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THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School took place on the 14th inst., and the annual business having been transacted, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON being unanimously re-elected Treasurer, amid hearty applause, the poll was declared opened. The result of the election was announced at five o'clock, when 22 out of 28 candidates were declared duly elected. The highest number polled of the successful candidates being Shervill, 2485, and the lowest Smith, 1781. There were in all 36,228 votes polled, and 32,081 issued, which with the votes brought forward made the total 41,674 as to reckoned in the voting. 2133 votes were polled for the unsuccessful candidates, thus 3313 votes are unaccounted for. It is quite possible that each preceding election will witness even larger numbers. Bro. MATIER as Chairman of the Scrutineers on Saturday announced at the close of the Girls' Election that there were 157 spoiled votes, the majority of them being *unsigned*. It is a most curious fact of Masonic idiosyncrasy explain it as you will, this tendency to deposit unsigned proxy papers in the ballot box, inasmuch as not only might such gross carelessness really cause the loss of an election, but it reflects no little discredit on the "lâches" and inattention of the "filler up" of the paper. In respect to the amusing case of a lady voter signing herself "deceased," it seemed unexplicable at first, but an old bachelor friend of ours suggests that the widow meant to point out that she was the widow of her deceased late husband. Anyhow it was a Masonic bull.

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The Quarterly Court of the Boys' School took place on the 16th inst., when the annual business was transacted, and Bro. ROEBUCK withdrew his motion. The election of 13 out of 65 candidates then took place, and the polling was very heavy, the highest successful candidate polling 4520; the lowest 2872. The last figures were somewhat lower than had been anticipated, inasmuch as some had thought that nothing under 3000 could possibly be safe. There were 41,505 votes issued, and 29,990 brought forward, in all 48,090. The number polled for the successful candidates was 41,784, and for the unsuccessful ones 29,154, leaving, as with the Girls' voting, a large margin of unaccounted votes, namely 1405! the hall was thronged the whole day, and the poll was not declared until a little before 6 p.m. In the Boys' School Election there were also several unsigned voting papers, which had to be rejected by the Scrutineers; and we confess, that we are ourselves at a loss to feel most surprized at the carelessness or recklessness of those who affect to fill up their voting papers properly in the face of rehearsed warnings and the constant announcement after each election. Let us hope to see an improvement in this respect.

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THE system of exchange of votes which is now so much in vogue amongst us, and which has been ruling our last few charitable elections specially, is, we venture to think, not a little unreasonable in itself, and we must even beg to add in an opinion, rather is in truth very absurd. For the system as a system does not appear to be affected by the actual monetary or other value of the votes themselves, but to depend truly on some mysteries of arbitrary differences, some unseen manipulation which affixes a fictitious value to such votes, and which is blindly followed either by a few faithful adherents or the credulous many, and of course as always happen in like cases with patent exaggeration of "user" and development. We think therefore as we said before, that the system is an unreasonable and absurd one, and not only this, but we also deem it most unjust and unfair to the poorer candidates, when votes thus to a certain extent are depreciated and rendered almost nugatory. It is only the prosperous candidates and their friends who can afford this intense liberality of exchange. But having experienced the difficulty and the drawback and the anomaly, it is not always so easy to

suggest as we all know a remedy. It is difficult to see how we can legislate for such a state of things, indeed it is well nigh impossible. The matter can only be left to the general good sense of the subscribers, and the thoughtful considerations of those who have to do with such episodes, which now constitute a great "crux" for us all, and threaten to become a deplorable nuisance.

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THOUGH we have spoken somewhat strongly on one or two little defects in our voting system, we must not be supposed as at all countenancing extreme views, or sentimental measures on the subject. Some of the proposals for reform in our Charity voting procedure are in themselves utterly impractical, and unreal, and unreliable, and if we hastily adopted them we should find the "remedy worse than the disease." Evils would soon grow by accretion under the new system, which would be far more intolerable and unjust than any we know of now, and we believe it is a fact beyond dispute that whenever the reformed system has been applied in its fullest extent it has led to one of two consequences, either a withdrawal of support or an actual retracing of procedure altogether.

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It may interest some of our readers to know that on analysis of the lists of the candidates for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, we find the following summary of the "contrasted classes," which constitute the staple of the condition of those who become the inmates of these admirable Institutions: In the two lists, 93 in all, we find there are 32 trades, 18 in professional employment, 11 trained professions, 4 in military, 1 in naval employment, 5 clerks, 6 hotel keepers and licensed victuallers, 2 of the fourth estate—the press, 2 commercial travellers, 2 employers of labour, 5 farmers, 2 schoolmasters, and 1 brewer. The technical merits of our Schools must be very great when they succeed in "levelling up" their educational programme so as to render them suitable and beneficial for all alike.

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THE meetings for the School Elections are striking in themselves and most agreeable to rightly minded Freemasons. The interest felt in our great Educational Institutions is very commendable and kindly, and does credit to the head and heart of the brethren of our Order. Very pleasant are the meetings between old friends and fellow workers, for with some of us this work has actually been going on a quarter of a century and more, and the "town mouse" can sympathize with the "country mouse" in like labours, all united in comity, and fellow feeling, and fraternal good will for a common purpose to a common end.

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WE have not alluded to the names of the Grand Officers, though others have done so, because there is a little point of Masonic etiquette involved respecting to which we deem it better to adhere. It is impossible to prevent or restrain conversation or paragraphs on the subject so interesting to many. But until the list of Grand Officers is officially announced, we think it better for the *Freemason* to maintain a discreet reticence. There are many ways naturally in which such matters ooze out amongst us, but the *Freemason* has always sought, and we believe not unsuccessfully, to respect the legitimate feelings and views of those in authority over our Order.

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WE understand that the Lord Justice FITZGIBBON, one of the lords justices in Ireland paid a visit to the Girls' School, on Thursday last. He was received by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, the Chairman of the month, with Bros. HAMMERTON and MATHEWS and Bro. HEDGES, the Secretary, and conducted over the establishment. Miss REDGRAVE put the children through their calisthenic exercises, and his lordship expressed himself greatly pleased not only with the buildings but with the happy and healthy looks of the children.

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WE understand that at the installation of Bro. THOMAS GATES at the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, the selection of music, which was under the direction of Bro. JAMES WEAVER, and in which Miss BLANCHE PAIGE, Miss HELEN HEATH, Bro. FRANKLIN CLIVE, and Bro. JAMES BUCKLAND took part, gave the greatest satisfaction, and was much admired and deservedly applauded.

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WE understand that H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER, will lay the foundation stone of the Indian Institute at Oxford on May 2nd, with Masonic honours.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes,

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, proposed the re-election of Col. Creaton as Treasurer of the Institution. Col. Creaton had served the Institution well and faithfully; he took a deep interest in it, and he ought to be unanimously re-elected.

Bro. W. ROEBUCK, P.G.S., seconded the motion.

The motion having been carried unanimously,

Col. CREATON thanked the brethren very much for the confidence they reposed in him.

Before proceeding to the election of the General Committee,

Bro. HENRY SMITH wished to say a few words in regard to a suggestion that had been made some years ago—that there should be certain agents for the Charities in different provinces, to endeavour to increase the number of subscribers. If this were carried out there would not be the necessity for the Secretaries of the various Institutions to be so frequently requested to visit the provinces. There might be a small commission paid to such agents. No harm would result to the Institution from the payment of a few shillings, or perhaps not more than £2 for printing and postage, while there would be a large accession to the funds of the Institution from the efforts of a few energetic brethren in the provinces on behalf of the Institution. If a Secretary of the Institution was sent down the cost was probably £5 or £6.

Col. CREATON said the suggestion no doubt was a good one; but it was anticipated by a law of the Institution. He did not think much had been done upon it up to the present time, but he was sure the Institution would reimburse any expenses a brother was put to in increasing the funds. The law of the Institution was that an agent might be appointed by the General Committee in every large town or for certain districts or centres that might be determined, whose duty should be to collect subscriptions for the Institution, and such agent should be paid a commission on such a scale as the Committee should see fit.

Bro. HENRY SMITH said he had entirely overlooked that rule.

Bro. J. L. HINE, of Manchester, said the rule had been in force several years.

The following brethren were then elected on the General Committee of Annual or Life Subscribers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. W. Berrie, J. F. Corben, W. Dodd, A. Moore, E. C. Massey, H. Massey, J. J. Caney, W. Dickenson, C. Pugsley, French, and Herbert Wright.

The election was afterwards proceeded with, and at the declaration of the poll, the following was found to be the result:

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Shervill, Angela Georgina ...	2485	Carruthers, Emily Gooding ...	1512
Grabham, Helen ...	2184	Garner, Blanche Amelia ...	1493
Wrighton, Mildred Ammon ...	2154	Prebble, Frances Annie ...	1440
Kelly, Maud Pitt ...	2141	Trotman, Florence Hamilton ...	1377
Musgrave, Grace A. I. ...	2062	Fearon, Ada Elizabeth ...	1320
Bates, Edith Mary ...	2015	Willcox, Florence Mary G. ...	1276
Wortley, Kate ...	1978	Weare, Caroline Louisa ...	1275
Hill, Ethel Augusta ...	1923	Hippey, Ethel Constance ...	1264
Stokes, Kate ...	1764	Beavon, Florence Maud ...	1243
Mason, Florence (last application) ...	1761	McLeod, Isabella ...	1208
Midgley, Elizabeth ...	1573	Smith, Jane ...	878

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Hayes, Ellen ...	607	Woodward, Minnie ...	333
Henshaw, Helen Mabel ...	624	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler ...	38
Haworth, Sylvia Mary ...	428	Ochsenbein, Annie Lucie ...	13

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

VISIT OF BRO. LORD CHIEF JUSTICE FITZGIBBON TO THE INSTITUTION.

A visit was paid to the Institution on Thursday, the 12th inst., by Bro. Lord Chief Justice Fitzgibbon, who takes so great an interest in the Dublin Masonic School, of which Miss Triggs, formerly of this Institution, is now head governess. His lordship wrote to the head governess that he was anxious to see the school while the children were in class as well as during recreation, and the visit was arranged accordingly. He was received by Bro. Richardson, P.G.D., the chairman for the month; Bros. Hammerton and Matthews, members of the House Committee; Bro. Hedges, Secretary; and Miss Jarwood, the matron. The children first went through their calisthenics, after that his lordship was conducted through the dormitories and other parts of the building. The working of the domestic arrangements were explained by Miss Sheppard, the assistant matron. In the meantime the children had gone to their respective classes. His lordship took great interest in the piano practice, which happened to be a piece for twelve children at six pianos, in preparation for the coming festival; the drawing class was closely examined, and the needlework class, into the details of which Bro. Fitzgibbon made enquiries, with a view to ascertaining the system by which all the clothing of the school was made by the children; also the singing class, which has been undertaken by Mrs. Howell, who so generously devotes to it so much time and trouble. His lordship was then conducted round the different classes by Miss Redgrave (in the absence of Miss Davis, who has not yet sufficiently recovered from her late serious illness). The system of education was explained by Miss Redgrave, and his lordship expressed his congratulations at the satisfactory result of the system introduced by Miss Davis as shown in the last Cambridge examination, when 14 children out of 15 passed, four of them with honours. Before leaving his lordship expressed his thanks for his reception. He said he had come to obtain hints for the Irish School, and the result had been most satisfactory to him in every way.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday. The chair was occupied by Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, and there were a large number of Provincial and London brethren present.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes,

Bro. BINCKES (Secretary) informed the Court that £2000 was about to be invested, making £5000 on account of the £3000 for the Preparatory School.

Col. CREATON next proposed the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett as Treasurer of the Institution, and spoke in high terms of Bro. Plucknett's performance of his duties in that office.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded the re-election.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The General Committee of Life and Annual Subscribers was unanimously re-elected.

The number of vacancies at this election was declared to be 13 instead of 12.

It was resolved that the case of Hippey, No. 41 on the list, should be admitted by purchase; Bro. ROEBUCK, P.G.S., proposed the resolution, and Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. 22, seconded it.

The case of George W. King Hill, No. 3 on the list, was then discussed, Bro. BINCKES bringing it forward, because a report had got abroad that the mother of the boy had been left by her late husband comfortably off.

Bro. GLADWELL, P.M. 172, was immensely pleased that Bro. Binckes had mentioned the case, and he showed the brethren that after making full enquiries into the case the reports were entirely false.

The case of Frank Alexander Herring, No. 55, was also brought before the Court, a Masonic journal having stated that it was unworthy of support as the father's personal estate would produce some £500 for the boy.

Considerable discussion followed, in which Bros. Alpess, Grand Std. Br., Godtschalk, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., and others took part.

The motion was put to the vote when by 28 votes against 24 the Court decided the case should remain on the list as a fit and proper case for election.

Bro. W. Roebuck's motion to add to law 65 the words "The two Householders signing the bond, shall also undertake to remove the boy from the school at their own expense during the holidays sanctioned by the House Committee, in the event of the parents or relatives refusing to do so," was withdrawn after a short discussion, in which Bros. Roebuck, the Rev. R. Morris, D.D., Edgar Bowyer, J. H. Southwood, P.M. 1260; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22, and others participated.

The brethren afterwards proceeded to elect 13 boys out of an approved list of 62 candidates. The result of the election was as follows:

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Farrar, Ethelbert ...	3520	Salter, Frederick Bruce ...	3202
Hill, George Wm. King ...	3491	Crow, Charlie John ...	3157
Tustin, Henry Holman ...	3423	Hodge, William James ...	3100
Simpson, Edward Henry ...	3347	Richardson, Harold Percy ...	2993
Tettenborn, Arthur J. ...	3282	Basham, Frederick C. V. ...	2927
Botting, Alfred Henry ...	3258	High, Herbert Alfred ...	2872
Bowes, Arthur Keble ...	3212		

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Willett, George Cross ...	2576	Scagrave, James Pullen ...	161
Stewart, Charles Edward ...	2542	Long, Joseph William ...	155
Wyatt, Augustine W. ...	2423	How, John ...	153
Stanford, William Bryant ...	2153	Cummings, Charles Brown ...	106
Hennah, Frederick Wolfe ...	2040	Pudney, Frederick ...	97
Steed, Ernest Arthur ...	1794	Collinson, James ...	91
Sykes, Richard Alfred ...	1680	Whiting, Robert Henry ...	91
Hooper, Lionel Charles ...	1544	Hildred, Benjamin Meeds ...	81
Hare, Harold Malcolm ...	1543	Bailey, Frank Bernard ...	76
Skelton, F. Francis ...	1394	Lillywhite, Herbert J. M. ...	62
Pratt, Alfred ...	1133	Longman, Frederick W. ...	28
William, Arthur Frederick ...	1095	Habgood, William Ernest ...	25
Carré, Emile Eugène P. ...	917	Townsend, William Benjamin ...	11
Liversidge, Charles Percy ...	814	Bevis, Samuel Harman ...	11
Hippey, Henry Ernest (Withdrawn) ...	603	Mitchell, Reginald A. L. ...	8
Delafons, Richard W. ...	593	Bray, Henry ...	8
Shaw, John ...	505	Douglas, Francis C. A. ...	7
Windross, John Benjamin ...	519	Bell, Frank William ...	5
Walters, John Edward ...	480	Graves, Harry Robert ...	5
Rosier, R. W. A. (Deceased) ...	461	Green, James Murray ...	4
Herring, Frank Alexander ...	460	Davis, Frederick Teilo ...	2
Coleman, Frederick F. ...	450	Whiting, Edward Alfred ...	1
Gale, Horace ...	330	Rose, Frederick Joseph ...	1
Pawsey, Thomas Edwin ...	277	Musgrave, Thomas Frank ...	1
Beaumont, Reginald ...	218	(Withdrawn.)	
Woodward, Thomas (Withdrawn) ...	217	Crutchett, Albert Edmund ...	—
Booker, Herbert Walter ...	164		

