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THE question which seems to exercise some of our good brethren in New Zealand turns simply on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There is a distinction and difference of legal obligation as between the Antient Charges and the Constitutions of the Fraternity, which are recognized in the Grand Lodge of England. The former are read by custom, the latter are binding absolutely on all members of the English Craft. In England no Mason can be elected a W.M. unless he has served 12 months the office of Warden in a regular lodge. In Scotland any Master Mason "who is not otherwise disqualified," and "who has received the said Three Orders of Masonry," is "competent to be put in nomination for, and to be elected to, the Mastership or any other office in a lodge." To the brother who has called our attention to a recent correspondence in New Zealand, we say that Bro. D. MURRAY LYON is clearly right in his ruling, and that our brother cannot allege the "charges" as against the Book of Scottish Constitutions, just as he could not with us. We prefer our own system for many reasons, and with all deference to our good Scottish brethren, we think that the regulation in question is a great mistake, and one of those which requires early amendment.

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WE call attention to a review of Bro. GRAHAM'S address elsewhere, which, unfortunately, is far too long for our columns. Though we do not agree with R.W. Bro. GRAHAM in his exposition of Masonic law as regards the English lodges, and have said so openly and manfully, and we hope courteously and Masonically, we have never failed to do justice to Bro. GRAHAM'S great abilities and faithful services to his own body; and though we have thought his arguments based on unsafe and perilous grounds, yet we could not but admit he had a perfect right to his own clear views on the subject. He has fought his battle with undoubted pluck and skill, and we feel, and feel strongly, that in his resignation of his high office the Grand Lodge of Quebec loses a very devoted and sagacious ruler. He has been re-elected for nine years, and now bids his brethren farewell in very touching words, which we reproduce elsewhere. Though we think our distinguished brother has been a little too vehement on behalf of his own Grand Lodge, perhaps, did we live in Quebec, we might, imbued with the spirit of local and national patriotism, take up his ardent contention. As it is, practically, we consider the question settled in England. The "efflux of time," as our GRAND SECRETARY well pointed out, will probably smooth away all existing differences. As Bro. GRAHAM well knows, Time, as the old Latin adage not only "omnia monstat," but as we know in private life, "heals even the deepest wounds." We are rejoiced to note that Bro. GRAHAM'S last official words are wise and kindly words of patience and conciliation. The English Grand Lodge has the most fraternal and affectionate feelings for its Canadian brethren, but it has certain principles of teaching and duty, which it could not depart from, without losing its own self respect, and the kindly sympathy and living confidence of contemporary Freemasonry.

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WE wish to say a few words seriously about that foolish idea which seems prevalent in some quarters, that of "levelling up" the metropolitan and provincial subscriptions to the Fund of Benevolence. The whole of the present state of controversy and uneasiness has arisen from mistaken notions and hasty theories. It has been quietly proposed for instance to divert the funds specially appropriated to Benevolence to other objects, on account of the alleged wealth of the Fund of Benevolence. Of course if that were so, the next step came unavoidably to increase the grants. That attempt and procedure have led up to a complete "fix," inasmuch as after three years of "over draught," it was not difficult to foretell the disappearance of the Benevolent funds altogether within a given period. Then in order to keep up a prevailing system, as we think of undue grants, came a proposal to increase the capitation payments, and now this proposal, rejected by a small majority it is true, has been "capped" by the absurdity of a proposal to double the

provincial payments. Those who favour such an idea forget, that the provinces will then have to pay compulsorily six shillings per head to the metropolitan four, a proposal manifestly absurd, unfair, and untenable. On the faith of the Book of Constitutions specially granting them the privilege of appealing to the fund and enforcing the double payment, the provinces have paid their officers, have established a balance sheet of revenue and expenditure, have purchased buildings, have incurred liabilities, and then as the reward of their exertions they are to "double" their returns to the Fund of Benevolence. Why? Is there any pretence for saying that there is any need of such increased receipts? No! Why, then, is it? Because certain good brethren of ours will not see that if there is a certain amount of expenditure and the income is not sufficient, if they cannot increase their incomings they must reduce their outgoings. In the present case there is no one conversant with the proceedings of the Lodge of Benevolence, from its worthy CHAIRMAN downwards, who is not sensible that the grants during the last two years have been far too large and need reducing. And, therefore, we venture to ask all who have at heart the true interests of our common Order to avoid reopening a question which will be very badly received in the provinces, which will be vehemently opposed, and which opposition may even bring about much agitation, dissatisfaction, and estrangement. "Verbum sat sapientibus."

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IT is a very remarkable fact, explain it as you will, how very little is done for æsthetic and cultured Freemasonry by the greatest of all Masonic bodies, the Grand Lodge of England. Its history, its progress, its prosperity, its prestige are marked by such signal tokens of success and outcome as distinguish no other Masonic jurisdiction in the world, and yet strange to say all that has been effected to improve the "staple" whether of Masonic ceremonial and studies, or literary developement and refined tastes, has come from beneath, not from above, from individualism not from the aggregation, from the provinces rather than the metropolis. When some years ago our excellent Bro. JOHN HAYERS sought to induce Grand Lodge to lend money to provincial bodies and lodges generally to encourage the building of Masonic halls, his most seasonable and sensible proposal was "pooh, pooh'd" by stolidity and "red tape" combined. The provinces at this hour possess halls and buildings not then dreamt of in the philosophy of good metropolitan Freemasonry, and many lodges in their zeal for a becoming performance of our time honoured ritual have taken upon themselves burdens heavy to bear. And so too as regards all matters which tend to a literary and cultured development of English Freemasonry. Even now the English Grand Lodge is without a library worthy of the name. Though a library exists, few know of it; hardly any, except one or two enthusiastic students, ask to see a book. There is no accessory of comfort attending it, no encouragement to study; no means of sitting down quietly and conveniently to collate or study Masonic works, whether MS. or printed. There are some few curious, one or two unique volumes in our so-called Grand Lodge library, but to the great majority of Freemasons they are sealed books, the library is a "terra incognita," and any question of serious Masonic study or careful Masonic research becomes a hopeless unreality. No idea of a Masonic museum ever formerly appeared to enter the minds of any of us, though numerous would be its uses, great its good, and remarkable its results. Loving cups and medals, jewels and certificates, seals and emblems, old warrants and ancient charters, all would fill a museum, and a not-forgotten exhibition at York demonstrates forcibly what zeal can do, and care can accomplish. The present GRAND SECRETARY has sought seasonably to take away such a reproach from the head-quarters of English Freemasonry, and has been for some time collecting specimens and rarities of various kinds. After the very forcible remarks of Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., at the consecration of the Strand Lodge, we hope that an impetus will be given to a most desirable movement and a laudable change.

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IT is not a little important to realize and remember what a remarkable sifting all Masonic documents and pretensions are just now receiving at the somewhat impatient hands of our critical school of students. Many of the most venerable myths are now either rudely shaken or openly questioned, and what will yet remain in the crucible of truth, might puzzle the most learned of the ancient alchemists to explain or predicate. We fear, yes, we fear much, that roughly stated, Mr. Hallam's cynical description of Masonic historians is to a great extent true, that equally divided as between sheepwalking panygerists and fanatical calumniators, historical verity and historical reality have been the last things sought after or even thought of. Writers

have found facts ready made, and evidence "to hand" and they have not sought to verify the one, or examine into the other. How many beautiful and incongruous myths float on amongst us from generation to generation, and he is a bold man who seeks to disturb the serenity of Masonic belief on the one hand, or to destroy favourite paradoxes on the other. If it be true, as some have asserted, that the tendency of the superstitious mind is always towards "a fetish" of some form or another, so also are we all often unwilling to accept the overthrow of favourite beliefs, precious "vanities," the critical destruction of pet theories and old world legends. A controversy in our pages points to a curious effect of this Masonic critical destructiveness, in the doubts cast on the generally accepted SACKVILLE medal of 1733. If that numismatic token should be eventually proved to be the outcome of fraud or imposture, a development of the Strict Observance "fad," our faith will be somewhat rudely shaken in many similarly commonly received points of Masonic history, life, chronology, and the like. Still there is always something of value even in such "surprises," and if only all our cautious and careful researches really pave the way for a modern, clear, and trustworthy history of Freemasonry, then will good have been produced out of evil, and light,—Masonic light,—established out of darkness.

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THE consecration of the Strand Lodge seems to have been highly successful. Bro. JAMES WILLING, jun., is well known as a highly zealous Freemason, and his officers all give good promise of work for the Craft. We wish the lodge all success. We are especially struck with the opportune remarks of our GRAND SECRETARY and the very clear, and sound, and straightforward advice of our esteemed Bro. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, Past G. Chap. We recommend our readers and friends carefully to peruse the record of the day's meeting.

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HER MAJESTY'S kind and thoughtful act of sympathy in attending the funeral of poor Sergeant MAYO (Coldstream Guards), who died suddenly on duty at Windsor Castle, will be admirably noted by many of our brethren of both services, and will be gratefully remembered.

CONSECRATION OF THE HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., there was added to the roll of English lodges another association of Freemasons, under the above title. If there be any assurance of success in the number and quality of those who assist, and the interest shown in the important ceremonies of consecration and first installation, that success must surely attend the progress of a lodge so introduced as the Honor Oak Lodge has been. It has been established for the purpose of affording numerous residents in a neighbourhood rapidly becoming attractive the opportunity for Masonic labour and pleasure, without the necessity for making distant journeys from their homes; and the place of meeting has not only been well chosen in respect of situation, but is also admirably adapted and arranged for lodge purposes. The Moore Park Hotel, which as we understand has been built by Bro. E. Bye, and is under the management of his son, also a Freemason, is a spacious and imposing building with numerous large rooms, excellent "cuisine" appointments, and a large and lofty billiard room, which on occasion can be easily converted into a well ventilated "salle à manger" capable of accommodating a numerous party of guests.

On entering the lodge room on the occasion of the consecration we were much gratified with the "tout ensemble" presented by the extremely handsome furniture and appropriate fittings, and it was evident at a glance that whilst a judicious and liberal expenditure had been made, the exercise of good taste and judgment had not been wanting in the selection. The thought that Bro. George Kenning (who was present during the evening) had been made acquainted with the wishes of the founders of the lodge and had received "carte blanche" as to what should be provided was not an unreasonable one under the circumstances, and led on to a second surmise that he had certainly not failed in the trust reposed in him.

The time appointed for commencement of the proceedings was half-past three in the afternoon, and with most commendable punctuality, that "courtesy of princes" which marks the true gentleman and Mason, the arrival of the Consecrating Officers was announced, and the brethren were requested to assemble in the lodge room.

Amongst those present at the opening and during the evening in addition to those upon whom the duty of consecration fell and the officers designate of the new lodge were—

Bros. Captain Bedford Pim, 77; T. M. Cantrell, P.M. 1397; L. Binet, P.M. 179; W. A. Lovett, P.M. 179; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c.; Thos. Poore, P.M. 720; H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1949, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Middx.; H. Sadler, P.M., G.T.; W. Poore, P.M. 186; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; J. Pringle, W.M. 766; Wm. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; C. Pugsley, P.M. 179 and 1586; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; H. Stiles, W.M. 1507; A. Milward, W.M. 1677; A. Middlemas, P.M. 957; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; Jas. Kew, P.M. 179; C. Hubbard, P.M. 820; A. Darch, P.M. 72; S. W. Acock, 1901; B. Fulwood, P.M. 742; C. H. Driver, P.M. 905, P.P.G.S.W.; Frank Baker, P.M. 1206, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Kent; A. R. Cranch, S.W. 1069; W. Lassam, W.S. 742; W. Dickeson, S.W. 179; W. S. Eell, S.D. 1044; W. C. Davey, J.W. 1512; J. C. Reynolds, 1329; A. Pilgrim, 1625; J. W. Allen, 1539; Herbert Hooper, 1949; J. W. Hartley, 72; Rev. J. Wilson-Haffenden, 1854; John Hammocks, 179; Walter E. Stark, 1765; Thos. Seymour, 179; G. J. E. Marsh, 1586; H. Sweeting, 1901; F. France, 862; J. C. Woodrow, 1207; J. Lightfoot, 1901; E. A. Francis, 1658; J. Letchford, 1658; W. Carter, 141; C. J. Howe, 1155; J. Wicks, 815; John Cotton, 1155; J. W. Aldwinckle, 1328; J. Holland, 141; H. A. Goodall, 1672; D. G. Hewitt, 766; D. M. Forbes, 766; W. Boshier, 1901; J. J. Johnson, 79; James Ingram, 172; J. Sarjeant, 1765; G. C. Hudson, 141; and others.

Bro. W. E. Stark presided at the organ (a choice instrument presented to the lodge by the first Junior Warden and Senior Deacon), and the choir comprised Bros. R. R. Johnstone, A. R. Cranch, H. M. Williams, J. B. Sarjeant, and J. W. Hartley.

The Consecrating Officers were V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; R.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, as S.W.; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as J.W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; W. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.W. Norths

and Hunts, as D.C.; and W. Bro. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, as I.G.

A lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the ceremony of consecration was carried out with due solemnity and with a very impressive effect. Special mention is due to the principal officer for the extreme care with which every portion of the beautiful ritual was rendered, and particularly for his opening address and final dedication. The Grand Chaplain's oration was also most impressive, and his happy connection of the name of the locality and that of the lodge with the growth of a tree from tiny acorn to sturdy oak gave opportunity for inculcating moral lessons and enforcing Masonic precepts, of which he was not slow to avail himself. We have heard our worthy brother "orate" on many former similar occasions, but never with more telling effect than on this. Bro. Terry, acting as Director of Ceremonies, it need hardly be said, made "perfect work;" and the admirable musical efforts of the Organist and choir combined to make the entire ceremony one well worth remembering. Later in the evening the whole of the foregoing officers who had assisted were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

The new lodge having been duly constituted in the persons of Bros. Walter Hopekirk, P.M., W.M. designate; John Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W. designate; Charles Henry Phillips, J.W. designate; Col. M. Ramsay, 41, P.D.G.M. Punjab; J. W. Hartley, Rev. J. Wilson-Haffenden, 1854; H. Maunder Williams, 1669; Henry Stokes, 141; G. W. Knight, 1507; R. R. Johnstone; and Herbert Hooper, 1949, the founders, the Grand Secretary proceeded to install Bro. Walter Hopekirk into the chair of K.S. in his customary efficient manner, and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering 33, whose greetings on the occasion of his being placed for a second time in the position of ruler of a lodge must have been very gratifying to him.

The first duty performed by the W.M. was the appointment and investment of the R.W. Bro. Col. M. Ramsay, P.D.G.M. Punjab, as I.P.M., a position which that distinguished brother most gracefully accepted with promises of material support on behalf of the new lodge.

After the customary salutes and greetings of the brethren below the chair had been cordially rendered, the W.M. invested his Wardens designate: Bros. John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W.; and Charles Henry Phillips, J.W.; and appointed and invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. H. Maunder Williams, Sec.; Henry Stokes, S.D.; J. W. Hartley, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; G. W. Knight, W.S.; and R. R. Johnstone, Organist; Bro. Edmund Bye, sen., was elected Treasurer and invested, and Bro. C. Thomas, Prov. Grand Tyler Herts, was also elected and invested as Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were impressively delivered by the Installing Master, and the Grand Secretary closed the proceedings connected with an installation as interesting to all who were privileged to be present as the consecration ceremony which had preceded it.

After the unanimous election of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and his assistant officers as honorary members, as above stated, and their respective acknowledgements, a number of propositions for initiation and joining were presented, and gave certainty of employment for Master and brethren for some time to come. That they may "square, carve, mark, and number" only such material as will be worthy of the edifice they seek to raise must be the earnest aspiration of every Freemason who was present at these auspicious solemnities.

The capacities and resources of Bro. Bye's fine hotel were subsequently tried to the very utmost, for the report which had spread abroad as to the nature of what was to take place had induced an attendance far beyond any likelihood of repetition for many years to come. But the building, its manager, and his assistants bore the test very well, and the tension did not at any time prove too great. True that a portion of the guests had to partake of the banquet in an adjoining room, in order that others might not be inconvenienced, nevertheless all without exception enjoyed the feast. The menu and the service and attention were altogether worthy of much more pretentious hostilities, and indeed went far beyond our experiences of many palatial metropolitan hotels. We congratulate our brother the host on the great success which attended his first efforts to cater for a large gathering of Masons, who of all men can best appreciate such endeavours to "communicate happiness." The brethren separated during the banquet re-united on the clearance of the cloth, when grace was sung by the choir.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "His Royal Highness the Grand Master" were duly honoured, and were followed by that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. remarking that he considered it a compliment to the lodge that so many distinguished Grand Officers had consented to accept honorary membership therein.

The R.W. Bro. HUGH D. SANDEMAN, P.D.G.M. Bengal, responded on behalf of the Grand Officers in a brief, humorous, and forcible speech, in the course of which he expressed the great satisfaction his colleagues and himself had experienced throughout the day's proceedings, which had been creditable alike to the founders of the lodge and those who had assisted to launch it on the sea of Masonry.

Bro. A. R. Cranch having sung in his customary good style "For ever and for ever,"

The R.W. Bro. Col. RAMSAY, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Walter Hopekirk" whose services for Freemasonry he briefly recapitulated and on whose behalf he solicited strict obedience and support from the members of the new lodge during the ensuing year.

Bro. J. Sarjeant having sung "Then you'll remember me,"

The Worshipful Master made response, and referring to the song which had just delighted his hearers, hoped that his services during this, probably the most important year in the about to be written history of the lodge might be such as not only to endear him to its members but to merit remembrance in time to come. Gracefully putting aside further reference to himself the W.M. said he had now a serious yet pleasurable duty to perform. There could be no doubt that all present had passed a most happy day in Freemasonry and that the efforts of others than the "founders of the feast" had been instrumental in causing so much satisfaction. The serious part of his present duty was to endeavour to convey with becoming respect those expressions of pleasure which rose to the lips from the hearts of his hearers, and his and their sense of the benefit accruing from such voluntary assistance as that rendered by the V.W. Bro. the Grand Secretary and his associates on this occasion. He would say never had a consecration ceremony been better performed—(hear, hear)—indeed it could not be, for there could be no degree beyond the superlative. For himself he considered a great personal honour had been done him by his installation by the Grand Secretary, whose health he now proposed as "Installing Master, together

with the healths of Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., and the other Consecrating Officers."

The toast was drunk with great cordiality, and Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE at once acknowledged his hearty reception, congratulating the lodge on the entire smoothness with which all the work of the day had been done, expressing the hope that "Honor Oak" might flourish root and branch, and complimenting the W.M. as an old P.M. who had done the Craft much service. It had greatly pleased him to install Bro. Hopekirk on this occasion, and also to act as Consecrating Principal. In respect of that portion of the day's work he thought Bro. Simpson should be required to respond, and in the hope that he would do so, again thanked the brethren for the welcome accorded him.

Bro. SIMPSON said he thought the Grand Secretary would have had more charity than to suggest a further speech from him after the exhaustive remarks which he (the Grand Secretary) had made, but he would cordially endorse all that Bro. Clerke had said, and whilst thanking the lodge, its members, and its guests for their reception of the Consecrating Officers, would also express the hope that the teachings of Freemasonry which had been set before them would bear good fruit in the future.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of Col. Ramsay, Immediate Past Master."

Bro. Col. RAMSAY in returning thanks stated the pleasure he had experienced as a stranger resident in the neighbourhood when he heard of the proposed formation of the lodge and the chance of his becoming connected with it. As a Freemason he was only too glad to have the opportunity for Masonic association so near his home, and he should certainly do all in his power to assist and promote the best interests of the "Honor Oak."

Bro. Milward sang in admirable style "Tell me, Mary, how to woo thee," and in response to an encore which he could not possibly avoid, sang "Harry Bluff" with equally good effect.

The health of "The Visitors," a long list, as the WORSHIPFUL MASTER remarked, but a distinguished one, every individual named therein so equally welcome that selection would be almost invidious, was cordially drunk, and Bro. GEORGE KENNING briefly responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., who spoke of them as heaven-born messengers doing good in all directions, and in every respect worthy of the noble Craft with which they were connected. He solicited the early and earnest support of the lodge on behalf of the noble institutions, and with the toast coupled the names of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., and J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., the Collector for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. James Stevens, at the W.M.'s request, recited with much effect the beautiful poem "Masons vows," which was listened to with earnest attention.

Bro. SIMPSON, responding on behalf of Bro. Mason and himself, hoped that the lodge would take to heart the excellent counsel of the W.M., and be amongst the foremost to render assistance to the Masonic Charities, three institutions which he might venture to designate as representative of the pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, without which Freemasonry would be but as "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." There might be imperfections even in these institutions—what had yet reached perfection?—but he was bold to say that though the very best way of carrying out our charitable instincts might yet be undiscovered, the best known way was adopted in respect of each institution. With a brief reference to the services of the Secretaries of the respective charities, and of Bro. Mason, whose name was also connected with the toast, Bro. Simpson concluded with the expression of an ardent hope that those who are the most worthy would in all cases of candidature become the recipients of the benefits our Masonic Charities can bestow.

The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge" and "The Tyler's Toast," both of which were duly honoured, and the brethren separated.

The entire proceedings evidently gave great satisfaction to all who were present, and the founders certainly deserve much credit for their perfect arrangements. Each and all seem to have vied with each other as to which should do most for the new lodge. Want of space prevents our mentioning in detail the numerous presents made by the W.M. and first Officers, but they supplied all the necessaries beyond pedestals, chairs, and jewels. Nothing appears to be wanting for the work of Freemasonry in connection with this lodge, and we wish it the success which its introduction appears to augur for it.

FREEMASONRY IN SURREY.

