threatened with ruin. Mr. Pearson (a brother, I hope) has been called by telegram to give his opinion, and he declared it indispensable that the tower should be demolished. If instead of coming to that conclusion Mr. Pearson had clared it indispensable that the tower should be demolished. If instead of coming to that conclusion Mr. Pearson had said it must be repaired, and gave this important task to the brethren of the Great City Lodge, I suppose you would have been astonished and much embarrassed, for there are few amongst us, I think, who would be capable of setting a brick. Does it not seem strange, brethren, that in this great Masonic society which covers the world we meet bankers, clerks, and members of every profession, but no Masons, properly speaking. We call ourselves Masons, but not the slightest spot of mortar is seen on our aprons. This is anomalous to-day, but not the past, now nearly two centuries ago, when our brethren seen on our aprons. This is anomalous to-day, but not in the past, now nearly two centuries ago, when our brethren were really constructing Masons. To find the solution of this enigma we must seek it in the Masonic history of England. From the day in which Masonry opened its portals to science and philosophy—to Voltaire, Rousseau, Diderot, Helvetius, Holbach, and many others whom I could name—dates Masonry's new era. The consequences of the decision of the Lodge of Antiquity deciding that Masonic privileges should no longer be the exclusive property of constructing Masons, and that members of different professions should be called to enjoy them, provided they were regularly approved and initiated, were immense. It gathered together all the scattered remains of the dissenting lodges, Templars, Albagesis, Parantines, and Bulmense. It gathered together all the scattered remains of the dissenting lodges, Templars, Albagesis, Parantines, and Bulgares, to form in the eighteenth century the sect known as the Illuminati, which for a little while made the world tremble, and of which Cagliostro was one of the chiefs. From the time of this decision Masonry became philanthropic and humanitary, renovated, and young again. It accomplished in the interests of liberty, charity, and benevolence the work which the Templars had tried to appropriate to their own ambition, and which so largely commenced was suddenly interrupted by Philip the Fair, King of France, and the execution of the Great Master of the Order, Jaques de Molay. That is why, brethren, you are Masons but by name, and why you will not be called upon to reconstruct Peterborough Cathedral. Therefore, brethren, I am happy if I have been able to interest you by raising a corner of the veil which conceals our great Masonic history.

Some other loasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

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TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th instat Anderton's Hotel, Bro. K. Harris, W.M., presiding. Among the brethren present were Bros. A. Staley, P.M.; B. Buckworth, S.W.; W. Woodward, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; George Adamson, P.M., Scr., C., Chap.; George Adamson, P.M., Scr., G. S. Recknell, S.D.; R. Kimpton, J.D.; Edwin Carter, I.C.; Edgar Stubbs, Steward; and visitors: Bros. B. Ridge, P.M. 1347; H. Harland, P.M. 1790; Volney Keen, P.M. 203; J. Shakspeare, 1790; John Petch, 147; E. Howes, 1599; F. Cambridge, 1706; H. Curtis, 548; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M., Scc., Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; T. F. Tyler, 1685; W. O. Shillitoe, 25; John L. Mather, 1471, P. P.G.D. of C. Herts; R. Brown, 1426; John L. Mather, 1471, P. P. G.D. of C. Herts; R. Brown, 1426; John Taylor, 208; W. Hicklin, J.W. 1261; J. Miller, S.W. 257; Arthur Dayley, 257; F. Binckes, Grand Stewards Lodge, Sec. R.M.l.B.; and H. Massey, Grand Stewards Lodge, Sec. R.M.l.B.; and H. Massey, Ballots were taken for Mr. Alfred George Watkinson and TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—The in-

Mr. Alfred Thorpe Porter, and these proving successful Mr. Watkinson, who was in attendance, was duly initiated as a Mason. Afterwards Bro. T. W. C. Bush, P.M. and Secretary, took the chair, and to him was presented by Bro. Adamson, P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. Benjamin Buckworth, S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Bush then regularly installed Bro. Buckworth as W.M., and the following brethren were appointed as officers: Bros. W. Woodward, S.W.; G. Recknell, J.W.; C. Butcher, P.M., Treas.; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M., W.M. 185, Sec.; R. Kimpton, S.D.; E. Stubbs, J.D.; James, I.G.; A. R. Carter, D. of C.; J. Rexworthy, W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Bush the Worshipful Master presented in the name of the lodge a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. K. Harris, I.P.M. Bro. Staley, P.M., gave notice of two motions—one for voting 15 guineas to the Girls' School, and one for voting to guineas to the W.M.'s list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. lent Institution. Bro. Staley expressed the hope that the brethren of the lodge would do all they could to support the W.M. as their Steward.

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A well served banquet followed the working of the lodge, and the usual toasts were afterwards proposed.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in responding for "The Grand Officers," regretted that there was no more significant member of Grand Lodge than himself to reply. As an honorary member of the Temple Bar Lodge, although insignificent as a Grand Officer, he ventured to assert without doubt that the Grand Officers were not only significant but were well worthy of the best wishes of the brethren, and that those wishes were well timed. Grand Lodge was becoming a great unwieldly difficulty, as might be apparent to those who regularly attended; and he thought the time was coming when the heads of Grand Lodge would require all the wisdom that they could have to comprehend the actual number that could conveniently meet together for the purposes of legislation, and that they would also require all the ability to execute the various ideas, thoughts, and wishes which came uppermost into meet togetner for the purposes of legislation, and that they would also require all the ability to execute the various ideas, thoughts, and wishes which came uppermost into the hearts and minds of those members for the benefit of the great Craft to which they belonged—in other words, that they required and probably should require an arrangement by which those who were legally entitled to assemble should be enabled to assemble without inconvenience, and that those who were thinking ones might be able not only to express but to formulate their ideas in a manner which should be beneficial to the Order. The rest he left to the wisdom of higher and better men. He stood there that night not merely in the capacity in which the W.M. had been kind enough to associate him, but also in another capacity in which he took a greater interest. He was at the cradle of this lodge, and he was delighted to see it now as an infant Hercules. In its manhood he hoped to live some years to see it make progress not only in efficiency, but in that harmony which should at all times distinguish Freemasons. And in its old age he hoped it might realise the beautiful thought that was contained in that last address which was delivered—the wish that their children and their children's children might be enabled to celebrate this solemity, and that this lodge might be able to celebrate the beautiful thought that was contained in that last address which was delivered—the wish that their children and their children's children might be enabled to celebrate this solemnity, and that this lodge might be able to celebrate its centenary and even beyond it. He was sorry it had been his unhappy lot not to have been able to be present on several occasions on which he had been invited by successive W.Ms. of this lodge. In charity and in courtesy they had asked him to be present, and he willingly would have been if circumstances had permitted. He therefore appeared not only has being called to the Bar but as a prisoner at the Bar for not attending in the past, but he was sure they would kindly acquit him on the ground that a man like himself had a variety of avocations, the calls of home and the calls of public duty. One thought more filled his heart, and it had been suggested to him by the admirable way in which the installation ceremony had been performed by Bro. Bush, and the other portion of the lodge work by the W.M. If he believed that Masonry consisted in having a princely head, or depended upon the social gathering (which he hoped might never cease among Masons such as they had present that evening), or even upon the secrets which excited the curiosity of an inquisitive public, or even upon the noble and magnificent charities, still he should be at a loss to say why so many became public, or even upon the noble and magnificent charities, still he should be at a loss to say why so many became Masons; but he was inclined to think that there was underneath the whole of these strata a sentiment and a power in the principles of the Grand Order which attracted thinking men to value Masonry, not merely for its external accessories but for its principles which appealed to the human heart; and if he wanted one testimony more than another to this it was found in the fact of correspondence which he held in his own hand from other countries, that the best and truest and most progressive men, the men for the best and truest and most progressive men, the men for the education of the people and the worship of the Grand God of Heaven were Freemasons. He could quote if time permitted authority from almost every country, and he had been delighted to hear from time to time of those testimonies been delighted to hear from time to time of those testimones to the principles of the Order which seemed to be the first principles of human nature operating over all the differences which might arise from the modification of human belief.

Bro. K. Harris, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said that Bro. Buckworth was one of the oldest

members of the lodge, one of the founders, and had contributed from the time he entered the lodge assiduity to his duties and devotion to the best interests of the lodge; in duties and devotion to the best interests of the lodge; in fact, he had contributed more than his quota of exertion to bringing the lodge to its present state. From the sort of officers he had around him it was easy to see that everything promised well for his year, and he would bring the lodge safe into port at the end of his year.

The Worshipful Master in reply said he approached his year of office in a nervous sort of style, taking into consideration the good man who had some before him.

the Temple Bar Lodge he was happy to say that the lodge had the two great elements of success and well being in the

Bros. J. L. Mather and Baily also replied.

Bro. T. W. C. Bush, P.M. and Secretary, replied to the toast of "The Installing Officer," and spoke in terms of high praise of the W.M. from an intimate acquaintance with him of

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Bros. Harris and Staley replied for "The Past Masters."

Bro. Binckes in replying for "The Charities" thanked Bro. Bush for representing the lodge and the Tranquillity last year for the Boys' School. He would be guilty of gross ingratitude if he did not mention Bro. Bush's name in connection with services to the Boys' School. The brethren knew what these Institutions of Masonry were doing. Natwithstanding great commercial degression, the last Notwithstanding great commercial depression, the last year was the most successful next to the most successful year was the most successful next to the most successful year. Nearly £48,000 was received, and all the brethren had reason to be proud of such an amount of success, as it showed the healthy condition of Masonry. He did not forget that there would be a future, and he hoped that then the Boys' School would bask in the sunshine. He had a good reason for being present that evening—to see a young friend of his (Bro. Recknell) advanced to the proud position of J.W., and he certainly hoped to be spared two years to welcome his advent to the supreme power in this lodge. The material stones of Temple Bar, from which the lodge derived its significant name, had been removed, they did not know where, but he would hope the Temple Bar Lodge would always somehow or other be able to hold its meetings in close proximity to the site of old Temple Bar, and that the lodge might continue many many years to hand down to posterity those traditions of Masonry, charity and hospitality.

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Bro. John Mason also replied and was sorry there was no representative of the Girls' School present. Very little was seen of the Secretary of that Institution. If any brothey had promised an amount for the list of the W.M. he would be a consider before next meeting if he was seen of the Secretary of that Institution. If any brother had promised an amount for the list of the W.M. he would ask him seriously to consider before next meeting if he could not double it. There never was a time the Benevolent Institution wanted so much sympathy, as the number of candidates now seeking assistance from its funds had never been approached. The Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution were not like the Girls' School which did not know how to spend its money. If the truth were to leak out the committee of the Girls' School could take in every girl seeking admission. He was told they had 25 spare places after every candidate had been taken in. This might be a reason why a representative of the Girls' School did not come among the brethren, but if they had the funds they should spend them. They could not find the luxuries for the old folks though they were trying to extend their borders this time. But the time might come when the Craft would not support the Institutions as they did now. If the Craft were liberal this time the Benevolent Institution would try to meet the wants of the applicants.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was also proposed and responded to, as was also the toast of "The Officers," which was likewise acknowledged.

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LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—This lodge met for its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 19th inst., when the following among a large number of brethren were present: Bros. Neville Green, W.M.; Andrew McDowall, S.W.; G.C. Matthams, J.W.; Walter McDougall, Treasurer; Walter C. Claridge, Sec.; Charles Brown, S.D.; A. Haig Brown, J.D.; A. H. Sandle, I.G.; W. J. Tasman, M.C.; L. V. Walker, 1st Steward; L. M. Williams, 2nd Steward; M. L. Levy, W. Tyrrell, F. Bell, C. J. Brown, J. C. Tilt, J. Green, R. H. Tayton, G. Gregory, S. W. Fraser, H. H. Nuding, W. G. Lowe, G. J. Staning, C. Stein, E. Beard, H. L. Thomas, J. R. Chant, and R. A. Hancock; and as visitors Bros. John Black, P.M. 706; Saml. McDowall, 539 (S.C.); George Mickley, P.M. 449; Eugene Sweeny, P.M. 206; Fredk. Blake, P.M. 945; Alf. J. Pritchard, P.M. 162; R. A. Steele, P.M. 1194; E. C. Knight, W.M. 948; W. F. Summers, Org. 771; Wm. Rowley, 1924; I. Marians, 1017; J. Sculley, 706; J. McCubbin, 948, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; Charles F. A. Rogers, W.S. 1572; Hubert T. Bailey, 1719; Percy Preston, 1062; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 185; Henry Nuding, S.W. 140; Fred. E. Cooper, P.M. 7; Chas. J. Stocker, 1685; James Funston, J.W. 1766; Philip Sharpe, 869; Robt. J. Cook, 913; F. W. Nash, 1139; A. McMillan, P.M. 1365; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (Freemason).

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The lodge working was everything that could be desired, and all details were carried out with the strictest military exactitude. Bro. Neville Green, W.M., installed Bro. Andrew McDowall, S.W., P.M. 948, Prov. G.D.C. Berks and Bucks. Bro. H. F. Bing, W.M. 1597, and a member of the lodge, presented Bro. McDowall to the W.M. The brethren appointed and invested as officers were Bros. Neville Green, I.P.M.; G. C. Matthams, S.W.; C. Brown, J.W.; Walter McDougall, Treasurer; W. C. Claridge, P.M. 1685, J.W. 1598, Secretary; A. Haig Brown, S.D.; A. H. Sandle, J.D.; W. J. Tasman, I.G.; E. Woodley Smith, Org.; L. V. Walker, M.C.; L. M. Williams, 1st Stwd.; and J. McAlpin, 2nd Stwd. Bro. Neville Green delivered the address to the W.M., and Bro. Walter C. Claridge those to the Wardens and brethren.

The Worshipful Master then said the first duty he had to perform was to present to Bro. Neville Green the Past Master's jewel which the brethren were kind enough to vote him. Bro. Green was very deserving of it. From the very first he was one of the great advocates of getting up a lodge in connection with the London Rifle Brigade.

After being put off from time to time he at length suc-

as their excellent Grand Sccretary had said when he consecrated it, it would become one of the best lodges in the

Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. After the banquet which followed the working of the

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," reminded the brethren of the interest Her Majesty took in the Army, as an instance of which he referred to her visit to the wounded on their return from

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Bro. N. Green, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." All the brethren had known the W.M. as an enthusiastic volunteer, having met each other for years in another capacity. The W.M. had been at least 21 years in the force, and in the same way that he had worked as a volunteer would he work as W.M. of the lodge. Since the lodge was consecrated they had had many opportunities of seeing the W.M.'s work as S.W. He had attended on every occasion to his own discomfort, for he was seriously ill in the summer, the first meeting after the recess he came on crutches. That showed his great zeal to serve the lodge. He had taken honours in Masonry before. He had previously held the office of Master, and as a mark of the esteem in which he was held in the Province of Berks and Bucks he had had the honour of being appointed as a Prov. Bucks he had had the honour of being appointed as a Prov. Grand Officer.

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The Worshipful Master in reply said Bro. Green had spoken of him in flattering terms far more than he deserved. Having been a member of the Brigade 21 years he had endeavoured to do his duty as a member of the volunteer force, but although he had taken great interest in it he had taken more interest in Masonry. He looked upon volunteering as a sort of Masonry for he had met many volunteers in the country and it had always been "hail fellow, well met," and the same thing applied to Masonry to a greater extent. He was very proud of being elected to the high and honourable position of W.M., and he hoped he might have health and strength to perform the duties he owed to the lodge during the next twelve months. If he did not it would not be for want of will, and he knew he should be assisted and supported by all the brethren.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of Bro. N. Green, I.P.M.," said some years back at Wimbledon camp they formed their clique and tried year after year to get a warrant. They did not want to get it without the sanction of the commanding officer. They had to wait some time for it and at length got it. Bro. Green was a most indefatigable Mason and he did a great deal in connection with promoting the lodge. From the day he was Master the way in which he had done his duties had been gratifying to all the brethren.