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this province was held on Wednesday afternoon, 11th inst., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Wakefield, under the banners of the Unity, Wakefield, and Sincerity Lodges, and was presided over by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, and a large number of provincial officers. Out of 66 lodges in the province only three were unrepresented, and about 280 brethren assembled on the occasion. A very hearty salutation was accorded to the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and in reply,

Sir HENRY EDWARDS said: Brethren and officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, we meet to-day, as we have frequently met before, in the good old town of "Merrie Wakefield," a town which has made its mark in the commercial history of West Yorkshire, as it has also done in the historical and

political events of this country; a town alike interesting in its remote history and exceeding importance from its situation in the West Riding and the energy and industry of its residents. To this day of our present meeting, under the united banners of three Masonic lodges, it is a town of corn, coal, wool, iron, when the whizz of the steam engine breaks momentarily upon the ears of the citizens, when the people are steady in their attachment to the cause of patriotism and independence—phases in its progress and prosperity from generation to generation, which, with the magnificence of its public edifices, intelligence, hospitality, and charity of its inhabitants, combine to make Wakefield not the least of many pleasant towns in West Yorkshire, and render it inferior to none of equal extent and equal population in the kingdom. (Hear, hear.) It is a matter upon which I wish to congratulate you, the annual assembly to-day under the united auspices of the three lodges—Unanimity, Wakefield, and Sincerity. I thank these lodges for the invitation so kindly sent in November of last year, and also the Mayor and Corporation of this town for so readily giving their consent for the use of this Town Hall, opened during the mayoralty of Bro. W. H. Gill, the founder of the Lodge of Sincerity, an edifice which is a lasting monument of Wakefield's energetic spirit, for the benefit of her citizens and for the public business requirements. (Applause.) On April 5th, 1876, Unanimity Lodge invited us to meet under its banner, and when Bro. Edward Green was W.M., a name I cannot mention without eliciting feelings of respect. On the 25th of November, 1876, I was present when Bro. Col. J. C. D. Charlesworth laid the corner stone of your grand new Clayton Hospital, for ever a work of your charity and benevolence, and now affording comfort and consolation to many. On the 9th January, 1878, Sincerity Lodge invited Provincial Grand Lodge to meet under its banner in the Corn Exchange, whose corner stone was laid by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mexborough, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, on the 24th May, 1837, the Rev. M. T. Naylor, D.D., of No. 179, Unanimity Lodge, and the Rev. Charles Clapham, of No. 364, Fidelity, being the Chaplains. On the 9th January, 1878, I alluded to certain lodges desirous of emancipating themselves from "small and inconvenient premises to others specially adapted for Masonic purposes, either as a hall or temple for the exclusive use of the Craft in the different towns of this province." I must, therefore, mention that in 1879 effective measures were taken by the builders assembling in Zetland-street to build an edifice worthy of the Craft in this town. The foundation stone was laid by my deputy Bro. T. W. Tew, with public Masonic ceremonial on the 26th May, 1880. On the 13th December, 1881, my deputy was invited to an inaugural gathering of the three lodges within the walls of the new temple, and on the 5th April, this year, my deputy had the satisfaction of being present at its "dedication" for ever for Masonic purposes. I heartily congratulate the lodges and the chapters on those unity of views, which by unity of action have brought about the consummation of this operative Masonic work, and within the walls of which "unanimity, sincerity, and confidence," may ever be the guiding principles of the brethren therein assembled. Let me quote a saying of Lord Ripon's "that the spirit of the Craft is to be judged by the fruits which it bears in institutions like these." I shall tell our Royal Grand Master, at a fitting opportunity, of the splendid hall Wakefield has added to the list of halls on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Let me revert briefly to the kind response the lodges have made to the Annuitants' Festival on the 2nd February, when Bro. General Brownrigg took the chair. Your contribution of £450 was the second largest announced out of a total of £13,047 subscribed. Our 24th annual charity report tells us that three widows, three males, two boys, and one girl seek admission to the London Charities. At your charity meeting in March, at Sheffield, you came to a judicious selection of candidates for our votes. With 57 deaths in our ranks in 1882 and a consequent loss of votes, it is a matter of grief that our efforts must be limited to a choice of candidates; an opportunity is afforded to us, however, of doubling our votes by supporting the "Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund," to which are attached special privileges and extra votes. £700 is now promised to the Boys' Festival; could you not make it £1000? Viscount Holmesdale, of Kent, takes the chair in June. I thank Bro. Michael Mullen for his entertainment at Bradford for this Charity. And now a word or two about the Masonic Schools: first, the Boys—at the Christmas local Cambridge examination, 1882, out of 18 candidates sent in every one of them passed; twelve in the honour list and six passes. From the Girls' School, out of fifteen candidates sent forward to the same examination there were fourteen passes, four in third honours and two with distinction for religious knowledge. These are satisfactory results of education which no language can diminish. (Applause.) My prerogative and function from this chair is to appeal to your benevolence, "which, like its sister mercy, is not strained, but blesses him that gives as well as him that receives." I can do no more than ask those lodges who have not given anything to help us, if only with small subscriptions from each member, and I request the W.M.'s of the lodges to bring this to the notice of their lodges, and I scarcely anticipate that any of those brethren will fail to respond to this my earnest appeal. Again I quote Lord Ripon, that "These institutions do not rest, ought not to rest, upon the generosity of the few, but on the broad and staple basis of the general support of the Craft." My next comment is that Grand Lodge on March 7th, 1883, received the report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that 800 amendments to the proposed revision of the "Book of Constitutions" had been submitted to Grand Lodge on the 6th September last, and that Grand Lodge referred all these amendments to the Board to consider and report on. I am unofficially informed that West Yorkshire amendments will be most favourably considered. I shall watch the course of events, and, if necessary, consult our amendment Committee thereon. Is a result of the defeat of Bro. Clabon's motion, December 6th, 1882, the

grants of the Lodge of Benevolence in March were reduced to about one-half of what they were in previous quarters; so that we may hope receipts and expenditure may, in future, be in equilibrium. But I am glad to notice Bro. Thomas Collins, of Lodge No. 275, received a grant of £50. This same lodge on December 30th last granted ten guineas to endow in perpetuity the Chaplain's chair in the lodge in the name of the late Bro. the Rev. Abraham Smith, as governor of the Royal Masonic Annuity Fund, and Bro. George Motley Ward, in filial affection, and as a tribute to the memory of his father, has arranged to be paid to the charities the handsome sum of 250 guineas. There are several other most generous contributors to the various charities, such as Capt. Wordsworth, Bros. John R. Armitage, George Scarborough, and Geo. Newton, whose munificent donations to our Masonic charities are beyond all words of praise. We have to lament the death of Bro. Joseph Wrigglesworth Sykes, of Westgate, Huddersfield, on the 1st March, in his 47th year. His remains were interred in Kirkheaton Church on the 5th of the same month. He was well known to many of us. On Good Friday Bro. Wainman Holmes, W.M., was taken from this mortal life. I now approach the most difficult, and perhaps the most heart-burning duties of a Provincial Grand Master—namely, that of distributing the collars to the new officers of this Provincial Grand Lodge. The services of the 868 Worshipful Masters and Past Masters in this province have been considered carefully, and would that I could confer a compliment on every one of them; but the favours at my disposal are very few for so large a number who have passed the chair, or will shortly do so. Therefore those brethren who are about to receive the appointment of office must, under the difficult circumstances in which I am placed, accept the smallest office as equivalent to the highest acknowledgment I am able to give of their Masonic services to this Provincial Grand Lodge. Before I close my remarks, I ask the outgoing Provincial Grand Officers to accept their duties in the office they have held and the support they gave to our "Advice Committee on the Book of Constitutions." Our obligations are due to the three Wakefield lodges for their invitations that day and the excellent arrangements they have made for this meeting and we wish them in their magnificent new hall prosperity and happiness until it be again too small to harbour the Craft in "merrie Wakefield," and necessity arises to enlarge their Zetland-street premises, when another Provincial Grand Master and another Deputy Provincial Grand Master may be as cordially welcomed therein as you have welcomed us and other officers whenever you have invited us to your ancient town on the banks of the River Calder. It only remains for me to ask your attention to the agenda paper and charity report, and to thank you one and all for the salutation and hearty reception you have this day given to me as your Provincial Grand Master, and to my much beloved and inestimably esteemed Deputy, Bro. Thomas William Tew, whose services in the Craft are and have long been beyond all human praise and value to the Masonic interests of the West Riding. (Applause.)

Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M., in acknowledging his salutation spoke of the heavy affliction under which Sir Henry Edwards was at present suffering in the serious and protracted illness of Lady Edwards, and this circumstance elicited a very general expression of sympathy with Sir Henry, and hearty wishes for the speedy restoration of his good lady.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed.

Among the other business of the province was the appointment and expression of satisfaction of the Committee of Revision of the Book of Constitutions, and after some petitions for relief had been disposed of and the next meeting place of Provincial Grand Lodge considered, the meeting was closed and followed by a banquet.

### FREEMASONRY IN YORK.

The old centre of Freemasonry in the north, after a series of years of more or less lethargy, seems to be coming to the front again and displaying an unusual amount of Masonic vigour. About a century ago three Masonic lodges were at work in York, but early in the present century the strength of the present Order had sunk back to one lodge which seemed to be sufficient for the wants of the brethren until as late as the year 1876, when the Eboracum Lodge was formed. This lodge has had, so far, a remarkably successful career, and has gained a reputation both for working and charitable exertions second to few lodges in England. Probably had it not been for the establishment of a military district centre at York the York and Eboracum Lodges would have afforded abundant scope for the energies of the local brethren, but with the advent of the military staff came a large accession of Masons. It is well known that our brethren of the military profession, both combatant and noncombatant, suffer under considerable Masonic disabilities. Many of them are good and earnest Masons, and more of them would be of the same character had they proper opportunities for the exercise of their energies. Unfortunately, however, in the nature of things, they are mostly birds of passage and live in a glorious condition of uncertainty as to where they may find themselves from one day to another, consequently they find great difficulty in securing the advancement in the Craft to which their labours should entitle them. When a military Mason is ordered to some town or station he perhaps joins the local lodge, and it may be that in the course of a year or two he is offered and accepts office, still, however hard he may work, it is to the last degree unlikely that he will be stationed in the same place long enough to enable him to pass the chair, and so after two or three removals and as many disappointments he gives it up as a bad job, falls out of the Order and becomes an unaffiliated Mason. It is in order to provide some remedy for this state of things that the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, has been floated.

It is expressly formed for men of the military profession, and although it does not exclude civilians it is clearly understood that these will not be considered in the matter of promotion, which will be specially given to the many worthy Masons connected with the staff, permanent or otherwise, and the regiments quartered in York. The usual form of petition was recommended by the two existing local lodges, and the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, seeing the difficulties that beset their friends at starting, and having themselves very lately gone through the furnace of affliction in regard to the same matter, did their best to smooth the road and facilitate matters by offering their rooms at the Queen's Hotel together with the free use of their furniture, jewels, &c., until such time as the Agricola Lodge found itself in a position to stand alone. The following are the founders of the lodge: Bros. E. J. de Salis, 1331; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 398; B. Polkinhorne, 447; A. M. White, 236; J. Thomson, 333; O. J. Cavenagh, 236; and E. Harding, 1037.

The Provincial Grand Master fixed Thursday, the 12th April for the consecration, and accordingly on that day the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dr. J. B. Bell, Past Grand Deacon, summoned the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge to York. The gathering was at 3 p.m., and at that hour the lodge room was well filled with brethren from all parts of the province as well as from West Yorkshire, &c. Soon after the Prov. Grand Lodge entered in procession, bearing the symbols and elements and made the usual circuits. The chair was then assumed by the D.P.G.M., who proceeded to open a lodge in the Three Degrees, the Senior Warden's chair being occupied by Bro. Sir James Meek, P.P.S.G.W., and the Junior Warden's chair by the Prov. G.J.W., Bro. W. H. Marwood. The ceremonies were conducted by Bro. M. G. Collingwood, Prov. G.D.C., and the Prov. G. Org., Bro. G. D. Storry, presided over the musical arrangements.

The usual formalities having been gone through the lodge was declared duly constituted and the lesser lights were kindled. The ceremony of consecration occupied a considerable time and at its conclusion the D.P.G.M. read an exceedingly interesting paper on "The duties of Freemasons," in which he sketched out the principles in which the Order was founded and urged the brethren to a conscientious practice of its noble teachings. The D.P.G.M. then called upon Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, to assume the gavel and instal the W.M. Designate of the new lodge, Bro. E. A. de Salis, D.A.C.G., which was accordingly done. At its conclusion Bro. de Salis invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. H. H. McGachen, A.C.G., as I.P.M.; Capt. O. J. Cavenagh, S.W.; E. Harding, J.W.; A. M. White, A.P.D., Sec.; B. Polkinhorne, M.C.; Bro. McGachen was unanimously elected Treasurer. The D.P.G.M.; the Prov. Grand Sec. (Bro. M. C. Peck); Bros. the Dean of York, Past Grand Chaplain; and P. Pearson, 1611; were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Votes of thanks were passed to the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers for their attendance and labours on this occasion, and to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., for his services as installing officer. The following goodly list of joining members was proposed, Bros. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611; W. B. Dyson, 1611; W. C. Harley, 730 (I.C.); Hy. Isaacs, 510 (S.C.); J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200; M. Millington, W.M. 1611; A. T. B. Turner, 1611; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. 837; S. Middleton, F.M. 1760; W. Flint, 348 (I.C.); A. W. Pigott, 528; Major J. H. Morrell, P.M. 709; Capt. J. Heddingham, 184; F. Woolnough, 295 (I.C.); A. T. Smith, 836; P. O'Connor, 836; R. Fisher, 910; J. D. Clarkson, 153; F. Brookes, 1393; W. E. Barnes, 398; Dr. J. Martin, 97 (I.C.); and J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611. Most of these who are not Past Masters are brethren who have served the office of Warden in various lodges.

Subsequently most of the visitors assembled with the members of the new lodge at the social board, and partook of a plain, but substantial dinner, at the close of which a short toast list was gone through.

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and preliminary toasts.

The D.P.G.M. gave "The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M." and referred in high terms to the progress made by Masonry in York during the last few years.

The Prov. Grand Secretary proposed "The Health of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, as Installing Master."

Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., gave "The Officers of the Lodge," &c.

Several of the brethren contributed songs to the harmony of the evening, and the whole party spent a good time.

Amongst the visitors not before named were Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. 837, P.P.G. Chaplin, West Yorkshire; Chas. Waistell, P.M. 1337, Prov. Grand Reg.; G. L. Shackles, P.S.G.D.; G. Wilson, P.M. 57, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Cowper, P.M. 602, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; A. Buckle, P.M. 236, P.P.G.D.; W. Tesseyman, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. G. Padel, P.M. 1611, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; C. Pallisen, P.M. 1337, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Stead, W.M. 1337; E. Bryan, W.M. 294; S. Middleton, P.M. 1760; R. Beevers, P.M. 57; M. Rooke, P.M. 236; G. Simpson, P.M. 1611; E. T. Cheeseman, W.M. 570; J. H. Banks, P.M. 470; G. Kirby, W.M. 236; M. Millington, W.M. 1611; J. S. Rymer, P.M. 236.

Letters of apology were received from the Prov. Grand Master, from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire (Bro. T. W. Tew), Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.P.S.G.W., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.J.G.W., and many other brethren unable to attend.

On Friday week an emergency meeting of the Agricola Lodge was held for the purpose of initiating several candidates.

Her Majesty has issued strict orders to the effect that, in consequence of the mortality among sheep and lambs, and the reduced state of the sheep stoll in this country, no lambs shall be served in the Royal Household during the present season. It is to be hoped her Majesty's example will be generally followed.

## CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CORNWALL CHAPTER, No. 1839.

The above chapter was consecrated on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, by M.E. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., as M.E.Z.; assisted by E. Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.S.N., as H.; E. Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Soj. as J.; E. Comp. Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.G. Soj., as P.S.; and Comp. Dr. J. S. Lavies, as Asst. Soj. The Principals designate were Comp. J. W. Brooke, P.M. 1839, M.E.Z.; Comp. W. A. Malony, P.M. 25, 1839, H.; and Comp. G. F. Smith, W.M. 1839, J.

M.E. Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE in addressing the companions stated that it was now just three and a-half years since he had the pleasure it that room of consecrating the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and installing Bro. J. W. Brooke, the M.E.Z. designate, as first W.M. of that lodge, and he could not but look back with pleasure over the intervening time, and noting the able and masterly manner in which Bro. Brooke had conducted and piloted it to the high position it now held, so that when the petition for a charter for a Royal Arch Chapter was presented, with Bro. Brooke as M.E.Z. designate, with other officers of that lodge supporting him, not the slightest doubt was entertained but that it would prove under his care as great a success as the lodge had been.

The consecration was then proceeded with, and after the approval of the officers, E. Comp. the Rev. C. W. Arnold rendered a most impressive and forcible oration. Then came an anthem from the 133rd Psalm, and during the uncovering of the pedestal "Incline thine ear, O Lord," was sung. "When once of old in Israel" filled the pauses of the solemn addresses delivered during the passage of the cornucopia, wine, and oil. The second part of the dedicatory prayer was followed by "Glory to God on High," and the constitution of the chapter in ancient form by "Eternal Father now we pray," the consecration, concluding with the patriarchal benediction.

The installation of the Principals was then proceeded with, and on its conclusion the following officers were duly elected and invested: Comps. J. W. Fowler Treas.; E. J. Fielding, Scribe E.; A. Stokes, Scribe N.; E. Culver, P. Soj.; J. W. Dewsnap, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. F. Smith, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. Round, Stwd.

The M.E.Z. rose, and in the course of a neatly timed speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, and that they be elected hon. members of the chapter, which was carried "nem con."

M.E. Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE accepted the vote on behalf of himself and colleagues.

Letters of apology were read from Comps. Lord Claud Hamilton, Sir A. W. Woods (*Garter*), Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.S. Bengal; Rev. J. Lindsay, J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G. During the evening 17 brethren were proposed for exaltation.

The chapter was then closed in due form and the companions adjourned to the banquet, after the pleasant labours of the evening.

After a *recherché* banquet the toast list was entered on and "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" was proposed by the M.E.Z., Comp. J. W. BROOKE in the following speech: Companions we, as Royal Arch Masons, have assembled here to-day for the purpose of launching a new Royal Arch Chapter, and now we are fairly launched, and have embarked on our course, and I as your captain on your behalf and my own, am glad to have the opportunity on this the first meeting, and at the earliest possible moment of expressing our loyalty to the Queen. There is no body of men more loyal than the Freemasons of England, indeed, I may say all Freemasons under the English Constitution wherever they may be dispersed, and I need scarcely say that amongst them Fenianism and dynamite were entirely unknown, or that we utterly detest and abhor them. The earnest aspiration of every English Freemason is still "God save the Queen," for do not their tenets teach them to be "Faithful to their God, their Country and their Queen!" But companions, the toast is the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry! why are the two thus coupled? He thought the answer was that because in them her Majesty recognises loyal and dutiful subjects, and though our Order is more or less a secret one, our principles are known to the whole world, and those principles have recommended us to her Majesty's favourable notice, she having graciously considered it not derogatory to her dignity to identify herself with us by becoming patroness of our three charitable institutions. But companions, while we are loyal to our Queen we must also be loyal to our Order, and loyal to each other; thus loyalty to our Queen and loyalty to our Order go hand in hand together, therefore I ask you to drink to the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry.

The toast was received with acclamations and singing the National Anthem.

The M.E.Z. then proceeded to propose the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z.," and said the toast was one that deserved, and he had no doubt would be received by them with as much enthusiasm as the former one. That referred to the Queen of their country, this referred to the eldest son of their Queen, the Heir Apparent to the throne of England, and their Masonic king. There must really be something more in Freemasonry than met the eye to attract emperors, kings, and princes to their ranks, who were not ashamed aprons to put on, and hear themselves named as Free and Accepted Masons. But with regard to their G.Z., there never was a Grand Master before more worthy of the loyalty and devotion of Freemasons than he. On every important occasion they saw him in Grand Lodge discharging his duty as Grand Master, and he took the greatest possible interest in all that concerned Freemasonry. If proof were wanting he held it in his hand, for that was the charter for this chapter, which bore his Royal Highness's title, signed by his own hand. He could not help feeling that they

were very happy in having such a prince to rule over them, and he also thought his Royal Highness must be very happy in having such a loyal body of men to rule.

The M.E.Z. then said the next toast was one that he approached with considerable diffidence, though it afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to propose it, it was "The Grand Officers of Grand Chapter." It was a very important and comprehensive one, comprising as it did the working officers of Grand Chapter, Present and Past. He did not know a more distinguished or more disinterested body of men than they were, for they were distinguished both in rank and talent, and disinterested, for they found them giving the best of their time and talents unsparingly; and for what?—for honour, fee, or reward? No, companions, but for the good and welfare of their fellow-creatures. The M.E.Z. took that opportunity of thanking the Grand Officers present for the part each had borne in the ceremony of consecration, and coupled with the toast the name of M.E. Comp. Philbrick, Grand Superintendent for Essex, who replied in an eloquent and earnest speech.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Consecrating Officer, M.E. Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.," and said he then claimed the attention of the companions for this most important toast, in fact the toast of the evening. They would readily understand to whom it referred, and give it that cordial and hearty reception which it deserved. He felt some difficulty in proposing the toast, as Comp. Clerke was present, and he felt that he could not say before his face all that he should like to say. If there was anyone to whom their lodge and chapter owed anything, they owed it to him. It was he who did them the honour to consecrate their lodge, and he had now done them the further honour of consecrating their chapter, and on both occasions he was indebted to him for much valuable assistance and advice. He did not know a more indefatigable companion in his work than their G.S.E. As an instance he would mention that during the recent holidays, when the Grand Secretary's office was closed, Comp. Clerke from his home was in correspondence with several Grand Officers and himself respecting the arrangements for the consecration of the chapter. He had letters from him bearing date for Good Friday, Saturday, and Monday. He mentioned this to show that they were indebted to him for much thought and labour during holiday time before the consecration ceremony could be successfully arranged. And now they were consecrated and met in their own chapter it was their duty, and to him a great pleasure, to acknowledge in the fullest manner the debt of gratitude they owed to him. They tendered their best and most cordial thanks for all that he had done for them, and for the beautiful and perfect rendering of the ceremonies of consecration and installation. It was no easy task which he had performed that evening, for in addition to the ceremonies which they had witnessed there were others which himself and colleagues only were witnesses of, and the fact that neither of the three having been installed into their chairs before entailed a further amount of work upon him. His colleagues he was sure felt highly honoured by having been placed in their present positions by him; and for himself he must say he considered it the greatest honour to have been the first installed into the chair of the lodge, and also into the three chairs of the chapter by the Grand Secretary of England, and he begged to tender him on behalf of the chapter and himself their sincere thanks for the kindness they had invariably received at his hands, and for the honour he had conferred upon them.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E., replied in a short speech, to the effect that he and all other members of the Grand Chapter were at all times most happy to help forward the cause of Masonry, and especially Arch Masonry; indeed, it seemed almost as yesterday that he had replied to the same toast after consecrating the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and installing their M.E.Z. as its first Master. He had watched the progress of the lodge year by year, and considered the present was only the natural outcome of so remarkable a success. He concluded by wishing the chapter the greatest success and proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. J. W. Brooke."

Comp. J. W. BROOKE then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." who in reply thanked the G.S.E., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke for the flattering terms in which he had been pleased to propose it, and the companions for their cordial reception, and said he felt deeply the kindness of his brother founders in assisting him to form this chapter, and the honour they had done him in placing him at their head; but while he felt how high and honourable his position was, he was also fully conscious of the responsibility of that position. It was only since the ceremonies of that evening that he was aware how great the responsibility was, but he assured the companions that he would do all in his power during his year of office to make the chapter a complete success.

"The Visitors" were given by the M.E.Z., who in the course of his speech referred to the kindly feelings which should at all times characterise a Mason, stated that the visiting was the great element by which uniformity of working was obtained, and friendship formed and perpetuated, and that visitors would ever find a ready welcome at the Duke of Cornwall Chapter.

Comp. W. HOLLINGWORTH, P.Z., and Comp. CORPE responded.

"The Masonic Charities" were proposed by the M.E.Z., as follows: This toast, of which I have the honour to propose, is one that appeals to the heart of every Freemason. Let us ask ourselves what is Masonic Charity? or rather first what is Freemasonry? We know what our ritual tells us it is, but to that I think should be added Freemasonry is the essence of charity; and by charity I do not mean only the mere giving of alms, but charity in its higher and nobler sense, the charity which prompts one brother to bear with another, the charity which vaunteth not itself, but the charity which is always ready to assist and advise. What is it that binds princes, nobles, and peasants together, but charity? What is it that takes a

victorious general from London to Manchester, and who lends his illustrious name to a new lodge but charity? There was once a wise man whose ambition it was to place a girdle round the earth, but he did not succeed; what he failed in doing, Freemasonry has accomplished, for round the whole earth, from north to south, from east to west, Freemasonry has placed this girdle of charity, this bond of universal brotherhood. But companions, there is another form of charity; we are honoured to-night by the presence of a representative of Masonic Charity in its practical and tangible form, Comp. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School. I had hoped to be honoured also by the presence of Comps. Terry and Hedges, the Secretaries of the other two Masonic Charities, but unfortunately prior engagements prevented their coming. These three companions spend their lives in the most praiseworthy of all objects in working for the happiness and welfare of their fellow creatures, and who periodically remind us that, in the words of the psalmist, "The needy shall not always be forgotten." Those companions practically carried out the psalmist's instructions, for are not our old men and old women comfortably provided for? are not our orphan boys and our orphan girls educated, clothed, fed, and given a fair start in life? All honour to those companions who spend their lives in these self-denying efforts! They congratulated them on the success of their respective Institutions, and wished them continued prosperity.

In reply Comp. F. BINCKES said in rising to respond to the toast which had just been proposed, he was happy to say that the whole of the Charities were at least in a sound position, and undoubtedly largely supported; but he must say that that support could, nay, should, be greater and more universal, that every Mason should contribute something, be it ever so little. If this were done the executive would be able to extend their benefits to a much greater number than their present means, great though they were, enabled them to assist. He would not trouble them with a long history or statistics of the Charities, but, as one who had worked for over 25 years in the cause of practical Masonic charity, let him say these Institutions can never be too well supported, doing the great good they did, and proving to the world their charity was more than words. Therefore, he asked their aid, their sympathies to extend these Charities, which were justly the boast of the Craft, aiding and sustaining as they did the aged Mason and the widow, in feeding, clothing, and educating the orphans, and placing them as they advanced in life in good situations, so demonstrating to the whole world that their bond of Masonry is that sweet charity that blesseth him that gives and him that receives.

The remaining toasts were "The H. and J.," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," "The Scribe N.," "The P.S., and the remaining Officers of the Chapter," "The Musical Companions," and the Janitor's toast.

In addition to the Consecrating Officer, the companions assisting him, and the officers mentioned in the early part of the report, the following companions were present: Comps. F. Binckes, P.Z. 10; T. Callery, M.E.Z. 51; S. P. Catterson, M.E.Z. 79; W. Catterson, P.S. 548; G. T. Carter, 145; R. Clowes, A.S. 19; T. C. Corpe, United Pilgrims; W. Hollingsworth, I.P.Z. 63; J. Hodges, 19; A. Kenningham, 19; Lawler, Moira; Captain A. Nicols, P.Z. 782; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.S. Essex; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169, G. Janitor; T. G. Smith, 890; and W. Willey, Jerusalem.

The musical arrangements during the consecration and banquet were under the direction of Comp. G. F. Smith, A.R.A.M., J., and were admirable in selection and performance; Comp. Carter's rendering of Blumenthal's "Message" calling for special notice. We cannot close this report without commenting on the general completeness that prevailed, even to the slightest detail, and prognosticate for this new chapter a most successful career.

RAMSAY, ANDREW MICHAEL.—Mostly called Chevalier Ramsay, was born at Ayr, in North Britain, in 1668, and died in 1743. He seems to have been converted to Roman Catholicism in 1724, and became tutor to the two grandsons of James II. Thus he was mixed up greatly with the Jacobite interest. When or where he was made a Mason is not known, but probably at Paris. It has been said that he came to London in 1728, and endeavoured to induce the Grand Lodge to adopt his new system. But we are not aware of any good evidence of this assertion. Neither is it at all clear that he had anything to do with Dermott. The theory that our Royal Arch comes from Ramsay is, we believe, an utter mistake. In 1740 Ramsay delivered a famous address, in which he discarded the operative and gave a knightly origin to Freemasonry. If a section of Stuart partizans was then using Masonry for its own purposes, we can easily understand how this multiplication of knightly grades and princely names would chime in with the feelings and objects of the party. We fear that to Ramsay must be attributed that wondrous amplification of Masonic grades which has again led to Rites; so that Ragon, it is said, had formed a list of 1,400 grades. We do not wish to blame Ramsay too much. He was a learned and cultivated man, and seems to have been truly respected in private life. He is known by his "Travels of Cyrus" and other works—all interesting and well written. A Masonic tract, which was burned at Rome in 1739, called "Relation Apologique et Historique," published at Dublin by Patric O'Donoky, has been attributed generally to Ramsay; but we confess we doubt the fact on various grounds, despite the high authority of Kloss and others.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

Saturday, being the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Princess Beatrice's birthday was observed with the customary honours. In the evening the Prince and Princess Christian gave a grand dinner party, at which several members of the Royal Family were present.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Office—6, FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN-ST., W.C.

PATRON:  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,  
K.G., M.W.G.M.

At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the  
Governors and Subscribers, held at the Freemasons'  
Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London,  
on Monday, the 16th day of April, 1883, Colonel J.  
CREATON in the Chair, a BALLOT took place for the  
ELECTION of 13 BOYS from an approved list of 65,  
reduced by withdrawals to 62, Candidates, the following  
being declared to be SUCCESSFUL:—

Name.	Votes.
1. Farrar, Ethelbert ... ..	3520
2. Hill, George William King ... ..	3491
3. Tustin, Harry Holman ... ..	3423
4. Simpson, Edward Hy. ... ..	3347
5. Tettenborn, Arthur J. ... ..	3282
6. Botting, Alfred Hy. ... ..	3258
7. Bowes, Arthur Kebble ... ..	3212
8. Salter, Frederick Bruce ... ..	3202
9. Crow, Charlie John ... ..	3157
10. Hodge, William James ... ..	3100
11. Richardson, Harold P. ... ..	2993
12. Basham, Fred. C. Vict. ... ..	2927
13. High, Herbert Alfred ... ..	2872

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with  
full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application  
at the office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be  
carried to the credit of those qualified for election in  
October next.

April 16th, 1883.

FREDERICK BINCKES

(V. Pat., P.G. Stwd.), Secretary.