To Surrey, under the auspices of its popular and respected chief, Bro. General Brownrigg, will be assigned the place of honour on the occasion of the Festival on Wednesday of the Benevolent Institution, and a glance, therefore, at the rise, progress, and present state of Masonry within its borders will not be without its interest to our readers. There is of course a certain difficulty in tracing this progress in the case of this as of the other home counties, as they are called. London, like all other cities, must have a local habitation as well as a name, but London is as populous as many of the minor states of Europe, and has a marvellous tendency to go on converting the circumjacent green fields into bricks and mortar. It has long since appropriated huge slices of Surrey, Kent, Essex, and Middlesex, and is in a fair way to annex a little of Hertfordshire. There is in fact the greatest difficulty, travel which way you will, north, south, east, or west, in determining where it begins and where it ends, and it is not surprising our Grand Lodge should have gone so far as to assign a radius of ten miles within which all lodges are to be considered as belonging to the metropolis, while beyond it they are provincial. One consequence of this arrangement is that a certain confusion is likely to arise in any attempt to trace the progress of Freemasonry in these metropolitan counties. What is London now was country it may be less than half a century ago, and certainly during the eighteenth century. In the days when the second George was king and his son Frederick of Wales held his princely court at Kew, the royal hamlet and contiguous Richmond were in one sense as remote from London as are now some of our great industrial centres in the Midlands, and the journey to and fro, except by water, was a vastly more serious undertaking than it is possible for us in these days of rapid locomotion to conceive. They were as distinctly provincial in those days and for many years afterwards as Reigate and

Guildford are now. Yet even the briefest sketch of Masonry in Surrey must be incomplete without some reference to Kew and Richmond, whose lodges are nowadays metropolitan. However, if the reader will kindly bear these things in mind, he will have no difficulty in accompanying us throughout our perambulation of the county.

The earliest mention of Surrey in our lists of lodges will be found in that engraved by Pine, of the "Regular Lodges as constituted till March 25th," 1725, which contains one lodge meeting at the "Lyon, Richmond, in Surrey," and another at the "Mason's Arms, Fulham." (See page 3 of Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges.") In the list for 1730-32 (see Appendix to the same work) the latter has disappeared, or it may be removed to other quarters, but the former remains as No. 55. Of this, however, there is no record in the list 1736-39, but No. 123 is located at the "Castle, Kingston, Middlesex," though as Kingston is usually included in Surrey, this would seem to belong to that county instead of the one to which it is assigned. The point is immaterial, as the lodge in question was erased in 1745; nor is it till we come to the year 1756 that we find two lodges in what is now the London district, namely, No. 11, which met at Wandsworth from that year till 1782, when it was erased, and No. 37 at Putney, which experienced a similar fate in 1773. Both these lodges had previously been held in London proper. It must not be forgotten, however, that in 1737 was assembled an occasional lodge at Kew, at which Frederick, Prince of Wales, was initiated into our mysteries by Bro. Dr. Desaguliers, an event of which (speaking Masonically), the county, if not the province, of Surrey, has every reason to be proud.

On the 28th June, 1769, was constituted a lodge, No. 446, which met at the King's Head, Merton, and in the year following had transferred its quarters to the Nag's Head in the same town. In 1781 this figures as the "Inflexible" Lodge, No. 295, meeting at the White Hart, Mitcham. In 1792 it became No. 247, but without change of locality. The 1770 list contains a lodge, No. 401, "Fortitude and Perseverance," at the Fox, Epsom, which was constituted on the 28th July of that year, and became No. 311 in 1781 and No. 260 in 1792. There was also a lodge, No. 492, which was constituted on the 7th May, 1776, at the King's Arms, Kew, but between that year and the alteration of numbers in 1781, it removed to the Golden Fleece, Palace-yard, where it met as the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 398. In 1781 we find that No. 60, the Lodge of Attability, a London lodge 1737 origin, held its meetings at the Rose and Crown, Kew Green, but its stay there was not of long duration, as by 1792 it had moved across the river to the Castle Inn, at New Brentford. Another originally London lodge, founded in 1766 and numbered 309 in the 1770 list, figures in 1781 as the Patriotic Lodge, No. 246, meeting at the Greyhound, Croydon; this was re-numbered in 1792 as No. 206. In 1784 Masonry found an additional home at Reigate, the Holmesdale Lodge of Freedom and Friendship, No. 456, being constituted that year. By the alteration of numbers in 1792 it became No. 368. There are besides these three other lodges which appear in the lists of the "moderns," namely, the Pythagorean, No. 522, founded in 1788, which became No. 431 in 1792; No. 587, "Lodge in Regiment of Loyal Surrey Rangers"—of Surrey origin, if not actually meeting within the borders of the province—and the St. John's Lodge, No. 631, Guildford, warranted in 1812. There remains to be added to the roll of pre-union lodges one constituted by the "Ancients," namely, No. 272, on 7th March, 1792, which originally was connected with the 45th Regiment, but on the 11th October, 1809, transferred its place of meeting to the Castle Inn, Guildford. But though, as will be gathered from the foregoing particulars, Masonry had succeeded in establishing a firm footing in the county, not one of the above lodges, to our regret be it said, has maintained its existence till now. One and all have passed away, but not, we feel assured, without having left behind them some trace of their labours. Kew and Richmond, though now in London, are still strongholds of the Craft, while at the purely provincial Croydon, Epsom, Guildford, Kingston, and Reigate are to be found a number of lodges all fulfilling their appointed duties with satisfaction to themselves and credit to the society.

As regards the province as now constituted it contains six and twenty lodges, the oldest being the St. George's Lodge, No. 370, meeting at Chertsey and dating from the year 1822. The Grove Lodge, No. 410, at Kingston-on-Thames was founded in 1832; Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate, in 1834; the Frederick of Unity, No. 452, and the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, both of Croydon, in 1838 and 1839 respectively. Next in order of seniority come the Royal Alfred, No. 777, Guildford, warranted in 1859; the Dobie, No. 889, at Kingston in 1861; the St. Andrew's, No. 1046, Farnham in 1864; and the Dorking, No. 1149, meeting in the town of the same name, in 1867. Two lodges were added to the list, one at Sutton and the other at Red Hill, in 1871, and the Weyside, No. 1395, at Woking, in 1872. In 1875 was founded a third Croydon lodge, the Addiscombe, No. 1556, and this was followed by a new lodge at Knaphill, the St. John's, No. 1564. The following year saw the addition of two lodges, one at Walton and the other at Kingston, the Brownrigg, No. 1638, while in 1877 was constituted the Albert Edward, No. 1714 at York Town. Two lodges, the Parthenon, No. 1826, Egham, and the fourth and youngest of the Kingston lodges, the Ewell, No. 1851, date from 1879, and three from 1880, namely the Claremont, No. 1861, Esher; the St. Margaret's, No. 1872, Surbiton; and the Wallington, No. 1892, Carshalton. The year 1881 saw the birth of two more, a second Surbiton and a fourth Croydon lodge, the Eurydice, No. 1920, and the Mozart, No. 1929 respectively, while last year were founded two lodges named in honour of two brethren of high distinction in the Craft, the Arnold, No. 1981, East Molesey, so called after Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M., and the Greenwood, No. 1982, after Bro. C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B. England, and Prov. G. Sec.

As General Brownrigg's patent of Prov. Grand Master dates from the close of the year 1871, we shall be correct in considering the lodges—15 in number—created since 1872 inclusive as so many evidences of his zeal and energy and the respect in which he is held as a ruler. Of the high distinction he has attained in Masonry in general, we have but to enumerate as conclusive proof the offices he has held or holds in its different branches. Thus as a constitutional Mason he is a Past Grand Senior Warden, since 1871 Prov. Grand Master, and since 1873 Prov. Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Surrey. He is also a Past Grand Junior Warden of the Mark Grand Lodge, Prov. Prior of the Temple, &c., for Kent and Surrey, Grand Prior in the Supreme Council and Thirty-third Degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He has, moreover, evinced his interest in our Institutions on more than one previous occasion, so that with a chairman so distinguished and so deservedly popular, and a province that is strong in good men and likely to support their chief, we may anticipate for the festival of the 28th inst. a return somewhat commensurate with the serious needs of the Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

FOR
AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF
FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

Patron and President:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Of this Institution will take place
On *WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1883,*
AT
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN-STREET,
LONDON,
Upon which occasion
GEN. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.,
P.G.W., R.W. PROV. G.M. FOR SURREY,
Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.
JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
Secretary.

* * * At the Election in May next there will be 120 Candidates for Election, whilst at the present time there are only Twelve Vacancies.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. WILLIAM M. FORD,

In his 66th year, now (through the kindness of Messrs. BARCLAY & Co.,) residing at the "Blue Anchor," 3, Coleman Street, Bank, and previously at the "Barley Mow," Salisbury Court, Fleet Street (The Cogers' Discussion Hall,) who through misfortune in business is now entirely without means; he was initiated in the "Domestic" Lodge, No. 177, in February, 1857, and the "Domestic Chapter," in March, 1877.

The case is strongly recommended by the under mentioned Brethren, and who have kindly consented to receive proxies:
Bro. Jas. Brett, P.M. 177, P.G.P.; 14, Sidney Road, Homerton.
" Edmd. Coste, P.M., 9, 1314, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; P.Z. 619; Distillery, Bank Street, Gravesend.
" Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P., P.S.G.D., Middlesex, P.M. 157 and P.Z. 1770 &c., Norfolk House, Mariott Road, Tollington Park.
" Geo. Everett, P.M. and P.Z. 177, 1381, and Treasurer 177 and 1668; 90, Clapham Road.
" J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177, 1613, 795, P.Z. 177; 31, Fore Street, City.
" T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; P.M. 1381, 1512, 1745, P.Z., K.T., &c., East Temple Chambers, Fleet Street, E.C.
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Correspondence—Deserving Charity.
District Grand Lodge of Australia.
St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240.
City of London Lodge, No. 901.
Abbey Lodge, No. 1184.
Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643.
Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "El Taller," "The Masonic Review," "The Court Circular," "The Natal Mercury," "Masonia," "The United Service Gazette," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Keystone," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Triumphal," "Phonetic Journal," "The Pianoforte Dealer's Guide," "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania," "Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," "Magnetism, Nature's own Remedy," "Le Monde Maconique," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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.]

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By some accidental error I see the 3rd day of May, 1736, is given in mine of last week's as being the foundation day of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The date should be "thirtieth," not "third," that being St. Andrew's Day, which day has ever since been kept as our Grand Festival.—Yours fraternally, JAMES H. NEILSON.
32, Leeson-street Lower, Dublin, Feb. 19th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I entirely agree with my friend, R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson, in his opinion as to the need there is for a change in the management of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Life and efficiency are much required to reinvigorate the Grand Officers generally, and I am persuaded that until brethren are promoted to Grand Office more frequently there will be little interest taken in the proceedings. It does seem to me absurd to be always appointing the same brethren to office, especially when some of them are conspicuous by their absence. I quite think that *Quarterly* Communications would be advantageous. I cannot, however, for one moment grant that Ireland is the premier Grand Lodge, though I cheerfully admit it is the second in antiquity of existing Grand Lodges. From 1717 to 1725 there was but the one Grand Lodge in the world, and that was the "Grand Lodge of England," held at London. In 1725 the "Grand Lodge of all England," held at York, was formed, followed by Ireland in 1728-9 (if not 1726 *circa*). The "Ancients" did not appear on the scene until about 1750, and certainly their advent in no way invalidates the claim of the Grand Lodge of England to be considered the first of its kind. True, the *United* Grand Lodge of England dates from 1813, but it was but the union of two bodies previously existing, the one from 1717 and the other from 1750 (*circa*). I should not thus have alluded to the subject at all had it not been for Bro. Neilson's kind reference to my "Masonic Register." I am extremely glad to see Bro. Neilson's letter, and hope others will follow on the same subject.—Yours fraternally,
Truro, February, 19th. W. J. HUGHAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am surprised that Bro. Neilson, of whom I have always heard it said that he is one of the lights of Irish Freemasonry, should insist that the Grand Lodge of Ireland is the "Senior Grand Lodge of the world;" while as regards that of England he remarks that it "claims to be the premier Grand Lodge of the world, but to this title it is not entitled." I have seldom heard a more groundless assertion. Bro. Neilson does not dispute "there was a Grand Lodge in England, founded in 1717," but he goes on to say, "this body was split into two Grand Lodges—styled Ancients and Moderns, each granting warrants to hold lodges," and that "these two Grand Lodges worked in opposition until the happy union with the present Grand Lodge of England, on 1st December, 1813, now going only 70 years ago."

As regards our 1717 Grand Lodge let me point out that it has an unbroken line of Grand Masters from the year of its foundation till now, and though its records do not go back quite to that year they extend continuous several years beyond 1729, the date of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of England. It cannot exactly be determined how and when the schism in English Masonry of last century began—it is usually assigned to about the year 1738, but it is not denied that the schismatics were brethren who had

seceded from the Grand Lodge of 1717, and it will puzzle very many people to make out how the continuity of existence in this or any other body can be broken, merely because some of its earlier members broke off their connection with it and some years afterwards set up an establishment of their own.

Nor does the reunion of the schismatic brethren with the brethren of the 1717 Grand Lodge detract from the claim of England to be the premier Grand Lodge of the world. A tree which is lopped of some of its branches loses of its strength and symmetry; when fresh branches take the place of what it had lost it regains its former proportions, and is even improved, perhaps, in appearance as well as physically. But the original trunk remains all through the loss and recovery of its strength and beauty. In 1717, Grand Lodge is the parent stem of English Masonry, and from then till now has stood all weathers. The branches which fell off in 1738, or thereabouts, grew apace, and in 1813 were re-engrafted on it, and greatly added to the strength and appearance of the original. In short, the schismatics in 1813 found the 1717 Grand Lodge just what it was—subject, of course, to the changes which time brings with it—when their predecessors left it some three-quarters of a century before, and our Grand Lodge of 1883 is the same, but with the seceding lodges and brethren re-incorporated.

I am half inclined to think Bro. Neilson, in advancing this claim on behalf of Ireland, must have been joking. He assigns to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, founded in 1736, the second place "in point of antiquity," and says that it, like the Grand Lodge of Ireland, "can prove from their records continuous and united working" from the dates of their foundation. I have no objection to the word "continuous," but I must decidedly object to the statement that the Grand Lodge of Scotland can prove from its records "united" working. Bro. Neilson has evidently never heard of Mother Kilwinning and her little vagaries, long since happily terminated. Let him look into the pages of Bro. Murray Lyon's well-known book, and then, if he can, let him justify the word "united."—Fraternally yours,
A. G. B.

THE ROYAL GLOUCESTER LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As W.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge at Southampton in 1878-9, and forwarding to you in weekly instalments a sketch-history of that lodge which you were good enough to publish at the time, I have read with more than ordinary interest the contribution of "Past Master" to the *Gloucester Journal* copied into the columns of the *Freemason* several weeks since. On referring back to this sketch and the minute books on which it was based, I find that the lodge was started here in 1772 as "No. 174," a MS. book left by the late Bro. Slade, a well-known local Masonic student, in the possession of the present D.P.G.M. of the province, stating that it was called the Holy Trinity. It was formally constituted, according to the minute book of the Grand Lodge of "Ancient" Freemasons, on the 22nd of April, 1772, at the Vine Tavern in this town "by an authority (for three hours only) from the Rt. Wor. Law. (Lawrence) Dermott, D.G. Master." The warrant—which is printed in blank, the necessary information being filled in in ink—agrees with this description, and directs the lodge to be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every calendar month.

It was not till 1792 (20 years after its formation and presumed regular working, though the records are not perfect between 1773 and 1783) that on the 2nd of August "a lodge of emergency met at eight o'clock."

I quote now from a small quarto book, endorsed "Waste book, minutes entered" (the actual minute book with others of this distant date being lost, though the "waste books" are intact: "To consider the impropriety of accepting an offer from Mr. (sic) Dunckerley, giving us a dispensation to hold a lodge under the sanction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was unanimously agreed to put the proposition to the ballot. Agreed to the alteration, 11; against, 4." At a "stated lodge" on August 5th, "is the next entry in this book. "Assembled at the usual time. Received of Bro. Dunckerley a dispensation to hold a lodge under the sanction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and more with respect to the election of members. The number of the lodge under the new registration seems to have been 503.

This new warrant, which, with the old warrant, hangs in our lodge room, is in MS. on parchment, and dated 5th August, 1792, recites that "We, Thos. Dunckerley, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of the counties of Dorset, Essex, Gloucester, Somerset, and Southampton, &c., &c., under the authority of His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the most ancient and honourable society of Free and Accepted Masons," on the "humble petition of our right trusty and well-beloved William Graves, William Baker, William Clark, and several other brethren residing in or near Southampton, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, to be opened at a convenient house in East-street in Southampton." The said Graves was to be Master; Baker, S.W.; and Clark, J.W., "opening such lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the brethren thereof." On "September 12, 1792, it was further agreed

this night to purchase a new lodge book and a new waste book for the new constitution, to be in the lodge by Monday morning, and to be entered by the Secretary according to order." On September 17th "Bro. Thomas Dunckerley read the warrant of constitution, and the lodge was accordingly constituted under the name of the Royal Gloucester Lodge."

Among several questions these proceedings indicate, it would be interesting to know whether this title was really suggested, as our brother in Gloucester seems to think, by the "alleged" removal of the lodge thence, or rather whether it had not reference to the Duke of Gloucester, who (as brother to the Duke of Cumberland, at this time dead, after filling the office of Grand Master) had joined the Masonic Order.

It is curious to add that the minutes of this 12th of September go on to record that Bro. Dunckerley was pleased to appoint the Tyler of this lodge to be Grand Tyler for the county; likewise Bros. Graves, Baker, and Clark to be Grand Stewards. Bro. Dunckerley then proposed himself and Bro. Gricerson (his D.P.G.M.) to become members, which was seconded by Bro. Macklin (a well known local name in Masonry).

Henceforth the lodge acted sometimes as ancient and sometimes as modern Masons. The ancient book on the 24th June, 1794, records that it was agreed to hold a lodge and that the transactions should be entered in the old book as heretofore. In 1798, June 27th, it was agreed to drop the modern constitution, and not to work under it any more, and on the 14th October a letter was written to the Grand Master, the Duke of Athol, begging to discontinue the modern warrant; but in September, 1801, two sets of returns were made and sent one to each Grand Lodge. Finally, at the Union in 1813, the brethren renounced their modern 503 warrant and adopted the Athol warrant, 174, under which the lodge celebrated its centenary 11 years ago, when the Marquis of Ripon granted it a centenary jewel, and with his Grand Officers attended the centenary celebration. As I have already mentioned, both the 1772 and 1792 warrants now hang in our lodge room with the centenary warrant.—Fraternally yours,
C. J. PHILLIPS,

P.M. Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130,
P. Prov. G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight,
Southampton, Feb. 20th.

MASONRY IN FAMILIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Under the above heading in your last issue you notice the family of the Duke of Richmond.

You will be interested to know that besides the Earl of March two other of the Duke's sons are Craftsmen, viz., Lieut.-Col. Lord Algernon C. Gordon-Lennox, and Captain Lord Francis C. Gordon-Lennox, of the Grenadier and Scots Guards respectively.

They were initiated in the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, in February, 1877, during my year of office as J.W.—I am, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours,

F. J. WRAY, P.M. 1604, and J.W. 1257,
James-st., Buckingham-gate, S.W., Feb. 19th.

PETITIONS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is very fortunate for Bro. Thomas Jones that his petition for assistance to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is reported in your issue of the 17th inst. as "approved." Still, there may be some sturdy members of the Craft unfortunately known by the same familiar names who would suffer from the direct necessity rather than burden any of our Charities for assistance. The writer is one of these. May he suggest that in order to prevent inferences, which however warranted by premises yet may be unpleasantly wrong, that the lodge number of applicants should be quoted with the name?

The disadvantages of passing through the world with common names may sometimes make their owner anything but grateful to the various "fathers" who bestowed them upon an unconscious being. Poverty, too, may cause a feeling of gratitude that our Craft provides succour in time of need; and yet a Mason may prefer working to begging. Kindly find space in your next issue, most revered Editor, from another brother named,
THOMAS JONES,
Formerly of 25 and 1657.



NINTH ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC. By M.W. the G.M., Bro. J. H. GRAHAM, LL.D.

This is a very able address and will well repay perusal. We may in England be tempted perhaps to deem it rather lengthy, accustomed as we are to very brief and condensed reports of Masonic proceedings, but as each jurisdiction has its own customs and laws, so each nationality has its own ideas and proclivities. Masonic toleration and fairness would enjoin on us a full recognition of absolute liberty of remarks and feeling in this respect. We said the address is a very able one, and so it is, and distinguished alike by clearness of exposition, thoughtfulness of utterance, and dignity of tone, and demonstrates to all who read such documents, that Bro. Graham is not only a very able and conscientious

ruler, but a sound expositor of Masonic law, as well as a "bright Mason." Into all that portion of his address which deals with local matters we do not profess to enter, but we can fully realize that upon them all Bro. Graham speaks in lucid terms and decided authority. The part which most concerns us is the section which deals with the difficulty of the "English lodges." But we shall not be tempted to re-open the question, though we might do so, for in our humble opinion our original objections to Bro. Graham's position and Bro. Drummond's law have never been answered. We note, that in order to get rid of one pressing difficulty, Bro. Graham throws over the admissions and arrangement of the G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada. But "verbum sat." Even if we were disposed to reopen an old controversy and continue our ancient if friendly polemics, Bro. Graham's parting words quite disarm us and move us much. They are equally simple and kindly, eloquent and touching. His last advice is an "Eirenicon." After nine years he declines as we understand re-election, though we should never be astonished to hear that he is re-elected. He recommends patience and conciliation, and practically adopts the recommendation of our Grand Secretary to await the natural "efflux of time." We give his own words, as we think our readers will like to see them.