Bro. Neville Green, I.P.M., in replying said that having occupied the chair of first W.M. of such a lodge as this had given him very great pleasure indeed. It was an honour very few men had any chance of arriving at in their lives being first Master of a lodge. In this case they all met together as volunteers; they all knew each other, and in the case of the present members of the lodge and those who came into it they were more than acquaintances—they were very good friends. The members they had and those they would bring into the lodge, he was s thad had from the first he was sure they would have a lodge second to none. When their excellent Grand Secretary consecrated the lodge a few months ago he said he was certain it would be a lodge that would do great credit to the Craft. The Grand Secretary was very much impressed with the way in which the formation of the lodge was brought about; the petition was exceptionally strong, but the W.Al. had said they had endeavoured for years to form a lodge from the regiment, but he (Bro. Green) had strongly advised they should not bring this to a point until they got the full approval of head quarters, because there were a great many lodges in London and the Prince of Wales refused to grant more for the very reason there were so many. But he (Bro. Green) was sure that when they brought a good case before his Royal Highness they would get his sanction. They tried to get the sanction of their late colonels, but neither of them being Masons they did not see their way to approve of it, for they did not know what benefit it would be to the brigade or otherwise. However, they assured those officers that instead of forming a clique in the regiment it would really add to the strength of the brigade. The year before last they had a change of colonel and they brought the matter to his notice, and he after due consideration saw his way to writing a letter saying he approved of the project. As some of the petitioners would remember the petition was brought before the Grand Master, and such were the recommendations they had with it that it was at once granted by the Prince of Wales. The Grand Secretary was very pleased with it, and the eccemony they had at the consecration of the lodge was without exception one of the best that any brother had experienced. He (Bro. Green) had himself been at various consecrations of new lodges, and he never saw any ceremony pass off better or with more éclat than the consecration of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. They were specially favoured by having present the Lord Mayor of London, also Ald more eciat than the consecration of the London Kille Brigade Lodge. They were specially favoured by having present the Lord Mayor of London, also Alderman and Sheriff Hanson. They had also a number of other Grand Officers, not only notable in the Craft but as military men, and he thought the start that this lodge made was a good augury for the future. Since that time they had had a goodly number of the start that this lodge made was a good augury for the future. Since that time they had had a goodly number of initiates and joining members, and now that he had just left the chair he was very proud to be in the position of P.M., and see the lodge so effectually established. He had no doubt that in the hands of the W.M. and the other officers it would prove, as Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said, second to none in the Craft. He must thank all the brethren for the way they had supported him during his period of Mastership. The officers had invariably the statement done their duties well. He must say a word the brethren for the way they had supported min dominion by the period of Mastership. The officers had invariably turned up and done their duties well. He must say a word of the Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer was uncertain if he could do his work, but he (Bro. Green) knew Bro. McDougall as a good volunteer, and that whatever he undertook he would carry out to the end. The same with the Secretary. Both those officers he had to

thank most heartily and sincerely for the help they had given him, not only during his year of office but also before the lodge was consecrated. Having much to do with Grand Lodge he could say that some Secretaries were far from equal to Bro. Claridge. In thanking the brethren again for the reception they had given his name he would add that as long as he had health and strength he would do his utmost to serve the London Rifle Brigade Lodge in any capacity.

any capacity. Bros. Bush, Berry, and Pritchard responded for "The Victors" Visitors.

The Treasurer and Secretary in responding for their healths promised to do their best for the lodge; as did also the other officers when replying to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening.
Bros. Woodley Smith, Thomas, Summers, and Nuding, the glee party of the lodge entertained the brethren with some excellent singing during the evening.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—A brilliant and influential gathering of Masons took place on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William street, when the above lodge, well and worthily called the "mother" of all the lodges in Woolwich and Plumstead, held its usual monthly meeting, on which occasion Bro. T. W. Boord (M.P. for Greenwich), P.M. 381, P.G.J.D., honoured the W.M., Bro. T. Hosgood, and the lodge by a visit, and received a most hearty reception, there being present some 120 of the most distinguished Masons in the district, among whom were, besides the W.M., Bros. H. S. Syer, I.P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; N. Brown, P.M.; W. R. Smith, S.W.; G. H. Masters, J.W.; T. Hatton, P.M., Treas.; G. Davies, P.M., Sec.; W. Akers, S.D.; J. G. Milburn, J.D.; W. Bidgood, Org.; G. Beaver, W.M. 700; H. Mason, W.M. 913; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1336; J. G. Chillingworth, W.M. 1972; F. A. White, W.M. 1327, P.M. 907; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M. 829, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Weston, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; T. Day, P.M. 1076, P.P.G.P. Essex; E. West, P.M. 1076, P.P.G.P. Essex; E. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; Rev. C. F. Reilly, Chap. 1536; R. Hanson, P.M. 820; W. Sayle, 1536; H. A. de Pinna, 1972; W. G. Pinkney, 1536; T. Guest, 158; J. Parsons, 1437; W. Lawson, 700; P. Joskey, 1107; G. J. Calton, 158; R. Kirk, 510; W. Kerridge, 1536; C. J. Carter, 1472; C. Kelly, 1536; J. Poynter, 158; J. Sanderson, 700; J. J. Gould, 1035; R. Frewer, 1635; W. Robinson, 1070; O. C. Summers, 35; H. de Gray, 706; G. H. Hill, 1327; T. Cavey, 1472; J. Purland, 1536; A. R. Key, 1536; T. O'Niel, 1536; W. Rees, 915; Percy Beamish (Royal Naval College); C. W. Carter, 1503; A. Joskey, 913; T. Temple, 1326; and C. Jolly, 913, &c. (Freemason).

Lodge having been opened and the minutes passed, Bro. Boord was received with grand honours and conducted to the right of the W.M. Messrs. W. Matley and C. Chalmers were then balloted for and duly initiated. WOOLWICH. - Union Waterloo Lodge (No.

Chalmers were then balloted for and duly initiated. Bro. Gilbert was passed, and the lodge closed.

Refreshments having been partaken of, the W.M. in appropriate terms gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. To the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M. of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Boord, with whose name the toast had been coupled, in response said: W.M., officers, and brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the very gratifying manner in which you have been pleased to couple my name with the toast of "The Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," and also for the kind and cordial reception you have given me as a visitor at your ancient and honourable and Past," and also for the kind and cordial reception you have given me as a visitor at your ancient and honourable lodge this night. It is certainly true that I am a Past Grand Officer of Grand Lodge, and some time ago when I was more intimately connected with the Craft than I am at present I should have been only too happy to respond to the toast, because then I should have felt myself capable of doing greater justice to it than I feel at present, for from the force of circumstances not wholly unconnected with this district it has been beyond my power to attend to my Masonic duties perhaps as I would have liked to or should have done. It has certainly given me great pleasure to be with you to night, and witness as I have the admirable working of your W.M. and his officers, who have as far as I know worked the ceremonies of First and Second Degrees most accurately; and I say this because at one time I took a great deal of interest in the working of the ceremonies, and as far as I can see they have been admir-Degrees most accurately; and I say this because at one time I took a great deal of interest in the working of the ceremonies, and as far as I can see they have been admirably worked to night. But now, brethren, I remember to have heard it said that "critics are made of unsuccessful authors," so that if I attempt further to criticise the working of your W.M. and his officers you will say that if that adage is right I must have been an unsuccessful Mason. Well then I cannot proceed further without telling you that such at the present moment is my poor acquaintance with Masonry that when the W.M. rose to ask "If there was anything to offer for the good of Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular?" I could not for the life of me just at the time remember the name and number of the lodge I am a member of; so that if I did not rise to wish you, Worshipful Sir, and your lodge "Hearty good wishes" you must attribute it to my forgetfulness, and not to any want of courtesy on my part. The only excuse I can offer is that other and perhaps more important duties preclude my following up those connected with Masonry and my mother lodge. In looking over the warrant of your lodge, which seen placed in my hands by your W.M., I find that it is a most ancient and time-honoured lodge. It is evidently founded on the union of some three lodges that existed before and up to the year 1786, and the warrant is, I see, signed by the then Grand Master of England H.R.H. the before and up to the year 1786, and the warrant is, I see, signed by the then Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. I can only say in conclusion that I thank you, Worshipful Sir, and the brethren assembled for the you, Worshipful Sir, and the brethren assembled for the cordial and kind manner in which you and they have received the toast and myself as its representative, and trust that not only by your initiates but by the constant attendance of the brethren this grand old lodge of yours, No. 13, may for many years to come retain its splendour, as it has retained through many changes its character, and that both may be worthy of the grace and antiquity of the Union Waterloo Lodge.

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The next toast was "The Provincial Grand Officers," and Bros. Spurrell, West, and Weston severally returned

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," The l.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said it was some years ago since he (the speaker) became a member of the lodge, and never had he seen such a brilliant gathering in it as he saw that night. He felt proud of it, and he felt sure the W.M. was proud of it. After referring to the centenary jewel they would be entitled to in 1885, he said their W.M. had come a hundred miles to preside over them, and he asked them to show their appreciation of him by drinking his health heartily. The Worshipful Master said it was always very pleasant for a W.M. to see such a gathering around him. He thanked all for responding so heartily to the call.

Bro. Boord here retired amid universal demonstrations of respect.

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The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bro. Hughes (a member of the London School Board) returned thanks, and referred to the grand old history of the lodge, and trusted to be present at its centenary festival.

Bro. Graham also returned thanks, and congratulated the W.M. upon his initiates.
Bros. Beaver, Holleyman, White, Chillingworth, Hanson,

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Initiates," "The Masonic Press," "The Officers," and a welcome to Bro. Spinks, P.M. 1536, concluded a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.-Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The first meeting of the present year was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 22nd inst., when there was a capital muster of members and visitors, and a most enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent by those in attendance. The lodge was opened at 7.15 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted and supported by the following brethren, viz.: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., M.C.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, as S.W.; Thos. Dinning, as J.W.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; W. M. Pybus, S.D.; E. Shewbrooks, J.D.; W. Dalrymple. I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Brown, S.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; J. R. Bewley, R. Brason, W. Stafford, W. Whitfield, J. F. Corbett, R. Webster, W. F. Raeburn, A. Simpson, E. Liddell, E. W. Middlemast, R. Tate, T. Thompson, J. T. Harrison, W. Garbutt, and W. Richardson.

The list of visitors comprised Bros. John Spearman, P.M. 481, P.G.J.W.; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland; James McCulloch, P.M. 1643, P.P.G. J.W.; G. Hardy, P.M. 1643; E. F. Prentice, Sec 1643; T. Spedding, 1643; D. G. Anderson, W.M. 1664; H. S. Bird, S.W. 1664; J. T. Hooper, 1664; Wm. Smith, W.M. 1342; T. S. Graham, 636; R. Bell, I.G. 541; J. W. Lambton, S.S. 541; R. Humphrey, P.M. 97; F. West, 1643; John McKay, S.W. 481, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were first confirmed and Bro. J. F. Corbittwas raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the tracing board and the working tools. The list of members eligible for the W.M.'s chair was then called, the nominations for Treasurer, Tyler, and Finance Committee were made, three candidates proposed for initiation, and other business was transacted.

The lodge was closed at nine p.m., and the bre thren adjourned for refreshments. GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.-Lodge of Industry

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NORWICH.—Social Lodge (No. 93).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, under very auspicious circumstances. Among those present were Bros. G. Jewson, the retiring W.M.; Walter W. Lake, W.M. elect; W. H. Smith, H. Thonless, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., F. B. Linging, C. Cunnell, G. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Sendall, J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. J. Commins, P.M., P.P.G.P.; F. C. Atkinson, P.M., P.G.O.; Robt. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler; Hugh Fox, P.M.; Jno. Moore, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; R. Woodward, W. Watts, H. A. Pepper, G. B. Robertson, R. H. Fox, W. E. H. Wilson, J. B. Coleby, J. H. Brockbank, P.G. Stwd.; T. Breeze, C. F. Bond, R. Ladell, James Scott, and Rev. H. M. Hobson. Among the visitors were Bros. A. H. Santy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., 52; J. S. Offord, P.M. 213; E. Parkhurst, P.M. 807; R. J. Mills, W.M. 943; Jas. C. Smith, 1103; G. J. Carman, G. B. Jay, W.M.; C. W. Bacon, P.G. Stwd.; and R. Tidman, of 1500.

The lodge being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed, The ceremony of installing Bro. W. W. Lake into the chair of K.S. was then admirably performed by Bros. Geo. Jewson and J. B. Bridg man.

The Worshipful Master then appointed his officers and afterwards performed the ceremony of initiating Bro. Philip Leamon into the light of Masonry in a manner most satisfactory to the brethren.

After further lodge business had been transacted the brethren adjourned to banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, and the evening was spent in a pleasurable manner as is usual in this lodge. We congratulate Bro. Lake on his elevation and look forward to his having a successful year of office.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—A general lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on the 11th inst. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. C. McNamara, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. G. C. Watson, acting I.P.M.; J. Rainbow, acting S.W.; J. R. Pattison, J.W.; E. Clarkson, S.D.; C. M. Wake, J.D.; J. G. Nasbet, I.G.; and R. Singleton, Hon. Sec. There were also on the daïs Bros. H. Tonkingon W. Roattie T. Turkell and T. Share P.M. Tonkinson, W. Beattie, T. Twizell, and T. Sharp, P.Ms.; and others.

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The minutes were read and confirmed, and the brethren proceeded to ballot for Messrs. Crookshanks and Collingwood. Both being duly elected, Bro. Crookshanks was initiated by Bro. Twizell, P.M., and Bro. Collingwood was initiated by the W.M., after which both brethren received the charge from the W.M. Bro. Birch was afterwards passed to the Second Degree by Bro. G. C. Watson, P.M. The brethren then retired to the banqueting room, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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The following visiting brethren were also in attendance: Bros. J. Hudson, W.M., J. R. Smart and M. Frampton, P.Ms., 94; A. T. Murroe, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., and J. G. Kirkley, J.W., 949; F. Maddison, P.M., and P. Maddison, 1389.

LIVERPOOL.—Antient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The members of this lodge (justly celebrated for the musical talent it embraces as well as for its honourable antiquity) met on Thursday afternoon, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of celebrating the Festival of St. John. The post of honour at the opening of the successful and enjoyable proceedings was occupied by Bro. Thomas Hatton, W.M., who has enjoyed much popularity during his connection with the lodge, and he received the able support of a full complement of enthusiastic officers. The list included Bros. J. Hilton, I.P.M.; J. Winsor, P.M.; C. Birch, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Gick, S.W.; G. Cattrell, J.W.; E. Donnelly, S.D.; J. Galloway, J.D.; J. A. Muir, I.G.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Hounsell, Sec.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., Org.; J. T. Alston, P.M.; H. James, P.M.; and E. Johnston, P.M. The members who attended were Bros. G. C. Hatton, E. Graham, L. M. Christopher, G. R. Ashton, H. J. Nicholls, J. Taylor, T. Wood, W. Japha, jun., W. Eastwood, G. Muir, D. Keith, W. Lewis, J. Bathic, T. Andrews, T. Whiteside, W. Whittaker, W. Wilson, and J. Berney. Visitors: Bros. J. Atkinson, I.P.M. 1600; W. Savage, W.M. 1600; J. Latta, I.P.M. 241; W. Burnet, 1393; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; R. Martin, P.M. 1182 (Hon. Sec. West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution); S. Hollis, 98; J. Buck, 1013; F. Evans, 241, J. Kect, I.P.M. 1356; R. Pollock, 1756; W. Peton, 618; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., 1756; and others.

Bro. William Gick, presented by Bros. Rowson and LIVERPOOL -Antient Union Lodge (No.

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Bro. William Gick, presented by Bros. Rowson and Bromley, was most impressively and efficiently installed in the Worshipful Master's chair, and the following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. Thomas Hatton, I.P.M.; Edward Cattrall, S.W.; J. N. Hounsell, J.W.; Charles Bromley, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected for the 25th time); E. Donnelly, Secretary; J. Galloway, S.D.; James Muir, J.D.; David Keith, I.G.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., Org. (re-appointed); Henry J. Nicholls, S.S.; W. Lewis, J.S.; J. Winsor, P.M., M.C.; and Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

An excellent dinner was provided by Bro. Woodhouse in the large banqueting room.

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During the evening's proceedings a valuable Past
Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. Hatton, I.P.M.,
in testimony of the ability with which he has presided
over the lodge.

A musical programme of unusual excellence was furnished by Bros. A. Child, W. Lewis, W. Burnett, J. Queen, J. Muir, D. Keith, R. N. Hobrat, H. Nicholls, T. Foulkes, J. P. Bryan, and T. Hatton, and a recitation was given by Bro. J. Galloway with fine effect.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).—
The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Charles Fendick, P.G. Supt. of Works, who was assisted by his officers. Among those present were Bros. Charles E. Sexton, W.M. elect; H. Youngman, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; G. Kersey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; P. D. Ray, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; Jas. Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. C. R. King, P.G. Stwd.; J. Butler, W. Pond, G. J. Carpenter, G. Daniels, J. H. Hyde, Thos. Smith, jun., G. Rock, C. W. Bacon, 1500 and 1808, P.G. Stwd.; and W. Land. Among the visitors were Bros. J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G.R., 93; J. J. Hunt, P.M.; G. Green, P.M., P.G.D. of C.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Thos. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thos. Winter, W. F. Stratford, W. N. Cooper, C. J. Payne, and J. W. Browne (Freemason), 807; John Harper, P.M., P.G.P.; D. Mannings, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Cox, M. J. Bailey, J. Churchyard, W. W. Warner, and J. Weyer, of 1500; and E. Toulson, 1808.

The lodge being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed. The ceremony of NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).-

E. Toulson, 1808.

The lodge being opened the minutes of the previous meeting were duly read and confirmed. The ceremony of installing Bro. C. B. Sexton then took place and was ably performed. Upon being placed in the chair of K.S. Bro. C. E. Sexton appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Charles Fendick, P.M., I.P.M.; T. C. R. King, P.G. Std., S.W.; W. J. Butler, J.W.; C.W. Bacon, P.G. Std., S.D.; James Hydc, J.D.; George Baxter, P.M., Treas.; Harold Youngman, P.M., Sec.; T. Smith, jun., I.G.; J. Dunford, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; G. J. Carpenter, Org.; and Joshua Morse, Tyler.

After some further lodge business had been transacted the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the

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In the course of the evening the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health and Prosperity of Bro. C. Fendick, the I.P.M." and spoke in eulogistic terms of his Masonic career, observing that Bro. Fendick was not only a good Mason but a sincere friend, and before sitting down presented him with an exceedingly handsome P.M.'s jewel subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge and supplied by Bro. George Kenning of London, as a mark of esteem and regard the lodge entertained for their late Master.

Bro. Fendick in thanking the brethren for their kind present and expressions towards him observed that he regretted that he had not done more for Masonry during the past year, but what he had done he had done to the best of his ability, and congratulated himself upon possessing the good wishes of the lodge, which had been evinced in a substantial manner by their kind present.