The Eighty-fifth Anniversary Festival will be held on  
Wednesday, 27th June, 1883. The Right Hon. Viscount  
HOLMESDALE, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent,  
has most kindly consented to preside. The services of  
Brethren willing to act as Stewards are earnestly solicited,  
and will be gratefully acknowledged.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

St. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this In-  
stitution, held in the HALL of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN,  
Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on  
SATURDAY, APRIL 14th, 1883, Colonel J. CREATON,  
Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair, after the general busi-  
ness was disposed of, the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS  
proceeded to the ELECTION by ballot of 22 GIRLS into  
the Institution from a list of 28 approved Candidates, when  
the following were declared duly elected:

Names.	Votes.
1. Shervill, Angela Georgina ... ..	2485
2. Grabham, Helen ... ..	2184
3. Wright, Mildred Ammon ... ..	2153
4. Keily, Maud Pitt ... ..	2141
5. Musgrave, Grace A. J. ... ..	2062
6. Bates, Edith Mary ... ..	2015
7. Wortley, Kate ... ..	1978
8. Hill, Ethel Augusta ... ..	1923
9. Stokes, Kate ... ..	1764
10. Mason, Florence ... ..	1761
11. Midgley, Elizabeth ... ..	1573
12. Carruthers, Emily Gooding ... ..	1512
13. Garner, Blanch Amelia ... ..	1493
14. Prebble, Francis Annie ... ..	1440
15. Trotman, Florence Hamilton ... ..	1377
16. Fearon, Ada Elizabeth ... ..	1320
17. Wilcox, Florence Mary G. ... ..	1276
18. Weare, Caroline Louisa ... ..	1275
19. Hippey, Ethel Constance ... ..	1264
20. Beavon, Florence Maud ... ..	1243
21. M'Leod, Isabella ... ..	1208
22. Smith, Jane ... ..	878

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful candi-  
dates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's  
office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election  
if eligible.

F. R. W. HEDGES,  
Secretary.

## GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES,

AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF  
THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER,  
M.W. Grand Master.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF KINTORE,  
R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

A MOVEABLE GRAND LODGE

Will be held under the auspices of the Newstead Lodge,  
T.I., at the

MASONIC HALL, NOTTINGHAM,

On THURSDAY, the 26th inst.

Grand Lodge will be opened at 3 o'clock precisely.

The Banquet will take place at Five o'clock. Tickets,  
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## To Correspondents.

"MATTER OF FACT."—In addition to what we stated  
last week we think it fit to add that it was considered  
advisable not to re-open the discussion at all.

The following have been received, but stand over until  
next week for want of space:

Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331.  
Walker Lodge, No. 1342.  
Friars Lodge, No. 1349.  
Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588.  
Avon Lodge, No. 1633.  
St. Augustine Lodge, No. 1941.  
Presentation of Chimes to the Parish Church by the  
Freemasons of Kidderminster.  
Charles Sackville.

## BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The  
Court Circular," "The Citizen," "Caygill's Tourists'  
Chronicle," "The New York Dispatch," "The Hull  
Packet," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Voice of  
Masonry," "The Freemason's Repository," "The  
Canadian Craftsman," "The New Zealand Freemason,"  
"The Freemason" (Sydney), "Illustrated Carpenter  
and Builder," "The Freemason's Chronicle" (Sydney),  
"The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The City Press," "The  
Royal Gazette" (British Guiana), "Freimaurer-Zeitung,"  
"The Pianoforte Dealer's Guide," "Masonic Advocate,"  
"Boletin Masonico."



SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 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 LATE ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Let me thank many kind friends through your  
columns who, in response to my appeal, have sent me votes.  
The proxy papers were all most gratefully received. Let  
me also thank a worthy friend and brother in Worcester-  
shire who has kindly lent me a list of subscribers to the  
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which it is just now,  
owing to the unforeseen demands for it, difficult to obtain in  
London.—Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.  
25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.

THE LATE BRO. W. WAINMAN HOLMES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe you have fallen into a slight error in your  
leaderette of this date regarding the late Wm. Wainman  
Holmes; which in order to save correspondence from others  
no doubt you will be glad to correct at once.

You appear to have substituted the first Master of Airedale Lodge (Wainman Holmes, who when last I heard of him some months ago was well) for William Wainman Holmes, our late deceased brother, and your remarks no doubt apply to the former brother, who is a very old Mason. Your kindly reference to hours of good work and hearty Masonic fellowship may equally (in your case) apply to both, as you would know both very well through your visits to Airedale Lodge during our late brother's time.

Notes and Queries 164. Freemasonry in Doncaster. Kindly substitute "contained" for "continued" in the third line.—Yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, Yorks, April 14th.

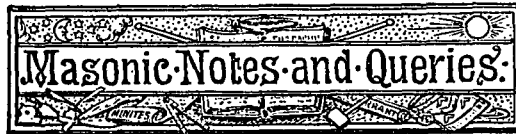


OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF CORNWALL. Edited by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D. For private circulation.

Like all the "opuscula" which proceed from the pen and supervision of Bro. Hughan, this "lytle booke" is marked by great lucidity and much valuable matter. It contains among other valuable information a very eloquent sermon by our Rev. Bro. Newnham, Prov. Grand Chaplain, which deserves perusal. There are now 1471 subscribing members in the Province of Cornwall, and 29 lodges and 13 Royal Arch chapters. They hold 869 votes for the Charities, and are gradually increasing their number. Their finances are in a good position, though we should be glad to see a larger balance to "credit." During the last 12 months the province has granted £106 to various Charities. The province has also an active and useful Benevolent Fund. Altogether Bro. Hughan's Directory gives us the clear idea of a progressing province, and which, under the direction of its distinguished head, is second to none, we believe, in good Masonic work, befitting zeal for the Charities, and general kindly feeling and Masonic harmony amongst its members. We thank Bro. Hughan for sending us his latest "labour of love."

TRANSACTIONS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. New Series. Volume I. Part I.

We confess we think this "first part of a new series" not only a "new departure," but an improvement on previous publications. It seems to us more real, more substantial, and we will add more "historical." We shall follow the subsequent issues with interest.



169] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

Bro. "G. B. A." will see if he again refers to my work, (p. 77) that the "Builder's Compleat Assistant," and "Ancient Masonry, Both in the Theory and Practice," are distinct publications. The former containing the "Old Charge" No. 50 on my list; and the latter, the dedication to the Duke of Loraine and forty British noblemen. The "forty" is made up of seven dukes, sixteen earls, seven viscounts, and ten lords, the name of the Earl of Middlesex does not appear. "Ancient Masonry, Both in Theory and Practice," is not to be found in the library of the British Museum, though of this I am not quite sure, as some years have elapsed since I examined this book at the excellent library of the R.I.B.A., in Conduit Street. At about the same period however, I consulted the "Builder's Compleat Assistant" in the British Museum, and had Batty Langley's other publication been in our National Collection, it is almost certain that I should have taken it out. My impression is that I am indebted to M. R. Wyatt Papworth for a reference to the work on "Ancient Masonry," and that searching for other books by the same author, in the catalogue of the British Museum library I found rather a long list of which only the "Builder's Compleat Assistant" presented any features of interest.

R. F. GOULD.

170] PROVINCIAL MASONIC CALENDARS.

Since writing about the above subject I have received the Calendars for Derbyshire, Kent, and Oxfordshire, and Cornwall is now issued, so that I have the foregoing, and those also for Cambridge, Dorset, Gloucester, Hants and Isle of Wight, Hertford, East Lancashire, Leicester and Rutland, Sussex, Warwick and Stafford, Wilts and Yorkshire. Durham is now being printed. Are there any others published in England? if so I shall be glad to have a copy of each, and will reciprocate by sending one of mine for Cornwall. I am anxious to know the name and character, and general contents of all provincial Calendars issued in England, and so hesitate not to ask the co-operation of brother editors to make my list complete. Although not a very old man, wanting more than 50 years of being 100, I fancy I must be the oldest living editor, as respects years of such duty, having commenced such labours, in 1865.

W. J. HUGHAN.

171] THE JESUITS AND FREEMASONRY.

I have often wondered where the German writers had obtained their idea and evidences of a Jesuit connection with Freemasonry. I find that it is a little neat bit of pure "sheepwalking," inasmuch as the idea and evidences to a great extent are taken bodily from our old and unreliable friend, Robison, in "his Proofs of a Conspiracy," &c. He is the author of the assertion that James II. was a Freemason, which has always appeared to me most absurd as a theory. Robison is now generally discredited as an authority, and one statement of his, I think, will decide his credit with Masonic students when I add, that he avers the Jesuits entered the English lodges in the seventeenth century. Curiously enough if "Starck," who was a Leader in the Strict Observance, and was declared to be a Jesuit, so also was Weishaupt, the

founder of the Illuminati. The latter was undoubtedly when he formed the Illuminati a Roman Catholic. The Jesuits were suppressed in 1774, and Mr. Robison's suggestions, that they then turned their activity to Freemasonry in Germany and France, I apprehend, a completely visionary allegation, without basis and without proof. Indeed, the whole suggestion rests on the "ipse dixit" of Mr. Robison, no proofs being tendered and no facts forthcoming, except that Mr. Robison says "I found" and "I have met with many particular facts," &c. But what he found and the historical facts he relies on, he nowhere alludes to.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BANQUET OF THE HENLEY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1472.

The first annual banquet of the above resuscitated lodge of instruction took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, Bro. West's comfortable hostelry, and though not so largely attended as was expected, yet the whole affair was most enjoyable, thanks to the liberality and energy of the worthy host, who spared no expense to make the occasion worthy of his fame as a good caterer. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. V. J. Holloway, W.M. of the mother lodge, the chair was taken by Bro. C. T. Lewis, S.W.; Bro. J. Elder, I.P.M., filling the vice-chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. A. J. Manning, P.M., P.G.J.D. Essex; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; A. Ives, J.W.; C. Guy, J.D.; J. Savage, D.C.; M. Kaul, W.S.; C. H. Canning, G. Plume, C. W. Genery, J. Gladding, W. Turner, C. Jolly, S.D. (Freemason), and others. Letters of apology were read from Bro. Paul, the Preceptor of the lodge, Bro. Heffer, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER in eloquent terms proposed "Success to the Henley Lodge of Instruction." The lodge had only been in existence since its resurrection some nine months, and had already upwards of 20 joining members. When it was first formed, four years ago, it promised to be a good strong lodge, but gradually fell off; but now that it had, principally through the efforts of Bro. Savage, the Secretary, and Bro. Paul, the Preceptor, been reopened it was doing well, and certainly seemed placed upon a sure foundation. There was no royal road to distinction in Masonry, and those who desired to achieve the highest rung of the ladder and so reach the chair of K.S. could only do so through lodges of instruction. The truth of that he could fully bear out in his own person—the more he learnt of Masonry through the teaching of Preceptors in lodges of instruction, the more he loved it. Its teachings were pure and lofty, and whether in their daily life, amid its many troubles, anxieties, or pleasures, or in the bosom of their families, it taught them faith, hope, and charity, and such he believed were its teachings universally spread over the habitable globe. (Applause.) He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Savage.

Bro. SAVAGE in reply said that two of the brethren present were more entitled to have their names coupled with the toast than himself—he referred to Bros. West and Ives—for without them the lodge never would have been resuscitated. For himself he was proud in being Secretary of the lodge, and as long as it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to give him health and strength he would endeavour to keep it going. As to the numbers given by the W.M., he must say that they were fairly correct; but members were joining weekly, and by that time next year he hoped to be able to show double the number. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Paul, the Preceptor, whose illness prevented him from being present that night, while Bros. Turner and Heffer had never missed a single meeting. He heartily thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and the brethren for their cordial reception of it.

Bro. MANNING then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in so doing adverted to his own rise in Freemasonry, which had been most rapid, and which he ascribed in no small measure to a constant attendance at lodges of instruction, especially the Henley Lodge when presided over by Bros. Past Masters Henderson, West, and Ives. He felt sure that he might refer to Bro. Lewis as an example of what might be achieved by lodges of instruction, and asked them to drink his health with all the warmth it deserved.

Bro. LEWIS in reply regretted the absence of Bro. Holloway, their esteemed W.M., and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to preside over them.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," responded to by Bros. MANNING and WEST; "The Officers," by Bro. IVES; and "The Masonic Press," by Bro. JOLLY.

DEDICATION OF THE LULLINGSTONE MASONIC HALL, WILMINGTON, KENT.

"The Freemasons of Dartford and neighbourhood have for some time past been very actively engaged in promoting a scheme for raising a new Masonic Hall in connection with the Lullingstone Lodge, and the result as shown by the proceedings last week must have exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine among them. In a comparatively short time the capital has been raised, the building completed and the lodge formally dedicated by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale. The site is very good and peculiarly adapted for the purpose being at the corner of four cross roads. The building is of red brick with bath stone facings, one floor, with gable roof to the main buildings and office, the irregularities of the building giving it a pleasing appearance. The interior is perfectly arranged and fitted with lodge room, 36ft by 25ft., all necessary ante rooms with lavatory and every arrangement for the comfort of the brethren. Adjoining the lodge room is a noble banquet hall, 50ft. by 36ft., with serving room at back. The builders are Messrs. J. G. Naylor and Sons, Rochester, and the architect Bro. Herbert Spurrell, F.R.I.B.A., Eastbourne. The whole cost will be about £1300.

Much interest was evinced by the brethren of the province on Wednesday, the 4th inst., that being the day fixed for the dedication ceremony. In addition to those more closely identified with the lodge, there were present a large number of Provincial Grand Officers of Kent as well as members of neighbouring lodges. The ceremony was performed by the R.W.P.G.M. Viscount Holmesdale, and there were also present V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.G.M.; W. Bros. Rev. Robt. Jamblin, P.P.G.C.;

John J. Hamilton, P.G.S.W.; Richd. Harrison, P.G.J.W.; Benjamin Thorpe, P.G. Treas.; Alfred Spencer, P.G. Sec.; Horatio Ward, P.P.G.J.W. Wilts; Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler, England. W. Bros. T. S. Warne, P.P.A.S. Kent; Rev. J. Britton, P.P.G. Chap. Essex; Anton Tien, P.P.G. Chap. Syria; G. M. Smales, P.G. Supt. of Wks., York; Flaxman Spurrell, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Thomas Wyles, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; Rev. Branfin Harrison, P.P.G. Chap. Kent; Thomas Wills, P.G.S.W. Kent; Noah Martin, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; R. G. Stone, P.P.G.J.D., and the following officers of the lodge: Bros. T. W. A. Neech, W.M.; Rev. Hayman Cummings, S.W., P.P.G. Chap.; P. Jones, J.W.; C. Cotterel, I.G.; W. Manclark, Org.; J. G. Hepburn, P.M. 143; Alfred Parish, G. Parker, R. G. Stone, P.M. 615; N. Bradbury-Walker, F. A. Pigon, Samuel Lee Smith, C. J. Dickenson, Sir Wm. Hart-Dyke, R. B. Stephens, C. J. Russell, Rev. F. Gribbell, W. A. Stone, J. W. Darton, J. Oram, Tyler.

The following were among the visitors: Bros. F. Wood, S.W. 1973; W. Greig, S. 299; A. W. Wells, P.M. 299; Geo. Tedder, 1107; S. C. Jones, 1681; H. Spurrell, 615; J. Anthony, J.D. 1050; F. Weiss, W.M. elect 1491; H. R. Powell, J.W. 1901; J. P. Poupard, 209; H. F. Woolley, 299; R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. 1965; C. Hind, 299; R. S. Howitt, 299; F. Horner, W.M. 31; J. G. Chillingworth, W.M. 1973; W. Morson, 1424; C. G. Cutchey, 1685; J. F. Tyler, 1685; Fred Snowden, 299; H. F. Loader, 36; W. J. Light, W.M. 299; H. Penfold, W.M. 1174 and 1273; Clifford White, S.W. 299; G. C. Baker, 299; J. Biggs, P.M. 77; H. Tuff, P.M. 1273; T. Winch, 1174; J. S. Mutch, P.M. 706; Eugene Sweny, P.M. 706; and W. M. B. Cochrane, W.M. 102; and William Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (Freemason).

The brethren assembled in the lodge, and the R.W.P.G.M., Viscount Holmesdale, with his officers walked in procession to the lodge, and were received by the brethren in due form.