"And now, brethren of this Grand Lodge, for reasons which I think will be obvious to all of you, let me earnestly advise you not to take any special legislative action on this subject at the present communication, but in the still further exercise of the true spirit of our Fraternity, calmly await the result of what has already been said and done and what is likely to transpire in the near future, with the hope not wanting among the members of this Grand Body, and shared in by not a few other brethren, good friends of Quebec, both here and in Great Britain, that the consummation devoutly desired may be peacefully and fraternally realized at an early day. So mote it be."

We also beg to give here the closing words of this address of our worthy brother, which we have read with pleasure.

"Officers and Brethren,—Having by your over-partial suffrages presided in this Grand East for nine laborious and eventful years, I beg gratefully to return to you the symbol of 'supreme command' which you have so frequently with entire unanimity placed in my hands; and with a profound sense of the distinguished honour which you have thus conferred upon me—an honour enjoyed by few living Grand Masters—with a grateful appreciation of the many favours received at your hands, and with hearty thanks to my fellow officers and other members of this Grand Body for their long-continued and efficient support and co-operation; and although not having brought to the fulfilment of the important duties of this high office those talents and that worth and leisure which it demands, and while doubtless having made mistakes, for it is ever true that to 'err is human,' yet claiming to have been actuated by a sincere desire faithfully to promote the best interests of this Grand Lodge and of the Craft in general, I now, in justice to myself and others, bid you as Grand Master an affectionate and fraternal farewell; and at the same time begging to assure you that it will be my purpose to seek in some good degree at least to exemplify the following loyal and patriotic sentiments of one of not the least renowned of Rome's great Consuls, who on an occasion of vital import to the commonwealth declared in these words, familiar to so many of you—'Illud perferam profecto, Quiritibus, ut ea quae gressi in Consulatu, privatus tuear atque ornem.'

"And may he upon whom this mantle will more worthily fall 'look well to this Grand East;' may he and all after him who wield this sceptre be endued with a goodly portion of the wisdom bestowed upon that monarch after whom this seat of honour is fittingly named; may all their official acts fully accord with the unchanging laws and constitutions of our ancient Fraternity, and which this Grand Lodge has hitherto sought to enunciate, to uphold, and maintain; and may the Most High prosper them and you in all your lawful undertakings, and may He evermore abundantly bless the Grand Lodge of Quebec and our beloved Order throughout the whole world. So mote it be."

THE RECORDS OF ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 242. By WM. DELANOV, P.M. 242. Doncaster: Hartly and Son.

This valuable contribution, directly to lodge life amongst us, and indirectly to Masonic history, is ushered in by a preface from our well-known Bro. W. J. Hughan, who has long taken a most intelligent interest in all similar enquiries. The lodge it seems dates from July 4th, 1780. It seems strange at first sight that Freemasons in Doncaster should have come to London, the Grand Lodge at York being still a living and working body. Indeed, there is something so peculiar about the position of the Grand Lodge of York, and so many odd developments in regard to the York Masons, that it must strike all careful students of its history and proceedings as being so far inexplicable in itself. The letter at York is probably a report from Doncaster as to the fact of the application to London, and seems to prove one of two things,—either that the Masons at Doncaster had worked without an actual charter, which we fancy was often the case then, or that for some reason the Grand Lodge at York was out of favour. The warrant appears to be dated in 1780, as from the Duke of Manchester, G.M., though curiously enough we note the able editor does not give us in this work a copy of the actual warrant, though he gives us one of the "Duke of York Lodge." Warrants of lodges ought always to be set out, as Masonic students and experts can find a good deal often in them. The history of the lodge, though not important, is interesting, and its minutes contain some valuable records of Masonic progress. The lodge has now a centenary warrant—one of four in Yorkshire. It is just possible that there was another lodge in Doncaster; but if so it must, we think, have been "charterless." Perhaps Bros. Todd or Whythead can tell us if among the old correspondence at York a chance allusion occurs to Masons at Doncaster. It would be a very interesting point to establish. Bro. Hughan, who knows as much of the subject as anyone, evidently leans to the idea that there may have been an earlier lodge. At any rate the work which is before us is full of interest to the Masonic student, and we thank Bro. Delanov heartily for his careful and valuable contribution to lodge life and history.

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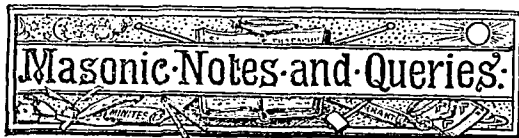
Mr. John Wilson's catalogue, No. 64, of Occult Literature deserves the attention of all Masonic students and lovers of Hermetic and Alchemical literature. We recommend them to send for a copy to Mr. J. Wilson, 12, King William-street, Charing Cross, W.C.

ARABIAN NIGHTS. Part VI. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin, London.

We still are as it were in the realms of Oriental shadows and myths. We are carried back on our "magic carpet" to old hours and long forgotten scenes, and such is the effect of these weird old tales on our imagination and memory, that we are almost inclined to believe that we are young again, and listening to the stories of the agreeable Scheherazade and the accommodating Dinarzade. And yet what a stolid brute that sultan was! Happy hours of ideal fancies and golden dreams, gone with years, alas, never to return here. What wondrous vistas seemed opened to us one and all, as believing and confiding we listened in startled awe and rapt delight to the serious, romantic, sensational, and facetious myths of the Eastern "Raconteur." This edition is admirably kept up, alike in beautiful clearness of type and artistic elegance of illustration.

POVERTY TAXATION, THE REMEDY, &c. By THOMAS BRIGGS. Wm. Reeves, 185, Strand.

This work, undoubtedly cheap at a shilling, has been sent to us, though why we know not, or cannot even pretend to attempt to guess. It is simply a political book, most political in argument, development, and outcome. The *Freemason* is purely a non-political paper and cares nothing for the cries of party or the "shibboleths" of contending factions; as *Punch* said years ago most reasonably, it is liberal, truly liberal, in its love of "small change" (ready money); it is conservative, most conservative, in its appreciation of "duly discharged accounts." Beyond this it does not go, and so it must decline with the greatest possible respect to review Mr. Briggs.



124] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

Some very important points arise out of this question, more important than at first sight they might seem to be, which cannot be dismissed hastily. "G. B. A.'s" idea of circumstantial evidence—may I say it without offence—is very circumstantial indeed. The only evidence so far being that both these persons had the name of Charles, that his biographer says he was in Italy, and that he is supposed to have written some verses on the "Vale of Arno." Beyond this there is not a stitch of evidence to connect the two. Suppose he did not write the verses on the "Vale of Arno?" What then? Is it quite clear that he did so? If the Duke of Dorset be one and the same person with Carolus Sackville, he was in England after 1734, when Freemasonry was reviving, when many of his friends and confrères were Freemasons, when his royal friend was initiated; and yet, as far as I know, there is not the slightest "sign or token" to prove that he knew anything of Masonry; if so he could hardly be the "Magister Florentinus" of 1732. At this present period of Masonic enquiry we must have "facts," not presumptions, not theories, not even circumstantial evidence. So far as I understand anything of what evidence means, there is really no evidence to connect the two names together, except, as I said before, the coincidence of "Charles," and the fact that the Duke of Dorset was once in Italy. Charles, second Duke of Dorset, was born in 1710-11. He was elected for East Grinstead in 1734, and again 1741, and was member for the county of Sussex in 1743 and then a Lord of the Treasury. He was made Master of the Horse as Earl of Middlesex to Frederick, Prince of Wales, in 1741, and attended as such at his Royal Highness's funeral in 1757. What he was called in early years seems somewhat uncertain. The first creation was Baron Buckhurst in 1566, Earl of Dorset in 1603, Baron Cranfield and Earl of Middlesex in 1675, and Duke of Dorset in 1720. In 1710 he would be either the Hon. Charles Sackville, Lord Sackville, Lord Cranfield, or Lord Buckhurst; in 1732 Earl of Middlesex. He succeeded to the title of Dorset only in 1765, dying in 1769. A friend of mine asks me this question, *Where is the medal? Who has seen it? Where is it first mentioned?* The earliest mention of it, that I know, (perhaps Bro. Hughan or Gould can give me an earlier), is in the "Almanack" of the Strict Observance, privately printed in 1777. In this little work is recorded the death of Von Hund or Von Hundt, his real name being Carl Gotthelf Von Hundt and Alten Grotkau, who died at Meiningen, November 8th, 1776. The letterpress states that this medal was struck by the brethren of a lodge in Florence, in honour of their founder, Lord Sackville, Duke and Earl of Middlesex. We are not told where it is. The exact words are "Carolus Sackville, Magister Fl., L.N. 1733." On the reverse, "Ab Origine, L. Natter, F. Florent." The head is very fine on the obverse, and there is a figure of Harpocrates with his finger to his mouth, and some Masonic working tools on the reverse. The words "ab origine" seem to throw a doubt on the medal. They are Strict Observance words, and if the Handbuch is correct, Natter went from Stockholm to St. Petersburg in 1762, there introduced the Strict Observance, and this fable of the Order. If the English biography is correct he settled in London in 1742, and never left it. Were there two Natters? Is the medal a true medal? The abbreviation Fl. does not necessarily mean "Florentinus." It may mean "Floruit." "Florent." no doubt is an abbreviation for "Florentia." "G. B. A." says you have the medal! Be it so, but unless we can disconnect this medal from the Strict Observance, I think we may save ourselves some trouble by requesting further proof of the reality, and even existence, of the actual medal. It is possible that in the loose way in which things were done in those days a lodge existed at Florence. I doubt it, and fear we have in this long assumed authentic evidence another "fraus pia" or "impia" as you like.

DRYASDUST.

125] EASTERN MYSTERIES IN ENGLAND.

About six years ago, in October or November, there appeared in the *Illustrated London News* a sketch and short description of an inscribed stone bearing the figure of a goddess seated on a lily-leaf; this was discovered in Northumberland, and the inscription a Roman one, stated that it was erected by the Batavian Cohort, in memory of a comrade and dedicated to the goddess Covintina. Does not the above show signs of an oriental origin, and who was the goddess above stated?
T. F., 804.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of that officer; and Bro. Charles Atkins, Junior Vice-President, occupied the Junior Vice-President's chair. There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. H. Mather, C. A. Cottebrune, L. F. Littell, G. P. Britten, Henry Garrod, William Stephens, W. Mann, Thos. Cull, Thos. Cubitt, Rev. Thos. Cochrane, G.C., E. F. Storr, J. D. Collier, Charles Dairy, W. H. Perryman, C. F. Hogard, F. R. Spaul, G. P. Davis, Henry W. Wallis, Isaac Latimer, P.P.G.J.W. Devon; E. A. Wells, W. M. Tegg, W. O. Lyon, William Foulsham, Courtenay Wynn, T. F. Peacock, J. H. Taylor, Arthur E. Gladwell, James Smith, W. F. Gardner, Ulysses Latreille, Captain A. Nicols, Edwd. White, F. J. Vials, Jas. Jordan, Thos. Markland, J. F. Powell, John H. Southwood, F. Bloom, G. Free, G. T. Goodinge, W. Herbage, Joseph House, A. M. Ellingsford, W. G. Batchelor, A. J. Probyn, George J. Smith, jun., G. H. H. Thomson, Edwd. Blinkhorn, E. Zwinger, John Soper, Nathaniel Goodchild, R. Tilling, T. Beaver, J. N. Batt, Samuel Lloyd, J. Giesman Chillingworth, John Maclean, T. C. Haslip, M. D. Loewenstark, G. Redding, J. G. Humphreys, A. McDowell, W. Lake, G. Bolton, G. A. Taylor, Thomas Harrison, R. Chandler, T. Honeyman, John S. Leoper, W. Clifton Crick, T. C. Fryer, G. Perkins, F. A. Elder, G. P. Festa, H. Sadler, G. Tyler; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Board of Masters was first held and the agenda paper for Grand Lodge of 7th March was submitted to them.

At the Lodge of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed grants to the extent of £255 recommended to the Grand Master at last meeting. There were 34 cases on the new list. Of these 12 were from the metropolitan district 13 from the provinces, two from Scotland, one from Madras, one from Trichinopoly, one from Constantinople, one from Madrid, one from Tunis, one from Calcutta, and one from Lucknow. Four cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with £750. This was composed of two grants of £100 (£200); one £75 (£75); one £40 (£40); three £30 (£90); two £25 (£50); eight £20 (£160); three £15 (£45); eight £10 (£80); and two £5 (£10).

The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the Girls' School met at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, when Col. John Creaton presided. There were also present Bros. Robert Grey, Joshua Nunn, Frederick Walters, Robt. P. Tebb, C. Locke Smiles, John A. Rucker, J. H. Matthews, James Peters, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the meeting of January 25th were read and verified and those of the House Committee of the 15th inst. were read for information, on which date the number of girls in the School was reported as being 239.

Petitions on behalf of Sophia Heastie and Mabel Harriet Godfrey were considered and received, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election.

The CHAIRMAN stated that a letter had been received from Mrs. Lord withdrawing the name of her daughter from the list of candidates.

The Chairman was authorised to sign certain cheques, a list of which was read to the Committee; and there being no further business, a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

By the last mail from England Bro. R. I. Finnemore, F.R.G.S., has received from Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, London, a notification as follows:—

"I have the pleasure to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint you to be District Grand Master of Natal from the 15th December, 1882. I give on the next page a list of the lodges which will form your district, and with hearty congratulations on your having attained to so high and dignified a position in Masonry, I remain, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,—SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Colonel, G.S."

The lodges comprised in the district are as follows:—No. 738, Durban; No. 956, Maritzburg; No. 1192, Avoca; No. 1665, Maritzburg; No. 1684, Richmond; No. 1729, Maritzburg; No. 1867, Greytown; No. 1937, Addington, and No. 1976, Pinetown.—*Natal Mercury*, Jan. 22nd.



Craft Masonry.

EMULATION LODGE (No. 21).—A COMPLIMENT TO BRO. DE KEYSER.—Regarded from every point of view, the complimentary dinner given on Monday night to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, by the Master and brethren of the above lodge was a significant and brilliant success. Both from the heartiness and urbanity which characterised the proceedings throughout, and as well as from the number of distinguished Masons who graced the assemblage with their presence, the event was one that must be regarded as one of the most important that has taken place in London for some time past. The guest of the evening has long been a member of the Emulation Lodge, and it was a graceful act on the part of the brethren to recognise the many acts of kindness, benevolence, and public enterprise which have earned for him such high distinction amongst the citizens of London. The atmosphere of the Albion on the occasion referred to was pregnant with expressions of hearty amenity and good fellowship, into which the brethren and the prominent members of Grand Lodge and others who were invited guests entered with the utmost spirit of good will.

Lodge was opened with Bro. T. F. Peacock, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Samuel Hill, S.W.; R. C. Grant, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; Arthur Hill, Sec.; Major Campbell, S.D.; M. R. Sewell, J.D.; G. Singer, P.M., D.C.; W. Wing, P.M., W.S.; H. C. Brunning, I.G., and a galaxy of Past Masters, including Bros. Brackstone Baker, P.G.J.D.; D. Clarke, H. J. Godden, S. J. Norris, J. Pointing, W. J. Vian, H. M. Stoltenhoff, Griffiths, C. E. Stoltenhoff, R. Berridge, R. P. Spice, G. Watson, C. Mansfield, W. Abbott, and others.

There were about 40 other brethren and amongst the visitors were Bros. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Bart., No. 1, P.G.W., and lately Lord Mayor of London; Alderman Fowler, M.P., P.M. 626; Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Ex-Sheriff, S.W. 778; Major General J. W. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia; S. Moss, P.M. 7, Canadian Registrar (Montreal); Ex-Sheriff Burt, P.A.G.D.C.; Sir John B. Monkton (Town Clerk) No. 1, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S. of England; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M. 279, P.P.G. Chap. Leicester and Rutland; R. H. Girard, No. 1, P.G.D.; J. Davis Sewell, 1827, P.G.S.; G. Lambert, P.M. 198, P.G.S.B.; R. S. Pigott, 11, A.G.D.C.; Frank Richardson, 14, P.G.D.; T. G. Bullen, P.M. 197, P.G.S.; H. Higgins, P.M. 1381; J. Crispe, W.M. 410; H. Bishop, P.M. 66; A. Gabriel, 310; A. W. Stansfield, P.M. 1019; J. Donaldson, W.M. 7; A. Day, P.M. 166; C. Smith, P.M. 58; H. C. Barker, P.M. 29; C. Monckton, P.M. 1150; A. G. Browning, P.M. 33; G. N. Johnson, P.M. No. 1; J. R. Cooper, P.M. 171; A. W. Morgan, P.M. 176; E. M. Hubbuck, P.M. 58; L. W. Durden, W.M. 370; G. W. Harkwill, W.M. elect 1150; W. Hubage, W.M. 177; S. Day, S.W. 166; C. D. Miller, J.W. 28; F. H. Williams, I.G. 18; E. J. Powell, 360 (Scotland); H. J. Griffiths, late of 21; E. Matheson, 1320; A. W. Stead, J.D. 25; J. W. Stockwell, 1364; G. B. Cutler, E. Gamman, 610; A. L. Drought, 163; A. Probyn, 172; C. T. Speight, Prov. Grand Tyler of Surrey; and many others.

After the usual ceremonies the W. Master, Bro. Peacock, was unanimously elected as Grand Steward, and the ballot was then opened for Mr. Joseph Savory, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, who had been nominated by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, and seconded by Bro. George Singer, P.M.; also for Mr. Marriott Ogle Tarbotton, C.E., of Nottingham, proposed by Bro. R. P. Spice, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. Berridge, P.M. The voting in each case was unanimous, and the candidates were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working of the W.M. and his officers eliciting very deserved expressions of approbation from all present. After business there was a good deal of pleasant gaiety and interchange of friendly sentiment in the reception rooms, and at seven o'clock the party sat down to an admirable banquet, which did infinite credit to the urbane and courteous manager of the Albion, Bro. W. G. Jennings.

The customary prefatory toasts were got over briefly by the W.M., and Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott in responding for "The Grand Officers" observed that the Craft generally must feel proud of being presided over by noblemen who devoted so much time to the interests of Freemasonry, and so well discharged the duties of their important offices. He expressed the peculiar pleasure it gave him to be present when an honour so deserved was to be bestowed upon his friend, Bro. Alderman De Keyser, whose position they had so splendidly recognised on the occasion.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke observed that it was a pleasure to all the Grand Officers to witness the success of all Masonic meetings, and more especially to be present in a lodge like this, which had such a distinguished history for many years past, and when they had met to congratulate one of their members upon the honours that had recently accrued to him. The Grand Officers were thoroughly in accord with every brother who wore the light blue. The M.W.G.M. had for good and proper reasons honoured them with promotion to the daïs, and he honestly believed they were all eager and anxious to do what they possibly could to hold and preserve the high positions in which they had been placed.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Sister Lodges," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Major-General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Major-General Laurie in an eloquent address in response said he could not, although they had been kind enough to couple his name with the sister lodges throughout the world, consider himself a foreigner. He had lately been elected to the court of the Sadlers Company, and therefore he was very much at home. Moreover, he had sat as a subscribing member in a lodge in every part of the world under the banners either of England or Ireland. But he was called upon under rather peculiar circumstances some years ago to join the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,

with a view to his name being brought forward as Grand Master. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren who put him in that position, although perhaps the state of Masonry abroad outside the jurisdiction with which those present were acquainted was not so well known as it might be. It seemed almost a pity that some of the facts were not more widely familiar to brethren on this side of the Atlantic. For instance, Bro. Brackstone Baker had just shown him a medal of the Grand Lodge of New York, which meant there were 80,000 subscribing members under the banner of that Grand Lodge alone. They must look at the figures to recognise what a hold Masonry had taken on the other side of the water. It was the same in principle there as in England, of course, but they were not able to exercise that magnificent charity which is dispensed in this country. Here they were able to put down £42,000 a year as subscriptions to the three grand Masonic Charities, to be distributed for the benefit of the widows and orphans, and old and decayed Masons. In America they could not do that; at least, they had not yet tried. There perhaps they did their work in a somewhat different way. Each lodge supported its own aged, and widows, and orphans, and then they went outside and gave personal service. In the fearful scourge of yellow fever they had heard of, Masons came forth from their different lodges in the States of the Union and went down and gave their services personally as doctors, nurses, and attendants to the poor suffering fever patients. Then again during the fearful floods that had taken place in America there were 21 lifeboats supported by the Masonic fraternity engaged in saving lives. Thus the humanity and charity of Masonry is exemplified there as well as here, only it developed in a different practice. They went and gave their own right hands and own good hearts for others. These subordinate lodges were the children of this great Grandmother Lodge of England, and had learnt and inherited this great virtue of charity from this side and here they must come as the fountain of honour.

Bro. Abbott, I.P.M., next proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

Bro. Peacock in response expressed his desire to discharge the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren.