Bro. Fendick then proposed "The Health of the W.M." and spoke in high terms of the admirable way he had conducted himself in the offices below the chair. He was always obliging and attentive to his duties and that the

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The Worshipful Master 'in returning thanks said that during the coming year his utmost endeavours would be exer ed in performing his duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped he should receive the support of the brethren generally in carrying out the same in order that the prestige of the lodge might be upheld.

Other toasts followed and the meeting broke up at about

12 o'clock. Several excellent songs were rendered during the evening, which materially aided the pleasure of the

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Commercial Hotel. Present: Bros. Jabez Boothroyd, W.M.; John L. Aldred, I.P.M.; John Isherwood, S.W.; Edwin Melrose, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Thos. Mitchell, Sec.; Peter Bradburn, S.D.; Charles Crompton, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, M. of C.; James Walker, I.G.; W. F. Chambers and Wm. Siddorn, Stewards; T. Higson, Tyler; Geo. Ferguson, W. Wadeson, H. Stead, Thomas Morris, J. M. Rutter, W. Fletcroft, T. Whittaker, P.Ms.; Chirnsides, J. R. Haslam, Elliston, W. Forrest, E. Halliwell, H. J. Briscoe, and R. Cuerden. Visitors: Bros. W. Peers, 721; T. A. Martin, 350 and 678; W. Court, W.M. 1723; John Collins, W.M. 678; R. Duxbury, W.M. 146; John Alcock, P.M. 358; John F. Skelton, 146; F. H. Cheesewright, 907; John Barrett, J.W. 1723; John Edwards, 721; N. Nicholson, P.M. 1723; Joh Greenhalgh, P.M. 1723; and Wm. Crankshaw, W.M. 348. BOLTON.-St. John's Lodge (No. 221) .-

Job H. Greenhalgh, P.M. 1723; and
W.M. 348.
The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Isherwood, W.M. elect, was presented to a Board of Installed Masters under the presidency of Bro. Brockbank, W.M. 37, and a Past Master of this lodge, and obligated, installed, and proclaimed according to ancient custom W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.M., P. Prov. G. Org., acting as D. of C.

Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, after the accounts had been presented, duly audited, by Bros. Chirnsides and H. I. Briscoe.

Bro. Brockbank, in thanking the brethren for the renewal of their confidence, expressed his indebtedness to Bro. Aldred, who had, acting as his deputy, rendered consider-

able service to the lodge.

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The following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year by Bro. Thos. Mitchell, P.M. and Prov. G. Tyler: Bros. Edwin Melrose, S.W.; Peter Bradburn, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Thos. Mitchell, Secretary; Charles Crompton, S.D.; James Walker, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, Dir. of Cers.; W. F. Chambers, I.G.; W. Siddorn and R. Cuerden, Stewards; and Thos. Higson, Tyler.

The addresses to the newly-appointed and installed officers were admirably rendered by Bro. Jabez Boothroyd, I.P.M.

I.P.M.

Bro. T. Morris, P.M., was elected Charity representative of the lodge for the ensuing year in the place of the late lamented Bro. Thomas Entwisle to whose admirable business tact and ability in his capacity as a Charity representative the proposer of the resolution paid a warm and earnest tribute, and commended his example to the

and earnest tribute, and commended his example to the study of his successor.

Bro. William Wadeson, an old and respected member of the lodge, as a mark of his regard and esteem for the brethren presented an elegant floorcloth painted by himself, the orthodox pavement, tessellated border and blazing star, surrounded by the 12 signs of the Zodiac, beautifully embellished, the genuinely artistic work of our brother, and was much admired by the brethren and visitors; and the thanks of the lodge were unanimously accorded to him for his valuable presentation.

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A silver Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Boothroyd, the retiring Master, in accordance with a vote of the lodge on the occasion of the last regular meeting.

A portion of the ancient charges were read by the Senior Warden and the lodge was closed. The banquet was immediately served in an adjoining room, and at its conclusion the brethren re-assembled in the lodge room, which had in the meantime been suitably prepared.

The Worshipful Master presided, and the post of M.C. was admirably filled by Bro. J. W. Taylor. The ordinary Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

A special toast, drunk in solemn silence, was proposed by Bro. Rutter to the memory of Bro. Entwisle, whose long services to the lodge were cloquently dilated upon by the speaker, who also expressed the deep regret of the Masonic world at the loss of so distinguished a Masonic student and guide. guide.

The presence of every Master of the Masonic lodges of Bolton was a matter of congratulation, and the Master of the oldest lodge in Bolton, who is the senior Past Master of this lodge, was facetiously complimented on his having attained the distinction of becoming W.M. of Lodge 37 on the precise day of completing his 37th aniversary of his initiation in the lodge.

The musical arrangements were perfect, and a rich musical treat was afforded to the brethren. Bro. Briscoe presided at the piano, and Bros. Cheesewright, Greenhalgh, Collins, Skelton, Bradburn, Chambers, Siddorn, and Flitcroft contributed vocally to the success of the meeting, and the last toast was proposed as "Mr. Bruce" rang out his warning note.

LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—At the annual meeting of this lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 17th inst., Bro. W. D. Stone, of Newhaven, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed the following officers: Bros. R. Blaker, I.P.M.; Edward Bridges, S.W.; George Chapman, J.V.; S. Peters, S.D.; J. G. Lenny, J.D.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; Geo. Holman, Sec.; Smith Stone, I.G.; S. Starnes, Org.; and Hall, Tyler.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Reginald Blaker, the retiring Master, in appreciation of his services. Bro. J. C. Lucas, P.M., was appointed Charity Steward of the lodge. The installation ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. S. Tanner, P.M., and Prov. G. ward.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the London and Paris Hotel, Newhaven, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. Stedman, the manager. The newly-installed Master presided and the guests included the whole of the officers above mentioned and the following: Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; C. Tomes, P.P.G.S. of Wks; C. Tomkinson, P.P.G.S. of Wks; J. C. Lucas, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Jos. Farncombe, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. R. White, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. W. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; G. Stone, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; H. K. Cole, W.M. 811; J. Harrison, W.M. 1829; H. Freeman, P.M.; Lowndnes, R. G. White, Hendriks, Brown, Jenkins, Broad, G. A. Jenner, G. Masters, Hawkins, H. Carvil, G. S. Phillips, I. A. Gray, N. C. Bull, J. H. Bull, R. H. Ellman, Colgate, Whitcomb, W. C. Leaver, H. E. Turner, J. Newman, G. Cole, A. H. Smith, and others. At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren

A letter was read from the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.), regretting his inability to be present. The toasts were of the usual Masonic and complimentary character. Bros. H. Carvil and G. Cole sang some capital songs and the proceedings throughout were of a very pleasant character.

YEOVIL.—Lodge of Brotherly Love (No. 329).

—The Festival of St. John was celebrated in this lodge at the Three Choughs Hotel, on the 17th inst., when Bro. H. Cobb was duly installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, Bro. Else. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. Howell, I.P.M.; W. J. Nosworthy, P.M., S.W.: J. A. Millborne, J.W.; J. Chaffin, P.M., Chap.; F. Cox, P.M., Treas.; W. B. Milborne, P.M., Sec. S. R. Baskett, S.D.; R. Damon, P.M., J.D.; H. F. Edgar, P.M., D. of C.; H. T. Harwood, Org.; T. I. Denman, I.G.; A. J. Staunton and J. E. Rodber, Stwds.; and S. Watts, Tyler.

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pleasant evening.

SPALDING .- Hundred of Elloe (No. 469) .-The annual installation meeting took place on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bros. Edmund Cammack was duly installed as W.M. by Bros. A. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and Geo. F. Barrell, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.

There was a goodly assemblage of brethren, and the visitors included Bros. Rev. J. A. Chalmers, W.M. 1304; Tollond, W.M. 1385; Rev. B. Mathews, 683; Capt. Walter (of the Black Watch), 983; J. H. Carter, S.W.; T. W. Curtis, P.M.; Sawyer, J.W.; and Scott, Organist of 68

1. W. Curtis, P.M.; Sawyer, J.W.; and Scott, Organist of 955.

The ceremony was most impressively rendered by Bros. Woodrow and Barrell, whose excellent working is so well known in this province, the splendid musical accompaniment of Bro. Scott contributing no little to the effectiveness of the proceedings.

Following the work of the lodge a very sumptuous banquet provided by Bro. Harper of the White Hart Hotel, was furnished in the ante-room of the lodge, and after full justice had been done to the recherché spread the W.M. gave the usual loyal and masonic toasts, especially alluding justice had been done to the recherché spread the W.M. gave the usual loyal and masonic toasts, especially alluding to the interest evinced by H.R.H. the Grand Master in evrything concerning Freemasonry, and of the sacrifices he makes in order to fulfil the duties of the arduous office he holds. In proposing the P.G.M. and his officers the W.M. remarked that scarce as is the purple in so large a province many of the officers of this lodge have the privilege and honour of wearing it, a fact which speaks volumes for the credit of the lodge.

Bro. Alfred Harrison, I.P.M., P.G.S. of Works, responded, and considered that in the R.W.P.G.M. they had the right man in the right place. To know him was to love and respect him highly.

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Bro. Jas. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., proposed "The W.M." and wished him a prosperous year. The W.M. was well qualified for the position to which he had been elected, and was held in general esteem. He had not expected to be called on and therefore was not prepared to make a speech. The Worshipful Master in reply said that during his period of subordinate office the lodge had more than maintained its position. He hoped that the present year would be not less successful. He thanked them for putting him in the chair, and would do his best for the interests of the lodge and of the craft. He had not much to fear for the result with such an excellent coach and Secretary as Bro. Barrell, and the other officers that had consented to assist him.

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Bro. Woodward, P.M., P.P.G. J.D., in proposing "The Installing Officers" thought that although he had many times seen the ceremony of installation he had never seen it to such perfection as that day. Their rites, like many a sermon, became effective and interesting by the charm of carnest oratory. When the charges were delivered they quite thrilled him, and doubtless had the same effect on others. These charges reminded him that Masonry is a living reality, and its aim the promotion of every laudable purpose. They caused each to ask himself what he had done and what his lodge had done during the past year to extend the principles and to fulfil the aim of their institution, and to what extent they had been true to the solemn obligation each of them had taken to manifest good and brotherly feeling to all with whom they were associated.

Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., thanked the brethren, and expressed the gratification it gave him to install so worthy a man as Bro. Cammack.

Bro. Barrell, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C., intimated that although during the past twelve months he had officiated at six installations none had given him more pleasure than that of

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Bro. Carter, S.W. 985, proposed "The Masonic Charities" and said that although not as familiar with the charitable organisations as he intended to be in the future yet he thought that they not only needed to be supported by the contributions of the brethren but also to be protected by them better than they sometimes had been. Masonry is becoming too cheap. Lodges should exercise more care as to the admission of candidates; persons might be attracted towards them mainly on account of their Charities. He did not say admit none but men of their Charities. He did not say admit none but men of means, but he did think they should be careful to admit

means, but he did timbe the, but he charities are one of the backbones of the Craft. Immense sums are annually expended by means of the Masonic Charities are annually expended by means of the Masonic Charities are annually expended by means of the Masonic Charities as well as by those funds more especially intended to enable deserving Masons to help themselves. The three great Charities—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution—had during the past year disbursed but a trifle short of $\mathcal{L}_{50,000}$. They in that lodge knew practically some of the benefits that accrued from their charitable organisations, and he could assure them from his one knowledge that every case receives the them from his own knowledge that every case receives the most searching investigation. He explained that they had recently added greatly to the voting power of the lodge, which would in future add materially to the support of deserving cases in the province.

Bro. Simpson proposed "The Past Masters and the

Bro. A. Harrison, I.P.M., responded. He looked on Freemasonry as closely connected with religion, as it constantly reminded them of the great God himself, the Great

Architect of the Universe. Freemasonry is universal, and Jews, Greeks, and Mahommedans can enjoy its privileges as well as Christians, all hoping to assemble in the Grand Lodge above.

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Bro. Barrell proposed "The W.Ms. and Members of other Lodges in the Province," pointing out that not the least gratifying feature of Masonry is its social aspect. He especially welcomed Bro. Chalmers, W.M. of the Olive Union Lodge, who was initiated, passed, and raised in the Hundred of Elloe Lodge.

Bro. Chalmers returned thanks for the hearty reception of the toast. He had often been asked what good there is in Masonry. He replied that so far as money is concerned probably not £5, but it cements a bond of union that neither time nor distance can break. That is one of its great advantages, worth more than anything in the mere shape of money. He was glad to meet so many old friends, and of all places he had been in if he had to shift his home again he could only say if he had his choice he would like to come back to Spalding.

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Bro. Benner, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Capt. Walters responded.

Bro. D'Alcorn very humourously gave "The Ladies," which was responded to in the same witty strain by Bro. Sawyer, and the Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Hancock and received in Masonic form.

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The evening was enlivened by recitations from Bros. O. H. Harrison and Barrell, and vocal music from Bros. Scott, Curtis, Chalmers, Blunt, Woodrow, and Moore.

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DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 16th inst., when the Devizes brethren were supported by several visitors, including Bros. J. Sparks, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.O. Wilts; A. J. Beaven, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.P.; Dr. W. D. Lovell, I.P.M. 1271, P.P.G.D. of C.; F. B. Norris, S.W. 632; E. J. Grubbe, J.W. 68; L. E. de Ridder, 152; and others.

The outgoing W.M., Bro. J. A. Randell, performed the earlier part of the ceremony of installation, the remainder being at his request taken by Bro. W. Nott, P.M., the Prov. Charity Secretary. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. S. A. Waylen, S.W., having been duly installed invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. A. Randell, I.P.M.; S. M. Badham, S.W.; W. H. Bush, J.W.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; W. Nott, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Hancock, S.D.; T. C. Hopkins, J.D.; H. A. Canning, I.G.; H. Howse, P.M., W. J. Baldwin, and H. J. Johnson, Stewards; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler.

The usual addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Nott.

The W.M., Bro. Waylen, afterwards congratulated the brethren on their first installation meeting in their own Masonic Hall, and said that although they had already made that hall very convenient and very handsome, yet there were many items of furniture and of embellishment which were still wanting. He thought that every brother on attaining the position which he had that afternoon reached would feel glad to contribute something to make their Masonic home more complete, and he would set the example by presenting a large oaken tablet to be affixed against the wall, and on which would be recorded the names of the Worshipful Masters who had ruled over the lodge from its commencement with room to add the names of those yet to come. He trusted that this would be found to be an ornament to the hall and afford matter of interest to the brethren.

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were warmly applauded.

The usual routine business was gone through, and the alms bag having been sent round in aid of the Lodge Charity Fund the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where there awaited them an excellent banquet, to which a member of the lodge, Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park—though unable, through absence abroad, to be present himself—had contributed a liberal supply of venison and game. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—
There are very few lodges in West Lancashire which have so long and so thoroughly enjoyed well deserved popularity and prestige as the above lodge. These have been honestly secured by the substantial work of charity accomplished by the brethren, by the admirable way in which the lodge is carried on, and by the prevalence of the true spirit of Freemasonry in a large degree. The annual celebration of the Festival of St. John on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hone-street, the very large attendance and sustained encarried on, and by the prevalence of the true spirit of Freemasonry in a large degree. The annual celebration of the
Festival of St. John on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall,
Hope-street, the very large attendance and sustained enthusiasm of the proceedings again clearly indicated the
vitality of the old lodge. There were upwards of 100 brethren in attendance, the visitors included between 30 and 40
P.G. Officers, W.Ms., and P.Ms. Amongst these were
Bros. H. S. Alpass, G.S.B. of Eng., P.G. Scc. West Lancashire; J. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; Major Turner, P.P.G.
Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Williams, P.P.
G.A.D.C.; Dr. W. H. Whittle, J.D. 1609; J. M. Boyd,
Sec. 1609; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; A. Thomson, P.M.
1055; R. E. Mitton, W.M. 1756; J. Cantor, Asst. Org.
1609; H. Jones, W.M. 1675; E. Paull, W.M. 1350;
J. Holme, W.M. 1325; H. Morris, P.M. 1505; W.
Brackenbury, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Newsome, P.M. 1620;
J. C. M'Guire, W.M. 1547; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; R. J.
Hudson, T. Hatton, W.M. 203; W. Addis, 1609; J. B.
Mackenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; J. Lay, 223; J. Dempsey,
425; F. Yeatman, 667; W. Arrowsmith, 220; H. Mason,
1356; R. Jones, 1675; D. Parry, W.M. 1086; J. Shield,
S.S. 1086; H. Jones, W.M. 1675; J. B. Macpherson,
1609; B. Russell 1393; J. Leatherbarrow, 85; J. A. Henry,
1505; H. Hartley, 86; J. Barlow, J.D. 1713; A. H. Hallwood, 1505; F. Beaumont, 1675; R. Martin, jun., P.M.
1182; J. Prescott, 1713; E. Brammell, 1609; G. C.
Harvey, 203; and others. The Past Masters of the
Alliance Lodge who were present included Bros. T. Ockleshaw, G. S. Willings (who was warmly congratulated on
his partial recovery from a very serious illness), J. E.
Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Skillicorn, and T. Peake.
Amongst the members present were Bros. J. W. Broadbent, R. G. Morris, T. R. Willings, J. Walters, W. L.
Cooper, and M. Elliott.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. David Lloyd,
the retiring W.M., and he concluded his year of office by
initiating a candidate. Bro. Arthur Bucknall, the W.M.
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was afterwards duly installed into the chair, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. Ockleshaw, P.M. The subsequent portion of this section of the day's business was carried out by Bro. T. Peake, P.M., the following officers carried out by Bro. T. Peake, P.M., the following officers being appointed and invested: Bros. David Lloyd, I.P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., M.C.; Robert Foulds, S.W.; James Bailey, J.W.; John Ellis, P.M., Treas. (ro-clected); James Lees, Sec.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., Org.; Robert Hudson, S.D.; Thomas Mason, J.D.; Edward Carter, I.G.; T. G. Luya, S.S.; J. Barker, J.S.; and Peter Ball was re-elected Tyler.