The R.W.P.G.M. took the chair, and appointed as his officers for the consecration ceremony V.W. Bro. Hamilton, P.G.S.W., and Bro. R. Harrison, P.G.J.W. Lodge was then opened, and the R.W.P.G.M. was saluted by the brethren with grand honours. The acting D. of C. then called on the brethren to salute the V.W. Dep. P.G.M. The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman of the Building Committee (W. Bro. the Rev. R. Jamblin, P.P.G. Chap.) then with a few introductory remarks invited the R.W.P.G.M. to consecrate and dedicate the hall to Masonry. The latter having signified his pleasure, called upon the P.P.G. Chaplain for the oration, which was an eloquent and appropriate address delivered with all Bro. Jamblin's accustomed fire and energy. The usual rites of the consecration ceremony having been duly performed, W. Bro. Horatio Ward, P.P.G.W. Wilts, performing the onerous duties of D. of C. with the utmost skill, the hall was declared by Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, dedicated to Freemasonry according to ancient form.

The Installation of the W.M., Bro. Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.P.G. Chap; by the V.W. Dep. G. Master, Kent, Bro. J. S. Pastes; was then proceeded with in the presence of a Board of no less than 33 Past Masters, who were assembled in this large number to do honour to the occasion.

The W.M. then proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. T. W. A. Neech, I.P.M.; Sir. W. Hart-Dyke, M.P., S.W.; C. Vincent Cotterel, J.W.; Rev. Robt. Jamblin, P.M., Treas.; Rev. F. Gribbell, P.P.G.C. British Columbia, Chap.; N. Bradbury-Walker, S.D.; C. J. Russell, J.D.; P. Jones, D.C.; Manclark, Org.; S. D. Smith, Stwd.; F. A. Pigon, I.G.; and J. Oram, Tyler.

After receiving the congratulations of those present, the W.M. thanked the R.W.P.G.M. for his presence, and proposed Lord Holmesdale as an hon. member, Bro. Jamblin proposed Bro. F. T. Tasker, the donor of the ground on which the Masonic hall is built, and Bro. Sir Wm. Hart-Dyke proposed Bro. Herbert Spurrell, F.R.I.B.A., the architect of the building, all of whom were duly elected as honorary members.

By the unanimous wish of the lodge the W.M. was requested to send a letter of condolence to the widow of Bro. Mackney, P.M., Sec. 1837, who died quite unexpectedly only four days before the dedication festival, and who was a highly respected brother in the neighbourhood.

After some propositions of names to be placed on the next summons, the lodge was closed according to ancient rite, and a large gathering of the brethren assembled in the adjoining banquet hall, where a most recherché collation was laid out, provided by Bro. Tucker. After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured. In proposing "The Queen" the W.M. referred to the fact that her Majesty was not only patron of the Order in name, but had a very real sympathy with the Craft, being connected by ties of blood to several of our Grand Masters; notably the late Dukes of Kent and Sussex, and H.R.H. Prince of Wales. He remarked on the coincidence of 1837 being the number of the Lullingstone Lodge, and the year when her Majesty commenced her reign, and invited the brethren to show their loyalty by their reception of the toast.

In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. called upon the brethren to remember that the distinguishing character of their royal head was his thoroughness—that in everything he took in hand whether a Royal College of Music or a Fisheries Exhibition, or the Masonic duties pertaining to Grand Master of the Order, he did everything with all his might, and thus in the midst of life, quite as busy as that of most Masons, set an example to his brethren in the Craft to be thorough in all their Masonic work.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Kent," paid a graceful tribute to Lord Holmesdale, who had given effect to the wishes of the brethren of the lodge to remove the lodge from an obscure town where it was in danger of decay, and to build it a home on the present site. Even where he did not see the full force and gravity of the reasons urged, said the speaker, he yet gave way to their representations, and he thought the R.W.P.G.M. would acknowledge that they had loyally endeavoured to rear a home for their lodge worthy of the great institution of which it was a part, and of which he himself was the distinguished head in the province. Their P.G.M. proved to them by his actions as well as his words his desire to further whenever possible the legitimate wishes of the brethren, and it was this as well as those traits in his character, of which it was so much easier to speak in his absence than in his presence, which attracted and held the esteem and the affection of the Masons of Kent.

The R.W.P.G.M., Lord HOLMESDALE, in reply said it was no more than the truth that he was always ready to listen to the P.G. Officers, and to do what he considered wise, when good reasons were adduced that a lodge was wanted, or that a new home was desirable. In the case of the Lullingstone Lodge the reasons seemed pretty good, and had he known they were going to build such a comfortable home for themselves he should not have hesitated for a moment to give his consent. Nothing but good could come to Freemasonry from such a movement at this. The accommodation was very fit, and the rites and ceremonies of the Order were rendered much more impressive by such surroundings. He wished the Lullingstone Lodge a very prosperous future.

"The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. S. Eastes," was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said they were glad to have so many Provincial Grand Officers as guests that evening. They worked well with and for them, and they heartily welcomed them there; but not one was more welcome than their ever popular D.P.G.M. He was quite sure none of them would ever have an idea of how much work he had to get through until they took in hand some such task as the rearing a Masonic Hall, and then they would be able to judge of the magnitude of his work, and he had added to their obligations by coming at considerable personal trouble to carry out the duties of Installing Master that day. He was indefatigable in his labours for Masonry; his urbanity, skilful application of Masonic regulations to knotty points; his broad, generous interpretation of common sense principles; all this went far to win for him the hearty appreciation of those whose Masonic duties brought them into intercourse with him.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER in reply said he never returned thanks with greater pleasure than on the present occasion. They were met together for the first time under that roof which was now dedicated to Freemasonry, and it was a great gratification to him to assist in the dedication and to install such a worthy man and Mason as the W.M. Masonic meetings should be held as far as practicable outside hotels and taverns. There were difficulties often in the way, but it was a grand thing to have a separate building, and that day had shown what could be done by one or two energetic Masons. They were glad to have a good recruit from another province in the person of their W.M. For the Provincial Grand Officers of Kent he could say that when any Masonic duty had to be done they would always be ready.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Rev. R. JAMBLIN, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain, who said that they could not hear too much about the W.M. If there ever was a round peg in a round hole—precisely the right man in the right place—it was the W.M. in the chair of the Lullingstone Lodge. There had been they were told a house that Jack built, but this was the house that Cummings built, and but for him it never would have been built. They were all very glad that Bro. Cummings had got to the chair; he had been a long time struggling up to it. Since his connection with the lodge he had been the life and soul of it, giving it not only a new house, but new hopes for the future.

The W.M., in responding, said he hardly knew which feeling was predominant at that moment, the thought of the responsibilities that awaited him in his year of office and of the honour they had done him, or the sense of unworthiness which kept him very humble amid a scene and surroundings which were in themselves a great temptation the other way. He desired to offer the brethren of the Lullingstone Lodge thanks for the distinction they had conferred on him, and his thanks to Bro. Jamblin for the terms in which he had put his name to the brethren, and to all gathered round that board, for the enthusiastic way in which the toast had been received. He should like, if possible, to sink himself, to lose his personality, as it were, and instead, magnify his office, for it was one to be proud of. A statesman, the first of his time, once said "Nothing animates public men more than the prospect of obtaining the sympathy and respect of their fellow citizens," and in the world of Masonry, that commonwealth where we all meet upon the level and should act upon the square, no greater help could be afforded to the W.M. of a lodge, in difficulties often trying and perplexing, no greater reward could be his than to feel that he had the approbation of his brethren. With regard to the work of rearing the Masonic Building which they had dedicated that day, it had been a labourious work no doubt, but it had been a labour of love, and a labour lightened and partially borne by the hearty co-operation and entire confidence shown by the members of the lodge. As W.M. of 1837, he was proud of the position and the honour, he was not forgetful of the duties that awaited him. It would be his endeavour so to perform all he took in hand amongst the brethren in the province of Kent, and the brethren of the Lullingstone Lodge, that he might have their affection and esteem there, and live in their memory when he was gone.

Bro. Sir Wm. HART-DYKE in proposing "The Health of the Visitors" said that it was always a pleasing duty as the toast invariably met with a hearty reception. As a beginner in the Craft he was struck with the readiness with which visitors from their own and other provinces came to help and encourage them by their presence on such occasions as these. He coupled the toast with the well-known name of Bro. Warne, of Rochester.

Bro. WARNE, Past Grand Warden, Kent, very ably replied, congratulating the brethren of the Lullingstone Lodge on the spirit they had shown in raising such a building as that for the purposes of Freemasonry.

"The Consecrating Officers" was the next toast proposed by the W.M., and the cordial thanks of the brethren were given to them for their willing labours on behalf of the Lullingstone Lodge.

Bro. HORATIO WARD, P.P.W. Wilts, who had acted as D. of C. throughout the day received a high tribute of praise, and was to have replied, but having just left to catch the train, the Prov. Grand Wardens of Kent, Bros. Hamilton and Harrison, made very effective and suitable acknowledgments.

The Right Worshipful P.G.M., Lord HOLMESDALE proposed "The Past Masters and Treasurer," and in doing so remarked that they often heard there were as good fish in the sea as ever come out of it, and there were doubtless as good members to take the chair as those who had preceded them in the Lullingstone Lodge. They had been reminded that day of the uncertainty of life by the unexpected death of the Secretary of the lodge, an event which they all deplored. The toast of

the Past Masters had been placed in his hands as the youngest member of the Lullingstone Lodge, and he had the pleasing duty at the same time of presenting to Bro. Jamblin a P.M.'s jewel, which he asked him to accept as an expression of the esteem and affection in which he was held by the brethren. The lodge was not in the prosperous condition in which they saw it that day when Bro. Jamblin joined it, and to him and the W.M. were due the honours of resuscitating and reviving it. The jewel was of special design, and contained the arms of Sir W. Hart-Dyke and a view of Lullingstone Castle, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. JAMBLYN in reply said it was easy to speak when one's feelings were not touched, but then he found himself at a loss to reply to the kind expressions of the P.G.M. In personal attachment to him they were all of one accord. In him they had a ruler whose wisdom and genial feeling had the effect of drawing out the good qualities of the Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Master had alluded to one who only a week ago was looking forward to that evening, and had admired the jewel which he had just received, but it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to remove him from among them. In conclusion he said he did not know why the brethren should have done him that honour, but if he were spared he hoped to be of service to the lodge and to do all in his power to further its interests.

"The Health of the Architect, Mr. Herbert Spurrell," was proposed by the W.M., who thanked their amiable and gifted friend and brother for the very valuable and eminent services he had rendered to the lodge, in the gratuitous plans and supervision of the erection of the building which he had given.

Bro. Spurrell suitably acknowledged the compliment paid him, congratulating the brethren of the Lullingstone Lodge on the consummation of their desires and the acquisition of so handsome a building for their Masonic home, since it was one to be proud of, and he rejoiced to think he was now enrolled among their number as a member. He trusted they would enjoy Masonry there as had been said in the dedication service—for "ever and ever."

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge" with some very valuable remarks on the principle of selection for office in a lodge. He adjured the brethren appointed to office that day to prove the correctness of his choice by being punctual, diligent, and painstaking in performing every duty they had undertaken.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, S.W., having left on account of Parliamentary duties, Bro. C. Vincent Cotterell, J.W. responded in a suitable and feeling speech.

"The Masonic Charities" having been given, Bro. Pignon replied.

"The Tylers" toast brought to an end one of the most pleasant days we have had the pleasure to spend in Masonic ceremonies.



### Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 1306).**—The annual installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary-axe, E.C., on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring W.M. Bro. T. Wooding. He was supported by Bro. J. Magrath, I.P.M.; and P.M.'s W. H. Hayward, Wm. Poore, C. Veal, and Wm. Beck, Treas.; J. P. Tyer, J.W. and W.M. elect; A. G. Clements, Sec.; J. P. T. Couture, S.D.; G. T. Holden, J.D.; J. Sommers, D.C.; W. Sherwin, Org.; J. G. Twinn, I.G.; J. Loftus, Stwd.; also Bros. S. M. Pipe, G. Wise, P. J. Barnes, C. Stevenson, A. W. Flack, J. Oxley, W. T. Hardy, T. Phillips, J. L. Green, A. Lloyd, C. Hansmann, T. J. Farling, J. Willetts, W. McCredie, E. Oppenheim, T. J. Morris, H. Harbord, 901; H. Forse, 917; P. Jackson, 1805; R. Hayward, 1306; A. Meyers, W.M. 1421; H. McClelland, 901; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820; P. K. Job, P.M. 1076; R. Hirst, 1421; C. H. Bardeleau, 1421; G. Clarke, 554; and T. Loane, 1421.

Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites soon after 4 o'clock, and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meeting were read and confirmed, also the Auditor's report was most unanimously received and adopted, and showed the lodge to be in a most satisfactory financial position. Bro. T. J. Tyer was then presented as W.M. for the ensuing year, and was duly installed into the chair, the impressive ceremony being carried out most ably by the retiring W.M., and after the customary salutations Bro. T. J. Tyer, the new W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bro. T. Wooding, I.P.M.; J. P. Couture, S.W.; A. G. Clements, J.W.; G. T. Holden, S.D.; J. G. Twinn, J.D.; S. M. Pipe, Sec. Wm. Beck, P.M., Treas.; H. I. Hardy, I.G.; W. H. Hayward, P.M., D.C.; J. Loftus, Assist. D.C.; T. J. Barnes, W.S.; G. Wise and T. Morris, Stwds.; and G. Longstaff, Tyler.

Reference was then made to the new home and new title of the lodge (which has received Grand Lodge assent) and mutual congratulations were exchanged by all as to the conspicuous foundation for the future prosperity of the lodge, and a unanimous vote of thanks was then passed in favour of P.M., W. H. Hayward, for his able services in greatly contributing to this issue, and to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge.

At the conclusion of some other business the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room where the banquet awaited them, over which the new W.M. presided in a very able and congenial manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the toast of "The Visitors" was given with all honours, and the brethren separated.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The last meeting for the session of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Gulliford, W.M.; G. Coleman, S.W.; J. Jacobs, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Kedgley, S.D.; A. Dixon, J.D.; Baxter, D.C.; B. Solomons, I.G.; Rev. H. Holden, Chap.; S. Jacobs, P.M., Ripley; C. Williams, J.

Jacobs, R. A. Head, G. Reynolds, G. Howard, A. Isaacs, J. Mayo, Thorpe, Crook, L. Isaacs, Hudson, Freeman, J. Jacobs, Farmer Ismay, J. Isaacs, J. Alexander, Packham. Visitors: Bros. Shand, P.M. 156; A. West, 184; Pasmore, 861; Fernandez, 1348; and Holmes, 141.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Jacob Napper, which was unanimous in his favour. Bros. C. Williams, R. A. Head, and G. Howard were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons by the W.M., after which Bro. Mayo was passed to the F.C. Degree and Mr. Jacob Napper received the benefit of initiation at the hands of the W.M.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" on the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent dinner was served by Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

After the usual Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, Bro. Jacobs, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was with a great amount of pleasure he took the gavel in his hands to do so. All knew the W.M. well and how well he had done his work, and the great interest he took in the lodge; but when he told them he had travelled several hundred miles from foreign parts to be with them that evening, he felt sure the brethren would drink the W.M.'s health and wish him well most heartily. He had himself come to the lodge with a great amount of pain, thinking perhaps the W.M. would not arrive in time to do his duties, but he was glad to see him, and he felt sure there was no W.M. in any lodge who studied in every way the brethren more than he did. The working of the Three Degrees had been a treat, and done much credit to the W.M.

The Worshipful Master in reply thanked the brethren for the very hearty and kind manner in which his health had been drank, and also to Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M., for proposing it. He would do all in his power and to his utmost for the good of the lodge. He had now a most pleasing duty to do, and that was to propose "The Health of the Initiate." Bro. Napper was well known amongst them all, and by his behaviour this evening he felt sure he would prove to be a good Mason. His attention to the ceremony was most satisfactory and all that one could desire, and he had only to attend lodges of instruction and he felt sure he would get on.