In coming to the toast of the evening, the Worshipful Master asked the indulgence of the brethren while he told them why they had invited their guest, Bro. Alderman De Keyser, to come amongst them on that occasion, in order that they might welcome him in his present position. Bro. De Keyser was born in Belgium, but had come to this country and become a naturalised British subject. He had worked in the City with intelligence and perseverance, which enabled him to conquer all difficulties that beset his path and he became a prosperous man in London. Having like a sensible man looked after his own interests and acquired sufficient to enable him to settle down comfortably he looked around to see how he could benefit his neighbours, and commenced, as many Englishmen did, by entering into the political affairs of his parish. He successively served all the offices of St. Bride's, and was overseer, guardian, and churchwarden. Naturally after that he entered the Court of Common Council, and for many years, as now, he had given the results of his experience in life for the benefit of the citizens of London, serving the office of chairman of the Bridge House Committee and becoming a governor of Bridewell and Bethlehem Hospitals. In due course he was elected as an Alderman and one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and was presented by the residents in his ward with "the badge and insignia of his office," at a cost of about £300, in token of their appreciation of his efforts for their general benefit. He was also one of the founders of the Guildhall School of Music, and engaged actively in all matters of public usefulness. He entered Freemasonry under the auspices of Bro. Brackstone Baker in the lodge, and continued in it for many years, ultimately serving as I.G. But Freemasonry offered no excuses for a man to neglect his business, and with his many and great responsibilities Bro. De Keyser ceased to be an active member of the lodge for some time. They saw in him however one of the founders of the Macdonald Lodge in connection with the First Surrey Rifles, and he was also with the volunteers in Belgium, where in consideration of his active services he was created by the King a Knight of the Order of Leopold. During all this time although Bro. De Keyser was absent in person he was always thought of, and they were now anxious to do honour to him in his own lodge, consequently they had invited as many friends as they could accommodate to meet him. He thought they would all agree that in this assembly they had produced a very strong evidence of the respect and esteem in which Bro. De Keyser is held, and in conclusion he wished him health and all happiness and prosperity, adding the hope that the Corporation of London might live long enough to see him Lord Mayor, and that he might ultimately occupy the chair of the Emulation Lodge.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, who was enthusiastically received, said his heart was beating with sincere and deep gratitude for the honour they had done him, and his brain was on fire to find expressions adequate to interpret the sentiments which then animated him. He was sure that many of those present having had similar if not so complimentary honours offered to them would be able to understand how difficult it was in those moments to do justice to such a toast. Their excellent W.M. had been good enough to begin, as he said, at the beginning, and that beginning was one of which in a Masonic sense he felt proud, because it proved that Masonry was of a truly generous spirit, as it recognised and admitted him as one of themselves—those who did not even come from his mother country. The W.M. had alluded to the feeble services he had rendered in the different positions he had occupied. He had occasion once before in the presence of a few of the members of that lodge to say that which he thought he might still repeat, that one of the reasons which prompted him conscientiously to give up a great deal of his time to public life was not out of vanity or ambition, but a desire to recognise what they had done for him in the country of his adoption. He did not forget he had a duty to perform. He knew too well what they had done for him in the past, and it would be ungrateful and unlike a Mason if he were not to express to the utmost of his power his readiness to do all he could, not only for the community at large but for the poor, in recognition of the kindness, friendship, and tokens of affection he had received in this country. He was very pleased when the W.M. began by saying he would tell them why they had invited him to the banquet, because he thought Bro.

Peacock was going to get him out of the difficulty. He could not say what he had done to deserve the great compliment they had paid to him; but he could say it in another sense. Municipal institutions and Freemasonry had a great many sympathies, and it was to the municipal position he had attained through their suffrages and confidence that they paid the compliment, and not to him individually. However, he hoped if the Corporation lived long enough to do something for that body, and also as a Mason to recognise what the Masons had done for him. He should certainly not forget the great principles of charity and those institutions so forcibly alluded to by the Grand Master of Nova Scotia. They would find him ever ready to assist them. It was perfectly true he had not been very active as a Mason, but that had not been his fault. He left them unavoidably after he took office as I.G., because he was living in the country and had heavy responsibilities, and they knew a man could not get up a very important place of business such as he had created without great anxiety and great work. So he thought it his duty as he could not attend to the duties of his lodge to leave them and become an absent member. But the moment he returned, as he had done now, to a reasonable distance from town he was again with them, and from that moment his ambition would be to hold the proud position of Master of that lodge. He hoped that by attention to his duties he might prove himself worthy of their confidence on the day of election. He begged them to accept once more his very sincere thanks for the honour they had done him and to excuse him if he was unable to do justice to the sentiments which others might perhaps have expressed in more eloquent language. He thanked the members and distinguished visitors and officers of Grand Lodge for the compliment they had paid him by their presence, and was deeply sensible for the honour, which he should never forget.

"The Health of the Initiates" was then proposed by Bro. B. Baker, P.G.J.D., and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Sheriff Savory and Tarbotton.

Bros. Alderman Fowler, M.P., and Alderman Sir R. Hanson responded for "The Visitors," and in replying for "The Past Masters and Treasurer."

Bro. T. Taylor, P.M., said the Past Masters were always anxious to do all they possibly could to preserve the harmony and prosperity of their lodges. They had great virtues, one of which was that they did not interfere with the W.M. in the duties of his office or dictate to him in any shape or way; but they were always willing so long as he abided within Masonic rules as laid down in the Book of Constitutions to let him have his own course in the appointment of his officers and everything else appertaining to his lodge. At the same time they were always willing and anxious to aid in cases of difficulty, to give their advice with due respect to his position. As a proof of this, he might say the details connected with this banquet the Past Masters did not take upon themselves the duty, but a committee was appointed, upon which some of the Past Masters were elected ex-officio and some by choice; but the great burden had been borne by the junior officers of the lodge, and he left them to say whether they had not done their duty well. It was characteristic of this lodge that the Past Masters constituted within five or six one-half the numerical strength of the lodge; but they did not interfere with or dictate to the other members. Another virtue of the Past Masters was, although they did not often honour the lodge with their presence they paid their subscriptions most regularly; thus the funds of the lodge were not depreciated, but rather exalted. He congratulated them upon the flourishing state of their funds, which allowed them to give this banquet without any interference with their pockets.

"The Health of the Officers and Secretary of the Lodge" was then given, and responded to by Bro. Arthur Hill, Secretary, after which the list was closed with the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Winn, assisted by Bros. A. J. Brown, T. W. Hanson, and Kenningham, and a most pleasant gathering was enjoyed. Bro. Harper officiated as toastmaster.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at the White Horse Hotel, Belvedere-road, Lambeth. Bro. W. M. Robinson, W.M., presided, and there was an unusually large attendance of brethren, including Bro. Jannaway, S.W.; Past Masters Skirving, Hull, Whiting, Wm. Stuart, and Carrington.

The lodge was opened in due form and a raising was performed. It was unanimously resolved to vote 25 guineas from the lodge funds to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons to be placed on Bro. Woodliffe's list. The lodge then proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the year ensuing, and the choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. Jannaway, who received the congratulations of the brethren upon his election. Bro. Thurtle was with the usual unanimity re-elected Treasurer, and his kindness of heart and courtesy of manner came in for deserved eulogy. Brethren were nominated to audit the accounts, and the lodge by a show of hands elected Bros. Thos. Minstrell, Z. Huntley, Barnett, and Chamberlain.

After the transaction of other Masonic business the lodge was closed and the brethren dined together, sitting down to a capital banquet served under the personal direction of the worthy landlord, Bro. Carrington.

EASTERN STAR LODGE (No. 95).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, when a large gathering of members and visitors were present to witness the ceremony of formally and according to ancient usage placing Bro. Ruff in the chair of King Solomon. The following members and visitors were present: Bros. Collier, W.M.; Howard Ruff, S.W.; A. C. Macklin, J.W.; J. H. Swan, S.D.; J. Knight, J.D.; Jutson, I.G.; E. W. Davis, P.M.; Treasurer; George Edinger, P.M.; J. J. Barnett, P.M.; H. W. Ruff, P.M.; J. Marriott, P.M.; T. Duncan, P.M.; H. T. Bonner, P.M.; E. Bonner, P.M.; R. T. Hill, G. W. Tiffin, H. Grover, F. Johnson, J. A. Keen, A. J. Harris, P. Ayres, and J. L. Holmes. Visitors: H. T. Stark, P.M. 1705; T. H. Bromley, P.M. 228; F. Walton, P.M. 157; B. S. M. Lazarus, P.M.; G. J. Buck, J.W. 1702; B. Humphrey, W.M. 1364; Alfred Buck, P.G.S.W. Essex; W. G. Atkins, P.M. 837; E. Wilding, 1541; Thomas Ducas, P.M.; R. J. Ward, J.W. 1541; R. Birkett, 569; W. Braby, 1541; J. W.

Chapman, 1541; T. G. Wright, 55; T. W. Hanson, 1706; and W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The usual lodge business having been transacted, the chair was occupied by Bro. H. W. Ruff, P.M., who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Howard Ruff. The proceedings were rendered more than ordinarily interesting by the fact that the installing officer was the brother of the new W.M. If this had aught to do with the selection of P.M. Ruff for the duties of the day, the choice would have been more than justified by the result, for a more impressive and effective rendering of the beautiful ceremony it has never been our good fortune to listen to. Performed throughout without a hitch and with faultless elocution, it created an impression on those present that will remain for a long time. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Macklin, S.W.; Swan, J.W.; Knight, S.D.; Jutsum, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Marriott, D.C.; B. Davis, Treas.; Edinger, Sec.; and Speight, Tyler.

After congratulations from the members and hearty good wishes from the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, when the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing that of "The Queen," he said that Her Majesty must consider the Order loyal or she would not have three sons members; and in Masonry anarchy could not prevail. "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," came next, and the W.M. remarked that it was a fortunate thing for the Craft that on the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon the future king of England took the reins. Of the Grand Officers the W.M. said they were all aware how popular they were and what a great amount of work they did.

Bro. Collier, the I.P.M., then proposed the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M., Bro. Howard Ruff." They had seen how he had passed through the various offices of the lodge with credit to himself and to their advantage, and he felt sure he would pass through his year of office with great éclat. He had only to emulate his esteemed brother who had filled the chair before, to ensure his success. The harmony and comfort of the lodge would be safe in his hands, and he knew they all felt proud of their W.M.

Bro. Ruff in reply expressed thanks for the honour done him and the flattering remarks of his immediate predecessor, but he could only receive their thanks properly when he had shown that he had done something for them now that they had landed him in that proud position. He should do all in his power to maintain the dignity of the chair and promote the comfort and pleasure of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master then said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform. The I.P.M., Bro. Collier, was a very old member of the lodge; for 20 years he had sat on the right of the chair as a simple Master Mason and it was only after great pressure that he consented to take the chair of W.M.; but having done so he went through his year of office with credit and there was no one among them more esteemed and respected than Bro. Collier. A Past Master's jewel had been voted to him and he had then the honour of pinning it on his breast. He would value it, not for its intrinsic worth, but when he looked at the jewel he would associate it with one of the most interesting events of his life.

Bro. Collier in reply thanked the brethren for the sentiments expressed through the W.M. It had been no fault of the lodge that he had not occupied that position before; but he felt for various reasons he could not accept it. Thanks to his predecessor, the duties had been made easy, and he was proud to retire from the chair with the esteem and regard of the Eastern Star Lodge.

The Worshipful Master said that he approached the next toast with considerable diffidence, because the subject of it was his brother—it was that of "The Installing Master." They would readily understand that he did not wish to flatter him or pay him compliments; but he was bound to say that he had performed his work with precision and in a solemn manner. It had been his lot to see the ceremony performed several times, but he had never seen it carried out more efficiently.

Bro. Ruff in acknowledging the toast said he could scarcely find language to respond. It had been a very proud moment for him to instal his brother in that chair. From the time he was initiated nine years ago he had received the utmost kindness and consideration at their hands and he had been proud to introduce members, amongst others his brother whom he had installed that day. If they had been pleased with the ceremony he had been equally pleased to perform it.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, the Worshipful Master remarking that it was considered that charity was the first Masonic virtue but he was inclined to say it was hospitality. The Eastern Star Lodge had always the pleasure of entertaining visitors, and he could say on behalf of the brethren that they were always welcome. He called on Bros. Buck and Lazarus to reply on behalf of those present.

Bro. Buck said in the words of the song just given, they had in the Province of Essex a short time ago to give out notes of sadness on the loss of their Prov. Grand Master, Lord Tenderden, but it was also then his pleasure to give out notes of gladness on the appointment of Lord Brooke. In representing the Province of Essex he had come to pay homage to the Eastern Star, and he could not refrain from expressing his admiration of the manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed—he had never seen it equalled.

Bro. Lazarus also replied, and in the course of his remarks gave some interesting particulars of his own Masonic experience, extending over a period of some 60 years, and concluded with an amusing account of how he became Master of the Eastern Star Lodge more than 50 years ago.

The toast of "The Past Masters" came next, and the W.M. said that he always considered it a happy position for a brother to be in when after passing the chair he could fold his arms and sit and criticise the W.M.; but Past Masters as a rule did more, they were generally ready to aid the W.M. in his work, and he hoped to have their assistance during his year of office. In connection with this toast he would name Bros. Davis and Hill, and if Bro. Davis was the father of the lodge Bro. Hill had certainly been its high priest, for he had for many years performed the duty of installing the W.M.

Bro. Hill in returning thanks said it had been very gratifying to him to discharge any duty connected with the lodge, from I.G. to W.M. It had been his privilege to act as installing Master for many years, and he was glad that other brethren could now be found to perform that duty. It was a relief to him, and he had been delighted at the efficient

manner in which the ceremony had been carried out that day.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" came next.

Bros. Davies and Edinger replied, the former remarking that they had entrusted him with the funds of the lodge for 21 years. He was pleased to find the lodge was prospering; fresh blood had been introduced, which brought fresh energies. During his long connection with the lodge they had never had any quarrels, and he always looked forward, and should continue to do so, to the lodge meetings as a means of spending a social evening in the enjoyment of their society.

The Secretary also replied in a humorous speech, and with the toast of "The Wardens and other Officers" and the Tyler's toast the proceedings terminated.

The proceedings of the evening were greatly enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Ward and Hanson, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, Mus. Bac., P.M.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren and many visitors, including Bros. J. J. Thomas, 753; J. J. Masters, 3rd Lodge of Ireland; John Biorley, 1793; Sidney Decketts, 193; W. G. Higgins, 1563; F. Leach, 25; G. F. Challis, 704; T. D. Scott, 177; L. Lewis, P.M. 1598; A. E. Stead, 1622; C. H. Abrams, 511; Edward V. New, 173; James Payne, 1425; C. Shannon, 975; Theodore Distin, Phoenix; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. William Hitchcock, assisted by his officers, and after reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and disposal of other formal business, Bro. Moss was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installing Bro. B. Kershaw, the W.M. elect, was the next business on the agenda, and as this ceremony was to be performed by Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.D., who is the father of the Westbourne Lodge and the Master of Ceremonies, that worthy brother assumed the chair, whereupon Bro. Kershaw was formally presented for installation and having signified his acquiescence in the requirements of the ancient charges was duly obligated; after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Kershaw duly installed into the chair of K.S., subsequently appointing and investing his officers as follows: Bros. S. K. Walker (late Secretary), S.W.; W. C. Joy, J.W.; Welford, Treas.; T. W. Allen, Sec.; C. R. Wickens, S.D.; Biorn, J.D.; S. J. Humfress, I.G.; W. Tucker Allen, Org.; C. A. Cottebrune, M.C.; Burne, Assist. M.C.; J. Sothcott, Steward; Curtiss, Assist. Steward; and Thomas, Tyler.

Bro. Cottebrune then delivered the three orations to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren, thus bringing to a close his duties as Installing Master, which he had performed with great skill and exactness.

The skill of the new W.M. was at once put to the test as there were two candidates, who having been approved upon ballot, now presented themselves for initiation. These were Mr. Thomas Segger and Mr. Samuel Ebenezer Wallis. These candidates were duly initiated by Bro. Kershaw, but the ceremony suffered somewhat from the fact that Bro. Kershaw who had been laid up for some days (and who indeed was present contrary to the wishes of his medical adviser) was still too unwell to go through the work with the energy and ability which have characterised his working at the lodge of instruction. However the strong determination which brought Bro. Kershaw to the lodge at great personal inconvenience, carried him through the ceremony, and the new candidates were duly initiated. On their return to the lodge the Auditors reported that they had examined the accounts of the lodge and had found them to be in an eminently satisfactory condition, whereupon it was moved, seconded and carried that the accounts, which had been printed and circulated amongst the members, be received and entered on the minutes, and a vote of thanks to the Auditors for their services was also passed.

The minutes of the Benevolent Fund Committee were also confirmed, and a vote of £2, supplementing a grant of £3 made by the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, was carried in favour of the widow of a deceased member of the lodge.

The Secretary reported that he had received from the widow referred to—who was desirous of applying to the Lodge of Benevolence for further assistance—the usual printed form of petition to Grand Lodge, which had been sent to him with the expectation of its being recommended and signed by the Master, Wardens, and members of the Westbourne Lodge; but as, apparently from ignorance of what was necessary to be done, she had not filled up the form, the lodge had no alternative but to direct the Secretary to return it to her for completion.

Bro. Cottebrune said that they had a brother amongst them who had filled a very high and important office in the lodge, the duties of which he had discharged with perseverance and great skill for many years. That brother—he alluded to Bro. S. R. Walker, the late Secretary—had that evening been appointed Senior Warden of the lodge, and he trusted that he would next year attain the highest position in the lodge that the members could confer upon him. He thought however that the brethren should now do something for one who had done so much for the lodge—something to mark their appreciation of the services which he had rendered, and of the kindness and courtesy which he had always displayed. He proposed therefore that the lodge should present Bro. Walker with a Past Secretary's jewel of the value of five guineas.

The Worshipful Master said it gave him the greatest pleasure to second that proposal, and he put it to the meeting with the greatest confidence that it would pass unanimously.

The vote was carried by acclamation, and some other formal business having been disposed of the lodge closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room.

After dinner the well known list of toasts was gone through and all were duly honoured. The state of the Worshipful Master's health did not admit of his exerting himself much in the way of speech making, and therefore the first three toasts were proposed without any accompanying remarks, but were none the less cordially received by the brethren.

Bro. Cottebrune being the only Grand Officer present replied on behalf of "The Officers of Grand Lodge," passing a high encomium on the zeal, ability, and urbanity

of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, and on the good qualities which also characterised the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers. It was a great thing to find men of such high positions holding Grand Office, and it showed how truly our Grand Master had at heart the genuine interests of the Craft that he was so careful in the selection of his Grand Officers, and so anxious that none but those who might be called representative Masons and who had done good service to the Craft should occupy those high positions.

Bro. Hitchcock, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Kershaw, their newly-installed W.M." He was sorry to say that Bro. Kershaw had been very ill during the past week and it was only his strong desire that the brethren might not be disappointed that evening which had caused him to come amongst them at some risk to himself. In electing Bro. Kershaw they had elected a master who had the interests of the lodge at heart and who was sure to do all in his power to promote its welfare and to promote the happiness of the brethren over whom he ruled. He (Bro. Hitchcock) hoped the brethren would support Bro. Kershaw during his period of office with the same kindness and cordiality as that which they had accorded to himself. Bro. Kershaw's condition had interfered somewhat with his working on the present occasion. They all knew him as an able worker, and he hoped that his restoration to health would be immediate and complete and that he would be able in future to perform his duties with his accustomed skill and energy.

Bro. Kershaw said that he had to thank the brethren very heartily for drinking his health, and he trusted that during the year of office he was now entering on he would be able to perform his duties to their satisfaction. He was sure that they would excuse his present infirmity of speech. He had now a most pleasing duty to perform—that of proposing "The Health of Bro. Hitchcock, their I.P.M.," and at the same time he had to call their attention to the beautiful jewel which he held in his hand, and which they had voted to Bro. Hitchcock as a mark of their appreciation of his merits as a Master. He could only say himself that Bro. Hitchcock richly deserved it. He (Bro. Kershaw) was glad to have the opportunity of presenting that jewel, with the earnest wish that Bro. Hitchcock might live long to wear it in Freemasons' lodges; and whoever saw it he trusted would be inspired by the sight to endeavour to attain the same high honour. At the same time he had the pleasure to invest him with the collar of a Past Master which had also been presented by the brethren.

Bro. Hitchcock in returning thanks said he was very proud of the present which had been made to him; and he was still prouder to be able to remember that when the matter was proposed to the lodge the vote was unanimous—every brother put his hand up. It afforded him great gratification to reflect that he had achieved something during his year of office, that he had left the affairs of the lodge in a better condition than that in which he found them: indeed they were in a very satisfactory state.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the two Initiates."

Bros. Segger and Willis responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. L. Lewis, P.M. 1598, who thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordiality with which the numerous visitors present had been received, and expressed the pleasure which they had had in witnessing the working in the lodge, and the further pleasure they had experienced in partaking of their hospitality. The musical arrangements which were entrusted to Bro. Theodore Distin were highly satisfactory. He was assisted by Miss Louisa Distin, his daughter, and Mr. John Pietroni, as vocalist, and by Master T. J. Distin, who performed a solo on the violin. Miss Distin also presided at the pianoforte. This young lady deserves a word of praise. She possesses a very pretty voice and sings, as well as plays, with feeling, spirit and good taste. She certainly delighted her audience of the Westbourne Lodge, and was encored more than once.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall on the 10th inst., and was very well attended, there being a large number of members and over 30 visitors present. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frank Kirk, and after the confirmation of the minutes Bro. John Oswald Gardner, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented for installation and the ceremony was very ably performed in the presence of a Board of 40 Installed Masters by Bro. B. Turner, I.P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Frank Kirk, I.P.M.; Frank Swain, S.W.; Thomas Wilson, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Thomas, M.A., Chap.; Frederick West, P.M., Treas.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.M., Sec.; Algernon Mount, S.D.; R. Masfield, J.D.; W. F. Rowell, I.G.; W. T. Tonkin, M.C.; George Lansdown, Stwd.; A. J. Martin, Assistant Steward; and Charles Clifton, Organist.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Kirk, I.P.M., who was complimented on the very able and perfect way in which he had performed all the ceremonies during a most successful year of office.

From the Auditors' report it was gratifying to find that the lodge had after paying all liabilities a large balance to their credit.

The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren and their friends numbering about 100 dined together in the gorgeously decorated new saloon at the Holborn Restaurant, which had been specially finished for the occasion. After the usual loyal toasts were given, Bro. J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C., responding to that of "The Grand Officers," "The Health of the W.M.," was proposed by Bro. F. Kirk in an able speech; "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Col. James Peters; "The Past Masters" by Bro. Kirk; "The Installing Master" by Bro. Turner; and "The Officers" by Bro. Swain, S.W.