The business portion of the proceedings having been concluded, about 100 brethren sat down in the large banqueting room to a first class dinner served by Bro. Woodhouse, whose catering gave universal satisfaction to the numerous brethren who were present.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in appropriate terms by the W.M.

"Our Masonic Rulers" was responded to by Bro. H. S. Alpass, G.S.B., who stated that as the Grand Lodge now ruled over upwards of 2000 lodges, the work of the M.W. G.M. was most arduous, requiring the earnest assistance

G.M. was most arduous, requiring the earnest assistance of every one of the Grand Officers. He expressed a hope that there would be a large representation of Masters and Past Masters from the provinces at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in London in the course of a few weeks, when the revised "Book of Constitutions" would be considered and arranged.

Bros. J. Newell and Major Turner also responded to the

During the evening Bro. D. Lloyd, I.P.M., was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel.

A choice musical programme was given by Bros. J. Cantor, A. Child, J. B. Macpherson, J. A. Muir, W. Lewis, R. N. Hobart, A. Ramage, and J. Skeaf, who accompanied.

DEAL.—Wellington Lodge (No. 784).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Public Rooms, Park-street, when there were present Bros. J. F. Solly, W.M.; T. Bent, P.M., S.W.; E. L. Bridge, junr., J.W.; Rev. R. Patterson, Chap; J. M. Browning, Treas.; W. H. Hayman, Sec.; J. H. Capps, S.D.; E. Elliott, J.D.; W. H. Hammond, I.G.; F. F. Barber, Steward; and W. J. A. Norris, Tyler; P.M.'s B. Wood, A. F. S. Bird, P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Moon, J. E. Apps, P.G.J.D.; Doorne, Org.; P. Frost, E. G. Grigg, W. Allen, and E. T. Allen. Visitors: Bros. W. Watts, 1209; G. Band, 1096; C. Chamberlain, 1096; J. Court, 1096; R. Duval, 1096; R. Rogers, 1152; G. Beal, 1096; W. Hughes, 1206; J. Fawcett, 1096; L. Spurrier, 398; G. Hopper, 199; H. Prescott, 199: W. Woodruff, 1206; C. Baker, 1206; J. Plant, 31; A. J. Emmerson, 1206, P.P.G.J.W.; and the Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.P.G.C.

The business of the lodge was to initiate Mr. Joseph DEAL.—Wellington Lodge (No. 784).—A meet-

Emmerson, 1206, P.P.G.J.W.; and the Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.P.G.C.

The business of the lodge was to initiate Mr. Joseph Trevors and to install the W.M. elect, Bro. John Farley Solley, for the second year. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. A. F. S. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. B. Wood, I.P.M.; E. Bridge, jun., S.W.; E. Elliott, J.W.; Rev. R. Patterson, Chap.; Browning, Treas.; W. H. Hayman, Sec.; J. H. Capps, S.D.; W. Hammond, J.D.; T. Paul, D.C.; F. Barber, I.G.; J. Doorne, Org.; T. Allen and Eastman, Stewards; and W. J. Norris, Tyler.

After "Hearty good wishes" and the proposal of candidates for initiation the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, when 40 sat down to an excellent banquet provided by the worthy host, Bro. Foster. After the cloth was removed the Worshipful Master proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England," and said that her Majesty had in her absence from public ceremonials an excellent substitute in the person of her son, our Prince and Grand Master, who was always happy when doing his duties and never better pleased than when pleasing the people. Masonry had made rapid strides under his presidency, and his Royal Highness would always find time among his multitudinous duties and pleasures to preside as the head his Royal Highness would always find time among his multitudinous duties and pleasures to preside as the head of the Crait.
"The Pro G.M., Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy G.M.,

Lord Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge" was next given with a few appropriate remarks by Bro. Bird, P.P.G.S.W.

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"The R.W. Provincial Master, Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.," was then given from the chair.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past," said the brethren had heard the letter read from Bro. Eastes by the Secretary, regretting his inability to attend owing to indispositions. He, the W.M., could testify to the kindness and courtesy of Bro. Eastes in attending to the technical details of lodges, having had correspondence with him, and thought he might justly say Bro. Eastes gave in his office general satisfaction.

Bro. Rev. Harrison, M.A., P.M. 1096, P.P.G.C., whose name had been coupled with that toast, returned thanks on behalf of the D.P.G.M., whom he said was the right man in the right place.

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Bro. Emmerson, P.M. 1206 and P.P.G.J.W., then gave "The Health of the W.M." in flattering terms, and alluded to the fact of his re-election and of the esteem in

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The Worshipful Master returned thanks, and next gave "Prosperity to neighbouring lodges," which was responded to by Bros. Band, W.M. 1096, and Prescott, W.M. 109.

Bro. Apps, P.M., P.G.J.D., then gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bird." He said it always afforded him the liveliest satisfaction to be present on these occasions, and he thought on the last occasion the ceremony was rendered as well as possible, but on this occa-

Bro. Bird, whose rising was the signal for a hearty ovation from the brethren, said in thanking them all for their kindness and cordiality it was a maxim he learned at school that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well, and to his steadfast adherence to that truth he attributed much

of his steadast adherence to that truth he attributed much of his success in life. The time would certainly come when through failing memory perhaps or bodily infirmity he should retire before some younger brother, and he thought he could look with pleasure on some other to take his place. "The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. Emmerson, whose name is so often associated with that excellent virtue by officiating as Steward to one or other of our noble Institutions.

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"The Sccretary and Treasurer" being given, was responded to by Bros. Hayman, P.M., and Browning, P.M. "The Past Masters," to which the I.P.M., Bro. B. Wood, responded; "The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Bridge, jun., S.W.; and the Tyler's toast brought this highly satisfactory gathering to a close.

The evening's amusement was greatly enhanced by the exquisite singing of Bro. Rhodes and Plant, from Canterbury Cathedral, who received well merited applause.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel on the 18th inst. Bro. T. F. Barrett, P.P.G. Reg., W.M., occupied the chair, and there were also present W. Bro. G. Berry, I.P.M.; Bro. W. D. Merritt, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Bros. F. Wood, Treas.; A. Lucking, Sec.; Bro. G. R. Dawson, J.D.; W. Bro. C. Floyd, I.G.; Bro. A. Martin, Tyler; W. Bros. J. C. Johnstone, P.P.G.D.; G. F. Jones, P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Harris, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B.; Bros. W. Gregson, W. H. Lockey, H. Luker, J. F. Harringfon, L. Warren, jun., B. M. Johnston, J. A. Withers, W. R. Fuller, J. Taylor, jun., and the following visitors: W. Bro. Pissey, P.M. and Sec. 1734; Bro. T. W. Eastgate, S.W. 1503; W. Bros. H. Harper, P.M. and Sec. 160; W. V. Willson, W.M. 160; F. Bird, W.M. 1024; the Hon. O. G. Lambart, W.M. 1400; Bros. F. R. Hales, J.W. 650; A. C. Thorpe, 34; J. Ayling, 1817; and others. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.-Priory Lodge (No.

Letters were also received from W. Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., D.P.G.M.; E. E. Phillips, W.M. 1734, P.M. 1000; and other brethren, expressing their regret at being unable

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Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge were confirmed, and Mr. W. B. Kinsey, C.E., was balloted for as a candidate for initiation and unanimously elected. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a satisfactory financial position, was read and adopted; and the W.M. elect was subsequently installed by W. Bro. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. D. of C., who performed the ceremony in his customary able and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: W. Bros. Barrett, I.P.M.; W. G. Brighten, S.W.; Bros. F. D. Grayson, J.W.; W. Bros. F. Wood, Treas.; A. Lucking, Sec.; the Rev. H. J. Hatch, Chap.; Bro. G. R. Dawson, S.D.; W. Bros. J. F. Harrington, J.D.; C. Floyd, I.G.; and Bro. A. Martin, Tyler.

A cordial vote of thanks having been accorded to W. Bro. Lucking for kindly officiating as Installing Master, Mr. Kinsey was initiated by the newly-installed W.M., who was heartily congratulated upon the perfect manner in which he worked the degree. W. Bro. F. Wood was appointed the representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee of the province; and two candidates having been proposed for initiation, the proceedings were then closed in solemn prayer.

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At about five o'clock the brethren sat down to a recherché banquet, which was excellently served under the superintendence of Bro. Kall; and at the conclusion the W.M., who presided, proposed the usual toasts, which were enthusiastically drunk with Masonic "fire."

In proposing "The R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P.," the Worshipful Master said he could not submit the toast to the brethren without remarking upon the loss the province had sustained by the death of the late Lord Tenterden. In Lord Brooke however he had every reason to believe that the selection of the Grand Master had been, as it always was, admirable, as he had been told had been, as it always was, admirable, as he had been told that his lordship was a liberal hearted man and a good Mason; they could only hope that they might frequently

Mason; they could only hope that they might frequently see him in the province.

The toast having been heartily honoured the Worshipful Master then submitted "The W.D.P.G.M., F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He congratulated the brethren upon W. Bro. Philbrick's re-appointment, and remarked that they were very unfortunate in not having the D.P.G.M., amongst them that evening, but his absence was solely attributable to a long standing previous engagement.

W. Bro. Jones, P.P.G.S.W., in acknowledging the toast, assured the brethren that the Prov. Grand Officers. had always endeavoured and they should ever continue to endeavour to do all they possibly could for the Craft in general and of the Province of Essex in particular.

Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.P.G.D., in response to repeated calls also addressed the brethren, expressing the pleasure he felt at the rapid strides which the province had made, and which he believed it would continue to make under the Mastership of Lord Brooke, whose appointment he regarded as a very important epoch in the Masonic history of Essex.

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The I.P.M. in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said he had every confidence that under Bro. Merritt the Priory Lodge would continue to flourish, as the newly-elected Master had worked his way up from the ranks, by serving every office in the lodge except that of I.G.

The toast having been cordially drunk the W.M. said he entered upon his year of office with every feeling of satisfaction. During the past year the financial position of the lodge had been retrieved, thanks principally to the energetic exertions of their worthy Secretary, and they had candidates of the right sort coming forward. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they, had drunk his health.

"The Initiate" having been proposed from the chain-Bro. Kinsey replied in a brief but appropriate speech, and the W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Barrett, I.P.M., to whom, on behalf of the lodge, he presented the jewel of a P.M., re-

behalf of the lodge, he presented the jewel of a P.M., remarking that he felt sure they all trusted that Bro. W. Barrett being recovered from his recent serious illness might long be spared to unite with them in promoting the welfare of the Priory Lodge.

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W. Bro. Barrett having thanked the brethren forr their tangible expression of approval of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year, said it would always be his earnest endeavour to support the W.M. and to render him whatever assistance lay in his power.

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The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," to which W. Bro. the Hon. O. G. Lambart responded; and! the remaining toasts were duly honoured, "The Secretary," who officiated as Installing Master, being loudly applauded;

During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were given by W. Bros. the Rev. H. J. Hatch, T. F. Barrett, J. M. Farr, and B. M. Johnston, and Bros. G. R. Dawson, W. V. Willson, T. W. Eastgate, J. Taylor, jun., and other brethren, the proceedings, which passed off with unusual éclat, being eventually brought to a close about 11

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Rutland Lodge (No. MEDIN MOWNERAY.—Retained Dodge (No. 1330). — This lodge was held on the 18th inst., those present being Bros. W. S. Black, W.M.; R. J. Lawton and R. Shafto Hawkes, Wardens; Willan, P.M.; Adcock, P.M.; Ferneley, Marsh, Fletcher, Jeeves, Goodall, Lynde, and Selby. Visitors: Bros. Miles, J. Walker, 1560, P.G.S.W.; Bennett, P.M. Kew, P.M., 1565; and Whitmarsh.

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The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. G. Lynde was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Black, the ceremony being well performed by the several officers. Bro. Hawkes was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The other general business of the lodge was then brought to a satisfactory conclusion and the lodge closed.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. B Sargent, I.P.M., supported by Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; A. D. Wornersley, S.W.; W. Lambourn, acting J.W.; R. Hughes, acting Sec.; H.G.F. Wells, P.M., Treas., S.D.; Walder, acting J.D., C. W. Till, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; Martin, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and report of audit committee received and adopted, lodge was closed in due form. was closed in due form.

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ECCLES.—Bridgewater Lodge No. (1213).—The installation was held and St. John's Festival celebrated at the Cross Keys Hotel, on Thursday, the 11th inst.; there were present Bros. Thos. Hassall, W.M.; Abner Hassall, S.W.; Robt. Poole, J.W.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B. Treas; R. Robinson, Sec.; Thos. Ball, J.D.; J. Chadderton, I.G.; T. Warburton, Tyler; Thos. Cavanah, P.M.; Jas. Andrew, P.M.; R. Williams, P.M.; J. C. Mather, P.M.; J. Watson, Hugh Roberts, Alfred Taylor, John Richardson, Robert Brookes, Otto Salamouski, John Pearson, L. O'Neill, Alfred Boynton. Visitors: Peter Wadsworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Ben. Taylor, P.M. 64, 935, 1345, P.P.G. Treas. E. Lanc.; Dr. W. G. Martin, W.M., 1814; Thos. Nowell, 163; Jas. Needham, P.M. 295; Ferdinand Hersecher, 267; Robt. Brown, J.D. 295; Daniel Edwards, P.M. 1052; Osswald Wilkinson, 193; Ferdinand Hersecher, 267; Robt. Brown, J.D. 295; Daniel Edwards, P.M. 1052; Osswald Wilkinson, 193; Ferdinand Hersecher, 267; Robt. Brown, J.D. 295; Daniel Edwards, P.M. 1052; Osswald Wilkinson, 193; Ferdinand Hersecher, 267; Robt. Brown, J.D. 295; Daniel Edwards, P.M. 1052; Osswald Wilkinson, 194; P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Jan. R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (Freemason).

Before proceeding with an account of the business we feel very pleased to record the progress the lodge has made during the past year under the able presidency of the late W.M., Bro. Thos. Hassall. Our esteemed brother has been instrumental in causing the sum of 30 guineas to be given to the Boys' and Girls' Schools and Widow Annuitants during his Mastership, which now makes one hundred guineas the lodge has contributed to those institutions, and on the present eventful day, as a last parting shot at the target of benevolence, he proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which after being seconded by Bro. Williams Bowden, P.P.G.S.B., was unani

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Bro. Daniel Edwards, P.M. 1052, proposed "The Health of the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. I'. Stanley, M.P., and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers," which was responded to by Bro. Wm. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B. At this stage of the proceedings, in consequence of several brethren having to leave, the toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the S.W., Bro. R. Poole, in felicitous terms, and responded to by several of their number.

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Other toasts were honoured, including "The W.M.,"
"The I.P.M. and Past Masters," "The Newly-Invested Officers," &c.; and in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.."

I.P.M.,"
Bro. Benjamin Taylor, P.P.G.T. East Lancshire, took occasion to revert in terms of highest praise to the manner in which Bro. Hassall had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year, and in the name of the brethren presented him with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and in return for which Bro. Hassall tendered his warmest thanks.

The meeting was a most successful one, whilst the banquet and proceedings that followed were very enjoyable, some capital songs being rendered by Bros. J. Andrew, R. Robinson, T. Hassall, and R. R. Lisenden.

MARKET RASEN.—Bayons Lodge (No. 1286.)
The installation meeting of this flourishing little lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst. There was a fair attendance of the brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. H. E. Turnover, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. (who has twice been elected to the chair, he being the first W.M. of this lodge) Bro. J. C. K. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chapperseided. Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Chas. Reeve was then presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, the ceremony being most ably performed by W. Bro. Marsden, 712, P.P.G. Sec. of the province. The following brethren having been appointed to their several offices by the W.M., were invested with the collar and jewel of office and suitably addressed by him on the nature of the duties to be performed by them, viz., Bros. C. B. Greenslade, S.W.; W. B. Jevons, J.W.; W. Bro. Holditch, P.P.G. Chap, Chaplain; Bros. J. Cundale, Sec.; Jas. Casterton, S.D.; T. Scott, J.D.; J. T. Tateson, I.G.; W. Marshall, Tyler.

The lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned and enjoyed an excellent banquet, the remainder of the evening being spent in giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. MARKET RASEN.—Bayons Lodge (No. 1286.)

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ALDERSHOT.—Camp Lodge (No. 1331).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Eve. P.M., P.P.G.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Major Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Col. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Quarter-Master Cole, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Andrews, P.M. 1046; Pomeroy, P.M. 723; Yond, P.M. 723; Hall, P.M. 1428; and about thirty others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Lewis, the outgoing Master, proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Adams, the ceremony being performed in a most efficient manner. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. Robinson, S.W.; Barlow, J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., Treas.; Major Douglas, P.M., Sec.; Todd, S.D.; Sexton, J.D.; Campbell, I.G.; and Hill, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the Worshipful Master, in a few well chosen words presented Bro. Lewis, I.P.M., with a valuable Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge in recognition of his excellent services during his year of office.