Bro. Napper replied in a few, but well appropriate, words, and said he was proud to be amongst them, especially some of his oldest friends, and he would do all in his power to prove himself a worthy member of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Visitors" said how pleased and delighted the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge were always to see visitors of other lodges. The Covent Garden Lodge always welcomed them, and he trusted he should be spared many years to see many visitors amongst them.

Bro. Shand, P.M., in replying as a visitor said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to be with the Covent Garden Lodge. He knew the W.M. well not only as a Master Mason, but in other quarters where he was quite as efficient. The manner in which the W.M. had worked the three Degrees this evening was grand. In fact, he had never seen them so masterly and impressively done. Bro. Bourne, P.M., and their Secretary, he knew well, and as a brother he was happy in his work, and also always made all happy around him.

Bro. Fernandez said he was much obliged for the kind manner in which his health and that of the other visitors had been proposed and responded to. He was immensely pleased with the working of the lodge and his evening's entertainment, and hoped the Covent Garden Lodge would go on and prosper.

Bro. Ralph said he did not know how to thank the Covent Garden Lodge sufficiently for the welcome it had extended to him. He was but a young Mason, but it was his duty to say that he had benefited greatly by his attendance at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, which he hoped would be well supported at all its meetings.

In replying to the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. S. Jacobs, I.P.M., said it was always a source of great pleasure to the Past Masters of the lodge that the toast of their health was so cordially received.

Bro. Bourne, P.M., returned thanks as Secretary of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," coupling with the toast the name of the S.W., Bro. G. Coleman, whose conduct he was able to eulogise from his initiation as a child of the lodge up to the present moment. Bro. G. Coleman had interested himself to the utmost, not only for the mother lodge, but also for the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. had also to congratulate himself on the excellent working of the officers of the lodge, which he had no doubt was due to their attendance at the Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. Coleman, S.W., in replying, assured the brethren that he would always do all in his power to further the interest of the mother lodge as well as the lodge of instruction, which had now passed into the hands of an indefatigable brother, Bro. G. Reynolds, who had so kindly undertaken the duties of Secretary. The Tyler's toast brought to its legitimate conclusion a most enjoyable evening, to the pleasure of which, Bros. S. Jacobs, I.P.M., Fernandez and Ralph, materially contributed by their vocalities.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of this grand old lodge, the mother of all the lodges in the Woolwich district, took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was in every way worthy of its ancient and historic name, nearly 80 of its members and friends of neighbouring lodges attending to do honour to its worthy Master, Bro. Thos. Hosgood, and participate in the excellent work done by him and his officers, and also the hospitable reception universally accorded to all comers. Beside the W.M. there were present Bros. H. Syer, I.P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; R. Brown, P.M.; R. Smith, S.W.; G. H. Masters, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; G. B. Davies, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Akers, S.D.; A. Cleal, J.D.; J. G. Milburn, I.G.; G. Beaver, W.M. 700; G. J. Calton, 158; C. Bedo, 700; R. Huckwell, 1472; A. Murdock 1536; and C. Jolly, S.D. 1472 (*Freemason*).

The business consisted of one initiation, after which Bro. G. Frost was passed, and Bros. Hackney and Jones were raised, the whole of the ceremonies being admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. Hoskinson then presented the lodge with three handsome sounding boards and



a set of working tools, for which he was awarded the thanks of the brethren to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge.

All business being finished the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drank with acclaim. We are happy to say that the lodge is steadily returning to its pristine vigour, and promises soon to become one of, if not the most flourishing in the district.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—At last week's usual monthly meeting of this lodge, Bro. Jas. Robertson, W.M., presiding, a sum of 25 guineas was voted to the list of Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M., a Steward, from the lodge to the Girls' Festival, which is about to be held under the presidency of Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight. It was also reported that the Royal Gloucester Lodge of Instruction had voted 10 guineas to the same list. Grants were likewise made of 10 guineas to the Aged and Benevolent Funds, and five guineas to the local Masonic Benevolent Institution, the latter qualifying the W.M. for a Life Governorship.

**RINGWOOD.**—Unity Lodge (No. 132).—At the last meeting of this old-established lodge, which is well in the first decade of its second century, Bro. Dr. Dyer, the W.M., presiding, Bro. C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, Past G.S.D. of the Province, was present as a visitor, and delivered the lectures on the first and second tracing boards, for which the hearty thanks of the lodge were tendered him.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (No. 236).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. Bro. Geo. Kirby, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Sir Jas. Meek, P.M.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Gainforth, P.M.; Mark Rooke, P.M.; A. McGachen, P.M.; G. Garbutt, S.W.; H. Foster, J.W.; W. Smith, Sec.; W. Thompson, S.D.; T. G. Hodgson, J.D.; T. Sanderson, Org.; S. Border, I.G.; E. J. De Salis, W.M. 1991; George Balmford, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; and a number of other visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting having been read, Messrs. Leonard Dodsworth and Ernest Dodsworth (brothers, whose grandfather was a P.M. of this lodge) were initiated, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. J. Todd, P.M. Bro. William Newton Stimpson was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Mark Rooke, P.M. In the course of the business Bro. Todd, P.M., referred to the great loss the lodge had sustained in the death of Bro. Davison, who was one of the oldest of their Past Masters, and paid an eloquent tribute to the ability and labour which for many years the deceased had devoted to promoting the interests of Freemasonry, and of this lodge in particular. Bro. Todd then moved a vote of condolence to the family of the deceased, and this having been ably seconded by the W.M., it was unanimously adopted.

The brethren appeared in Craft mourning as a token of respect for the death of Bro. Davison, and it was ordered that the lodge shall remain in mourning for three months. The lodge was afterwards duly closed.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—This lodge held its regular meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 11th inst. Bro. Greyson, the W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Pilkington, I.P.M.; Bayley, S.W.; Stanton, J.W.; J. Hatch, Sec.; W. Heald, as S.D.; Nicholson, J.D.; Thustlewaite, I.G.; and Shaw, J.S.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. A. Greenhow, and proving unanimous he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M.; the working tools being given by the J.W., and the charge to the initiate by the I.P.M. The W.M. reported that the sub-committee had been unable to arrive at anything definite in respect to a new lodge room, and the question was further adjourned. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Councillor Bell, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M. The proclamations were then made, eliciting the usual responses from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

**MANCHESTER.**—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. James Wilson, W.M.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; J. Smith, Sec.; J. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; J. G. Elderton, J.D.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; J. Garside, Tyler; W. B. Ackermann and A. Wild, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; J. R. Lever, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Smethurst, P.M.; Henry Walmesley, P.M.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; C. J. Rix, John Church, E. Smith, Robt. Tomlins, J. Eckersley, T. Bradshaw, C. Gooding, and R. R. Lisenden S.D. (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. Daniel Edwards, W.M. 1893; P. H. Davis, J.W. 1893; F. Davidson, S.D. 633; S. Aylard, 1134; and Walker, P.M. 1126. The lodge was opened at 6.35, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A candidate should have been present to take his Third Degree, but owing to illness was not present, and there being no other business the lodge was formally closed.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Bro. John Cutts, the W.M., occupying the chair of K.S. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. Whitlock was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the historical portion of the Degree being delivered by Bro. Longman, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

**MANCHESTER.**—Callender Lodge (No. 1052).—The installation meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Duncan, and there were also present Bros. R. White, S.W.; A. B. Outram, J.W.;

T. Fallows, I.P.M.; D. Edwards, P.M., Treas.; R. Walker, Sec.; S. Wrigley, S.D.; J. Jodrell, J.D.; E. Jones, I.G.; S. Davies, P.M.; P. Barker, P.M.; S. Warburton, P.M.; J. Campbell, A. Williams, J. Horsfall, C. Griffin, and others. The large gathering of visitors present included Bros. S. Statham, P.P.G. Treas. E. Lanc.; D. M. Kapadia, P.M. 1189 (Bombay), P.P.G. Treas. Bombay Presidency; J. Beresford, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; H. P. Jones, P.M. 1496; W. Sturm, P.M. 1161; J. E. Steward, P.M. 336; J. Laidlaw, P.M. 1375; T. J. Cowen, W.M. 1161; P. McLachlan, P.M. 1375; G. A. Yates, W.M. 993; W. T. Noton, P.M. 1161; G. Burslem, J.W. 1496; W. Biggs, 1496; T. Bates, 308; T. Griffin, 368; J. Kirby, 336; W. W. Lithgoe, 1004; J. Burgess, P.M. 1161; J. Irlam, S.W. 1161; R. Chorlton, 1161; and others.

The first business was the initiation of Mr. C. J. S. Bennett, into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and this was performed by the W.M. and his officers in a perfect and impressive manner. Bro. D. Edwards, P.M. 1052, W.M. 1193, Installing Master, then took the chair and Bro. R. White, S.W., who had been unanimously elected to fill the office of Master for the ensuing year, was presented by Bro. Davies, P.M., D.C., for the benefit of installation. With the assistance of a numerous Board of Installed Masters, Bro. White was inducted into the chair of K.S., and the brethren being admitted he was proclaimed and saluted in ancient form. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Duncan, I.P.M.; A. B. Outram, S.W.; R. Walker, J.W.; D. Edwards, P.M., Treas.; S. Wrigley, Sec.; S. Davies, P.M., D.C.; J. Jodrell, S.D.; E. Jones, J.D.; C. Griffin, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; A. Williams and Jas. Campbell, Stewards. In performing the installation ceremony, Bro. Edwards, who was assisted by Bro. Barker, P.M., fully sustained the reputation which he enjoys as a master of our beautiful ritual, and received the warm approbation of the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" having been offered, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to an excellently served banquet, the Worshipful Master presiding. The preliminary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair; Bros. Beresford and Statham responding to that of "Col. Le Genre Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, and the P.G. Officers."

In accordance with custom at this lodge, a toast was proposed and drunk in silence to the memory of its founder, the late Bro. W. Romaine Callender, M.P. for Manchester and Deputy P.G.M. East Lancashire.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Edwards, P.M., and honoured with great enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master in reply thanked the brethren for their kindness in responding to the toast as they had done, and said his only desire was to do everything possible for the interest of the Callender Lodge during his year of office. He was especially pleased to come into the chair at the present moment, knowing as he did that the brethren composing the lodge were so thoroughly united. Indeed, he could say that for the past few years they had been like one family, and that nothing had occurred which had caused the slightest dissatisfaction to any brother. He hoped that the harmony which had so long prevailed would be continued under his rule, and that he should, as he earnestly intended to do, hand down the dignified office to which he had been elected unsullied to his successor.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of Bro. Duncan, I.P.M.," and having complimented him upon his working and ruling of the lodge during the year, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he pinned upon his breast amidst loud applause.

"The Newly-initiated Brother" having been toasted, "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Barker.

Bros. Kapadia, Laidlaw, Jones, Cowen, and others, responded, the first-named brother, a Parsee, making an interesting speech in which he referred to the positions of Freemasonry in the Bombay Presidency.

The remaining toasts included "The P.M.'s of the Callender Lodge;" "The Installing Masters;" "The Newly-Installed Officers;" and "The Masonic Charities."

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—Increase of years and popularity of position go hand-in-hand in connection with the history of the above lodge, whose members celebrated their annual festival—always pleasant and successful, and none more so than this—at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. There were several specially gratifying features about the festival gathering, but that which gave the most sincere delight and the greatest satisfaction, was the well-merited and most unusual compliment paid to Bro. Joseph Wood in his election as the first honorary member of the Temple in recognition of his eminent qualities as a Mason, his active and valuable services as a former Treasurer for a long series of years, and his well-known private worth and sterling honesty of purpose in all his business dealings. Bro. Wood's name has long been most honourably identified with the Temple Lodge, and honorary membership may be looked upon as a kind of Masonic "Victoria Cross" which has been fully merited by faithful adherence and active service to the lodge. The business of the afternoon was inaugurated by Bro. J. Alexander, the retiring W.M., and amongst the chiefs of the Temple and the visitors present were: Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; T. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; T. Healing, P.M.; H. B. Jones, P.M.; R. J. L. Kynaston W.M. 1393; H. H. Smith, W.M. 1505; W. Sandbrook, P.M. 1609; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; W. H. Jewitt, S.W. 1393; John Lecomber, P.M. 1473; A. H. Hallwood, 1505; F. A. Rainbow, 1393; Thomas Hatton, P.M. 203; John Beesley, W.M. 823; James Reader, P.M. 1086; A. Bucknall, W.M. 667; and J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609.

The position of Installing Master was subsequently taken by Bro. R. Washington, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., who performed the ceremony of installation in a remarkably effective manner. Bro. Humphrey Horspool was placed in the Master's chair for the ensuing year, and he subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. Alexander, I.P.M.; Evan Callow, S.W.; R. Bethel, J.W.; R. C. Yelland, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); T. Marsh, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed); E. W. Boulding, S.D.; F. E. Boustead, J.D.; H. Mercer, I.G.; J. Skeaf, Org.; M. Alexander, S.S.; G. Bell, J.S.; W. Dickson, A.S.; and Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

Before the lodge closed, a Past Master's jewel of artistic description, supplied by Bro. Washington, was presented to Bro. J. Alexander, I.P.M., and Bros. H. B. Jones, P.M., and R. C. Yelland, P.M., were created life governors of the South-west Masonic Educational Institution, as the result of the proceeds of the charity box.

It appeared that at a meeting of the Temple Lodge, held on the 14th ultimo, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. R. R. Martin, P.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. Johnson, P.M., that Bro. Joseph Wood should be elected an honorary member of the lodge. This resolution was now engrossed on vellum, and is a well-deserved compliment to a much esteemed brother, who for many years efficiently performed the duties of Treasurer to the lodge. Reference was made to Bro. Wood's many estimable qualities, and the vellum conveying notification of the honour thus conferred upon him was forwarded to his residence, as business engagements prevented his attendance.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony and presentation, the brethren dined in the banqueting room, and during the evening an enjoyable musical programme was given by Bros. J. Busfield, T. Hatton, Ellinger, Romage, Hudson, Reader, Foulkes, Evans, J. Skeaf, J. Cave and Dr. Johnson gave excellent recitations.

**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.**—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The installation of Bro. J. J. Lambert and the St. John's Festival took place on Tuesday, March 20th, at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. John Dewhurst, W.M.; H. Marshall, I.P.M.; J. J. Lambert, S.W.; David Williams, J.W.; Rev. H. Bethell Jones, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; W. H. Milner, Treas.; J. Crompton, P.M., Sec.; H. Hall, S.D.; Robt. Davis, D. of C.; F. Pugh, Org.; H. Cardwell, I.G.; W. Cheshire, Tyler; Dr. John Rains, W. Butcher, A. E. Pownall, T. Wall, Jasper Blair, S. E. Nixon, Wm. Mee, W. Parker, R. Crossland, B. Brown, P.M.; and T. Deakin. Visitors: Joseph Potts, John Turner, P.M. 287; Thos. Mottershead, W.M. 1011; J. E. Lees, P.G. Treas.; John E. Boden, W.M. 1588; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; Rev. J. Gibson, Chap. 1588; R. Dottie, P.M. 1161; Henry Crossby, P.M. 1588, P.G.P. West Lanc.; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Samuel Locke, who on being declared elected was duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The S.W., Bro. J. J. Lambert, delivered the N.E. corner stone address, but we think his chair should have been filled "ad interim" by some member of the lodge. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, Bro. Crompton, P.M., acting as Installing Master. Bro. Dr. Rains presented the W.M. elect, Bro. J. J. Lambert, to the Installing Master, who with all due rite and ceremony inducted him into the chair of K.S. On the readmission of the brethren Bro. Lambert was proclaimed and saluted by them in the customary manner. Bro. Schofield, P.M., invested the following officers: Bros. David Williams, S.W.; W. Butcher, J.W.; Rev. H. Bethell Jones, Chap.; W. H. Milner, Treas.; and J. Crompton, P.M., Sec. Bro. Crompton, P.M., invested the rest of the officers as follows: Bros. C. Heywood, S.D.; W. Hall, J.D.; H. Marshall, P.M., D. of C.; F. Pugh, Org.; H. Cardwell, I.G.; J. B. Blair, John Chadfield, A. Morris, C. P. Robinson, and J. H. Riley, Stewards.