The musical arrangements which were admirable were managed by Bro. Frederick West, P.M. and Treasurer, who had engaged some youthful choristers whose charming voices were much admired. Messrs. Hodges and Tower also sang some excellent songs, and Mr. Hoyte gave a pianoforte solo.

The Tyler's toast brought a very agreeable entertainment to a close.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This highly distinguished lodge held its fourth installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Nielson, W.M.; J. Williams, I.P.M.; W. Carrington, S.W.; R. G. Shute, J.W., W.M. elect; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; W. Williams, S.D.; D. Ferguson, J.D.; R. H. Rogers, I.G.; G. Austin, W.S.; J. Colwill, A.W.S.; J. Kift, Org.; G. Whitaker, H. Ridgley, A. Wolter, B. F. C. Helden, G. Slingsby, J. J. Johnson, H. J. Johnson, P.M.; T. Biggs, T. Hine, A. Taylor, W. Spriggs, B. Brett, C. Bull, C. R. Cross, R. Stock, G. Long, L. Wähltuch, F. Purnell, Chas. Smith, H. Cooke, H. Bray, W. Russell, and T. Richards. Among the visitors were Bros. Veal, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; F. C. Flatterly, P.M. 1624; S. Jones, P.M. 1624; Powell, W.M. 1624; Smith, W.M. 194; Osbourne, P.M. 1341, P.P.G.S.B. Hong Kong; W. Mann, P.M. 186; S. Lloyds, W.M. 1201; W. Side, P.M. 1507; T. Cross, P.M. 1194; Browne, 1306; Holmes, 1608; Whitaker, 1828; Hawkins, 1695; Col. Bousfield, 786; J. Daniels, C. Taylor, 1424; J. Elvin, 538; Reynolds, 1441; Foat, 1839, and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, and the balance sheet having been presented, Bro. G. Whitaker read an excellently written report, expressing the feeling of the Auditors upon the careful manner in which the books were kept, thanking the Treasurer for his kindness, and admonishing the lodge to be temperate in its expenditure, that it might, if possible, make a greater mark in the Craft than it had already done. Bro. Bray was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M.

Bro. Cantle, P.M., as D.C., then presented Bro. R. G. Shute (who had been duly elected by the brethren as W.M. elect in consequence of the inability of Bro. Carrington, he at the present time being W.M. of the Acacia Lodge at Bromley) to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation, which the W.M. gave him as far as opening in the Third Degree, when Bro. J. Williams, P.M., took the chair and completed the ceremony and addresses in such an excellent manner as to call forth the praise of every brother in the lodge. Bro. Shute, the new Master, had not entered upon his duties without due thought, for his manner of investing his officers was perfect, and beyond that a kind word fell to each officer in the proper place. The new officers are as follows: Bros. W. Carrington, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; D. Ferguson, S.D.; R. H. Rogers, J.D.; E. Austin, I.G.; J. B. Colwill, D.C.; J. Kift, Org.; G. F. Williams, W.S.; J. J. Johnson, A.W.S.; and Woodstock, P.M., Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the W.M. most perfectly initiated Mr. Mapleton Cook into the Order, and surprised the brethren by his knowledge of his work. The sum of ten guineas was voted for the Girls' School, to be placed upon Bro. Nielson's list, who would represent the lodge as Steward at that festival. The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet served in the Crown Room, which gave satisfaction to both members and visitors. Grace having been sung to the W.M. gave the usual toasts, which were heartily responded to.

In proposing "The Worshipful Master's Health" Bro. Nielson said he was pleased his first duty was to propose the health of a brother who by his excellent working had already proved himself to be the right man in the right place. He had worked steadily through the different offices and by his zeal had endeared himself to all the brethren. The Worshipful Master in reply said he had at last arrived at the height of his ambition, and his endeavour would be to show that he was worthy of being a ruler in the Craft and Master of the Creation Lodge.

In proposing "The Initiate" the Worshipful Master said he had known Bro. Cook for many years and was sure he would prove a worthy Mason. In proposing "The P.Ms." he said he had first to express regret at the absence of Bro. Col. Creaton, then to thank the P.Ms. for their assistance already given, and to Bro. Nielson it was his very pleasing duty to place upon his breast a substantial token of the brethren's good feeling and wishes towards him in the shape of a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and might the G.A.O.T.U. give him health to wear it and come amongst them for many years. With regard to Bro. Williams he had been the admiration of all present, or rather his work had, for the manner in which he had installed him was simply perfect. He was pleased to see Bro. Johnson once more in his place with the P.Ms.

In reply Bro. Nielson said he was very much obliged to the W.M. and brethren for their kind token of esteem. He knew he had not been perfect, but had tried to do his best, and if that best had pleased and satisfied the lodge he was amply repaid. He now asked them for a last favour and that was to support him well in his Stewardship and that he might have as good a result as had attended Bros. P.Ms. Cantle, Johnson, and Williams who had preceded him.

Bro. J. Williams, P.M., thanked them for their warm appreciation of his humble services, he was ready to believe he had done it well, but as he had learned all he knew in the lodge so they must put down what he had done to the lodge itself. In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary" the W.M. said the Creation Lodge had the best in the Craft, at all events they thought so. The latter was always ready to teach or to do, in fact he was the backbone of the lodge, and the former was ever kind and generous to a fault. The Treasurer and Secretary replied briefly. The Secretary in finishing said: Brethren, you have already sent up Stewards with a gross amount of nearly £700; I hope you will keep up the charter and let our Bro. Nielson's list be one of the largest at the festival.

"The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bro. Flatterly, P.M., Browne, and Osbourne, of Hong Kong. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful and pleasant evening to a close. Some excellent singing was given by Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Grace Godolphin, Bros. Jas. Kilt and J. Ion Cantle, and recitations by Bro. Reynolds.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. A. Mc Dowall, P.M. 948, Prov. G.D.C., Berks and Bucks, W.M.; H. Bing, S.W.; Charles Brown, J.W.; N. Green, I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; Walter C. Claridge, P.M. 1685, J.W. 1598, Sec.; A. Haig Brown, S.D.; A. H. Sandle, J.D.; W. J. Tasman, I.G.; L. V. Walker, M.C.; L. M. Williams, 1st Stwd.; J. W. McAlpin, 2nd Stwd.; and J. Lackland, Tyler; also Bros. Lewis, Morris, Swinscow, C. G. Brown, Tilt, Bell, Fraser, Bokenham, Ceen, Beard,

Stein, McNish, Gregory, Gawith, and Chant. Visitors: Bros. T. Blake, P.M. 945; S. McDowall, 539, S.C.; and W. Sampson, 1598. The lodge was opened in the customary manner and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. McNish, Morris, Swinscow, and Bokenham were raised to the Third Degree and Bro. Chant was passed to the Second Degree. Several candidates for initiation were announced by the Secretary. There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Friendship Lodge (No. 100).—The installation of the W.M. for the year, Bro. J. W. B. Johnson, P.M. 305, took place at the Town Hall on the 15th inst., the ceremony being most impressively and perfectly performed by Bro. Oswald Diver, P.M. and Treasurer. The following officers were appointed and invested by the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. Henry Stemberge, I.P.M.; Henry Owles, S.W.; Alfred D. Bennett, J.W.; Rev. Edwd. Whitehead, Chap.; Oswald Diver, P.M., Treas.; James Bond, P.M., Sec.; Charles J. Bullen, S.D.; Thomas Beeching, J.D.; Thomas Tunbridge, Org.; Thos. W. Southey, I.G.; Jas. R. Ellis and Alfred E. Welch, Stewards; and James Holt, Tyler.

The visitors present were Bros. Major Penrice, S.G.D., D.P.G.M. Norfolk; C. Diver, W.M. 313; E. P. Youell, W.M. 1631; Jewson, P.M. 93; Offord, P.M. 213; Ecookes, C. Buckland, J. Hall, E. J. Thomas, P.M. 71; A. Hanlon, P.M. 100; W. Knight, 325; and Dr. Franklin. The following members of the lodge were in attendance: Past Masters Bros. John Etheridge, Wm. Dods, J. Franklin, Wm. Sayer, H. J. Moxon, D. R. Fowler, E. Howes, E. J. Bonfellow, T. W. Wilcocks, and R. Martins, and Bros. T. Mann, A. Scaife, J. F. Southey, A. J. Cubitt, T. J. Morgan, H. Morgan, J. W. French, H. H. Taylor, A. J. Reeves, H. H. Smith, G. S. Gibbs, L. H. James, W. G. Greenwood, E. S. Pycraft, M. Weston, E. G. Calver, G. W. Green, R. H. Tunbridge, and H. Harvey-George.

It was voted that the sum of 10 guineas be paid to the fund now being raised for the widow and nine children of the late Bro. Rev. Dr. Mangan, of Canterbury, formerly a member of this lodge, and charged to the benevolent fund. The banquet was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel. The tables were elegantly arranged and the various courses served up in Bro. Franklin's best style. Upwards of 50 did ample justice to the viands, and a most successful and enjoyable evening was spent. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Johnson, presided, and in proposing the loyal toasts referred to the honour of claiming H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as a Norfolk man. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was drunk with Masonic honour. Bro. Penrice, D.P.G.M. (whose name had been coupled with the toast), in responding gave valuable information upon the new Book of Constitutions, and expressed in well-chosen words the pleasure it always gave him to visit the town in which the early days of his Masonic career were spent. In acknowledging the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Johnson expressed briefly his thanks to the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him, and felt convinced that his officers would give him their full support. Bro. Stemberge in replying for the well-deserved display of approval on his health being proposed said that as W.M. for the past year he felt his duties had been, although not always onerous, well carried out, and his year of office would be a pleasant remembrance for the rest of his life. The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. A. Diver," who was prevented from being present at the banquet through indisposition, was responded to by his brother, Bro. C. Diver. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Major Dods in a vigorous speech, in which he stated his conviction that privacy should be strictly observed in distributing the funds, and deprecated the idea of sending children to other than Masonic schools. Bro. Bonfellow replied in a capital speech, and exhorted the brethren to still further exertions on behalf of the Charitable Institutions. The other toasts were severally responded to, and never do we remember to have spent a more enjoyable evening.

KING'S LYNN.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 107).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 5th inst., when there were present among others the following: Bros. G. G. Sadler, P.M.; C. T. Ives, P.M.; Hamon le Strange, P.M.; M. B. Birchman, P.M.; J. R. Chadwick, P.M.; C. W. Morris, P.M.; Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart., M.P., P.M.; G. S. Woodwark, P.M.; W. Patrick, P.M.; W. J. Pole, P.M.; W. Seppings, P.M.; J. S. B. Glasier, W.M.; R. H. Alaham, S.W.; Rev. J. B. Slight, J.W.; Rev. E. J. Alvis, Chap.; Robinson Cruso, Treas.; James Green, Sec.; Harry Green, S.D.; and Walter W. Wilkin, J.D. Visitors: Bros. C. Parker, S.W.; and G. H. Peck, I.G. 809; G. W. Sheringham, W.M.; G. F. Grummett, I.P.M.; W. Harvey, P.M.; R. F. Atkinson, J.W. 1114; J. H. Carter, S.W. 985; and others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. R. H. Alaham, was presented, and with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. G. S. Woodwark, P.M., assisted by Bro. C. T. Ives, P.M., who performed the ceremony in their well known efficient and impressive manner in the presence of an unusually large board of Installed Masters. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. S. B. Glasier, I.P.M.; Rev. J. B. Slight, S.W.; Rev. E. J. Alvis, Chap.; Robinson Cruso, Treas.; James Green, Sec.; Walter Wilkin, S.D.; G. Ffolkes, J.D.; A. H. Cross, Org.; G. Witt, I.C.; J. D. Thew, and J. G. Churchman, Stewards; and G. Lake, Tyler. The W.M. addressed each officer on his investiture in a manner which not only clearly pointed out his duties, but also that he (the W.M.) was well able and willing to rule and direct his lodge efficiently. The ceremony of installation having been finished, it was announced that the brethren, to evince their recognition of the valuable service of Bro. Wolsey, their late Tyler, whose services had extended over a period of 28 years, and of his unvarying courtesy and kindness, had subscribed for and purchased a gold watch, which in his unavoidable absence from lodge it was agreed should be presented to him in the name of the brethren by the W.M. and I.P.M.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given the lodge was closed in peace and harmony and the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Marshall, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of "The Masonic Charities" being proposed by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. J. Alvis, and eliciting a cordial and liberal response.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Bro. Gregson, W.M., in the chair. There was a good attendance of the brethren. After the minutes had been read it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £10 10s. be voted to the Masonic Charities—£5 5s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and £5 5s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. There being a probability of the disposal at an early date of the premises in which the lodge meets, considerable discussion took place as to the desirability of procuring other premises, and eventually a sub-committee was appointed to look at suitable rooms and report to next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren the lodge was closed.

BRIGHTON.—St. Patrick's Lodge (No. 295).—Since their arrival in Brighton, the brethren of the St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 (4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards), have been heartily welcomed by the brethren of the Brighton and neighbouring lodges, and many pleasant gatherings have been held to which the military brethren have been cordially invited. The arduous duties incidental to the Egyptian campaign had, however, for a time prevented them from closely attending to their own lodge work, but having now fairly settled down their in Brighton quarters, their lodge has been formally re-opened, and on Monday the 12th inst., the annual installation meeting and banquet of the St. Patrick's Lodge took place at the Royal Pavilion. The leading brethren of the local lodges were invited to assist in the auspicious event, and when the lodge was opened there was an excellent gathering of the members of the Craft. The brethren of the lodge present comprised Bro. W. Harris, W.M.; W. Flint, S.W.; H. A. Lewis, J.W.; J. M. Patterson, S.D.; D. Fegan, J.D.; T. B. Shaw-Hellier, Secretary; S. Taylor, I.G.; J. P. Law, S. Russell, W. Shaw, and J. Gladman, Tyler. The visitors included Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M. Sussex (who, though present at the formal lodge meeting, was prevented by a domestic bereavement from taking part in the subsequent banquet and *post prandial* proceedings), J. W. Stride, P.P.G.J.W., P.M., 315; V. F. Bennett-Stanford, P.P.G.J.W. Dorset, W.M. 1047; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. R. Wood, sen., P.P.S.G.W. and P.G.D. Eng.; T. Packham, P.M. 315, I.P.M. 1829, Prov. G.S.; W. Marchant, P.M. 315, P.P.G.D.C.; G. S. Godfree, I.P.M. 182, Prov. G. Steward; S. Peters, S.W. 1821; B. Burfield, J.W. 1821; M. Grinberg, 1821; H. Hart, 1821; J. Eberall, P.M. 315, P.M. 1636, P.P.G. Purst; W. Newsome, W.M. 1821; W. C. Newsome, Org. 1821; E. Broadbridge, I.P.M. 1636; G. Nash, I.P.M. 315, Sec. 1047; G. T. Shaft, J.W. 811; G. Campbell, J.W. 271; E. Bridge, S.W. 1829 and 311; J. Dixon, P.M. 271, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Ridge, J.W. 315; H. E. Tompson, W.M. 56; T. C. Woodman, I.P.M. 271; G. Light, S.W. and P.M. 56; S. G. Kinchhoffer, P.M. 1899, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey and Cambridge; F. Harrison, P.M. 804, W.M. 1829; J. B. Hannay, Sec. 1821; E. Sampson, 859; A. King, W.M. 271, P. Prov. G.O.; C. J. Corder, P.M., Sec. 271, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Alex. Dowell, I.P.M. 1466; J. Dennant, S.W. 271; W. R. Wood, jun., S.W. 1636; S. H. Soper, W.M. 732; E. Histed, S.W. 732; G. de Paris, P.M. and Sec. 811; F. Daniel, I.P.M. 732; W. Kuhc, P.G.O., P.M. 271 and 1636; W. H. Gibson, W.M. 315, and 1636; H. Kent, Sec. 315; C. W. Allen, 1747; C. J. Smith, P.P.G. S.W.; H. Cheal, Sec. 1829; J. H. Adams, 389; B. Lomax, S.W. 811; R. Paige, 315; H. S. Gates, Sec. 1636; W. Roe, Prov. G.O., D.C. 1636; W. G. Baylis, 315; J. H. Page, 1714; G. Cole, J.W. 1636; J. Anderson, P.M., 624, P.P.I.G. Staffordshire; G. R. Lockyer, W.M. Elect. 315; T. Holloway, J.D. Burrell, 1829; T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler.

The principal work of the meeting comprised the re-installation of the newly elected W.M., Bro. William Harris, and the investiture of his officers. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. S. G. Kinchhoffer, P.M. 1899, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey and Cambridge. The officers invested by Bro. Harris as his colleagues for the ensuing year were Bro. H. A. Lewis, S.W.; J. W. Patterson, J.W.; D. Fegan, S.D.; J. Clifford, J.D.; J. Gladman, I.G.; T. B. Shaw-Hillier, Secretary; R. Hind, Assistant Secretary; J. Pedley, Treasurer; T. Hughes, Tyler.

The business being concluded and the lodge formally closed, the brethren returned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to a banquet, and the brethren of the St. Patrick's Lodge showed by their unbounded hospitality their appreciation of the hearty manner in which they themselves had been received by the brethren of the Brighton and other lodges. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. William Harris, presided. The toast list differed somewhat from that incidental to English lodges. The toast of "The Queen and Craft," given from the chair, was followed by that of "His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland," and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England and the Grand Lodge of England," each of the trio being proposed by Bro. William Harris and heartily received.

Bro. W. Kuhc, P.G.O. Eng., responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, and spoke in high terms of the warm interest taken by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his Royal brothers in all that concerned the advancement of Freemasonry. He embraced the opportunity of expressing the pleasure he felt for the first time of witnessing the work of an Irish lodge; that work had been carried out in an admirable manner, and while the regiment under their gallant colonel, Bro. T. B. Shaw-Hellier—(loud applause)—had become popular and had endeared themselves to the Brighton public, on account of the readiness with which the officers had permitted their hand to assist in promoting the success of many charitable institutions in the town, he was sure that the manner in which their Masonic duties were carried out would still further add to their popularity with the brethren of the Craft.

Bro. S. G. Kinchhoffer had great pleasure in giving the next toast, "The W.M." For the third time Bro. W.

Harris had been installed W.M. of the lodge, and that alone proved conclusively that the brethren entertained the highest opinion of him and of the manner in which he carried out his duties. That gave him great pleasure in proposing the toast; but further he was pleased to do so as being himself a member of an Irish lodge. It might be thought that he had carefully concealed his manner of speech, but he was proud to belong to Ireland, though he was far from proud of certain events which had recently transpired there. He had been much gratified by the excellent work he had seen that evening in the St. Patrick's Lodge, and he trusted the W.M. would have a happy year of office.

Bro. W. Harris, on rising to respond, was warmly received. He thanked the brethren for the many acts of kindness he and his fellow members of the St. Patrick's Lodge had received at the hands of the brethren of the Brighton and neighbouring lodges. Their Masonic duties had during their short campaign in Egypt being checked, but now that their lodge work was revived he trusted that on many future occasions he should have the pleasure of meeting those around him.

Bro. Col. T. B. Shaw-Hellier proposed "The Visiting Brethren." He could not sufficiently express the pleasure he felt on account of the cordial manner in which the brethren of the St. Patrick's Lodge had been received by the brethren of Sussex and of Brighton in particular. At York and Aldershot they had been kindly welcomed and assisted in their Masonic work, but nowhere had they experienced more gratifying and hospitable treatment than since their arrival in Brighton. He regretted that the lodge had been unable to invite more visiting brethren, but while desirous of being liberal they were also anxious not to deprive their Masonic charities of that due to them. As in other matters so in those peculiar to Masonry, they were impressed with the desire "to do life's duties manfully" and to faithfully carry out those connected with the Craft. He gladly welcomed those present and trusted to meet them at similar gatherings.

Bro. V. F. Bennett-Stanford responded. As W.M. of the youngest lodge in the Sussex Province he was proud on being called upon to respond, while so many were present older than himself in Masonry and far abler in its work. In the St. Patrick Lodge he felt there was the true "ring" of Masonry; their gallant colonel was content to take a subordinate office under those who on ordinary occasions were by the force of military discipline under his command. Working with such harmony the lodge was bound to succeed. On behalf of the visiting brethren he sincerely thanked the officers of the lodge for their hospitality that evening.

The Tyler's toast completed the list, and concluded a very pleasant gathering.

During the banquet the band of the regiment, stationed in the South Drawing Room, played some fine selections of music under the direction of their conductor, Mr. T. Martin, and were heartily applauded by the company. The various speeches were also agreeably dispersed by some excellent songs sung by Bro. Colonel T. B. Shaw-Hellier, E. Broadbridge, B. Burfield, G. Cole, and A. King. Bro. Kuhc was warmly encored for his pianoforte solo, "The last rose of summer," and then played "Home, sweet home," each with its fine-arranged variations giving especial pleasure to the brethren. Bro. W. Kuhc, A. King, and W. Roe shared the duties of accompanist, and Bro. S. G. Kinchhoffer in *rale* Irish brogue gave a humorous recitation, "On the banks of the Shannon," which was well received.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The installation of Bro. Henry Lashmore, the retiring S.W., as W.M. of this lodge took place on the 15th inst., the Board of Installed Masters being composed of the following, with Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., as Installing Master: W. Bros. Paris, the retiring W.M.; W. Furber, J. B. Thomas, J. Lemon, C. J. Phillips, J. Robertson, W.M. 130; W. Horton, W.M. 319; J. Patstone, W.M. 359; C. Cox, J. D. Barford, W. F. Mayoss, W.M. 1112; J. Methven, W.M. 1780; E. T. Howell, J. Cole, H. P. Aslatt, G. J. Tilling, J. P. Hine, G. Dymott, T. Lashmore, W. Chapman, and C. W. A. Jellicoe, these being supplemented by a large general attendance, including among the visitors Bro. J. Martin, 251; and Hall, Org. 1339.