The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Lewis, I.P.M., who spoke of the pleasure which he had experienced in doing his best for the lodge during the period he had held office therein.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., then brought under the notice of the brethren the circumstance of their esteemed R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Beach, being about to preside at the next anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and urged the needs and claims of the institution to their support, and concluded his appeal by proposing that a donation of £5 5s. in addition to the usual subscriptions should be voted out of the lodge funds and handed to Bro. Eve, P.M. and P.P.G.W., who he informed the brethren had very kindly consented to act as Steward on this occasion. The money was at once unanimously voted, and subsequently augmented by a further grant of £

which he hoped they would not be slow to follow. He congratulated him upon the impressive manner in which he had delivered the addresses, and urged the newly-installed officers to thoroughly master all the details of their work and thereby maintain the high character the lodge had

and thereby maintain the high character the lodge had now acquired for its efficiency.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. After this had been discussed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Eve, P.M. and P.P.G.W., in responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," said he felt it a great honour to have his name associated with the distinguished brethren named in the toast; he assured the W.M. that the Prov. Grand Officers present felt it to be a great privilege in having been present at the interesting ceremony of the day. The outgoing Master he had known for many years, and he was especially pleased to find him taking so active an interest in Masonry; and as regards the Master who had been placed in the chair that day, he was well-known to be a good Mason and to be a genial good fellow who would follow in the footsteps of his worthy predecessors and infuse into all their Masonic proceedings that geniality and cordiality which would make their attendance at lodge a pleasure. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers he handled them heartily for the provincial transport has been been beautily for the provincial Grand Officers he handled them heartily for the provincial Grand Officers he handled them heartily for the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial Grand Officers he handled them heartily for the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand of the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand of the provincial grand of the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand between the handled them heartily for the provincial grand between them the forest them the forest them to the provincial grand be cordiality which would make their attendance at lodge a pleasure. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers he thanked them heartily for the way in which the toast had been received; he felt he should be wasting their time unnecessarily if he were to dilate on the past services of the Prov. Grand Officers. They were aware that those brethren had worked hard for the welfare of the Craft, and the R.W. Prov. Grand Master had selected and appointed them to their present positions as a reward for their past Masonic services. The reception invariably received by the Provincial Grand Officers at the various lodges in the province was a clear proof, if any were needed, that the brethren generally considered they had fairly earned the brethren generally considered they had fairly earned the honour which had been conferred upon them by their R.W. Prov. Grand Master.

The Immediate Past Master proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and remarked that there had been many pleasant duties which it had fallen to his lot to perform, but this was the most pleasant of all, and if they were to travel all over the globe he did not think they would find a brother better fitted for the duties he had would find a brother better litted for the duties he had undertaken than their esteemed Bro. Adams, and he could assure his worthy brother they would all do their utmost to make his year of office a thorough success.

The Worshipful Master responded in a neat little speech, in which he assured the brethren that he would not yield to anyone in his love for Freemasonry and in an earnest desire

to emulate the efficiency for which the Past Masters of their lodge had ever been distinguished; and he concluded by asking the brethren to drink "The Health of the Past Masters," which drew from all present a most hearty response.

Bro. Eve, P.M. and P.P.G.W., responded on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," saying he felt sure all present were fully impressed with the good work accomplished by those admirable Institutions. He maintained that our three Masonic Charities are the three greatest philanthropic institutions ever established in this kingdom. It is true the funds were sometimes diverted to purposes which he considered altogether outside Masonry, for a good and noble purpose no doubt, and he felt therefore that on the whole they were well and wisely administered. He then gave a few statistics, and said the amount of money raised yearly for the support of our Masonic Charities was a thing of which any part of the world might be proud. He concluded an admirable speech by expressing a hope that the brethren would do their utmost to support their R.W.P.G.M. at the forthcoming festival. Bro. Eve, having undertaken the office of Steward, said he should be most happy to receive their donations.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened by music, glees, songs, &c., and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable Masonic evening to a close.

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DURHAM.—Norman Lodge (No. 1334).—On Wednesday afternoon, January 17th, the members of the above lodge met at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Grey, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Barker, Laidler, and Donkin, P.M's. 1334; J. Sewell, T. R. Richardson, T. Bell, S. Holdsworth, and W. Coxon, P.Ms. 124; J. H. Leach, I.P.M.; C. McNamara, W.M. 97; J. C. Moor, S.W. 97; J. Hudson, W.M. 94; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Daniel Whitehead, was presented by Bro. W. Grey to the installing master, Bro. Laidler, who performed the installation ceremony in a very able manner. Bro. Whitehead was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The following were invested the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Grey, I.P.M.; J. F. Hillier, S.W.; S. Wilkinson, J.W.; Rev. A. Hildritch, Chap.; G. Chapman, Treas.; R. Hawkswell, Sec.; J. Willen, S.D.; W. Pattison, J.D.; R. Maxwell, Org.; H. Fox, I.G; and J. Steel, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, where a very sumptuous banquet was provided under the very excellent catering of Mrs. Carr, of the Half Moon. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. D. Whitehead, presided, and Bro. Hillier, S.W., was in the vice-chair. The following brethren of the choir, Messrs. G. Goodhead, J. Walker, J. Mutton, G. Leatham, and D. Whitehead, rendered some vocal music. Bro. J. Atkinson presided at the piano, and Bros. Hillier and Brignal, P.M., also contributed towards the musical harmony, a really enjoyable evening being spent.

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HORNSEA.—Alexandra Lodge (No. 1511).—
The annual installation meeting of this rapidly rising lodge on the east coast was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Wilton-terrace. The W.M., Bro. G. L. Shackles, P.G.S.D., presided, supported by the following officers, brethren, and visitors: Bro. Geo. Spink, W.M. elect, S.W.; Maw, J.W.; George Milner, P.M., Lecture Master; B. L. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. Laking, Secretary; R. A. Medd, S.D.; Geo. Stephenson, J.D.; A. Elsom, I.G.; Wm. Train, D.C.; G. Hardy, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., 250; Goodwin; Smithson; Reynolds, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., 250; Goodwin; Smithson; Reynolds, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., 250; Haigh, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., 250; George Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., 57; Haberland, P.M., P.G.J.D.; Tessewman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, 57; Sissons, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., 1010: Beavers, P.M., 57; King, W.M. 57; Forder, W.M. 1010; Myers, S.W. 57; Bennett, S.W. 1611; Storry, J.W. 57; A. P. Wilson, P.W. 294; H. Vise, 250; Wildbore, 57; Chappell, J.D. 1611; and others.

The customary formalities having been observed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Spink, was presented by Bros. Wells, P.M., and Milner, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. Hardy, P.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and was with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. and saluted, Bro. Beavers, P.M. 57, acting as D.C. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. George L. Shackles, P.G.S.D., I.P.M.; R. A. Medd, S.W.; A. E. Allen, J.W.; John Heslop, P.M., Chap.; B. L. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer; Laking, Secretary; George Stephenson, S.D.; Elsom, J.D.; Train, D.C.; Webb, J.D.; Goodwin, Steward; and Miskin, Tyler.

The Installing Master was assisted by Bros. Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and G. L. Shackles, P.M., P.G.S.D., the oration to the Wardens being given by the former and the address to the brethren by the latter, Bro. Hardy himself giving the one to the W.M. in his usua HORNSEA.-Alexandra Lodge (No. 1511).

credit on the brethren who took part in it and was greatly

appreciated by those present.

On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Medd, S.W., a vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Hardy and Reynolds for their services, both of whom subsequently

and Reynolds for their services, both of whom subsequently acknowledged the compliment.

During the lodge sitting W. Bro. B. L. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., said he had the extreme pleasure of presenting for Bro. Shackles's acceptance a very handsome and chaste Past Master's jewel subscribed for by all the members of the lodge, as a token of the very high esteem in which Bro. Shackles was held, and as some small recognition by the brothern of the services rendered and of the which Bro. Shackles was held, and as some small recogni-tion by the brethren of the services rendered and of the way in which the duties of the chair for two successive years had been carried out by him; and in placing such jewel on the breast of Bro. Shackles as a symbol of the fraternal feelings of each member of the Alexandra Lodge, and wishing him all health to wear it for many Lodge, and wishing him all health to wear it for many many years to come, he (Bro. Wells) might be allowed to say he felt there were few Masons who by the good suit and service done to Freemasonry deserved more fully all the honours it was possible for the lodge to bestow. Bro. Shackles was both a young man and a young Mason, having taken office as I.G. only five years ago, then Deacon, Warden, and twice in the chair, and yet both in the Craft and the Arch, his heart and soul being in his work, his Masonic career had been so marked and so valued

that the higher powers in both had noticed the same and given Bro. Shackles the provincial rank to which he was well entitled, and so conferred honour not only upon their brother but also upon the lodge and chapter to which he

Bro. Shackles, who in his reply spoke with great feeling (the presentation having been an entire surprise to him), said that language failed him to express himself, but from his heart he tendered them his thanks for the handsome his heart he tendered them his thanks for the handsome jewel which the members had thought fit to present to him in so unexpected a manner. He assured them that he should not only value the gift for its intrinsic worth, but more especially as a reminder that he had with what to him had been a labour of love won the esteem and regard of the members of his lodge. He had at all times been only too glad to render any service to the lodge, and could look back upon the past five years with great pleasure. Had the members been satisfied with his humble efforts in the working and attention to the Order he would have been more than repaid without the token of their esteem which more than repaid without the token of their esteem which had just been placed upon his breast. In a feeble manner however he sincerely thanked them one and all, and would however he sincerely thanked them one and all, and would be proud to wear in lodge and always prize the gift as a momento of their good feeling and of the great pleasure he had at all times experienced in the Alexandra Lodge.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. It is a most pleasurable fact to record that of late this rising young lodge has made considerable progress. The success has doubtless arisen from the unanimity and good fellowship which has prevailed amongst its members and

fellowship which has prevailed amongst its members and the efficiency which has been shown in working by the

Subsequently between 30 and 40 of the brethren adjourned subsequently between 30 and 40 of the brethren adjourned to the Alexandra Hotel and sat down to a banquet, which was well catered for, admirably served, and reflected great credit on Bro. J. Burdell, of the De La Pole Lodge.

On the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. and duly honoured by the brethren.

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The toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, the Rt. Hon the Earl of Zetland; the W. Dep. P.G.M., W. Bro. John P. Bell, M.D., J.P., and the Prov. Grand Officers," was responded to by Bro. W. Haberland, who paid a graceful tribute to the worthy doctor, who had carried out the work of his office with the greatest ability.

Bro. Shackles said the brethren would know the object he had in rising, which was to propose "The Health of the W.M. and his Newly-Appointed Officers," a toast which was always drank with great cordiality. He felt sure that nothing would be wanting on the part of the appointed officers to assist the W.M. in the performance of his duties, and as to the W.M. himself they knew him too well to doubt him. He (Bro. Shackles) would ask the brethren to join with him in wishing health, prosperity, and success to the W.M. during his year of office. The toast was well received.

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The Worshipful Master briefly responded and thanked the brethren for their kind wishes. He could not but feel that he laboured under a disadvantage, following as he did so able a worker, but whilst he felt it would be useless trying to eclipse Bro. Shackles he should still try his best, though he was aware it would prove far short of what his predecessor had accomplished.

Bro. Milner, P.M., in an able speech proposed "The Retiring W.M. and his Officers," paying Bro. Shackles a well deserved compliment regarding his working during the past two years. He had done his work well and worthily, and not spared himself, and the I.P.M. must be convinced by the applause which greeted the announcement of the toast how highly he was esteemed by them all.

Bro. Shackles, P.M., in responding said he had loved the work, and trusted he should always take an interest in all connected with Masonry. He was more than repaid by the brethren's satisfaction with his humble efforts. It was his (Bro. Shackles's) intention to take one of the Stewardships this year, but which he up to the present had not quite decided. Whatever was the final decision however he trusted when he "touched their pockets" that he would be well supported by the brethren and so be able to take up a sum worthy of the lodge.

Bro. Shackles's remarks were loudly applauded by the brethren.

To the toast of "The Past Masters and Founders of the

To the toast of "The Past Masters and Founders of the Lodge" the only two founders present, Bros. B. L. Wells, P.M., and Vise responded.

W. Bro. Tesseyman, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, proposed "The Masonic Charities" in a very eloquent speech, and said Masons need not be ashamed so long as they did the

said Masons need not be ashamed so long as they did the same amount of good as at present. At the same time it was only fair to hope and expect that they would continue to improve. He coupled with the toast the name of the "sturdy beggar," Bro. Sissons, P.M.

Bro. Sissons in responding said that Freemasonry did not consist in the pleasures of the festive board but in doing good acts. Masonry was established for the purpose of assisting these who could not assist themselves. He (Bro. good acts. Masonry was established for the purpose of assisting those who could not assist themselves. He (Bro. Sissons) had had a lengthened experience in Masonry, and very many years ago obtained the name of the "Sturdy Beggar" by his appeals on behalf of distressed Masons and those they left, but he himself knew nothing so pleasant as to assist in helping the helpless. To-day any of us might be on the path of prosperity and yet to morrow be in adversity. He should never lorget what was written in the ground work of Freemasonry, viz., the volume of the Sacred ground work of Freemasonry, viz., the volume of the Sacred Law, and to practice the precepts that are taught within the lodge, more especially charity, so that the world might know that a Mason is one to whom the burdened heart might pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed might prefer their suit, whose hand was guided by justice and heart expanded by benevolence. Whatever might be given in charity Masons might rest assured would be returned by T.G.A.O.T.U. tenfold. The remarks of Bro. Sissons were

P.P.G.S.B.'Middx., H.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.S. Middx., P.M.; and Gilbert, P.G.T. Tyler. Visitor: Bro. Owens, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Nicholas Contopaulos was most ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M.

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been read the lodge was duly closed and the brethren partook of refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth a

ow toasts were given.

W. Bro. W. Hammond, responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." followed.

Bro. Hiscox having replied, then gave the toast of "The Past Masters."
Bro. Walls having responded, the "Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order.
W. Bros. Hopwood and Hammond having replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Jessell and Spearing, brought the proceedings to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).

—An emergency meeting of the members of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 12th inst., when there was an attendance of no fewer than eighty brethren, many of whom are connected with the Carl Rosa Company, at present fulfilling a month's engagement at the Royal Court Theatre in this city. The chair of honour was occupied by Bro. W. Savage, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. J. Atkinson, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; J. Belt, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; P.B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; C. W. Sanderson, S.D.; Dr. Whittle, J.D.; J. O. Marples, I.G.; J. Monk, Org.; Josef Cantor, Asst. Org.; H. Round, S.S.; W. Addis, J.S.; C. Buchanan, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There were about thirty visitors present and the whole of the proceedings passed off with the greatest enthusiasm. LIVERPOOL.-Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609)

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Messrs. Atheston, Delbridge, Ben Davies, and William Walton were initiated, and Bros. W. Morgan and J. Crust

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An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Woodhouse, the hall steward, whose catering invariably gives satisfaction; and during the evening two choice orchestral pieces, a grand selection from "Il Travatore" and "The Poet and Peasant" overture, by Suppé, were played with remarkably fine effect by a number of instrumentalists hailing from the Rosa Opera Company, of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, viz., Bros. John Pew (conductor of the Rosaists), Vandenberg, Buziau, Rawlings, Pokins, Cruft, Lawson, Neubert, Blamphin, and Cantor. Other items of musical and histrionic interest were given by Bros. Ben Davies (one of the most promising tenors ever attached to Davies (one of the most promising tenors ever attached to the Carl Rosa lyric combination), Bros. Edgar Wilson, John Hodgson, Org. 1350; Ellis Brammall, jun., and Josef Cantor. The meeting was one of the most successful and enjoyable held in connection with the Dramatic Lodge for a long time.

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday week, at the Masonic Hall, when there was held on Wednesday week, at the Masonic Hall, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Bewick, W.M., assisted by Bros. J. Brodie, S.W.; J. Chadwick, J.W.; and the other officers. Dr. Norman having been balloted for and approved, was duly initiated by Bro. Geo. Hardy, P.M., D. of C., and Bros. Revil and Wood were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Jas. McCulloch, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, when Bro. Geo. Hardy was unanimously elected. Bro. J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. Murray, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. J. McNamara, W.M. 97; Geo. Lawson, P.M. 240; and others.

The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment and a harmonious evening was spent.

URMSTON. — Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).
—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Lord Nelson Hotel on the 15th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. B. Seel, W.M.; Dr. Thos. Fiddes, S.W.; A. H. Sansom, J.W.; Rev. E. Harwood Cooke, P.M., P.G.C., Chap.; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P. G.P. Cheshire, Sec.; E. L. Littler, S.D.; John Slyman, I.G.; J. Kirk, Tyler; A. E. Corcoran, J. R. England, P.M.; T. L. Browne, G. F. Tate, W. Hill, J. Ridehalgh, M. Wheeler, and C. Royland. Visitors: Bros. W. Bowden, P.M. 1213, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Andrew, P.M. 1213; A. Hassall, W.M. 1213; H. Galloway, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. E. Lanc.; J. Dewhurst, W.M. 1387; Rev. J. R. Gibson, Chap. 158S; J. E. Boden, W.M. 158S; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the W.M. clect (Bro. Dr. Fiddes) was installed W.M. for the ensuing year and saluted in the usual manner by the brethren.