Bro. Crompton addressed the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. Schofield the brethren. When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John by a banquet. The tables were most tastefully set out with a profusion of choice flowers and plants, and at the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M." Bro. Lambert eulogised the manner in which he had performed his duties, and as a slight return for his services presented him in the name of the lodge with a Past Master's gold jewel, for which Bro. Dewhurst returned thanks in a few appropriate sentences.

"The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Locke," was next proposed by the W.M. and heartily drunk by the brethren.

Bro. Locke having returned thanks the I.P.M., Bro. Dewhurst, proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M.," which was enthusiastically received by the brethren and drunk by them.

The Worshipful Master in reply said he had attended many installation meetings during his Masonic career, and had often thought that the newly-installed W.M. might in response to the toast of his health have said more or less than he did; but he (Bro. Lambert) would simply say that he trusted his health would be drunk with the same cordiality at the expiration of his year of office as it had been that evening. He felt that the office of W.M. was no sine-cure, and that it was somewhat difficult for him to worthily follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him. He felt a bit nervous at the prospect of passing two and raising four candidates who were due for those destinations, to say nothing of work in future; but with the cordial support of his officers he should not fail to do his utmost, and hoped he should be able to give his brethren satisfaction, and that they would never have cause to regret electing him to the office of W.M.

Bro. Butcher, J.W., proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" in eulogistic terms, and several of their number responded.

Bro. Davies, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in the course of his remarks alluded to the high honours which had been gained by boys and girls educated in the Masonic Institutions at the Cambridge University. Bro. Davies explained that his reason for wishing to propose a resolution that the initiation fee be raised from six to eight guineas was that the lodge would then be able to contribute more to these deserving Charities than it had hitherto done; and in commending the Charities to the notice of the brethren, announced his intention of serving as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Girls' Institution in London.

Bro. Schofield, P.M., supplemented the remarks of Bro. Davies, and intimated his intention of acting as Steward at the festival.

The Worshipful Master said the lodge had laboured under disadvantages for the last few years, being put to a great expense in having a hall built to hold their meetings in, and consequently it was only quite recently they had freed themselves from debt. They had however given as

much as they could to the charities, and hoped in future to be able to give more.

"The Health of the newly appointed Officers" was most ably proposed by Bro. Councillor Batty, who dilated "ad seriatim" upon each officer's merits and capability, and congratulated the W.M. upon having so efficient a staff under him. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The W.M. the following evening entertained a number of brethren and ladies at a soiree in the Masonic Hall, where dancing was indulged in until the small hours of the morning.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge held a meeting on the 11th inst. at the Albany Hotel. Among those present were Bros. W. Taylor, P.M., W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; Artus, P.M., acting J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Treas., and acting Secretary, in the absence through illness of Bro. W. Wigginton; Powell, S.D.; Briggs, J.D.; Gurney, acting J.G.; Williams, Org.; R. J. H. Saunders, I.P.M.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken upon behalf of Messrs. A. E. Bunn and J. P. Bowden for initiation, and for Bros. R. Revett, 130, and T. A. Jenkins, 179, as joining members, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. H. Jenkins as a F.C., and afterwards to initiate Messrs. Bunn and Bowden, both ceremonies being most ably performed. It was then moved and seconded that in recognition of services rendered to the Craft in general, and this lodge in particular, W. Bro. R. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., &c., be elected an honorary member. The ballot having been taken thereon was found to be unanimous, and the acting Secretary was ordered to forward the result to W. Bro. Thrupp. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. There were present Bros. Weedon, W.M.; Ashton, S.W.; Wolf, J.W.; Rhodes, S.D.; Archer, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; Brasted, acting Preceptor, and Galer, Sec.; also Bros. Houghton, Venning, Bevan, Recknall, Mallett, Richardson, Marks, Lone, and Manger.

The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last lodge meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Manger having offered himself a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Lone having offered himself a candidate for passing was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Marks, the W.M. kindly vacating the chair in his favour. Bro. Brasted then worked the first section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Weedon worked the first section of the lecture assisted by Bro. Ashton. Proposed by Bro. Galer, and seconded by Bro. Richardson that Bro. Recknall, P.M. of the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, become a member of the lodge, carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. Brasted and seconded by Bro. Wolf that Bro. Ashton be W.M. for the ensuing week, carried. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in due form with prayer and adjourned.

The members of the above lodge of Instruction by invitation will work the fifteen sections at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction held at Bro. Mukhams, The Allwynne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Highbury, on Friday, the 27th inst. Brethren are cordially invited to attend on that occasion.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—A meeting was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maidenlane, Covent Garden, on the 12th inst. Present: Bros. Ralph, W.M.; W. H. Gulliford, S.W.; L. Nathan, J.W.; B. M. Nathan, S.D.; A. Dickson, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary; E. W. Smith, Brand, and W. Smith. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. E. W. Smith having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge called off and resumed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. Smith worked the First Section of this Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Smith worked the Second Section of this Lecture. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. W. H. Gulliford be W.M. for the ensuing week, who was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, in proposing that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, said that the W.M., although a very young Mason, had performed his work in a very admirable and satisfactory manner, and proved that the sooner young members of mother lodges joined lodges of instruction the easier it would be for them to learn to work, it gave them confidence. The lodge was then closed in due form.

## Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 105).**—The installation meeting of this old chapter was held on the 10th inst. at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were present Comps. Moss, M.E.Z.; Davis, H.; Stewart, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Ellborn, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; T. Davis, P. Soj.; Cleghorn, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., I.P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Elsam, P.P.G.P.S. Surrey, P.Z.; P. Robinson, P.Z.; J. Mander, P.Z.; Whitley, Smith, Harris, Parkinson, Janitor, and others. Among the visitors were Comps. Ochse, 141; Underwood, 1366; Rhodes, 1642; Rogers, 1642; Smout, jun., 1642; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Scorbis, 177, was balloted for, and being in attendance was ably exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z. The ceremony of installing the Three Principals, Comps. Davis, Stewart, and Ellborn was then performed by Comp. Peter Robinson, who at its conclusion received a vote of thanks for his excellent services. The officers invested were Comps. Davage, S.E.; T. Davis, S.N.; Harfeld, Treas.; Cleghorn, P. Soj.; Harris, 2nd A. Soj.; and Parkinson, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. previously to the lodge being closed presented Comp. Moss with a very handsome jewel in recognition of his exertions in the Principal's chair during the past year.

The recipient having acknowledged the gift in fitting terms the chapter was formally closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and warmly received.

**WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1297).**—The convocation of this chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Saturday, the 14th inst., there were present Comps. Robert H. Crowden, M.E.Z.; W. Lake, H.; B. Fullwood, J.; J. C. Woodrow, Scribe E.; Thos. Perrin, N.; Watson Osmond, P.S.; James Crowden, Assist. Soj.; W. J. Lavington, Assist. Soj.; Church, Janitor; Finch, Basley, and others. Visitors: Comps. H. Guest, 134; Samuel Guest, 134; and Boyes, 142.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, which was considered satisfactory, was adopted, after which the candidate for exalting, in consequence of ill-health, not putting in an appearance the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, when the new officers for the year had the opportunity of proving their worth. Comp. E. B. Harding, P.Z. 742, 1345, and 1496, was balloted for and unanimously elected as a joining member. Bro. Henry Windybank was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting by the M.E.Z., Comp. Robt. H. Crowden, and seconded by Comp. W. J. Lavington, Assist. Soj.

The banquet was served in Comp. Lasson's usual perfect style and the toasts were heartily responded to. The M.E.Z., Robt. H. Crowden, was cordially congratulated upon the honour of being re-elected for another year of office as First Principal, an honour for which he duly thanked the companions in proper form. The visitors, and also the newly elected officers, did justice to their respective toasts, and a very pleasant evening was terminated at an early hour.

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).**—This flourishing chapter held its last meeting for the season on the 5th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park. Among those present were Comps. H. Higgins, M.E.Z.; H. P. Speedy, H.; W. P. Webb, J.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Kohler, S.N.; Appleton, P.S.; Cooper, 1st Asst. S.; Ayling, 2nd Asst. S.; G. Everett, P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., I.P.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z.; James Terry, P.Z. (hon. member); H. J. Lardner, Cruse, Palmer, Dowling; Daley, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bro. George Gardner, 177, and it proved to be unanimous. The ceremony of installing the Principals followed. Ex. Comp. J. Terry, who has undertaken that duty since the consecration of the chapter, then with the assistance of Comp. Lardner inducted Comp. Speedy as M.E.Z.; Webb, as H.; and Kohler as J. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was unanimously passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Ex. Comp. Terry, for the very excellent way in which he had performed the arduous duty of installation. The officers invested and appointed were Comps. G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Appleton, S.N.; G. Everett, Treas.; Cooper, P.S.; Ayling, 1st Asst. S.; Cruse, 2nd Asst. S.; and Daley, Janitor. The M.E.Z., who notwithstanding he was suffering from severe illness, then in a most praiseworthy manner exalted Bro. Gardner to the dignity of a Royal Arch Mason. The presentation of a jewel to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. H. Higgins, having taken place, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed.

**BOLTON.**—Concord Chapter (No. 37).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Swan Hotel, on Monday, the 10th inst. When there were present Comps. James Walker, P.G. Std. Br., H.; James Newton, P.P.G.N., Scribe E.; Johnson Mills, N.; E. M. Garstang, P.S.; J. W. Roiley, Janitor; P.Z.'s G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.N.; James Brown, and S. Crowther, P.G. Steward; also as visitors Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J.; James Horrocks, P.Z. 348, P.G. and A.S.; J. H. Greenhalgh, Z. 221, P.G. Treas.; J. M. Rutler, P.Z. 221, P.G. Registrar; John Barrett, 221, P.G. Steward; Thos. Higson, P.Z. 348; and Wm. Cooper, E. 348.

The chapter having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J., proceeded to install the Principals elect and invest the other officers, viz.: Comps. James Walker, Z.; Saml. Crowther, H.; Johnson Mills, J.; James Newton, E.; E. M. Garstang, N.; Rooke Pennington, P.S.; and J. W. Roiley, Janitor.

The ceremony was performed by Comp. Sillitoe in an excellent manner and was listened to with marked attention. A candidate for exaltation was balloted for and approved. It was agreed that the future regular meetings of the chapter should be held on the 3rd Monday in April and October. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting companions and the chapter was closed.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—A convocation of this chapter was convened on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Comps. Major Douglas, P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; Hall, H.; Clisham, J.; Harris, S.E.; Robertson, S.N.; Lewis, P.S.; Russell, 1st A.S.; Taylor, 2nd A.S.; Capt. Croisdale, P.P.G.P.S., P.Z.; Col. Richardson, P.P.G.R., P.Z., Treas.; Hill, Janitor; and several other companions. The chapter was opened in accordance with ancient rites, but as there was no business on the agenda only some formal work was done, and the companions, as is the custom, adjourned, after spending an hour or so in pleasant and fraternal sociality.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday week last. The following members were present: Comps. C. G. Padel, Z.; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z. as H.; G. Simpson, J.; James Key, S.E.; G. Balmford, P.Z. as S.N.; M. Millington, as P.S.; E. J. de Salis, and H. Chapman, as Assistants; W. Lackenby, R. Ware, and others. Bros. S. J. Dalton, Eboracum Lodge, 1611, and Sergt.-Major Morgan, 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge, were exalted to the degree.

After the close of the chapter the companions met at supper at which the M.E.Z. presided.

## Mark Masonry.

**WOOLWICH.**—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday afternoon, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. Capt. J. Sculley, R.F.A., P.P.G.I.G. Kent, was placed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, or until a successor shall have been duly installed in his place. Bro. Capt. J. J. Donnelly, S.W., and P.P.G.D.C. Kent, was elected W.M., but retired on account of illness, and at a subsequent lodge of emergency Bro. Sculley, J.W., was unanimously chosen in place of Bro. Donnelly, whose retirement was universally regretted by the brethren. Bro. D. Dewar, P.G.O., G.A. Sec. Eng., honoured the proceedings with his presence, and was received with grand honours. The lodge was opened by Bro. Capt. Eugene Sweny, W.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; and Bro. F. G. Nichols, of Craft Lodge Florence Nightingale having successfully passed the ballot was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M.. Bro. Dewar then took the chair, and with the usual ceremonies Bro. Sculley was placed in the chair and saluted pro forma. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. C. W. Y. Godwin, A.M.D., R.A., P.G.D.C. Kent, as S.W.; Sydney Clark, J.W.; J. Mathams, M.O.; G. Risch, S.O.; E. Denton, J.O.; Captain E. Sweny, I.P.M., Treas.; K. Uglan, Sec. and S.D.; Riddle, J.D.; F. Nichols, I.G.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Letters were read from Bros. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., P.G.M. Kent, and the Rev. C. A. Solbe, B.A., P.P.G. Chap. Kent, regretting inability to attend. Bro. Sweny was then presented with a Past Mark Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, as a token of respect from the brethren and to mark their appreciation of his services during the past twelve months while serving as W.M. of the lodge. He returned thanks and the lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present, besides those above enumerated, were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 226, and P.P.G.S.W. Kent; W. Weston, P.M. 226, and P.P.G.O. Kent; R. Pidcock, P.M. 66; A. Penfold, W.M. 226, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; D. C. Capon, S.O. 226, and P.P.G. Stwd. Kent; W. Richey, 51; G. Spinks, C. Jolly, 226 (Freemason), and others.

A superb banquet, prepared by Bro. W. Moulder, of Station-road, Woolwich, was then partaken of by the brethren, who honoured the usual loyal toasts, and then the W.M. in flattering terms proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Grand Master of England, the Earl of Kintore, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Dewar, who had so kindly attended and performed the installation ceremony that day.

Bro. Dewar, who is exceedingly popular in this district, was received with cheers as he rose to reply. He said the toast was one he should have liked to have said a lot about, had time allowed, but as he had now only a few minutes to catch his train for town, he must cut his remarks down as much as possible. To their esteemed Grand Master he was devoted, and simply so because it was a pleasure to serve under him. The love he had for the Order; the energy he displayed for its prosperity, and above all the courtesy he evinced to all who came in contact with him, made it a pleasure to serve under him, and he (Bro. Dewar) could only say that it was impossible for him in the short time he had at his disposal to tell them half their Grand Master's good qualities. The Grand Officers were always most zealous for the good of Mark Masonry, and for himself, while thanking them for the cordial reception they always extended to him at the Florence Nightingale Lodge, he could assure them that anything he could do to assist them or the cause generally he should only be too happy to do at any time. He then retired from the hall with every demonstration of respect from the brethren.

The next toast was that of "The R.W. Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, who in response pointed out the fact that he was only a Past Grand Officer, while Bro. Godwin was a Present Grand Officer. He would however not further challenge the W.M.'s call, but would gratefully return his most sincere thanks for the toast. He felt sure their worthy Grand Master would have been only too glad to be present were it possible, and in his name he (Bro. Coupland) again thanked them. There was one thing he should like to bring before their notice and that was that at their Provincial Grand meetings the absence of many of the officers (provincial) of the Florence Nightingale Lodge was most conspicuous. He trusted to have the pleasure of seeing the W.M. and some of the officers at the next meeting, and promised to give them a most hospitable welcome should they attend.