The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bro. Paris, I.P.M.; J. D. Barford, P.M. 359, S.W.; E. Gayton, J.W.; J. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; E. T. Howell, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. L'Argent Bell, S.D.; C. Appleford, J.D.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M., D.C.; Robert Brannon, I.G.; and Biggs and Varc, Tyler and Asst. Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the year, and many "Hearty good wishes" were tendered to his successor, with expressions of the hope that his term of office would be agreeable and successful. At the installation banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, the chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., who during the evening announced that he had that week received from a distinguished brother, who thought it might be of interest to him and others, an extract under the head of "Southampton" from the *Salisbury and Winchester Journal* of June 26th, 1781, which he read, as follows:

"Thursday being old St. John's Day the Free and Accepted Masons assembled at their lodge of 'Concord' in this town, and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Master of England, walked in procession to the Church of Holy Rood, where the Rev. James Scott preached a most excellent and pathetic discourse from the 1st of Corinthians, 12th chap., 31st verse: 'Covet earnestly the best gifts, and yet shew I unto thee a *more excellent song*.'—Bro. Rev. Mr. Le Brocq read prayers, and Bro. Day, Org., prepared an anthem suitable to the occasion. A collection of £10 14s. 6d. was made at the church door, and the sum of £10 13s. was added to it by the members of the lodge and the visiting brothers, for the relief of the industrious poor of this town. The procession to and from church was conducted with the greatest solemnity, regularity, and decorum, and made a very respectable appearance both from the *number and quality* of the brethren. An elegant dinner was provided, and the day spent in decent convivial mirth, true harmony, and good fellowship."

As was shown in the columns of the *Freemason* several years since in a sketch of the history of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, the "Concord" held its meetings in the Guildhall. The first Master was Lord Montague, whose portrait hangs in the Masonic Hall to the left of the

Master's chair: this with another picture by the door of the lodge, representing "Charity," and other belongings, were presented to the Gloucester Lodge upon the breaking up of the Concord Lodge. Years after when a new chapter was formed it took its warrant under the old lodge warrant and so was called the Concord Chapter. The usual Masonic and other toasts were honoured.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).—The installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst., on which occasion Bro. Barlow was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Thos. Robert Peel, P.M., assisted by Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T.. The following members were present: Bro. Frank Griffin, W.M.; Richard Barlow, S.W.; Mark Fairweather, J.W.; Ishmael Davies, Treas.; S. J. Naphtali, Sec.; C. Roberts, J.D.; Thos. Gibson, P.M.; Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Thos. Elliott, P.M.; Edward Williams, P.M.; John Oliver Evans, P.M.; John Taylor, P.M.; Robt. Chadwick, J. K. Dalgleish, E. Rawlinson, Arthur Freer, James Hood, Ralph Renshaw, William Cole, R. Davies, and Samuel Wood. Visitors: Bro. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.M. 64, G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.; Robt. McDowell Smith, P.M. 44, 64, P.P.G.T.; Thos. Hargreaves, P.P.S.G.W.; Jas. Heelis, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.M. 643; John Roberts, P.G.A.D.C.; Jas. Brooke, P.P.G.P. West Yorks; J. Challender, 1055; Richard Oates, 436; Abraham Pemberton, S.W. 1030; Jos. Downing, 460; Chas. S. Lane, P.M. 764; William Brandon, P.M. 1219; Frank Buckley, 1375; W. W. Dawson, P.M. 1219; H. Lord, W.M. 325; William Nicholl, P.M. 317; C. Plant, 1219; S. Kershaw, 1030; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer at four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual formalities the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Barlow, was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. T. R. Peel), and by him inducted with all rite and ceremony into the chair of K.S.

The announcement that Bro. Barlow's installation had been completed having been made, he was accordingly saluted in the usual manner. Bro. Ellis Jones, P.M., P.P.G.T., then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—Mark Fairweather, S.W.; Robt. Chadwick, J.W.; Ishmael Davies, P.M., Treas.; R. P. Wood, Sec.; S. J. Naphtali, S.D.; Evan Roberts, J.D.; Thos. Elliott, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Cole, Org.; R. Renshaw, I.G.; S. Wood, S.S.; E. Rawlinson, J.S.; James Sly, Tyler.

Bro. T. R. Peel addressed the W.M., and Bro. Ellis Jones the Wardens and brethren.

Previous to the lodge closing, Bro. Thos. Elliott, P.M., gave notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be granted from the lodge funds towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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

The brethren afterwards proceeded to the Queen's Hotel, and sat down to a grand banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. T. R. Peel, proposed "The Healths of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M.; and the Grand Rulers of the Craft, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Grand Deacon of England. In the course of his remarks Bro. Peel said he was very pleased to find Bro. Royds amongst them that day, who was without doubt a very worthy and distinguished brother, well known to fame and doing all in his power to further the interests of Freemasonry, especially Royal Arch Masonry. Bro. Peel concluded by remarking that most of the brethren were aware of the very active and permanent part Bro. Royds had taken in the Craft and that no brother was more worthy of being associated with the toast.

The brethren cordially endorsed Bro. Peel's remarks by heartily drinking the health of Bro. Royds.

Bro. Royds in reply said he thanked Bro. Peel for his kind remarks and also the brethren for so cordially drinking his health. Respecting the honour which had been conferred upon him of Grand Deacon, he assured them it was an office he had not sought after or even expected, there being so many brethren worthy to receive such honours and so few to bestow. With reference to Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Royds said he had endeavoured to the utmost of his ability to bring about the uniformity of working in every chapter in East Lancashire, and having referred to the different ways of working the W.M.'s Degree in East and West Lancashire went on to say that he did not see how it could be worked different to what it was in this province. In conclusion Bro. Royds said he should always be happy to do whatever he could for the province of East Lancashire and Masonry in general.

Bro. Fairweather, S.W., proposed "The Health of Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M."

"The Health of the V.W. Dep. P.G.M., Bro. George Mellor," was proposed by the J.W., Bro. Robt. Chadwick, and in response thereto Bro. Jas. Heelis, P.G. Reg., said he felt extreme pleasure on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers in responding to the toast. He had not had the privilege and pleasure of attending the St. David's Lodge before; but he had been very much gratified with the reception the brethren had given him. The hospitality of Welshmen was proverbial, and on this occasion it had been profuse, his only disappointment being that he rather expected to be served with leeks. Bro. Heelis, continuing, said he much regretted that pressing engagements had prevented him from witnessing what he understood on good authority was a well-worked and satisfactory installation ceremony, but at the same time he begged to return thanks for the invitation and hospitality he had received.

Bro. Capt. Hargreaves also replying to the toast said that after the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Heelis he thought he should equally fail in adding much that would interest them. He would however say that although he had not been present in any lodge for some time past, he was well satisfied with the working of the ceremony of installation that he had seen so ably performed by Bro. Peel and Jones that day. It was almost word for word like they did in West Lancashire, and he was glad such was the case, as he could now go back, and say he had an authority for what he did. Respecting the charities Bro. Hargreaves stated that some time back during Bro. J. L. Hine's illness, he was asked to take his place at a meeting in connection with the election of a boy and a girl into the institutions,

At that time the province had the voting power of electing three or four candidates, whereas now they could only elect one or two, and if the brethren of East Lancashire wished to keep up the prestige of the Boys' School their subscriptions must also be kept up and largely increased, as something like a sum of £3000 would be required, and he trusted the efforts to raise this amount would not fail for want of advocacy or for some one to go about and make known the present position.

Bro. Jas. Brook, P.P.G.P. West Yorks, also responded. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Griffin, and heartily drunk by the brethren.

Bro. R. R. Lisenden then sang "Here's to his health in a song."

The Worshipful Master in reply said he thanked the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast. It was nine years ago since he was initiated into the St. David's Lodge, and for the last seven he had been in office. Bro. Barlow went on to say that Freemasonry was one large broad platform upon which men of every opinion could meet and shake hands. He had often heard Freemasonry condemned, to his sorrow, by non-members of the Craft, and he need scarcely say how utterly absurd it was for such people to condemn a society of which they knew very little about. The W.M., continuing, said it was his opinion that Freemasonry was so closely allied to Christianity that he did not see how they could separate it. Respecting the newly-initiated officers, the W.M. said he was very pleased to see such a good array under him, and he trusted they would take the cue from him, and each be in his place every lodge night half-an-hour before the time fixed for opening, as punctuality was a very important feature, and no officer ought to accept office unless he was prepared to fulfil it thoroughly; and with regard to private members, he might say that if they wished to learn the beauties and value of Freemasonry they could only do so by constant attendance.

In proposing "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" Bro. Ellis Jones said that amongst Freemasons were found Englishmen, Welshmen, Irishmen, Scotchmen, Jews, Germans, and Lincolnshire men, the whole forming one great Brotherhood of which they were all proud. Bro. Jones in cordially welcoming the visitors enlarged upon the attainments and high position in the Craft of Bro. Robert McDowell Smith, P.P.G.T.; John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Sec.; Abraham Pemberton, S.W. 1030, and others, and concluded by asking the brethren to drink their healths with the other visitors in a bumper.

The invitation was readily acceded to, and the brethren whose names were mentioned responded to the toast.

In proposing "The Masonic Charities" Bro. J. O. Evans made a very forcible and eloquent speech on their behalf, and gave some statistics of the total amounts subscribed to the three Institutions in various years. These sums might appear to many persons as they had done to him very satisfactory, and create an impression that brethren generally were doing a great deal in the cause of charity, but he had been very much surprised to find lately that much as had been done a great deal more was required of them, and he had been made aware of the fact that the brethren of East Lancashire were not doing their best, and therefore he considered that great efforts should be made to place the Province of East Lancashire in its proper position with respect to its voting power. Bro. Evans went on to say that men were now wanted who would fight hard for this object, and unless this was done they would fail signally in the purpose for which they met together. Bro. Evans continuing said his ardour was in a good cause, and he felt that he never undertook a more difficult task than that he was now doing in proposing such a toast as "The Masonic Charities," and he would pledge the character and integrity of St. David's Lodge, to which no appeal was made in vain, to do its utmost in this cause. He would venture to say that this great question had not been kept sufficiently to the front by the Charity representatives, who might have made its urgency known before, but nevertheless he felt sure that the lodge would do all in its power to retrieve their position. In conclusion Bro. Evans said there was another Charity—that which caused them to speak well of their neighbours, also to give a helping hand to a brother in time of need, and the members of St. David's Lodge had done as much for their own brethren, and to the widows and orphans of their own brethren, but he felt certain they would do still more for this great cause.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to and a very pleasant evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened with songs from Bros. Wm. Brandon, 1210; Ishmael Davies, R. R. Lisenden, and others, and solos on the violin from Bro. Herr Brousil. Bro. William Cole most efficiently presided at the piano.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 14th inst. Bro. Adams, W.M., presided, supported by Bro. Robertson, as S.W.; Barlow, J.W.; Major Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as Sec.; Captain Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., as Treas.; Colonel Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Lewis, P.M.; Clisham, P.M.; Campbell, Russell, Harrison, Youd, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was then taken for Mr. Wingrove, which proving unanimous, he, being in attendance, was duly initiated in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., the charge being subsequently given by the S.W. with a fulness of meaning and point which was heartily appreciated. The sum of £3 3s. was then voted to meet an urgent case of distress, and a further sum of £5 5s. was granted from the lodge funds as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, thereby making a total sum of £15 15s. contributed by the lodge during the current year to that institution.

The Worshipful Master announced to the brethren present that Bro. Eve, P.M., P.P.G.W., would represent the lodge as Steward on the occasion of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Beach, presiding at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and he hoped he would be well supported, so that the province might occupy if possible the premier position on the subscription lists.

Bro. Captain Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., supported the observations of the W.M., and said that he was by no means satisfied their lodge had done its duty by their charitable institutions in the past; but he trusted this reproach would be wiped out in the future, and that greater efforts would be made on behalf of those noble institutions.

Of course he quite understood that as a military lodge they must be prepared to meet many contingencies which through the many changes and exigencies of the service rarely fell to other lodges that were differently constituted. They had however very recently, and very wisely he thought, made ample provision for that by establishing a reserve fund, and therefore in their present prosperity they ought to keep prominently before them the claims of those noble Masonic Charities to their support.

Other business of a routine character having been transacted the lodge was adjourned.

SUNDERLAND.—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. James Murphy, the lodge was opened by Bro. J. Tillman, I.P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks, who was assisted by the following officers: Bros. Douglas, P.M., S.W.; W. Brandt, P.M., as J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Chapman, J.W., who was afterwards present); Wilkinson, S.D.; H. Pinkney, I.G.; T. L. Howorth, Hon. Sec.; and T. Tillman, P.M., Treas. There were also present Bros. C. McNamara, W.M. 97; J. Hudson, W.M. 94; and a number of visiting brethren from other lodges.

The lodge having been opened in due form a letter was read from the W.M. acknowledging the receipt of a vote of condolence passed by the lodge to him on the death of Mrs. Murphy. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, at which Bro. Tillman, I.P.M., presided.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This highly successful lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Taylor, P.M., W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; S. Saunders, J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D., Middx., Treasurer, and acting Secretary in the unavoidable absence through illness of Bro. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., &c.; Briggs, S.D.; Gurney, I.G.; R. H. Sanders, I.P.M.; Hanson, Tyler. Bro. Jenkyns, Manchester Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Jenkyns was initiated into the Craft mysteries by the W.M. in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of condolence was passed to the family of Bro. Clayton Palmer, LL.D., &c., deceased, who was one of the oldest members of No. 1503.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts were given.

Bro. Walls responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by Bro. W. H. Saunders, and this toast having been duly acknowledged the pledge of "The Initiate" followed.

Bro. Jenkyns having made a good speech in response to "The Health of the Visitor."

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 15th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Hiscox, W.M.; Moody, S.W.; Davey, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Russell, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; Jessett, P.M.; and W. S. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Groom, P.M., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, Messrs. Martin and Churchward were ably initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Several communications from absent members were then read, notably one from Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., Treas., who is suffering from severe indisposition.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice. W. Bro. W. Hammond having responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M.

Bro. Hiscox having made a short speech in response, the toast of "The Initiates" followed, and in their respective replies both candidates expressed themselves as being highly gratified with the whole ceremony which had left a powerful impression upon their minds.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Groom.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was then proposed and was responded to by Bro. Walls.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and was replied to by Bro. W. Hammond, Sec. In his speech he feelingly touched upon the illness of the Treasurer which had caused his absence that day, but he hoped that at the next meeting of the lodge they would see Bro. Hopwood in his usual place and thoroughly restored to health.

"The Officers" was coupled with the names of Bros. Moody and Davey, who responded, and "The Masonic Charities" with the names of Bros. Walls and Jessett, who replied thereto. The proceedings then terminated.

DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—The regular meeting of this lodge at the Saracen's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., was of more than ordinary interest in consequence of arrangements which had been made for the delivery in open lodge by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., of his interesting lecture on the working of the First Degree. The attendance was not so large as had been expected. The "waters were out" and the brethren were long distances apart. Moreover, the weather, dull and depressing, threatened a further downpour, and "wet jackets" for such as ventured on the lengthy journeys necessary for going to and retiring from lodge, so that the gathering, though respectable in numbers, was to some extent disappointing for the W.M. and his officers. Nevertheless a most enjoyable evening both as regarded labour and refreshment was passed by those who inscribed their names in the attendance book.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. E. Dehane, P.G.S.D. Essex, at six o'clock, and the previous minutes having been confirmed, the investment of officers which for some good cause or other which did not appear had been deferred from the former meeting took place. The appointments and investments, all being present, were made as follows, viz.: Bros. A. Rattray, S.W.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.W. Essex, J.W.; G. D. Clapham, P.M. P.P.G.R. Essex, S.D.; J. C. Rhind, J.D.; Fred. J.

Snell, P.M. 1312, 1543, Treas.; Fred. W. Warner, Sec.; W. Rowe, I.G.; G. A. Randall and W. S. Callaman, Stwds.; and R. W. Russell, Tyler. The visiting brethren were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c.; and J. Collinson, S.D. 862.

Mr. Edward F. Ferris having been initiated into the Order, the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens by a few appropriate remarks bespeaking their attention to an exposition of Masonic working which he felt assured would greatly interest them. We have ourselves had former opportunities of hearing this undoubtedly able and instructive lecture, each subsequent delivery of which becomes more impressively delivered and less as it were stereotyped. On this occasion time pressed on the lecturer, and he found it necessary to somewhat condense his work, but he made a judicious selection of those points in ceremonial working which it was of the greatest utility to explain to the officers and younger members of a lodge, and gave good reasons why some usages should be condemned in practice and others most punctiliously observed. At the close of his address, which was listened to with great attention, Bro. Stevens received most hearty expressions of satisfaction, many brethren openly exclaiming that they had learnt more of the science of Freemasonry than they had hitherto thought could have been afforded them. On the proposition of Bro. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. F. J. Snell, P.M. and Treas., the thanks of the lodge and honorary membership were voted to Bro. Stevens, who acknowledged the cordiality with which he had been received, the attention given to his address, and the compliment the lodge now paid him.

Propositions having been received for initiation and joining the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren dined together, the worthy host of the Saracen's Head (who had been proposed in lodge for initiation) placing a very elegant repast before them, to which speedy and ample justice was done.

Subsequently the usual loyal toasts were honoured, Bro. Lewin singing the National Anthem.

"The Rulers of the Province" were also recognised in the usual manner observed amongst Masons, and responses were given by Bros. Clapham and Snell.

"The Health of the W.M." was drunk with much enthusiasm, and the remarks of the proposer, Bro. Clapham, P.M., as to the able services which had been rendered to the lodge by Bro. Dehane were heartily endorsed.

Bro. Stevens having recited "Masons vows;" Bro. Dehane acknowledged the reception the brethren had given to the toast and assured them of continued labour and attention to the best interests of the lodge.

"The Health of the Initiate" was proposed as a sitting toast, a provincial custom which we fancy most Masons would consider more honoured in the breach than the observance.

Bro. Ferris in a well spoken reply expressed his gratification at having at length become a Freemason, and hoped that what he had heard in the lodge would be indelibly impressed on his memory and to his advantage.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. J. Collinson, S.D. 862, who in the course of his thanks for the invite he had received stated that the pleasure his co-visitor had afforded him by his lecture, would he hoped, again place the same two brethren side by side elsewhere.

"The Officers of the Lodge" having been called upon the Tyler reminded the company of the poor and distressed, and these having been solemnly "cuffed," according to a fortunately not invariable custom, the brethren separated, some to spend yet another hour or two on the road, and others, more fortunate, to be taking their ease at an inn to enjoy a quiet chat before seeking nature's sweet restorer.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday evening, at the Queen's Hotel. Bro. M. Millington, W.M., was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; Geo. Balford, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; Geo. Kirby, W.M. 236; and by his Wardens and an unusually large attendance of brethren. Two successful ballots were taken for candidates, and two candidates elected at a previous meeting were initiated by the W.M., the J.D. giving the charge. Bro. T. B. Whythead, as treasurer of the building fund, announced that nearly £1000 had been subscribed towards the purchase of a hall, most of it by members of the lodge. The Prov. Grand Master had very generously subscribed £50, and so also had Bro. J. W. Woodall, of Scarborough, who was always ready to help in Masonic work. There was no doubt that the necessary funds would easily be raised, and he was able to state that a meeting of members of the Mechanics' Institute had endorsed the action of their committee in the sale to the lodge of their old building. Great satisfaction was expressed by the members at this announcement, and several additional debentures were taken up.

Before the lodge was closed Bro. Cumberland, P.M., presented to the lodge a framed photograph of Masonic emblems. Bro. G. Irving presented a large framed and coloured bird's-eye view of York, and Bro. Whythead presented to the library a bound copy of a volume of the *Voice of Masonry*. Two candidates for Freemasonry were proposed, and the lodge was closed. At refreshment several good speeches were made, and the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of Bros. Cumberland, Wilkinson, and Child, whose performance of "Willie brewed a peck o' maut," was exceedingly humorous.

We may add that the building secured by the Eboracum Lodge for the purposes of meeting is situated in St. Saviour-gate, in the centre of the city, and for many years has been used by the Mechanics' Institute Society, who are now raising a fund for erecting a new and larger building in Clifford-street. The old building is admirably adapted for Masonic purposes, having a very large lecture hall on the first floor, suitable for a lodge room, and ground floor rooms available for banqueting room, smoke room, library, committee room, &c., and a caretaker's residence at the back. The price is £1250; and as some additional outlays will be required, the members of the lodge have formed an Eboracum Masonic Hall Proprietary, and are raising £2000 by means of debentures of £5 each, bearing interest at a low rate. There is every prospect of the scheme being perfectly successful.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous lodge met at the White Hart Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Bros. J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.

S.B. Middx., S.W.; Featherstone, J.W.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512, Secretary; Forge, P.M. 1793, S.D.; Piller, J.D.; Worthington, M.C.; Chandler, A.W.S.; Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. Middx., Chap.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx. (hon. P.M.); and Gilbert, Tyler. Among the visitors were the R.W.D.P.G.M. Middx., Bro. R. Thripp; W. Bro. Inglis, P.G.S.W. Middx.; Bros. Taylor, W.M. 1767; Beard, J.W. 946; and Beauchamp, Treas. 1793.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Spooner, Madders, and Smith were raised to the Degree of M.M. and Messrs. A. J. Taylor and J. Ireland initiated into Craft mysteries. The by-laws having been read the election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Featherstone, J.W. Bro. Nuthall having resigned the Treasurerhip of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny was unanimously elected in his stead, and Bro. Gilbert was re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the retiring W.M., the sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the list of Bro. Featherstone as a Steward to the festival of the R.M.B.I.

The members and their guests then adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." having been proposed and responded to.