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Bro. Dr. Fiddes then appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. Goodacre as follows: Bros. A. H. Sansom, S.W.; E. L. Littler, J.W.; Rev. E. H. Cooke, Chap.; T. R. Higginson, Treas.; W. Goodacre, P.M., Sec. (invested by Bro. Seel); P. Heaton, S.D. (by proxy, being absent through the death of his wife); J. Slyman, J.D.; Dobson, D. of C.; W. Cole (by proxy), C. Rowland, T. L. Browne, Gittins, and W. Hill, Stwds.; and J. Kirk, Tyler.

The Installing Master delivered the three addresses. It is scarcely precessary to say that the entire ceremony was

is scarcely necessary to say that the entire ceremony was performed in a masterly manner by Bro. Goodacre, and left

charity Masons might rest assured would be returned by T.G.A.O.T.U. tenfold. The remarks of Bro. Sissons were listened to by the brethren with wrapt attention.

Bros. King, Haigh, Forder, Bennett, and A. P. Wilson responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were of a most enjoyable character.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—
This lodge held a meeting at the Lion Hotel on Thursday, 18th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Hiscox, W.M.; Moody, S.W.; Davey, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Jessett, P.M. acting S.D.; Jackson, I.G.; Spearing, M.C.; T. C. Walls, Spearing, M.C.; T. C. Walls, W. Walson and service arranged by Bro. R. C. Walls, W. W. Walson and left mothing to be desired.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A capital dinner was provided for the brethren, the menu including two or three choice dishes rarely seen at this early period of the year. When the banquet was finished the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, that of. "The V.W.D.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Fredk. Stanley, M.P., and Present and Past Prov. Grand Cooke, P.M., P.G. Chap., who after acknowledging the compliment, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so remarked that he (the W.M.," and in doing so remarked that he (the W.M.,") and in doing so remarked that he (the W.M.) was like good old wince, the longer kept the better liked. Bro. Cooke went wince, and left mothing to be desired.

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on to say that he felt sure the W.M. would satisfactorily perform the duties allotted to him with credit to himself and the lodge, and would also be well able to propose the various toasts and make good speeches, as he (Bro. Cooke) well remembered the humourous manner in which the W.M. responded to the toast of his health after taking his three loggress. Bro. Cooke continuing said there were one three Degrees. Bro. Cooke continuing, said there was one thing that weighed upon his mind and caused a vein of serious thought to run through his apparent merry mood, which was the critical condition of one of their members whom they all highly esteemed, viz. Bro. Greatorex, who was at the point of death, and there was no probability of his ever been with them again. In asking the brethren to sympathise with him over their brother's affliction he trusted that if it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take him from this earthly dwellier that he wight a frequency dwell is that earthly dwelling that he might afterwards dwell in that heavenly abode where harmony, peace, and love reigned, and where he might drink of the fullest blessing throughout the endless ages of eternity. In reverting to the toast he had risen to propose, Bro. Cooke said he would ask the brethren to join with him in drinking "The Health of the WMM"

The invitation of the reverend brother was promptly reponded to by the brethren.

Bro. E. L. Littler, S.W., sang "Here's to his health in

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a song."

Bro. Dr. Fiddes in reply said he thanked Bro. Cooke very much for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and expressed a hope that he should deserve the high opinion that had been formed of him. The W.M. further said that Bro. Cooke had very feelingly alluded to the dangerous condition of Bro. Greatorex, and he (Bro. Fiddes) regretted to have to allude to another misfartune which had fallen to

Bro. Cooke had very feelingly alluded to the dangerous condition of Bro. Greatorex, and he (Bro. Fiddes) regretted to have to allude to another misfortune which had fallen to one of their brethren who was absent from them that day, viz., Bro. Heaton, who had recently lost his wife. The W.M. concluding said he was sure all the brethren would sympathise with Bro. Heaton in his affliction, and thanked them all for so cordially responding to the toast.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Seel," the Worshipful Master said he thought no W.M. had been more popular in the Urmston Lodge than Bro. Seel, and no one had done his work better.

Bro. Seel in reply said that when twelve months since he was placed in the chair of K.S. he made up his mind he would do all he could to benefit the lodge, and although there had not been a great deal of work during his year he telt that in retiring from office he retained the kindly feelings of every officer of the lodge. Bro. Seel concluded by hoping the W.M. might have a prosperous year, and that they should all be brethren in heart as well as in name.

The I.P.M., Bro. Seel, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.M.," said he felt great pleasure in so doing, inasmuch as he above them all was most indebted to him for performing the ceremony, because it generally fell to the lot of the retiring W.M. to install his successor. The brethren were well aware how ably Bro. Goodacre performed any ceremony that he undertook, and to-day's performance had been no exception. He thanked him as he was sure the brethren all to drink his health.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, after which Bro. Goodacre returned thanks, and in doing so remarked that this was the fifth or sixth occasion that he had risen to reply to that toast.

Bro. Galloway, P.P.G. Reg. East Lanc., in proposing "The Healths of the P.Ms.," said that although he was not a member of the Urmston Lodge he always took a great interest in its welfare, and it was a great pleasur

not a member of the Urmston Lodge ne always took a great interest in its welfare, and it was a great pleasure for him to be amongst them. In speaking of them individually Bro. Galloway mentioned the names of Bros. Goodacre, Barber, Cooke, and Seel, and said they were all good and true men and jolly good fellows, whom it was a pleasure to meet anywhere, and he wished them every success.

Bro. J. R. England replied.

There were several other toasts proposed and responded to, the intervals between being enlivened with songs from Bros. J. Andrew, E. L. Littler, R. R. Lisenden, &c., and an enjoyable evening terminated at 11 o'clock.

NOTTINGHAM.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1909).

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The monthly meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 15th inst. The meeting was made special to commemorate the opening of a new organ which had recently been placed in the hall for the use of the lodge, the cost of the same having been defrayed for by the brethren in the province. A large number were present on the occasion, including Bros. R. C. Wills, W.M.; J. T. Spalding, I.P.M.; A. Phelps, S.W.; C. W. Warriner, J.W.; W. Senior, Chap.; J. Hall, P.M., Sec.; W. Runge, S.D.; R. H. Beverley, J.D.; I. P. W. Marx, I.G.; W. Lawrence, Org.; J. Davis, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Massey and C. A. Bolton, Studs.; J. Marx, P.M., P.G. Stud.; E. Goldschmidt, and H. Sims.

Among the brethren present who had accepted the kind hospitality of the lodge and its members were the following: Bros. J. Feilman, I.P.M. 1434; R. Fitzburgh, P.M. 411, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Lawson, P.M. 47, P.G.P.; W. Wright, I.434, P.G.O.; W. J. Gardner, W.M. 1794, P.G. Stud.; G. Chapman, W.M. 47; J. T. McCraith, W.M. 1434; J. Toplis, I.P.M. 506; W. Hickling, W.M. 411; W. J. Rogerson, S.D. 1435; A. H. Bonser, Org. 1852; H. Myers, 1180; H. Campion, 1031; H. R. Bickley, 340; J. Pearse, 74; W. Hirsch, 1405; T. S. Dobson, 47; G. Richards, 1435; H. Walker, 1434; J. L. Bullock, J.D. 1704; H. Blandy, 411; G. Baxter, 47; W. Sclby, 47; J. S. Taylor, 47; G. Simpson, 1794; E. Smith, 1435; A. Claude Taylor, 404; W. Oakden, 1794; W. Burrows, 1794; W. Wharton, 47; T. Ridge, 1405; and W. Press, 47. After reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. II. Sims was ruised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., the I.P.M. giving the charge and lecture. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed, the anthems and service arranged by Bro. R. C. Wills, W.M., being carefully rendered by Bros. H. Myers, H. Campion, H. R. Bickley, and J. Pearce, the choral part adding much to the effect and solemnity of the occasion.

After some routine business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, the remain

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UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—
A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on the 19th inst., and was well attended. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor, opened the lodge, the officers being Bros. C. H. Wiltshire, S.W.; J. Style, J.W.; H. A. Wiltshire, S.D.; l. N. Bate, J.D.; C. H. Phillips, I.G.; James Terry, P.M., Sec.; and F. Thurston, P.M., Treas. There were also present Bros. B. Fullwood, P.M.; H. M. Williams, R. W. Pooler, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Thurston as candidate proved F.C. proficency, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. and officers in a most effective and impressive manner, the traditional history being fully given, and Bro. Bate subsequently delivered the charge in M.M. Degree. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree and called off for "entry drill" and called on. Having been again raised the lodge was closed down in due order. Bro. Richard Poore was nominated by the Preceptor as W.M. for the ensuing week, the officers to retain their present positions.

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Bro. Thurston announced his intention to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and acknowledged a liberal support by brethren.

The lodge was then closed in due from.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No 1585).—On Monday, the 15th inst., a very large gathering of the members of this flourishing lodge and their friends assembled at the lodge room at the Railway Hotel, Highstreet, Putney, to hear Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hants, P.P.G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, and 1366, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, work the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The room was quite full, there being as we understand over So brothern present.

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Amongst the more prominent members of the lodge present were Bros. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 73, 871, 1309, &c.; William Carter, P.M. and Treas. 141; John Walker, P.M. 27; John Noble, P.M. and Secretary 975; J. G. Carter, P.M. 1044; Führ, P.M. 1208; Henry Hammond, P.M. 1216; Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, Preceptor of the lodge; J. W. Robinson, P.M. 1585; J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; Edward Ayling, W.M. 975; J. J. Holland, W.M. 1044; John Featherstone, J.W. 1656, Treasurer of the lodge; J. W. Radford, S.W. 1420; Oliver, 1767; and Goldring, 975 and 1216, Secretary of the lodge.

Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 93, 1326, and 1423; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974, P. Dist. G. Supt. Works Punjab; J. Skirving, P.M. 87; W. Stewart, P.M. and Secretary 141; Thomas Markland, W.M. 144; J. Morrison, P.M. 148; J. R. Vine, P.M. 173; J. King, P.M. 362; T. Cross, P.M. 1194; T. E. Hardy, P.M. 1420; and W. P. Webb, P.M. 1581.

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After opening the lodge in due form, the ceremony of consecration was fully rehearsed in a most careful and impressive manner by Bro. Terry, who was followed throughout by the large gathering with marked and earnest attention. The musical parts were well sustained, Bro. Oliver presiding at the harmonium. At its conclusion Bro. Edward Ayling, W.M. of 975, was duly installed by Bro. Terry in the chair of K.S., in a manner eliciting the warmest admiration. Webb, P.M. 158

admiration.

Bro. Ayling having appointed and invested his officers, Bro. Terry gave the ancient charges to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren, and the ceremony of installation was brought to a conclusion.

A grant of Five Guineas was made out of the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and by order of the lodge placed on the list of Bro. Featherstone, who goes up as Steward to the forthcoming festival as representative of the Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, of which he is I.W. which he is J.W.

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About a dozen brethren (including Bro. Terry) joined the lodge as ordinary members.

A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Bro. Terry, who in responding thereto disclaimed any credit for discharging in a perfect manner the duties he had undertaken, holding as he did that no brother ought to attempt any ceremony that he did not feel in himself he was capable of carrying out to the letter, enlarging upon the subject to the evident profit and pleasure of his hearers.

The lodge was then closed amidst the hearty congratulations of the assembly at the delightful and highly instructive evening which had been passed, and the meeting stood adjourned until the next Monday evening at eight o'clock.

O'clock.

We have been requested to state that the lodge meets every Monday evening throughout the year—except Bank Holidays—at eight o'clock, and that the third anniversary supper will take place on the third Monday in February.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).-A meet

confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and next in the Third Degree, and afterwards closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. It was proposed by Bro. Kirby, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Band, that Bro. J. W. Court be the W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or of this lodge in particular, it was closed in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

Royal Arch.

WANDERERS CHAPTER (No. 1604).—The members of this chapter assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst. Comps. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; Geo. Boulton, H.; and W. Vincent. J., having opened the chapter, the minutes of the preceding convocation were read and passed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Edward Kensington, 1853; Geo. Musson, Thos. W. Harris, and F. William Ogg, all of the Wanderers Lodge. It was in each case favourable. The candidates who presented themselves were Bros. Brindley (who had passed the ordeal of the ballot at the previous convocation), George Musson, and F. W. Ogg. After the usual examination had been made, the brethren named were duly admitted to the Degree. The elections of Principals and officers for the ensuing year were afterwards proceeded with, the voting in each instance being unanimous. The following appointments were made: Comps. George Boulton, M.E.Z.; William Vincent, H.; F. Wray, J.; C. Fuller, Treas.; W. H. Baker, S.E.; Griffiths, S.N.; J. Gibson, P.S.; Butterworth, 1st Asst.; Edmund Seale, 2nd Asst.; and J. Lackland, Janitor. Comps. Jones and Dallison were chosen for the Audit Committee.

After several complimentary remarks had been made upon the manner in which Comp. Smith had discharged the duties of each of the chairs, a jewel was voted to him in recognition of his services to the chapter. Other matters having received attention the chapter was closed.

WHITEHAVEN.-Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, College, on Friday, the 12th inst. Present: Comps. George Dalrymple, M.E.Z., P.G.S. Br.; Edward Clarke, H.; F. Hodgson, J.J. J. T. Ray, S.E.; J. S. Braithwaite, S.N.; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.J., as P.S.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S., and George Sparrow, Asst. Sojs.; J. M. Salisbury, Janitor, P.G.J.; M. Golightly, Steward; T. Atkinson, P.Z., P.G. ist Asst. S.; Edward Tyson, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Cowman, B. Grey, R. Thomas, James Batt, W. C. Johns, Rev. Stuart Hall, S. Blinkhorn, J. Wood, W. F. Hunter, S. J. Newman, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and a ballot taken for two candidates, Bros. Gowan and Moore, both of whom were accepted and exalted to the Sublime Degree.

The hearty co-operation of the P.Z's., with the present officers, makes the working of this chapter to be well maintained. WHITEHAVEN .-- Sun, Square, and Compasses

After the proposition of one brother for exaltation the chapter was closed in peace and due form, and the com-panions adjourned for a short time, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

LITTLEBOROUGH.-Chapter of Benevolence (No. 226).—The members of this chapter assembled at the Red Lion Hotel on Wednesday, the roth inst.; there were present Comps. C. R. W. Beswicke Royds, Prov. Grand H.; W. Eastwood, Z.; T. E. Heap, H.; Jas. Blacka, P.Z., P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., S.E.; John Ashworth, P.Z., P.S.; W. S. Schofield, P.Z.: J. R. Blacka, P.Z.; J. B. Priestley, Geo. Wilson, and R. Wilde, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645, 1387, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., and W. Davis, P.Z. 54.

The chapter was opened at four p.m., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ballot] was taken for Bros. P. P. Johnson and Robt. Nuttall, both of the Benevolence Lodge, and being declared favourable they were exalted into the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe. A telegram was received from the H. elect stating his inability to be present. Comp. T. E. Heap, Z. elect, and Comp. George Wilson, J. elect, were presented to Comp. Sillitoe for installation, and were by him inducted into their respective chairs. The following officers were also invested by Comp. Sillitoe, viz.: Comps. Eastwood, P.Z., S.E.; J. Blacka, P.Z., S.N.; J. Ashworth, P.Z., P.S.; P. Johnson and R. Nuttall, Asst. Soj.; R. Whitworth, Treasurer; and R. Wilde, Janitor. At the close of the ceremony a vote of thanks was cordially proposed and passed to Comp. Sillitoe for the valuable services he had rendered, and a strong desire was expressed by all present that he should on some early occasion pay them another rendered, and a strong desire was expressed by all present that he should on some early occasion pay them another

The chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 24th inst. at the Black Horse Tayern, York-street, Buckingham-gate. There were present Bros. L. Nathan, tW.M.; J. Gibson S.W.; A. Hayes, J.W.; F. G. Wray, Preceptor; T. W. Harris, Treas.; George Masson, Sec.; Coughlan, S.D.; Davison; J.D.; B. Nathan, I.G.; Stamp, T. H. Smith, Steven, E. Nathan, Brindley, and Morse.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. Bro. E. Nathan answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted, Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Nathan duly passed. Bro. Brindley answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted, and the lodge having been opened up, duly raised. After the election of Bro. Gibson as W.M. for next meeting the lodge was closed in harmony.

The Wray Masonic Chaitable Association in connection with this lodge of instruction has since its formation (October 1881), forwarded to the Charities 125 guineas.

WALMER.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).

—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giless-treet, on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. John Shepherd, W.M.; J. W. Comps. G. S.W.; R. David, P.Z., S. M., Berry, P.G. Std. H., Z.; J. B. Bridgman, Z. elect, P.G. Stwd., H.; George Green, P.G. Stwd., S. Broy, P.G., S. M., J. W. Browne (Freemason), Org.; P.Z.; Edwin The lodge of instruction has since its formation (October 1881), forwarded to the Charities 125 guineas.

WALMER.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).

—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the lodge one, when there were present Bros. John Shepherd, W.M.; J. W. Court, S.W.; R. Duval, J.W.; G. Band, S.D.; James Dow, J.D.; Geo. Beale, I.G.; and E. Kirby, P.M., Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and unanimously in the last regular meeting read and unanimously in the last regular meeting read and unanimously in the last regular meeting read and una

furniture and regalia. This had now been entirely cleared, owing to the kindness of companions of the chapter and of presents and subscriptions. The chapter are be be congratulated on their success. Some further desultory business having taken place and "Hearty good wishes" given by the visiting brethren, the chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, Comp. S. W. Berry rendering the charge in beautiful style.

At the invitation of Comp. Bridgman, M.E.Z., the companions adjourned to a most recherché supper provided by Comp, Wilkin, the Steward of the Club, and at the coclusion thereof the usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104). — The January meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the Guildhall Tavern, when there were present Bros. N. J. Basnett, W.M.; George Yaxley, S.W.; J. K. Pitt, M.O.; W. Johnson, S.O.; Thomas W. Simons, J.O. G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; M. Mildred, J.D.; Fernand Davies, D.C.; W. H. Bale, Stwd.; Josiah Mainwaring, I.G.; Wm. P. Collins, P.M.; R. L. Meyer, W. Lake, Alex, Allan, Donald M. Dewar, W. B. Scott, W. C. Hale, and L. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G.; and H. Masssey, P.M. 22 (Freemason). Notice of motion was given on behalf of Bro. Berridge, P.M., Treas., to alter the day of meeting of the lodge from the third Saturday to the third Monday in the month. The brethren afterwards dined together. The W.M. in the course of the evening referred to the feeling of regret which had been expressed in the lodge at the absence through illness of Bro. Alfred Williams, P.M. and Bro. Mildred was desired to convey this expression to Bro. Williams from the lodge and the brethren individually.

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SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams Lodge (No. 6).—The members of this lodge met at the Britannia Hotel on Tuesday, the 9th inst., to assist at the installation of Bro. Henry Alfred Johnson, the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. M. J. Sullivan, in due and ancient form, when it was announced that the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Kent, Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, was about to visit the lodge, and on his entrance he was received with the usual honours on such an occasion. The members present were Bros. M. J. Sullivan, W.M., P.P.G.M.S.C.; A. Spears, P.M., P.P.G.M.S.W., P.P.G.M.S.C.; A. Spears, P.M., P.P.G.M.A. Sec.; E. J. Penney, P.M., P.P.G.M.J.W.; H. A. Johnson, S.W., P.P.G.M.I. of W.; G. T. Green, J.W., P.P.G.M. Org.; W. T. Carpenter, J.O., P.P.G.M.S.B.; R. J. E. Brown, M.O., P.P.G.M.A.D.C.; R. H. Plattin, S.D., P.P.G.M. S.B.; E. E. Beek, J.D., P.P.G.M.S.; S. Zammit, Past G.M.I.G.; and M. Pierson, I.G. Among the visitors, in addition to the Provincial Grand Master, were Bros. H. Black, W.M. 69, and C. Coleman, Keystone Lodge, Valletta, Malta.

Bro. J. Bagsnaw presented Bro. H. A. Johnson, the W.M. elect, to the presiding officer, Bro. A. Spears, who acted as Installing Master, and in his usual able and impressive manner performed the beautiful ceremony. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. M. J. Sullivan, I.P.M.; G. T. Green, S.W.; R. J. E. Brown, J.W.; T. H. Smith, M.O. (by proxy); W. T. Carpenter, S.O.; R. H. Plattin, J.O.; A. Spears, Treas.; J. Bagshaw, Sec.; M. Pierson, S.D.; C. E. Beek, J.D.; E. J. Penney, D.C.; Spiro Zammit, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler.

After the ceremony the Worshipful Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. A. Spears for the able manner in which he had perfouned the installation ceremony, and that the same be recorded in the minutes, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

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Bro. A. Spears thanked the prethren in a lew appropriate remarks, and on behalf of himself and the brethren of the lodge expressed the pleasure it afforded them to see the Provincial Grand Master present, which they deemed a great honour to the lodge.

The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren on

The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren on the principles of Mark Masonry, and expressed his pleasure at meeting the brethren of Adams Mark Lodge, No. 6. and after "Hearty good wishes" from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, also from 69, Chatham, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Mrs Green of the above hotel, which received their approbation, and after passing a pleasant evening the brethren separated.

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NEWBURY.—Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—
The installation of the Senior Warden of this lodge, Bro.
F. H. Lyon, M.D., as W.M. for the ensuing year took
place on Friday, the 19th inst., the ceremeny being ably
and impressively performed by Bro. J. T. Pulley, P.M.,
the energetic Prov. Grand Secretary (Bucks and Oxon.)
The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the
ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. J. Cosburn, S.W.; E.
Head, J.W.; E. P. Plenty, M.O.; S. Knight, S.O.; M.
Palmer, J.O.; E. Head, Treas.; F. H. Marychurch, Sec.;
G. Boyer, Reg., M.; W. Graham, S.D.; C. Chapman,
J. Bance, D.C.; S. G. Hunt, Steward; and J. Hattatt, I.G.
After the lodge business the brethren partook of a banquet
at the Jack Hotel, and the customary toasts were honoured.

TWICKENHAM. — Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 17th inst. Among those present were Bros. Sanders, W.M.; T.C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., S.W., W.M. elect; R. Thrupp, P.G. Overseer, acting J.W.; W. W. Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, I.P.M. and Treas.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., Sec.; Briggs, S.D.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middx. and Surrey, P.M., &c.; James Stevens, P.G.O. (hon. member); and Harrison, Tyler. Bro. John Hammond, P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, W.M. Era, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. C. Walls was duly presented and ably installed into the chair of A. by W. Bro. Stevens. The officers invested were Bros. Fisher, S.W. (by deputy); Handel, J.W.; Piller, M.O.; Briggs, S.O.; Frampton, J.O.; W. Taylor, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec.; Sanders, I.P.M.; and J. Harrison, Tyler. The other appointments were postponed. TWICKENHAM. - Francis Burdett Lodge

were postponed.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The presentation of a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Hopwood then took place. Previously to the lodge being closed a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to W. Bro. Sanders.

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The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed. W. Bro. J. Stevens responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Raymond Thrupp replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was cordially proposed by the J.P.M.

the I.P.M.

Bro. Walls having acknowledged the compliment then gave "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Sanders, who responded.

"The Installing Officer" came next, and was fluently replied to by Bro. Stevens.

"The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Briggs, terminated the precedings.

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FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. B. Craig, S.W., P.G.I.G., as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a good muster, and with one exception all the newly-appointed officers were present for investiture. Bro. E. Clarke, W.M., P.G.I. of Works, occupied the chair, supported by the following Past Masters: Bros. R. Baxter, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Walker, P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Harper, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; and Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., Installing Master.

On the minutes being confirmed, Bro. Clarke presented Bro. Craig, who was duly installed and greeted according to ancient custom, and afterwards invested the following as his officers: Bros. E. Clarke, I.P.M.; D. Bell, S.W.; F. T. Allatt, J.W.; J. Routledge, M.O.; Geo. Lowden, S.O.; J. Black, J.O.; Rev. W. Thwaites, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Harper, P.M., Treas.; W. Swain, Reg. of Marks; J. Peel, Sec.; Chas. Gowan, S.D.; W. J. Harvey, J.D.; A. Crawford, D. of C.; J. Johnston, I.G.; and J. Close, P.P.G.T., Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" was then given from Lodges 151 and 213, and Bro. Dalrymple intimated that it was his intention, if approved of, to offer himself as a Steward at the next annual Grand Mark Festival, which was well received. The lodge was then duly closed, and at the invitation of the newly-installed W.M. the brethren dined

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Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PORTSMOUTH.—Royal Naval Chapter (No. 9),
—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the
Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on the 10th instant.
Bro. G. Felton Lancaster was installed as M.W.S.,
by Bro. M. E. Frost, P.M.W.S., and the following officers
were appointed, viz.: Bros. H. Martin Green, High
Prelate; E. E. Street, 1st Gen.; W. M. Marshalsay, 2nd
Gen.; W. Maybour, Grand Marshal; J. Gieve, Herald;
R. J. Rastrick, Captain of Guard; H. J. Guy, Recorder;
M. E. Frost, Treas.; Major F. S. Terry, D.C. The
Auditor's report was read and approved, and votes of
thanks passed to Bros. George Bond, as M.W.S.; H. J.
Guy, as Recorder; and Mark E. Frost, as Treasurer, during
the past year for their services.

The chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to
the Dolphin Hotel, where the banquet was held with the
usual formalities. PORTSMOUTH.—Royal Naval Chapter (No. 0).

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Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).

This old and distinguished encampment held a meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, on the 12th inst., when there were present among others Sir Knights T. C. Walls, P.E.C. in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Knight Alfred Williams; C. Driver, P.E.C., P.G.A. D.C., acting Prelate; W. Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. M. Dewar, P.C. of G., &c., Reg.; Dr. Sanders, 1st Captain; F. Driver, Expert; Graveley, C. of Lines; Glynne, 1st Std. Br.; J. H. Dodson, 2nd Std. Br.; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; R. Stewart, and others. The visitors were Sir Knights Matier (Scotland); Lott, Kemeys-Tynte; and H. Dicketts, Holy Palestine.

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The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. D. Harris, 1560, and W. J. Freer, 1560, were, by permission of the E.C., most ably installed into the Order by Sir Knight Dewar. The installation of Sir Knight Sanders, M.D., into the chair was performed by Sir Knight Charles Driver.

The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing are as follows: Sir Knights A. Williams, Prelate; Berridge, 1st Captain; Driver, 2nd Captain; Graveley, Expert; Paas, Almoner; Dewar, Reg.; Glynne, C. of Lines; Dodson and A. Tisley, Std. Brs.; Stohwasser and Lardner, Heralds; Stewart, D.C.; and Rawles, Equerry.

The report of the Audit Committee having been read and a resolution passed as to the affixing of a tablet to the banner recently presented to the encampment by Sir Knight Williams, in order that the donor's name should be transmitted down to future members, the encampment was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served under the genial presidency of the E.C., whose subsequent speeches were characterised by their pertinency and commendable brevity. brevity.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PEEBLES AND SELKIRK.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 12th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Galashiels, Bro. James Wolfe Murray of Cringletie, P.G.M., presiding. The other P.G. office-bearers present were: Bros. Dr. Middleton, D.P.G.M.; James T. S. Elliot, S.P.G.M.; Captain Black, P.G.S. Warden; Robert Sanderson, P.G. Secretary; John F. Walker, P.G. Treasurer: Andrew Sword, P.G. Dir. of Cers; A. S. Lawson, P.G. Jeweller; William H. Cook, Stephen Oliver, Robert Melrose, P.G. Tyler. The following lodges were represented: Kilwinning Lodge, No. 24, Peebles; St. John, No. 32, Selkirk; St. John, No. 104, Jedburgh; St. Jonn, No. 111, Hawick; St. John, No. 106, Stow; St. John, No. 262, Galashiels. The P.G. Lodge was opened at 3.45 by the P.G. Master, Bro. Thomas Hogg, R.W.M. No. 32, acting as P.G. Junior Warden.

Warden.

The minutes of last quarterly communication and P.G. visits having been read and confirmed, the P.G. Secretary submitted a letter apologising for absence from Bro. the Rev. Alex. J. Murray, P.G. Chaplain.

The resignation of Bro. George Pott, as P.G. Junior Warden was accepted by the P.G. Master, and the P.G. Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the P.G.M. and lodge to Bro. Pott for his services during the time he had held office.

The P.G.M. intimated he had much pleasure in appointing the Rev. Bro. Workman, Chaplain of No. 216, Stow, to the vacant office, to whom a commission would be made out forthwith.

The next business was the election of non-commissioned office bearers for the year, when the following brethren were elected, and those of them who were present were installed in their respective offices: Bros. John F. Walker, Stow, P.G. Treasurer; Thomas Hunter, Hawick, P.G. Senior Deacon; Wm. Munro, Galashiels, P.G. Junior Deacon; A. S. Lawson, Hawick, P.G. Jeweller; Andrew Green, Peebles, P.G. Bible Bearer; David Towns, Selkirk, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; James B. Mercer, Stow, P.G. Sword Bearer; Rev. John Thomson, Hawick, P.G. Bard; George Thomson, Selkirk, P.G. Dir. of Music; Andrew Smith, Selkirk, P.G. Pres. of Stewards; Wm. Hall and Wm. Waldie, Wm. H. Cook, Stow, Homer A. Milroy, Galashiels; Alex. Hodge, Peebles; and George S. Dunbar, Jedburgh, P.G. Stewards; Stephen Oliver, Galashiels, P.G. Inner Guard; and Robert Melrose, Galashiels, P.G. Tyler.

A statement of the income and expenditure of P.G. Lodge was then read, and the same remitted to the Audit Committee. The next business was the election of non-commissioned

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After some other matters of business were disposed of the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the hrethren adjourned to the Abbotsford Hotel, where dinner was purveyed by Bro. M'Lagan, Bro. Dr. Middleton presiding. After the cloth was removed a varied programme of toasts, songs, and addresses was given, the songs, &c., being contributed by Bros. Hogg, Cockburn, Mercer, Melrose, Wood, Workman, Hogg (Selkirk), Middleton, and others. The lodge was closed about ten o'clock.

Dbituary.

BRO. JOHN JONES.

The interment of the mortal remains of the late Bro. John Jones, for a long series of years connected with her Majesty's Probate Office at Bangor, took place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at Glanadda cemetery. The deceased was a member of our Order, and in length of service the second lay clerk of Bangor Cathedral. The ceremony partock of a semi-public character, and was very largely partock of a semi-public character, and was very largely part was a member of our Order, and in length of service the second lay clerk of Bangor Cathedral. The ceremony partook of a semi-public character, and was very largely and respectably attended. The surpliced choir of the cathedral and the Welsh parochial choir, headed by Archdeacon Evans (canon in residence), Minor Canons Foulkes, Jones, and Evans, the Rev. T. R. Walters, curate of Llandegai, and Dr. Roland Rogers, organist of the cathedral, preceded the hearse, there being amongst the cortége several brethren of St. David's Lodge, No. 384, and other lodges, wearing Masonic mourning. The St. David's Lodge was represented by Bros. M. Roberts, W.M.; John Hughes, S.W.; D. Griffith Davies, J.W.; D. Wynn Williams, P.M., Sec. and Dir. of Cers.; J. A. Wilson, I.G.; Capt. Roberts, acting S.D.; Captain Rowlands, acting J.D.; J. Jones, P.M.; R. Owen, P.M.; Robert Roberts, P.M.; E. W. Thomas, W. Rowlands, W. Edwards, J. Williams, Ellis Roberts, T. Mills, S.S.; R. P. Evans, H. P. Stubbington, Tyler; Fred. Jones, P.M. 1113; J. Ellis, P.M. 565. The large attendance of the general public testified to the respect which the deceased brother enjoyed. The service was read by the Rev. Daniel Evans, M.A., vicar of Bangor, and Canon Owen Evans. Upon the coffin were a number of beautiful wreaths sent by friends.



Mr. Harry Paulton has written a new comedy for Bro. Toole, who will shortly produce it.

* * * Mr. Coghlan has accepted an engagement at the Haymarket on the withdrawal of "Caste."

As we anticipated last week Bro. Toole has found "Dot" in such request that it is being played for a few more nights than was at first intended.

Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt (Madame Damala) is about to sell her valuable jewels to discharge her debts. is probable she will not visit England this year.

Mr. Leader will open Her Majesty's with Mr. H. S. Leigh's "Voyage to the Moon" on Easter Monday, for which Miss Fanny Leslie has been engaged.

Bro. Taylor's "Fast Coach" has been withdrawn, and "Paradise Villa" now precedes "Rip Van Winkle" at the Comedy.

Bro. Clayton, owing to a domestic affliction, has been absent from the Court the last week; his place in "Comrades" has been taken by Mr. Macklin with much

Bro. Byron's new three act comedy for the Vaudeville is called "Open House." We only hope it will bring as great a fortune to the author and lessee as did "Our Boys."

Miss Marie Litton, we regret to say, is still very ill. A contemporary says very little hope is entertained of her recovery. Her last appearance in London was in "Moths," when she played Vera.

Bro. Edward Swanborough's wife's (Miss Fanny Hughes) farewell benefit will be taken on the 5th prox. at the Vaudeville, when a number of prominent artistes will give their services.

It is reported that two new theatres are to be erected in the West End, one under the ownership of Mr. Addison, of the Comedy. No definite particulars are yet announced.

Mr. Charles Reade's "Dora" now succeeds "Love and Money," by the same author, as the after piece at the Adelphi. In a few weeks Mr. Reade's tenancy of the theatre ceases and the Messrs. Gatti will bring out a drama by Mr. Robert Buchanan.

Bro. Sims is writing his first comic opera, and Mr. Clay is composing the music. Much interest will be attached to this. It is to be entitled "The Merry Duchess," and brought out by Miss Kate Santley at the Royalty about Easter.

Mr. Gilbert Farquhar is about to take up the stage as a profession, and will make his debut on the 31st inst. He is connected with the banking firm of Herries, Farquhar, and Co., and is well known in aristrocratic

Mrs. Parkes Goodtry, better known as Miss Amy Sedgwick, read a selection before the Queen and Princess Beatrice at Osborne House. The ladies and gentlemen-inwaiting and the servants of the household were invited to hear the readings.

Her Majesty's is now under the management of Mr. Farnie, Mr. Alfred Thompson having gone to Paris. We understand that there has been a general shuffling of the characters, and all for the better. We are glad to learn that Mr. Vance, to whose impersonation as a woman we took exception to in our notice of the "Yellow Dwarf," now plays a man's part now plays a man's part.