The toast of "The R.W.D.P.G.M. and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers" was enthusiastically received.

Bros. Thripp and Inglis having replied, the toasts of "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The W.M. elect," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and brought the proceedings to a close.

RAWTENSTALL.—Hardman Lodge (No. 1948).—The first installation meeting since the consecration of this new lodge was held at the Queen's Arms Hotel, on Monday, 12th inst. It is gratifying to record the prosperity of the lodge since its formation, which is mainly owing to the munificent donations given to the furnishing fund by Bros. Major and R. H. Hardman of £100 each, which nearly covered the cost of the whole paraphernalia. The lodge has also during the first year of its existence initiated several members and been well attended, and the balance-sheet shows the sum of £38 17s. 5d. in the Treasurer's hands, which for a young lodge is a very satisfactory state of things. A great deal of time and labour has been expended by Bro. J. Harding, the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, in organising and carrying out the various arrangements connected with the lodge, long before and since its formation, and we were very pleased to learn that Bro. Harding's services had been so far appreciated that as a small return the brethren, at the instigation of the W.M., had decided to present their Secretary with a jewel, in which were combined the cross pens and square and problem.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a strong muster of brethren put in an appearance, amongst whom were Bros. R. H. Hardman, W.M.; G. E. Hardman, S.W.; G. T. Hardman, J.W.; W. Wallwork, Treas.; J. Harling, Sec.; D. Taylor, S.D.; W. Halstead, J.D.; T. Jackson, P.M., D.C.; Frank Hornsby, R. A. Buckley, H. Hunt, W. H. Eastwood, J. Lawson Peacock, J. Collinge, J. H. Hargreaves, W. J. Dunkin, J. Spencer, J. Taylor, P.M. 274 and 1697; T. Camb, 274; E. Crossley, 274; J. W. Taylor, S.D. 1697; and J. Nuttall, J.W. 286. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; John Holt, W.M. 215, P.G.P.; Henry Heys, P.M. 1034, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. J. Phillips, P.M. 276, P.P.G.C.; Samuel Pouitt, P.M. 215 and 1634, Dep. P.G.D.C.; J. Nuttall, P.M. 274; R. Rushton, P.M. 1145; Rawden Ashworth, P.M. 286 and 1697; Jas. Hall, P.M. 283; Jas. Grime, W.M. 1775; John Barcroft, P.M. 274; W. Tomlinson, 215; S. Wilson, P.M. 215 and 1634; John Bollard, P.M. 126; T. Wolstenholme, J.W. 1634; J. Preston, 1634; R. Haworth, J.D. 1634; Jno. Royston, P.M. 1145; D. Hargreaves, P.M. 286; R. Stewart, 286; J. Sutcliffe, P.M., Sec. 283; E. Barlow, 215; T. Collinge, P.M. 215; Albert Hough, 274; David Lord, S.D. 274, J.D. 1697; Samuel Horrocks, P.M. 1634; Isaiah Woodhouse, P.M. 274; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The balance sheet which presented a very satisfactory appearance was reported on by the Auditors and adopted. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, Bro. Edward Barber, P.M., acting as Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Thos. Jackson, P.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Major Hardman, having been presented, was afterwards inducted with all due rite and ceremony into the chair of K.S. and proclaimed to and saluted by the brethren as their W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The following brethren were appointed officers and duly invested by Bro. Jackson, viz.: Bro. Capt. Hardman, S.W.; William Taylor, J.W.; Richard Barrow (by proxy), Chap.; William Wallwork, re-invested Treas.; J. Harling, Sec.

At this juncture the I.P.M., addressing Bro. Harling, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present him in the name of the lodge with a jewel for the valuable services he had rendered both at and since its consecration, and trusted he might long be spared to wear it amongst them. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester. The presentation was viewed with great favour by the brethren, who testified their approval by a volley of hand clapping.

Bro. Harling in a few well chosen sentences acknowledged the gift, and said he should be very pleased at all times to do all in his power to benefit the lodge.

The investiture of the other officers was then gone on with: Bros. William Halstead, S.D.; Martin Brown, J.D.; Thos. Jackson, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Eastwood, Org.; R. A. Buckley and W. J. Dunkin, Stewards; and G. Sandham, Tyler. Bro. E. Barber, P.M., gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. Thos. Jackson, P.M., to the Wardens and brethren. When "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a well-served banquet, at the termination of which the loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, on Tuesday week, when there was an excellent attendance

of brethren, including Bros. C. McNamara, W.M. 97; M. Frampton, P.M. 94; Thos. G. Garrick, S.D. 94; G. H. Heslop, 431; G. S. Shotton, I.P.M. 240; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 240; Jas. Martin, 431; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Thomas Coulson, W.M., P.G.J.D., assisted by Bros. Thos. Potter, I.P.M.; C. McNamara, W.M. 97, as S.W.; Wm. Davidson, J.W.; and other officers. The ballot having been taken and declared favourable for Rev. Chas. W. Harris, Mr. Thos. Tosback, Mr. Christopher Clift, and Mr. G. H. Morton, and same were duly prepared and initiated into the privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., assisted by Bros. G. S. Shotton, I.P.M. 240; Thomas Potter, I.P.M.; and Jos. Robertson, P.M., D. of C. Bro. Thos. Renton, P.M. 1119, was elected a joining member. The W.M. brought the subject of the proposed musical college before the lodge when the brethren voted £2 2s. towards the funds being raised within the province by Bro. Robt. Hudson, Prov. Grand Secretary.

There being no other business the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when a pleasant evening was spent, excellent music being contributed by Bros. F. J. Gibbons, P.M., Org.; J. Woolner, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on the 17th inst. Present: A. Ferrer, W.M.; Foxcroft, S.W.; Venning, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; Galer, S.D.; Dixie, J.D.; Ashton, I.G.; also Bros. C. Weeden, Brasted, Houghton, A. M. Marks, Wolf, Parkes, Archer, Williams, sen., Williams, jun., Rhodes, and others.

Lodge was opened in usual form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced a Degree. Bro. C. Weeden acting as candidate for raising answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. Weeden being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the Third Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Foxcroft was appointed W.M. for next meeting, after which lodge was closed and adjourned.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. H. H. Wiltshire, W.M.; J. N. Bate, S.W.; H. Stokes, J.W.; J. B. Sarjeant, S.D.; A. J. Style, J.D.; Richard, I.G.; R. Poore, Sec.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; and others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree. The claims of a distressed American brother became the subject of an animated discussion as to the propriety of such applications to lodges of instruction. Relief was afforded, but the matter is to be further considered with a view to reference to higher authority. Bro. J. N. Bate is the W.M. for the ensuing week, and will work in the Second and Third Degrees on the 24th inst. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. Present: Bros. Forss, W.M.; Martin, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; George, S.D.; Pope, J.D.; Le Cren, I.G.; Gray, Twining, Polac, Crane, Rock, Smith, and Frankel. Bro. Crane, a visitor, acted as Preceptor.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree and next in the Second Degree. Bro. Polac, acting as candidate, was interrogated and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, and lodge was closed down and opened in the Third Degree. The traditional history was given by Bro. Forss, Preceptor, who then worked the First Section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Crane. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., when the chair was taken by Bro. Shaw, supported by Bros. Bishop, S.W.; Fletcher, J.W.; A. Tanqueray, S.D.; Pritchard, J.D.; Saunders, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Pocock, acting Sec.; also Bros. H. Moreton, J. R. Jones, L. Steingraber, F. A. Wamer, G. Marshall, Vials, and Bishop. Visitor: Bro. H. J. Wilde, 1820.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the First, when Bro. Wamer acting as candidate was duly initiated, the charge being given by the W.M. After a call off the lodge opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Sudlow assisted by the brethren worked the First Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge then resumed in the Third Degree and closed down to the Second, the W.M. rising for the first time. Bro. Bishop was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting and the W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Sudlow, seconded by Bro. Viall, and carried unanimously that Bro. H. J. Wilde, 1820, be a member of this lodge. The W.M. then rose for the third time and the lodge closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter met in the Freemasons' Tavern on the 13th inst., when there were present amongst others, Comps. Moss, M.E.Z.; Davis, H.; Stewart, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Ellborn, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; T. Davis, P.S.; Cleghorn, 1st A.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., I.P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Elsam, P.P.G.P.S. Surrey, P.Z.; Robinson, P.Z. Comp. T. Everett, 177, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Bambury, and it proving to be unanimous he was impressively exalted to the Degree of R.A.M. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result: Comps. Davis, M.E.Z.; Stewart, H.;

Ellborn, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; T. Davis, S.N. Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Cleghorn, P.S.; and Parkinson, Janitor.

A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to Comp. Moss, and Comp. Everett having been proposed as a joining member, the chapter was formally closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the long array of toasts received full justice.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." having been proposed by the I.P.Z., it was warmly drunk and briefly responded to by Comp. Moss.

"The Exalte" followed, and in his response Comp. Bambury expressed his gratification in having had the opportunity of being exalted in so old a chapter, and in concluding his remarks he paid a very high compliment to the M.E.Z. and his officers for the very admirable manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Comp. Everett, who also congratulated the chapter on its excellent working.

"The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Comp. P. Robinson, who responded in a fluent speech.

The other toasts were "The Second and Third Principals," "The Treasurer and S.E." and "The Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolence Chapter (No. 97).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 15th inst. Among the Principals present were Ex. Comps. Ald. Potts, E. D. Davis, J. J. Clay, B. Levy, T. M. Watson, G. Porteous, J. Henderson, W. Liddell, A. T. Munroe, Cumberland (York); T. Twizell, M. Frampton, H. J. Turnbull, F. Maddison, M. Douglas, R. Candlish.

The chapter having been duly opened the installation of Principals for the ensuing year took place as follows: Ex-Comp. T. M. Watson, Z.; G. Porteous, H.; and H. W. Emmerson, J. The officers were invested as follows: Comps. W. Liddell, Treas.; R. Singleton, S.E.; J. H. Leach, S.N.; C. McNamara, P.S.; J. Eggleston, jun., and Sinclair, A.S.; and J. Thompson, Janitor.

Several subscriptions to local charities and the Durham Masonic Educational Fund were passed on the proposals of Ex-Comp. G. Porteous. The chapter was then closed.

The annual dinner was afterwards held at the Palatine Hotel, Ex-Comp. T. M. Watson presiding, and Comp. McNamara occupying the vice chair.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The regular meeting of this chapter took place on Monday last, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, for the purpose of electing the Principals and officers for the ensuing year, and resulted unanimously as follows: Ex. Comps. James Ellershaw, M.E.Z.; G. Kelland, H.; W. V. Wilde, J.; Simpson, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., Treas.; R. Stanton, S.E.; T. Bayley, S.N.; B. Gregson, P.S.; and Allinson, Janitor. After which the Treasurer gave notice that he would propose at the next meeting that the sum of £5 5s. be given to the Masonic Charities. There were also present to support the M.E.Z., Ex. Comps. Duff; Henry Longman, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; and others.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—The monthly convocation was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present amongst others Comps. Capt. Croisdale, Z., P.P.G.S.N.; Major Douglas, H., P.G.P.S.; Hall, J.; Col. Richardson, P.Z., P.G.R., Treas.; Harris, S.E.; Clisham, P.S.; Taylor, Russell, Wise, and others.

After the minutes of the last regular convocation had been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for Bros. Capt. Cole and Lapham, 1971, which being unanimous in their favour, they were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch, and the exaltees were evidently deeply impressed with the very effective manner in which the ceremony was rendered. M.E. Comp. Douglas, who has been recently granted Provincial Grand honours, was then congratulated and greeted accordingly.

The undermentioned companions were elected to office for the ensuing year: Comps. Douglas, Z.; Hall, H.; Clisham, J.; Harris, S.E.; Robertson, S.N.; Richardson, Treas.; Hill, Janitor.

The ordinary routine business being disposed of, the companions voted that the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. Croisdale, be presented at the next convocation with a P.Z.'s jewel, collar, and collar jewel as a small mark of their estimation for the eminent services rendered by their worthy companion as one of the founders of the chapter, and also in the various offices he has held in the chapter since it was constituted three years ago.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting companions the chapter was closed in due form.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

TRURO.—Cornwall Chapter (No. 61).—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 12th inst., Bro. Dr. W. Mason, 30°, in the chair. There were also present illustrious Bros. W. J. Hughan, 32°, P.M.W.S.; E. D. Anderton, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and Charles Truscott, 30°, P.M.W.S.

Bro. William Simmons, S.W. 131, proposed at the last meeting by the senior member (Bro. Hughan) was balloted for and accepted as a member of the chapter, and by desire of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Hughan gave him the preliminary Degrees. After which Bro. Dr. Mason duly perfected him as a Rose Croix Mason. Ill. Bro. William Lidgley, 30°, having been elected unanimously to the chief chair of the chapter, his immediate predecessor duly installed him as M.W.S., and on assuming the chair he appointed the following as his officers: Bro. Dr. Mason, 30°, I.P.M.W.S.; Alfred Luke, 30°, H.P.; Frederick W. Dabb, 30°, 1st G.; Thomas Hicks, 2nd G.; William D. Rogers, Recorder (re-appointed); Richard Carter, G.M.; Thomas Hart, 30°, R.; John F. Hooper, D.C.; Dr. W. Nettle, 1st H.; Thomas H. Lukes, 2nd H.; John de Cressy Treffry, C.G.; William Simmons, O.; and William Rooks, O.G. Bro. A. Luke, 30°, was again re-elected Treasurer. Ten guineas were voted from the funds on the proposition of Bro. Hughan, seconded by Bro. Anderton, and supported by Bro. Dr. Mason, and placed on Ill. Bro. Controller Bake's list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

This completes the sum of 50 guineas donated to the Charities since the chapter was started, and as an evidence of the interest taken in our Charities by the members of the Degrees, it was pointed out by Bro. Hughan that the members of the Rose Croix chapter held more votes than any other body in the county, or, indeed, of all the other brethren put together.

Knights Templar.

ERITH.—St. John and St. Paul Conclave (No. 122).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above conclave was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., V.E. and Perf. Sir Knight Flaxman Spurrell presiding. Present: Sir Knights Gibson, V.E.; F. Wood, S.G.; J. Elliot, J.G.; Chillingworth, H.P.; Lemon, H.; A. H. Bateman, Asst. Recorder; and others.

After opening in imperial form the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. R. G. Stone Dartford was duly installed and proclaimed. Sir Knight Gibson was enthroned as M.P.S. and Sir Knight Wood consecrated as V.E. Sir Knight Chillingworth, in the unavoidable absence of Sir Knight Marsh, performed the ceremonies in an able and imposing manner. The Installing Sovereign having eloquently addressed the new M.P.S., the following officers were appointed and invested: Sir Knights Elliott, S.G.; Lemon, J.G.; Chillingworth, H.P.; Marsh, Recorder; and Bateman, Asst. Recorder and Treasurer. The Treasurer's statement having been presented, an elegant jewel was handed to Sir Knight Chillingworth in token of the high appreciation by the Sir Knights of his services as founder and first M.P.S., after which the conclave adjourned to a banquet, admirably served by Mrs. Starling, the amiable hostess of the Prince of Wales Hotel.

The M.P.S. presided, when the following toasts were duly honoured: "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The New M.P.S.," "The Past Officers," "The Newly-installed Knight," and "The Present Officers." Very able speeches were made, and Sir Knight Elliot gave much pleasure by contributing several songs in his usual admirable style.

It is with unfeigned regret that it has to be recorded that Sir Knight Gibson, the newly-enthroned M.P.S., has since been struck down by serious illness, and will not be able for a considerable period to carry on the duties so well begun.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. GEORGE DAVIS, P.M. 167.

At a recent meeting of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, held at the Norfolk-square Hotel, Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 167 and Preceptor of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, was the recipient of a handsome gold watch, subscribed by a few members of the above lodge of instruction, as a mark of esteem for services rendered as Secretary for a period extending over five years. After the usual working the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper, Bro. George Reade, P.M. and Preceptor, presiding. Bros. Chalfont and J. H. Cotton Smith filled the Wardens' chairs respectively, and there were also present Bros. Gilling, P.M.; Andrews, P.M.; H. E. Dehane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Essex; Mote, Wadham, Wickens, J. J. Thomas, A. Hardy, Linscotte, Thompson, A. Le Claire, Robinson, Cursons, Thomas, Rubenstein, and others. Bro. Rubenstein with his usual courtesy presided at the piano. During the evening the usual Masonic toasts were given with true Masonic fire, and several of the brethren enlivened the proceedings with some excellent songs well rendered. Bro. G. Reade said it afforded him great pleasure to make the presentation to Bro. Davis, as they had worked together for several years in Masonry. He trusted that Bro. Davis would live many years to wear the watch. Bro. Davis replying thanked the presiding officer and brethren for presenting him with so handsome a testimonial for his humble services, and said as long as the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him health and strength he should use his endeavours to make the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction a success. Bro. Davis has also been very instrumental in forming a benevolent fund in connection with this lodge of instruction, having sent up to the Charities over £500 during the time he was Secretary. Bro. Dehane, the present Secretary, informed the brethren that since the removal of the lodge of instruction to their present quarters they had had a complete set of new furniture presented by a few members of the lodge. The brethren then parted after a very enjoyable evening. The watch presented to Bro. Davis was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London.

SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL COMPANY.

The directors of this company in their annual report just issued congratulate the shareholders on the highly satisfactory condition to which the affairs of the company have now attained. They feel satisfied that the increased outlay for the accommodation of parties hiring the rooms was wise, and will prove a financial success. During the year the receipts amounted to £327 7s., and the expenditure to £156 3s. 4d. There is a balance at the bank of £204 18s. 5d., from which the directors recommend a dividend of £5 per cent. on the original shares, and 2½ per cent. per annum on the 300 new shares, which will leave a balance to be carried forward for the ensuing year of £58 6s. 5d. The directors now retiring by rotation are Bros. Payne, Dyer, Barford, A. J. Miller, and Tilling, who are eligible for re-election, and the auditors, Bros. Cole and Cross, retiring, are also eligible for re-election. At the close of the meeting at which this report to the shareholders was agreed upon, a deputation, consisting of P.Ms. Davies, J. Adams, Jellicoe, and Berry, and Bros. Henry Lashmore, C. W. Bemister, E. Gayton, and Young, waited upon the Board for the purpose of asking their acceptance of a handsome clock, which had been subscribed for by a number of the members of the lodges and chapters in Southampton. The deputation, which formed the greater number of the members of the committee, was introduced by Bro. Bemister, who has acted as secretary to the fund, and Bro. G. Davies, in a few appropriate sentences, asked the D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Hickman, who is chairman of the board, in the name of the many subscribers to receive the clock on behalf of the company, the speaker at the same time referring specially to the efforts of Bro. Bemister in connection with the matter. The D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the gift, said it was a most agreeable token of appreciation by the brethren and companions of the improved accommodation which had been afforded by the company in the erection of that comfortable and commodious hall. Several votes of thanks were accorded.

Scotland.

SOIREE AND BALL OF THE LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 111.

VISIT OF BRO. THE RT. HON. G. O. TREVELYAN, M.P.

The evening of the 9th inst., was a gala one in the history of Lodge St. John, No. 111. This was occasioned by the annual soiree being then observed. The proceedings were marked by the greatest *eclat* throughout. Nothing was wanting that could be imagined necessary to enhance the enjoyable nature of the proceedings by the excellent arrangements of the managing committee. The brethren appeared in the mystic and beautiful costume peculiar to the ancient and popular craft—a circumstance which gave histrionic-like novelty to the appearance of the gentlemen present. Shortly after seven o'clock a brilliant and select company sat down to a festive spread under the genial presidency of the R.W.M., Bro. Adam Mills. The hall was most artistically decorated with flags and bunting, and the tables were tastefully arranged and gracefully presided over by an active staff of young ladies.

The Right Worthy Master heartily welcomed the company to their annual meeting. It seemed but a very short time, he said, since last they met in a similar capacity, but during the interval considerable progress had been made by the lodge. Their funds had increased, and in every way Lodge St. John was flourishing. They had initiated a number of new members. There were always some in the outer world who wished to penetrate behind the vale of secrecy and judge for themselves and taste the benefits arising from a connection with the Craft. Freemasonry was not confined to men of rank and position, but at once opened its doors and welcomed all honourable men. He advised them to practice to one another brotherly love, relief, and truth. It might be the means of doing a great amount of good. It was a duty incumbent upon all Free and Accepted Masons to try and soothe the unhappy and relieve poor and distressed brethren, who might chance to cross their path, who were not in such good circumstances as themselves. By doing such they would show to the world that there were more in the word "brother" (a term used by Masons) than mere empty name. By speaking a few kind and loving words to a brother in distress they would do much to fulfil the grand and golden rule "do unto others as we would others do unto us" under similar circumstances. Even remembering that though our thoughts, words, and actions may be hid from the eyes of men, yet that "all seeing eye" whom the sun, moon, and stars obey, pervades the inmost recesses of the human heart, and would reward them according to their merits. He concluded by remarking that as the time at their disposal was limited, he would only further express the hope that the Lodge St. John would flourish in the future as well as it had done in the past.

Bros. the Rev. John Thomson, Chaplain, and R. Noble, P.M., also addressed the meeting.

Bro. R. Hunter, the honoured bard of the lodge, recited the following original poem, which was received with the warmest appreciation:—

Masonry the world o'er!
Sweet the theme and grand the story;
Island home and distant shore
Well may laud thy love and glory.
Theme of love a wondrous store—
Masonry the world o'er.

Dear to every Mason's heart
Round the well known mother ingle,
Dearer far thou bear'st thy part
When 'mid distant scenes we mingle:
Stranger's name ye never bore—
Brother still the world o'er.

Friends may leave and foes malign,
Yet in thee we have a brother
Ready aye, at word or sign,
All our petty strifes to smother;
Tried and proved, we love thee more,
Masonry the world o'er.

Masonry the world o'er!
Dear the theme when nations sorrow,
Lo! thou open'st wide the door
Of a grand and glorious morrow,
When from mankind's inmost care,
Hands are clasped the world o'er.

Widow's help and orphan's shield,
Heart and home to friendless stranger;
Wild war's rest and poorth's bield,
Home of peace in day of danger;
Choicest blessings on thee pour,
Masonry the world o'er!

Bro. the Rev. A. C. McPhail, of Hobkirk, delivered a pithy and appropriate address in which much useful advice was conveyed to the appreciative company.

Bro. R. Turnbull, P.M., in a few choice remarks proposed thanks to the ladies who had so very efficiently presided at the trays, which was replied to by Bro. Hunter, P.M., on behalf of the ladies.

The singers were duly honoured at the call of Bro. Bailie Lawson, and Bro. R. Wilson, P.M., replied on their behalf; whilst Bro. J. Kyle, P.M., in felicitous terms evoked the applause of the meeting on behalf of the speakers.

The visiting brethren were duly complimented by the Chairman, and at the request of Bro. R. Noble, the Chairman's excellent services were warmly acknowledged. He feelingly replied.

A concert then took place, the musical portion of the programme proving to be one of the principal treats of the evening.

The floor having been cleared, a gay and brilliant company were soon treading the mazes of the mystic dance to the fascinating music of the members of the local Operatic String Band. When Bro. the Rt. Hon. G. O. Trevelyan entered the hall the band struck up a heroic air and the brethren cheered with the greatest fervour. P.M. Alex. D. Turnbull in a few appropriate sentences introduced the right hon. gentleman to the assembly. A minute or two afterwards the distinguished visitors and Mrs. R. Noble left off the Grand March. They were followed by Bro. R. Noble and Mrs. Alex. D. Turnbull and about sixty other couples. There were twenty-six pieces on the programme, which afforded enjoyable exercise till an early hour in the morning.

Amidst immense cheering, Bro. Trevelyan made a few remarks and thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic reception they had given him. He said that he had left the land of secret societies only to find himself in another, but of a far different nature, which he thought more congenial to the land of Burns. It was his opinion that it would take time to root out from the sister isle that scourge which had caused such an upheaval of the constitution. If Scotsmen and Englishmen were to have confidence in the Government all would come right.

The M.Cs. were Bros. R. Wilson, W. Hall, and J. Granic. The band was under the management of Bro. Crosbie.



Miss Mary Dickens, granddaughter of the novelist, has made her debut in a minor part at the Princess's in "The Silver King."

Mr. T. W. Robertson and Mr. H. Bruce will jointly take Bro. Toole's house for the last five months of this year, commencing on 1st August. Their opening piece is to be the late Mr. T. Robertson's comedy "M.P."

Mr. Frederick Leader has resigned his directorship of the Alhambra Company, and is busily engaged with the management of the "Voyage à la Lune," by Offenbach, to be produced at Easter at Her Majesty's.

Mr. Forbes Robertson is engaged upon a painting of "Much Ado about Nothing." It is expected to be ready about Easter, and will probably be exhibited. It is painted for Bro. Irving. The chief players have sat for their portraits for the picture.

Mr. Wilson Barrett has issued invitations to the members of the dramatic profession to witness an afternoon performance of the "Silver King" on Tuesday next. Mr. Wilson Barrett was the first to set this example, and not Mr. D'Oyle Carte as has been reported.

At the Vaudeville Bro. Byron's "Open House" is in rehearsal, and may be produced about Easter. At present there is no sign of flagging with "The Rivals," which has reached an unprecedented success. "The Man Opposite," by Mr. Howard Paul, in which the author will appear, will precede "Open House."

The directors of the Pandora gave a special performance to about 5000 poor children from the Board schools. The company gave their services, excepting those who are not in receipt of salaries sufficient to warrant them doing so. These kind acts tend to elevate the stage in the estimation of the public.

Mr. Charles Wyndham continues to achieve success in America, drawing large houses wherever he goes. On the 3rd January he was entertained at a public banquet in Washington, and the company included men of distinction not alone from that city but also from all parts of the states.

Mr. Kyrle Bellew took his benefit at the Gaiety last week at a matinee prior to his going on a provincial tour. The chief items of the programme were scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" and "The School for Scandal." In the selections from the latter play Mr. Bellew unexpectedly appeared to the better advantage, making a very skilful Charles Surface. He was supported by the elder Mr. Farren, Mr. Herman Vezin, and Miss Ada Cavendish.

The season of the French plays at the Gaiety will commence on June 4th, under the direction of M. Mayer. The entire troupe of the Gymnase, in which the principal actresses are Mesdames Pasca, Jeanne Brindeau, and Magnier, will appear in the most popular of their dramas. Then will come a contingent from the Vaudeville (Paris), with M. Dupuis and Madame Pierson in "Odette." To these artists will succeed Madame Chaumont. Arrangements with Madame Judic and Mlle. Garnier are pending.

Mrs. Bernard-Beere has been engaged by Bro. Bancroft to play Fedora, to be brought out on the English stage for the first time after "Caste." It is hoped that Mrs. Bernard-Beere's health will have improved sufficiently by her stay in the south of France to warrant her taking this character. She has so steadily and rapidly advanced in her art during the last two years that there is reason to hope that her selection for this very trying task will prove to have been judicious. Mrs. Bernard-Beere has relinquished the management of the Globe.

Bro. John Holingshead has revived "The Forty Thieves" at the Gaiety in place of "Valentine and Orson." The revival is a vast improvement upon the latter burlesque. It does not call for any particular remarks as it has been already noticed in our columns. There is nothing fresh added to it since its original production. The burlesque goes as merrily as ever with the assistance of Bro. Terry and Misses Farren and Vaughan. We miss Bro. Dallas and Mr. Royce. Their places are filled by Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Henley. Mr. Burnand is writing a new piece for this theatre.

"An Actor" complains in a contemporary of the public being allowed to be present at the special performance given for the edification of the profession at the Savoy. He thinks the public pay their money for a double purpose, viz., to see the opera and to see the large gathering of actors and actresses. "An Actor" does not suggest any way out of it, as he admits that to leave the pit, gallery, and first circle empty would have an unpleasant effect upon the acting company which would be like playing to an empty house. We do not see what harm there is in the public looking at the professionals in the stalls.



Bro. John Bamford was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, at Prescott on Wednesday afternoon. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

Saturday last was the birthday of the Duchess of Albany, and the band of the Coldstream Guards serenaded her Royal Highness on the occasion.

On Monday evening, the 12th inst., a few members of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, entertained Bro. F. Perl, Secretary of the lodge, to a supper at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, for the purpose of congratulating him upon his recent marriage. During the evening Bro. Perl was presented with a handsome tea and coffee service, the gift of the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire, and Lord-Lieutenant of the county, presented at the Corn Exchange, Atherstone, on Monday, in the presence of a large and influential company, the Albert medals granted by her Majesty the Queen for bravery displayed on the occasion of the fire and explosion of the 1st and 2nd of May last.

By permission of the authorities at the Horse Guards, officers of the army may wear miniature decorations at private parties in plain clothes, and are expected to do so when they are invited to meet members of the Royal Family.

A project is on foot to recognise in a substantial way the long and faithful services of Bro. J. Henderson Scott, the Deputy Prov. G.M. Sussex. From the great popularity of Bro. Scott it cannot be doubted that the idea will be taken up most warmly and result in a well-merited tribute to one who has done more for Freemasonry in Sussex than any other member of the Craft.

Bros. the Earl of Cork, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk, Lord Kensington, M.P., C. C. Cotes, M.P., and the Hon. H. F. Cowper, M.P., on Saturday last attended the first meeting during the present season of the Fox Club.

At a meeting of the Crusaders Lodge of Instruction, held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, Bro. Thos. Goode, P.M. 1288 and 1677, was unanimously elected Preceptor pro tem. The lodge now meets at 8.30 instead of 9 o'clock.

The anniversary meeting of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, will be held to-morrow (Saturday) evening, when the Secretary and Treasurer will be elected. It is anticipated there will be a good attendance, as the lodge itself numbers over 450 members.

The honorary membership of the Roslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at Dunmow, Essex, was conferred by the members of that lodge on Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., on Tuesday last, in acknowledgment of delivery by him in open lodge of his lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree. A report of the meeting will be found in another column.

On Monday her Majesty the Queen was present at the funeral in Windsor cemetery of Pay-Sergeant William Mayes, of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, who died suddenly on the Thursday previous while on duty at Windsor relieving the Castle guard. Her Majesty was accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and followed the procession to the cemetery church. She did not alight, but witnessed the interment from the carriage. A handsome wreath, the gift of the Queen, was placed on the coffin.

The clock presented to the Board of the Southampton Masonic Hall Company, and referred to in another part of our impression, has been designed and made specially to harmonise with the character and ornamentation of the room in which it stands. The case, of black marble, is picked out with floral designs in silver and gold, and was made in Belgium from drawings sent from Southampton. The movement was made in Paris, but has English striking gear, and the hours and half-hours are struck on a large, deep-toned gong. The clock, it may be stated, weighs nearly one hundred-weight. On the plinth is the following inscription in gold lettering: "Subscribed for and presented to the Masonic Hall Company, Southampton, by brethren and companions of the various lodges and chapters. February, 1883."

Bro. Joseph Stanley, P.M., P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. Norfolk, administered a sound thrashing in the streets of Norwich (according to the local *Argus* last week) to another town councillor named Burgess, who in a print called *Daylight* has published a series of malicious libels on Bro. Stanley and his family. The principal object of Burgess's slanderous attacks, it seems was the Mayor (Bro. C. R. Gilman, W.M. of Union Lodge) who from his civic position was of course unable to use a horse-whip, but his son-in-law, albeit, a solicitor, could, and he did it to some purpose. The magistrates inflicted a fine of one shilling, and made no order as to costs. The decision was received with applause, Bro. Stanley being hailed on every side of the court as a public benefactor. "Society" journals may be tolerated in London, but in the country as a rule they descend into vehicles for private spite, and much distress has been introduced by them into innocent families. Anyhow, the proprietor and editor of the Norwich *Daylight* has had a lesson he will not easily forget. It is proposed by the local parliament to make Bro. Stanley "whip" of his party.

TRUSSES, ELASTIC BANDAGES, ETC.—SEELY'S HARD RUBBER TRUSSES.—The world's recognition of unequalled excellence. Receiving the only award of merit granted for trusses at the late international Medical Exhibition, 1881. Made in every desirable and latest improved pattern, fine steel springs, neatly covered with highly-polished hard rubber, light, cool, cleanly; unaffected by time, use, or climate. Free from all sour, rusty, chafing, or strapping unpleasantness. Used in bathing. Always reliable. The correct and skillful mechanical treatment of hernia or rupture a speciality. Under patronage of the world's most distinguished surgeons. Choice assortment of elastic surgical hosiery. Belts, improved suspensory bandages, shoulder braces. Establishments—74, Fleet-street, London, E.C., and 1347, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.—[ADVT.]

Bro. A. E. Staley was on Monday last installed W.M. of the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Connaught were entertained at lunch on Monday, by Lord Lyons, her Majesty's Ambassador in Paris.

In our report of the late meeting at Colchester, when Bro. Lord Brooke was installed P.G.M. of the Province of Essex, the name of Bro. W. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk, was inadvertently omitted. Bro. Lucia was present, and his name was the first on the signature book of Grand Officers.

We believe we have on more than one occasion used the prefix "Bro." when referring to the Speaker of the House of Commons, in the columns of the *Freemason*. An esteemed brother has called our attention to the fact that the Right Honourable gentleman is not a Freemason. We will make the only reparation in our power by not calling him "brother" again until he becomes one.

Bros. Lord Carlingford, the Earl of Derby, Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., J. G. Dodson, M.P., and Sir Charles Dilke, Bart, M.P., attended the meeting of the Cabinet on Saturday last.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Onslow, the Countess Percy, and Lord Henniker were among the guests at the Earl and Countess of Stanhope's dinner on Saturday last.

The Right Hon. the Speaker will give his first Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday next, the 28th inst., on which occasion Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., and the principal members of the government will dine with the right honourable gentleman.

We are asked to state that the Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, now meets at Bro. James Clayton's, the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, every Wednesday evening at eight p.m.

After the installation of W.M. of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, on Wednesday last, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, senior Past Master and Treasurer, was presented by the lodge with a portrait of himself in Grand Lodge clothing. The picture, which is of unusual excellence, has been painted by Bro. B. S. Marks, of 40, Fitzroy-square, at whose studios we understand it may be seen for the next few weeks by brethren presenting their cards. The proceedings of the evening were of an interesting and gratifying character and were witnessed by many officers of Grand Lodge and by brethren from all parts of England.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson's contribution of £500 towards the Egyptian Exploration Fund has been already fruitful of good consequences, and it has been recently announced that the explorations which have taken place at Tel-el-Maschuta, on the line of rail between Tel-el-Keber and Ismalia, prove it to be the Pithom and Succoth of the Bible. Pithom, built by the Israelites for Rameses the Great, is the sacred designation of the Temple and City; and Succoth, which is said to have been the first station of the Israelites in their exodus from Egypt, its civil designation. This discovery is due to the researches of M. Naville, the great Swiss Egyptologist, and has just been announced in the press by Mr. R. Stuart-Poole, of the British Museum.

On Monday, by her Majesty's command, the Prince of Wales held a levee at St. James's Palace, presentations to his Royal Highness being, by her Majesty's pleasure, equivalent to presentations to the Queen. The honourable corps of gentlemen-at-arms under the command of their captain, Bro. Lord Carrington, G. Warden, and the Yeomen of the Guard under Bro. Capt. Lord Monson were on duty, the former in the State Saloons and the latter in the interior of the Palace. Bros. the Earl of Breadalbane, Lord Kensington, M.P., the Earl of Cork, and the Marquis of Hamilton were among those in attendance on his Royal Highness.

On Thursday last there was a concert and general entertainment at the Royal National Hospital for consumption, at Ventnor. The majority of those who contributed to it were inmates of the hospital, and there were likewise some few from the outside world who gave their services. The programme, which was in two parts, comprised a varied and interesting selection, two violin solos with pianoforte accompaniment by Mr. and Miss Westerdale being with justice most favourably received. Mr. Siebert's recitations of "The Death of Montrose" and "Dr. Edith" were delivered with admirable effect, and sundry of the songs met with considerable applause. This hospital, which has been established to meet a national requirement, and is so admirably and economically conducted deserves to be well supported by the public; and all the more so, that it has no endowment.

Bro. Lord Wolsley has lately given sittings for his portrait to the Stereoscopic Company, who have now published the results. We are sure that for the hero of Tel-el-Keber a prominent place will be found in many albums. The gallant and noble lord is taken in his full dress as a general of the English army, his left breast is literally covered with medals, there not being less than ten, and so excellent are the photographs that one can distinctly decipher some of them. With the aid of a good magnifying glass they seem to stand out in full relief from the uniform. Besides the medals for good service done in the field are his orders, amongst them being those of the Bath and St. Michael and St. George, of both of which he is a Knight Companion. Another photograph represents him in undress. It would be impossible to choose between them as to likeness, so faithful are both. We shall not be astonished if there is a large sale of these photographs during the coming season. Bro. Lord Wolsley will probably before this appears in type have taken his seat in the House of Peers. Our distinguished brother has adopted as supporters of his "arms" two wolves, with the motto "Homo homini lupus."

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Mr. Swinburne has written a poem on the death of Richard Wagner, which will be published in *The Musical Review* of February 24th.

Bro. W. Wilkins will, on Monday next, be installed W.M. of Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. A report of the proceedings will duly appear in our columns.

Bro. Alfred Williams, the well known engineer, announces that he has taken into partnership Bro. Matthew Mildred who has been associated with him for upwards of 21 years in the business. Their new address is 70 to 73, Bankside, Southwark.

We have on our table several balance sheets of lodges which deserve special notice, either from the fact of their contributing largely to the charities or from the almost total absence of such contributions, and the presence of heavy payments in other directions. We hope to refer to them next week.

The Duke of Cambridge, K.G., the president of the Orphan Working School, will open the new hall at the senior school, Haverstock-hill, on Thursday next. The institution has a history dating back to the reign of George II., but this is the first occasion that a member of the Royal House has honoured with a visit the senior branch of the school. Mr. H. B. Marshall, jun., son of W. H. B. Marshall, C.C., publisher of Fleet-street, has presented the beautiful-stained glass windows at a cost of over seven hundred guineas with which the hall is fitted.

At a meeting of the committee of the Sunday Society on Saturday afternoon last, a letter was read from Sir Coutts Lindsay, Bart., acceding to the request of the committee that he should become the society's eighth president. Those who have filled the office of president since the society's formation in 1875 are Mr. James Heywood, F.R.S., the late Dean Stanley, the Earl of Rosebery, Sir Henry Thompson, the Earl of Dunraven, Mr. Thomas Burt, M.P., and Viscount Powerscourt. Arrangements were made for the Sunday opening of the Grosvenor Gallery to the members of the society, but so exceedingly valuable are many of the pictures in the present collection that the usual Sunday opening to the public will be withheld on this occasion to avoid any risk of damage from overcrowding.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to intimate that he will preside at the sixty-ninth anniversary dinner of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road, to be held in May next.

Bro. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., M.P., Montague Guest, M.P., Lord Kensington, M.P., Lord H. Thynne, M.P., and Sir Drummond Wolff, M.P., are on the Standing Committee to control the arrangements of the House of Commons Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms.

By the instructions of the Board of Directors of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company, the improvements with respect to the traffic across Blackfriars Railway Bridge have already been commenced. To the east of the present bridge what is practically a new bridge will be constructed for the purpose of receiving four lines to relieve the enormous suburban traffic, and a new station will be built on the river side facing Queen Victoria-street. The new structure will contain the same number of piers and openings as the existing railway and road bridges, but it will differ from them in pattern, being made with arches instead of girders. Some idea of the magnitude of the work undertaken may be gathered from the fact that the middle span of the three bridges will be 185 ft. The workmen are as yet simply clearing the ground, digging the foundations, and driving piers, but the work will be pushed on as speedily as possible.

It was stated at a meeting on Wednesday evening last of the Committee of the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the disastrous fire at Kingston, Jamaica, that the fund amounted to £7,620, of which £3,380 had been remitted. A letter was read from Lord Derby enclosing a despatch from the Governor of Jamaica in reference to raising a loan to assist the sufferers. The committee decided to defer making any further remittance to Jamaica, pending the receipt of information from the Relief Committee at Kingston.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday evening last at a Savage Club *soirée*, at which Mr. Melton Prior, the well known special artist, delivered an address on the Egyptian Campaign, with pictorial illustrations, consisting of sketches made by him during its progress. At the suggestion of the Prince an entertainment will be given by the Club, the proceeds to be devoted to a scholarship in the Royal College of Music—the benefits of which shall be enjoyed by the children of professional men possessing the qualifications required for membership of the Club.

Dr. Norman Kerr, in the course of a lecture before the Medical Society on Passover Wine, spoke in high terms of the temperance of the Jews. Member of the Church of England as he was, he was bound in honour to confess the humiliating truth that, though he attended many Jews, he had never had an intemperate Jewish patient, but he had had many intemperate Christian patients, some of whom had been clergymen. He had never known a Jew a drunkard. The superior vitality of the Jewish race was to be attributed in great part to their temperance, as Dr. B. W. Richardson by his elaborate research had shown. Dr. Adler, the Chief Rabbi, at the close of the lecture confirmed Dr. Kerr's statements.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or TONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures Indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; 2lb., 10d. Barrels, 25lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1883.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptorics, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24.
Lodge 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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 Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Grand Masters, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF 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.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Military, 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, Norfolk-sq. Hot., Paddington, at 8.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, 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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1348, Ebury, M.H., S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
Chap. 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix 29, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, 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.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 3.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
Festival Benevolent Institution.
House Com. Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
" 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
" 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st., at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., 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.
Creton, 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, MARCH 1.
Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrews, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, Carr's Restaurant, Dane's Inn, W.C.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Longfield-rd., Wimbledon.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1705, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
" 1950, Southgate, New Southgate.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hot.
" 1591, 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.
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, Ponsoby-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.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 8.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-cr., 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.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., 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, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2.
Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1275, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 3, Fidelity, F.M.Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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.
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 Palace-road, at 7.30.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3.
Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bge.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, March 3, 1883.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
" 1009, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1075, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1750, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1.
Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
" 1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1303, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2.
Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Town H., Withington.
" 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, ELECTION, APRIL, 1883.

The votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers are most earnestly solicited for **ERNEST ARTHUR STEED**, Aged 8 years (24/3/83), Son of the late Bro. A. Orlando Steed, aged 42, Professor of Music, residing at Penge and formerly at Long Melford, Suffolk, who died suddenly of typhoid fever, leaving a Widow and seven Children, under 13 years of age, without adequate means of support. Bro. A. O. Steed was a member (J.W.) of the Stour Valley Lodge, 1224, and continued a subscribing member until his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—
Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Waverley, P.G.M. Suffolk.
" Sir Jas. Douglass, Ionic Lodge, 227.
" J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Life Gov.
" Rev. Dr. Brette, 31^o, P.M. 1460, 1657; P.Z. 1194; P.G.C. Middlesex.
" J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223; P.P.G.O. Kent.
" J. A. Jellies, W.M. St. John's, 795.
" The Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; P.G. Chaplain England; V. Patron
" A. Legrand, William Preston, 766.
" F. Cambridge, Orpheus, 1708.
" W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; P.M. 1586; P.Z. 742.
" W. H. Cummings, Hon. Treas. of the Royal Society of Musicians.
" W. Worrel, P.M. and Sec. William Preston, 766.
" C. W. Holt, Holmesdale, 874, 1356, Addiscombe.
" W. Cook, Great City, 1426; P.M. and Sec. 1815.

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