Occasionally the second time an opera is brought out it does not take as at first, but this cannot certainly be said of "Olivette," which the Avenue has produced. It was played with enormous success at the Strand a few years ago and judging from its favourable reception has lost none of its charms. This may not be a matter of much surprise when we state that M. Marius is still the Captain de Merrimac, and Miss St. John Olivette. Bro. Ashley is the Duc des Ifs, Miss Minnie Byron the Countess Bathilde, Bro. Henry Bracy Valentin, and Mr. de Lange Marvejn. M. Marius we noticed was labouring at a disadvantage owing to hoarseness, but he and Bro. Ashley threw so much drollery into the opera as to cause it to go down well. Bro. Ashley of course introduced new fun, as for instance allusions to "the grand old man," the Belt case, and the Egyptian heroes. But we sadly miss Bro. Harry Cox as the foster brother. Mr. Clifton plays it in a very different style and make up from our lamented brother. Miss St. John is herself throughout; we may specially mention her duet with the Countess, her solo in the first act, and the "Torpedo and the Whale" in the last act. M. Marius has seen to the mounting of the opera and nothing is left to desire except that it may be lucrative to the house. Bro. Chas. Morton is still as from the opening of the theatre a year ago the acting and most obliging manager. Occasionally the second time an opera is brought ago the acting and most obliging manager.

The "Comedy of Errors" is one of Shakes-The "Comedy of Errors" is one of Shakespeare's plays which has seldom been seen on the stage; perhaps this makes it all the more attractive now it has been brought out at the Strand. We believe it was last played in London in 1864 at the Princess's. It just suits Mr. J.S. Clarke's drollery. The confusion between the twin masters and the twin Dromios excites the risible organs of the audience. The whole company was called before the curtain after the play, but the two Dromios, Messrs. J. S. Clarke and Harry Poulton, were also compelled to show themselves after each act. Mr. Clarke brings to bear upon his character his extraordinary contractions of the fearence. his character his extraordinary contortions of the face and his character his extraordinary contortions of the face and quaint humour he is so justly celebrated for. By far the loudest laughter burst forth from the audience when he gave vent in his droll way to "Master, you certainly have been married, and forgot it." His acting by itself is bound to secure a successful run of the piece. But Mr. Paulton, though very different in his Dromio, adds a lot to the fun. We thought he failed occasionally in parts where another would have succeeded, but he amply made up for this by causing amusement in other places. The Hon. Lewis Wingfield, brother of Bro. Viscount Powerscourt, has designed the dresses. "Toodles" follows, and every one should sit the whole performance out. Mr. Clarke again should sit the whole performance out. Mr. Clarke again here brings out his wonderful comical vein. Altogether the Strand may be said to be settled for some little time to



His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany will install Lord Brooke as Prov. Grand Master of Essex, at Colchester on Friday, the 2nd prox., at 12 o'clock.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Knollys, the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt Wilson, Bro. F. Knollys, and Mr. Holzmann, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Saturday last.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, has accepted the Vice-Presidency of the Royal Army Coffee Taverns Association.

On Monday, Ismail Pasha Ezrab visited Sir Edward Malet, and handed to him two swords of honour which have been presented by the Arab notabilities to Admiral Lord Alcester and General Bro. Lord Wolseley, as well as a case of pistols for presentation to Major-General Drury-Lowe.

The second annual Parliamentary dinner of the Brighton Debating Society took place at the Royal Pavilion, on Monday evening. There was a large attendance, among the guests present being Bros. Hollond, M.P., Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and Alderman Smith, one of the Conservative candidates for the borough.

An Exhibition is proposed to be held in Cork this year, with a view of developing the industries of Ireland, and of improving the condition of the industrial classes throughout the country.

The Balloon Society of Great Britain has received intelligence from Paris to the effect that the balloon Saladin with the car attached, which with the ill-fated Mr. Powell, M.P., was lost about 12 months ago, has been found on the mountains of the Sierra del Piedroza, in Spain. Instructions have been sent to Paris to have what remains of the balloon forwarded to London.

The Prince and Princess of Wales received Bro. Count Nigra on Tuesday at Marlborough House, on his appointment as Italian Ambassador to the Court of St. James's

Bro. G. J. Goschen, M.P. for Ripon, addressed his constituents in the Public Rooms in that city on Monday evening.

Bro. Lord Londesborough presided at a meeting on Monday last of the Executive Committee of the Alhambra Relief Fund, when it was resolved that there should be a treasury on Thursday for the payment of two-thirds of their accustomed earnings to all the unemployed whose salaries did not exceed two guineas per week, except musicians, stage carpenters, and property men. The receipts were reported as, in round figures, \mathcal{L}_3633 , and the amount distributed \mathcal{L}_{1795} .

The ceremonies which were to have taken place on Thursday in honour of the silver wedding of the Imperial Crown Prince and Princess of Germany have been postponed to the 28th February, in consequence of the death of Prince Charles of Prussia. Consequently the visit of the Prince of Wales to Berlin has been deferred.

Bro. Albert Meyers was installed W.M. of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, on Thursday last at Stratford. An account of the proceedings will appear next week.

Bro. Charles Lorkin was installed W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, on Thursday evening. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House for the purpose of raising a fund towards relieving the distress caused by the late terrible conflagration at Kingston, Jamaica. His lordship stated that one-fourth of the city was destroyed, and that out of a population of 30,000 there were 7000 in distress. It was subsequently mentioned that the loss of property amounted to £650,000, of which only about £150,000 was covered by insurance. A list of subscriptions amounting to between £4300 and £4400 was announced, of which £2750 has already been forwarded to Jamaica. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for presiding.

A lady has given a donation of £500 to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, for the purpose of naming after her deceased sister one of the memorial wards in the new building, which is situated in the Fulham-road. The Princess of Wales laid the foundation stone of the new building for the hospital two and a half years since, and it will be ready for occupation in the coming spring. The same lady has given £50 for the furnishing of the ward. There are now but three out of the seventeen wards remaining to be furnished by special donations of a similar

The annual ball of the Mirfield Lodge, No. 1102, was held on the 12th inst. at the Town Hall, Mirfield, where the brethren of the lodge and their friends and ladies spent a very enjoyable evening, the W.M., Bro. James Barker, assisted by the rest of the Stewards, doing everything possible to promote the comfort of the brethren. Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., again acted as M.C., and Bro. Bailey, of the firm of Horsfall and Bailey, of Huddersfield, presided at the piano and conducted the band. The hall was decorated under the superintendence of Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.G. Stwd., who had been particularly successful in giving a light and airy appearance to the room. The children's ball, as customary, was held on the succeeding evening.

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Bro. the Earl of Derby has appointed Mr. Reginald L. Antrobus, of the Colonial Office, to be his private secretary.

The third anniversary supper of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction will take place on the third Monday in February, at the Railway Hotel, Highstreet, Putney.

A new Royal Arch Chapter, to be called the Norman Chapter, will be consecrated by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. Grand Superintendent, on Friday, the 2nd prox., at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.

Bro. A. Tisley, one of the founders and Secretary since its consecration, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, has been elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

An exhibition of a somewhat novel character is announced to be opened at the London Art Galleries, 23, Baker-street, Portman-square, in March next, being an Exhibition of Amateur Art by Ladies. Prizes are offered for the most artistic work. We wish Bro. Forsyth all the success he deserves in his undertaking.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen, M.P., has consented to preside at the Anniversary Pestival of the Asylum fer Idiots on the 7th March.

The Royal Asiatic Society held its first ordinary meeting this year at 22, Albemarle-street on Monday evening. Sir Bartle Frere presided. There was a large attendance, and abstracts of three papers on Oriental history and language were read by Mr. R. N. Cust, honorary secretary.

Lord Aberdare presided at a meeting in Chester Town Hall on Tuesday in connection with the proposed establishment of a University College for North Wales.

Bro. Chas. E. Sexton, of Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, was on the 16th inst. duly installed as W.M. of his lodge.

Ex. Comp. J. B. Bridgman, P.G. Stwd., was installed as M.E.Z.; G. Green, P.G. Stwd., as H.; and T. J. Mackley, as J., of the Cabbell Chapter, No. 807, Norwich, on the 11th inst.

The installation meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, took place on Thursday evening, when Bro. E. F. Sterr, P.M. and Secretary, was presented with a testimonial. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear next week.

M. Gustave Doré, with whose fine illustrations of the works of Dante, Ariosto, Milton, and other works the public are so well acquainted, died in Paris early on Tuesday morning, having only just completed his fiftyfirst year. His death will be very generally regretted, especially in the world of art.

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Bro. R. P. Forge, W.M. of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, Canonbury, upon which occasion the lodge will be opened at eight o'clock sharp (instead of S.30, the usual time), and will be closed at nine o'clock, after which the rest of the evening will be spent convivially.

Bro. H. S. Holdsworth was installed W.M. of the Fearnley Mark Lodge, No. 58, Halifax, on the 10th inst. by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.P.G. J.W., P.G. Stwd. Bro. C. L. Mason, D.P.G.M., P.G. Stwd., visited the lodge on that occasion, and on behalf of the brethren of the Fearnley Lodge presented Bro. W. Cooke, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., P.G.O., with a splendid gold watch as a token of their esteem and respect on his resigning the office of Secretary after 18 years' service.

In the Norfolk Province we live in the age of resuscitations. About two years since the Cabbell Chapter was resuscitated, and is now one of the most flourishing chapters in the kingdom; then came the restoration of the Cabbell Preceptory of Knights Templar, which seems in a fair way of success. We are now promised the resuscitation of the Walpole Mark Lodge, No. 92, and already a large number of brethren have promised their names as candidates. We wish the movement every success.

The aged and working people of Chorlton-cum-Hardy were on Saturday, the 13th inst., entertained by a few members of the Chorlton Lodge, No, 1387, in the large lodge room of the Chorlton Masonic Hall, when over 60 persons sat down to an excellent knife-and-fork tea. Afterwards the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Rains and a selection of music, glees, songs, and recitations was admirably rendered by members of the lodge and other friends. Before the close of the entertainment coffee, sandwiches, plum cake, and fruit were served to the aged guests, papers of tobacco and pipes to those who smoked, and a new halfcrown given to each one of the age of 60 years and upwards. Short addresses were made by Bros. Butcher and W. H. Milner, and the company dispersed at half-past 10 o'clock.

At the annual meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee last Friday evening, the following motion was submitteed by Bro. A. Tobias:—"That a sum not exceeding £ 1000 be borrowed to complete the furnishing and decorations of the Masonic Hall, on security of the lands and buildings, from the trustees of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, at 4 per cent. per annum, to be repaid in sums of not less than £ 150 each year." From the balance statement in connection with the hall for the past year, prepared by Bro. Tobias, hon. treasurer, it appears that the income from the rent of the 23 lodges meeting in the building amounted to £ 433; rent from chapters, £ 116; emergencies, &c., £ 153 10s.; club, £ 35; which, with cash in bank £ 492) and other items, gives a total of £ 1324 195. 10d. The payments amounted to £ 923 14s. 3d.; and there remains in the bank £ 389 15s. 4d., with £ 11 10s. 3d. in treasurer's hands.

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Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., is expected to arrive in London from the south of France on Tuesday next, the 30th inst.

The Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, now meets at Bro. Townley Porter's Grand Avenue Masonic Hall, Gracechurch-street.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge at their last meeting unanimously voted, on the motion of Bro. J. Murlis, a donation of 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the Steward's list.

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The annual dinner of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction took place at the lodge rooms, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, on Tuesday last.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the Annual Ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge on Tuesday night at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., under the patronage of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who it is hoped will be present. Full particulars are given in our advertisement columns.

The St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, now meets at the Langham Hotel on the second Wednesday in February, April, June, October, and December, and the St. Marylebone Chapter at the same place the second Wednesday in January, May, and November.

The French Ambassador will take the chair at the 15th annual dinner, to be held this (Saturday) evening at Willis's-rooms, St. James's, in aid of the funds of the French Hospital and Dispensary.

At the last ordinary meeting of the brethren of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, held in the Freemasons' Hall, South Shields, Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., read a circular from Bro. Robt. Hudson, P.G. Sec., drawing attention to the effort now being made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, to establish a college of music. After a brief conversation the lodge voted the sum of two guineas towards the object in view. The brethren of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643, have generously subscribed six guineas to the same movement.

A select hall was given by the Perse Lodge, No.

A select ball was given by the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, on Friday at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Louis Beck conducted a capital band, and dancing was enjoyed until an early hour. Over 200 brethren and ladies partook of an elegantly-served supper, well superintended by Bro. Dawkins.

On the 5th inst. Bro. Roberts, P.M. 209 and 742, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, and Mrs. Roberts, superintendent and matron of the West London District School, were presented by the officials of the school with an address and testimonial, upon their resignation and appointment to the situation of superintendent and matron of the Sutton District Schools. The presentation was made by Bro. Hume, P.M. 209 and 7,42, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, the clerk to the board of managers.

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A most successful "First Ladies' Night" in connection with the Epping Forest Musical Society took place at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Saturday last, and was largely attended by an appreciative audience. The programme was varied and interesting, and the arrangements generally reflect the highest credit on those who have carried them out. Masonry seems to have indentified itself very closely with all that concerns the Royal Forest Hotel. The president of the Musical Society is Bro. Alfred Buck, W.M. of the Chigwell Lodge (the well-known publisher of Hansard), and the vice-president is Bro. T. B. Gale of the Licensed Victuallers' Gazette. Amongst the list of members we also find the names of many well-known brethren. We congratulate Bro. Gordon on this and all his other efforts to increase the pleasant associations always surrounding this charming place of resort.

As a symptom of the vigorous condition of Free-masonry in York we may mention that a movement is on foot to secure the establishment of a third lodge in this ancient centre of the Craft. All over the country, in fact all over the world, Freemasonry is making extraordinary and unprecedented progress, and in York its vitality is being well exemplified. Some of the very earliest records of Freemasonry are preserved in this city, which is said traditionally to have been the birthplace of the art, and during the last and present centuries many lodges have been formed and worked in York. The present York Lodge was formed in 1777, and was then called the Union Lodge, but changed its title in 1870 to York. The Eboracum Lodge was formed in 1876. Both lodges are exceedingly prosperous, and are doing good work for the Masonic Charities. A petition for a third lodge [has been recommended by both the existing lodges, and has been forwarded to head quarters. Its title, we understand, will be the Agricola Lodge, the Emperor Agricola having been a great patron of the building art during his residence here, and having contributed largely to the fame of the Roman city of Eboracum, the magnificence of whose public buildings won for it the appellation of "Altera Roma."—Yorkshire Gazette.

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The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, of which Bro. J. H. Pringle, S.D. 781, is the Preceptor, and Bro. C. Breden, P.M. 781, Hon. Sec., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., on Wednesday, the 31st inst. Lodge to be opened at seven o'clock prompt. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, will preside, and will be supported by the following eminent workers: Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, S.W.; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, J.W.; and J. H. Pringle, S.D. 781, I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Kennett, S.W. 1716; Second, Bro. Ellingford, W.M. 834; Third, Bro. Loane, D. of C. 1421; Fourth, Bro. Richardson, 174; Fifth, Bro. Moss, S.D. 1275; Sixth, Bro. Stewart, 1278; and Seventh, Bro. Stephens, J.W. 1623. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Rawe, P.M. 781; Second, Bro. Bull, W.S. 781; Third, Bro. Ould; W.M. 781; Fourth, Bro. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; and Fifth, Bro. Pringle, S.D. 781. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Robinson, J.W. 781; Second, Bro. Job, P.M. 1076; and Third, Bro. Taylor, J.W. 554.

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  METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
         For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1883.
       The Editor will be glad to receive notice from
  Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters,
Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories,
  Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or
  month of meeting.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27.

Lodge 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Mason's Avenue.

"706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29.
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Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimilico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
MONDAY, JANUARY 29.
Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hott, Greenwich.

1015, Bayard, 33, Golden-80, W.

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1045, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st., E.C.

1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Mark Grand Masters, 83, Red Lion-8q.
Lodges or Instruction.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St., James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Pericet Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Alilitary, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, Norfols-8q, Hot., Faddington, at 8.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
Oric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Cemmemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.
Longes or Instruction.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Be

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe 1av., Newington Causeway, 8.
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons'-avenue.
102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

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554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

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Lodge S22, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
,, 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
,, 1351, St. Clement's Danes, Carr's Restaurant, Danes
1351, St. Clement's Danes, Carr's Restaurant, Danes Inn, Strand.
1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, S, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.
1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank, S.W.
Chap.
2, St. James's, F.M.H.
3, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark
197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., at 7.30.
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Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent
Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-well, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.

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Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.

Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.

North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

"Sop, Hornsey, F.M.H.

"1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.

"1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd., N.

"1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.

"1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.

"1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Ancriey.

Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.

"259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.

St. James's. 8, Thistle, F.M.H. Mark

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.

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Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.,
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palaceroad, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.

"1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

"1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

"1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.

"1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

Chap. 173, Phænix, F.M.H.

Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, February 3, 1883.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29.
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Mark Lodge 143, Birchall, Bull Hot., Preston.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30.
Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Hot., Nantwich.
Merchant's L. of 1., M.H., Liverpool.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31.
Lodge 730. Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.

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Alpass Preceptory, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

1384, Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.

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1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.

1565, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgwater, M.H., Runcorn.
Harmonic L. of 1., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of 1., M.H., Liverpool.

St. John's L. of 1., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2.
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

1375, Architect, Town H., Withington.

1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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