Bro. Godwin supposed that as a present Grand Officer it was his province to return thanks for the toast, and had two things to apologise for; in the first place for not doing so at once, and next for not appearing in lodge in Grand Lodge clothing. Well the first he would at once make amends for, but the second was not his fault, for his tailor, who he was told was a good Masonic tailor, had not got his clothing ready. Then as to Bro. Coupland's remarks, he quite agreed with him as to the necessity of attending Grand Lodge, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case on the day he was to receive provincial honours, it was no more in his power to attend than to fly to York. But then he had asked Bro. Coupland to attend and accept the honour for him, and Bro. Coupland had done so, and he now thanked him for so doing. He should however endeavour to do his duty as the knew all the rest of the Grand Officers did, and could only thank them cordially for the toast.

The next toast was that of "The W.M.," and in proposing it Bro. Sweny referred to the regret felt by every member of the lodge, especially their excellent W.M., at the unfortunate illness of Bro. Donnelly. When that brother declined the office they unanimously elected Bro. Sculley to fill the chair, and he, Bro. Sweny, felt sure that in him they had a Master who would not only add to the muster roll of the lodge, but keep up its prestige for good working and hospitality, and make it as it deserved to be a thoroughly sound and prosperous one.

Bro. Sculley thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and promised that nothing should be wanting on his part to cement the good feeling that existed in the lodge and make it worthy of its grand name, the Florence Nightingale.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed, and Bro. Nichols returned thanks.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors" Bro. Weston complimented the I.P.M. and his officers upon the admirable manner in which the ceremony of initiation had been performed. He might refer to the W.M. in the words of the song, "Tis thirty years, my old friend John," for they had been boys together, and in Bro. Sculley's hands they might be sure the lodge would not go back, but increase in honour and prosperity.

Bro. Richey, as a Mark Mason from the Province of Colchester, was proud to be present, and although this was his first visit it would not be trusted be the last. The name of the lodge, Florence Nightingale, was one that stirred a thrill in every soldier's heart, and long may it prosper. He was proud to meet Bros. Spinks and Denton, two good and distinguished Masons. He congratulated the lodge upon its W.M. and the W.M. upon his lodge, and wished him and it continued prosperity.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bro. Sweny responded, referring with pleasure to the Master who had preceded him (Bro. Major Gordon) who was now in India, and who declined to be a foreign member, insisting on paying his full subscription. That brother was a good Mason, and he wished him a safe and speedy return home should he desire it.

The other toasts were "The Officers," severally responded to by the principal officers, "The Masonic Press" and the Tyler's toast.

Bro. Nichols presided at the piano, and some good singing enlivened the proceedings.

**WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No 158).**

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street, Bro. J. W. Murray, W.M., P.G.A.D.C., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. W. Dean, S.W.; T. Milner, J.W.; T. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Treas.; H. T. Byron, Sec.; H. H. Crossley, M.O.; W. Johnson, S.O.; R. B. Seddon, J.O.; J. Browne, S.D.; W. M. Wyld, J.D.; Jno. Marsden, R. of M.; W. H. Honnocks, I.G.; W. A. Byrom, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; and W. A. Byrom, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M.; J. M. Kerr, J. Wilson, W. Holt, R. Leyland. Visitors: Bro. J. F. Roberts, P.M.; Lathom, and J. Lawren, W.M. elect of the Lawrence Lodge, Chorley.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes and the reception of the Auditor's report, Bro. William Dean, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. D. Murray, I.P.M.; T. Milner, S.W.; H. T. Byron, J.W.; T. Wilson, P.M.; W. Johnson, M.O.; R. B. Seddon, S.O.; J. Marsden, J.O.; A. H. Crossley, Sec.; J. Browne, R. of M.; C. D. Mortimer, Org.; G. L. Campbell, D.C.; W. M. Wyld, S.D.; W. H. Horrocks, J.D.; J. Wilson, I.G.; W. Holt, S.S.; R. Knowles, J.S.; and W. A. Patterson, Tyler.

Bro. Murray then delivered the charges to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed, and a most delightful evening was spent, in which music and singing bore an important part.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**HULL.—Antient York Chapter of Redemption (No. 68).**—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. J. H. Scherling, 30°, assisted by the officers of the chapter. Bros. Walter Charles Whiteside and Thomas Oates, both of the Minerva Chapter, were perfected by the M.W.S. most impressively, Ill. Bro. Walter Reynolds, 31°, acting as Grand Marshall in the unavoidable absence of that officer; the ceremony was finely rendered, the anthems and music perfect, which was acknowledged and commended by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, I.G., northern district; indeed, all the officers discharged the duties of their several offices with great credit to themselves. Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°, was most cordially welcomed back from his tour through Canada and the United States, and after a fraternal address to the brethren assembled the chapter was closed in due form.

The Ill. and Ex. and perfect brethren retired to the dining hall and spent a very happy evening under the presidency of the M.W.S. A chapter of instruction is occasionally held in the hall, which is a great assistance to the officers in rendering the ritual perfectly.

**HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).**—In consequence of the death of Bro. J. W. Sykes, M.W.S. elect, an emergency meeting was called, when Bro. John Marshall was unanimously elected M.W.S., and this being the regular day for the installation the M.W.S., Bro. Henry Woodhouse Woigley, asked Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.J.G., 33°, and I.G. of the northern district, to open the chapter and confer the degree on the three candidates who had been unanimously elected, viz., Bros. Jeremiah Leech Atherton, P.M.; Joseph Woodhead, Monckman, P.M.; and Charles Crabtree, P.M., which he did with his usual care.

Bro. John Marshall, M.W.S. elect, was then presented to the Ill. brother for installation by Ill. Bro. Jonas Craven, 30°, who performed the ceremony with great precision, and addressing the brethren on the beauties and christian excellence of the degree.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, was warmly welcomed on his safe return from America, and a vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to him for presiding, and regret that he was unable to stay for the banquet.

**LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).**—The chapter was opened by the M.W.S. Bro. W. P. Tomlinson, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. northern district, was received under an arch of steel and accorded a hearty welcome on his return from Canada and the United States. He gave a pleasing account of his visit to the Rose Croix chapters in that country and of the kindness in which he was received by the various consistories in that vast country.

The chapter being closed, the brethren assembled in the dining hall and spent an enjoyable evening.

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Council.—(No. 8).**—The annual meeting of the members of this council was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on the 14th inst., when the following were present: Comp. J. Thomson, T.I.M.; W. Milner, Dep. T.I.M.; R. Young, Past T.I.M.; Treas.; J. D. Murray, Recorder; W. M. Wyld, Capt. of Guard; A. H. Jeffries, Con. of Nov.; R. G. Brook, Marshal; F. A. Huet, Stwd.

Bros. E. Barber, W. Wainman, Cottom, and H. Gifford, 113, were admitted to the Degree of Most Excellent Master, Royal, Select, and Superexcellent Master by Comp. W. J. Thomson, assisted by the officers. Comp. W. Milner was duly installed as T.I.M. for the ensuing year by Comp. R. Young and appointed his officers as follows: Comp. W. Brackenbury, Dep. T.I.M.; J. D. Murray, P. Con. of W.; W. M. Wyld, Recorder; A. H. Jeffries, Capt. of Guard; R. G. Brook, Con. of Nov.; W. J. Thomson, Chap.; R. Young, Treas.; F. A. Huet, Marshal; E. Barber, Sub-Marshal; W. W. Cottom, S.D.; and H. G. Bell, J.D.

The council having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was ably presided over by the newly-installed T.I.M.

**AMERICAN KNIGHT TEMPLARS COMING.**

We have just learned that a large and distinguished party of American Knight Templars are intending to visit England this summer. Apollo Commandery No. 1, of Chicago, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templars of Illinois, had made every arrangement to make an excursion to San Francisco on the occasion of the forthcoming triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States in August next, but, finding it impossible to secure suitable hotel accommodations in San Francisco, have decided not to attend that meeting, but will come to Europe instead. They have entrusted their travelling arrangements to Sir Kt. E. M. Jenkins, the well-known American tourist agent, who was formerly a partner with Thos. Cook and Son, and who has, we learn from Sir Kt. Jenkins' son who manages his fathers business at No. 124, High Holborn, made for the party the following arrangements.

They will leave Chicago by a special train of palace sleeping cars on Thursday evening, July 12th, will travel to New York by way of Niagara Falls, and will embark on the great steamship City of Rome, on Saturday, July 14th. They may expect to reach Liverpool on Monday, July 23rd, and London the next day. They will spend some days in London and will then visit Paris and Switzerland. The Commandery will be under the command of Eminent Sir Norman T. Gassette, the eminent Commander, and will be accompanied by several distinguished members of the Order from Illinois, among them the Hon. Mr. Aldrich, the Member of Congress from the Chicago district. There will be many ladies with the party, which will number fully 200.

Apollo Commandery is the largest Masonic body in the world, numbering between 600 and 700. Eminent Sir Gassette is well known by reputation to his English Fraters, and was the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements when the Grand Encampment met at Chicago three years ago. We hope our American brothers will have a pleasant visit.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. JOHN COOMBE, P.M. 450, HAYLE.**

Another Masonic worthy has departed, the Craft being all the poorer by the decease of our lamented friend and brother, John Coombe. Initiated in the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, on 12th June, 1862, he had nearly served the full 21 years in his beloved society, when the "Leveller of all human greatness" issued his peremptory summons, and after only four days' illness his life here, became extinct on the 5th April, 1883. His lodge did its best "to pay the last sad office of respect to departed merit," and neighbouring lodges, of which he was a member, No. 1272, St. Ives, and No. 1544, Camborne, with many brethren representing other lodges in the province attended the funeral, and each deposited an "emblem of immortality" in the grave that contained all that was mortal of their brother. Although in comparatively humble circumstances and surroundings, he had many friends beyond his station in life, who were only too pleased to enjoy his genial society occasionally, and glad to co-operate with him in his labours on behalf of local and general Masonic charity. As the Steward of the Lodge for the Central Masonic Charities he was a most persistent and invariably good humoured advocate of their claims, and set an example in his own unselfishness and liberal donations that fully proved his sincerity and earnestness. As one of the Stewards of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London, in 1882, he represented Cornwall with a list of subscriptions amounting to nearly £200, the members of his lodge, always ready to attend to such calls, assisting him most heartily, and were exceedingly proud to notice how warmly his appeals were responded to by the Cornish Craft. As a Life Governor of that Institution, and a Life Subscriber of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, his votes therefrom are now lost to the province, amounting to 20 in all. As a matter of fact, whenever aught touching the interests of our Charities occurred in the neighbourhood of Hayle, it was always said, "Ask Bro. Coombe," or, "get Bro. Coombe to work it," and he never failed to justify the good opinion of his brethren, neither did he ever turn a deaf ear to the wants of the afflicted or needy. The brethren elected him as their W.M. in 1867, and the Provincial Grand Master appointed him a Provincial Grand Deacon in 1871. In the Royal Arch he was connected with the chapter meeting under the wing of No. 450, and served as its First Principal in 1876. As one of the founders also of the Mark Lodge assembled under similar auspices, he occupied its chief chair in 1875, and served as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works in 1869, and Provincial Grand Master Overseer in 1876; also Grand Mark Steward of England. He was a hearty supporter of Masonic literature, and had amassed a capital collection of works relating to the Craft, being a subscriber generally to all that was issued in this country on the subject of its antiquities and history generally. He was much respected by his employers, Messrs.

Harvey and Co., the renowned iron founders of Hayle, and had been a most faithful servant of theirs nearly all his lifetime; their interests being his chief concern in the responsible position he filled on their behalf for many years past. The memory of John Coombe will long be held in veneration by the "Cornubian" Freemasons, for to his utmost he zealously devoted his spare time to advance the principles of the Fraternity amidst brethren who were always ready to support him with their sympathy, services, and means.

W.J.H.



Mr. Merivale's beautiful play "All for Her" is now being played at the Court, Mr. John Clayton taking Hugh Trevor, in which he made his name some years ago. It is warmly received and many will be glad to have the opportunity of once again seeing the play.

Mr. Rowe's comedy-oditty "Fun on the Bristol" has been transferred from the Standard to Sadler's Wells, thus giving the people in the north of London a chance of seeing one of the funniest pieces on the stage. Mr. Sheridan still plays the Irish widow.

Mr. Arthur Law has written the new comedy for Bro. Toole. It is in active rehearsal and may be expected within the next week or two. In the meanwhile Mr. Burnand's "Artful Cards" is drawing full houses.

Mrs. Stirling being released from the Haymarket on the termination of "Caste," has gone back to the Vaudeville, and again plays Mrs. Malaprop in "The Rivals." This comedy has now run longer than it ever has done before, it having reached its 150th night.

On Monday, Mr. Edgar Bruce opens the Imperial with "Camille." A new piece is being written for him to be produced at the same house.

Bro. Henry Irving (Jerusalem Lodge) is the subject of a biography now being written by Mr. Brereton. The book will be illustrated with pictures of our distinguished brother in some of his chief impersonations. Mr. David Bogue will publish the work.

Bro. Harris resumes his old character in "Youth" on its reproduction at Drury Lane after the closing of the opera season. Mr. Herbert Standing, Mr. John Ryder, and Miss Lydia Foote will be amongst the company.

"Vice Versa," from Mr. F. Anstey's popular and amusing book, was brought out at a Gaiety matinee last week, but only received a tolerably favourable approval.

Mr. Sydney Grundy has written a new drama called "Rachel." This was brought out by Miss Genevieve Ward at the Olympic on Saturday. The play is a little difficult to follow, and would be better if compressed into two acts. Being somewhat complicated its reception is not of the warmest. The company are better than the melodrama they represent. In the prologue we are introduced to Margaret Walters, the famous baby farmer. Here a mother is made to sell her own child by mistake to her brother-in-law. Sir Philip Grant loses his wife, who leaves all her money to her only child, a girl. This daughter dies, and to prevent the property going away the father obtains a child from Mrs. Waters, and brings her up as his daughter. The play itself begins 15 years after this, when the stolen child has grown up. Rachel, her mother, who has been committed for child stealing, now appears on the scene, and is engaged by Sir Philip as companion to the young lady. She watches carefully over her daughter, to whom she cannot yet make known her relationship. To help out her plans she consents, after pressure, to become Sir Philip's wife; but just when he is introducing her to his tenantry as his intended wife, his old accomplice turns up and frustrates his scheme. This villain, Craven, desires to marry Gladys, and says he meant when he stole her 15 years ago to marry her at the proper time. She is in love with Harold Lee, and Craven calls upon Sir Philip to turn young Lee away and consent to his engagement. Sir Philip Grant is nearly doing so under threats of exposure, when Mrs. Athelston, the girl's mother, interferes and saves her daughter. When she shows these two men up in their true character, it turns out that, as Gladys is not Sir Philip's daughter but only his niece, then the property instead of being hers goes to Harold Lee, a more distant relative, and she after all is poor. But when she finds out that her mother was a convict she gives up Harold as not being worthy of her love. The young man, however, as an honest man should do, when he learns the truth that he is the heir, is still anxious to marry her, notwithstanding her mother's history. Craven, who turns out to be a forger as well, does not come into the hands of justice, as Rachel withdraws all charges. Miss Genevieve Ward as Rachel of course is very good in her impersonations, as the cold heartless woman, but especially where she has entrapped her victims and has them well under her power. Mr. Vernon as Sir Philip is not so well suited as we have often seen him, for instance in "Mother-in-Law." The character and piece do not give him scope. Mr. Herman Vezin, who takes Craven, is of course splendid in elocution; the character of a deep dyed villain under the guise of a gentleman is always suited to him. Miss Lucy Buckstone, Mrs. Leigh Murray, Mr. Bindloss, and Mr. Blatchley all deserve mention, but the drama cannot be said to be likely to be a permanent success. We may add Bro. Bashford, of the Waterford Lodge, is Miss Ward's acting manager.

Mr. Fred Irving has been engaged by Miss Hilton to play in "Frou Frou" at the Opera Comique.

As "School" can only be played for a limited number of nights at the Haymarket we advise our readers to go at once and see Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft in their old characters, positively for the last time.

## MASONIC AND GENERAL NOTICES

Bro. C. E. Barnett was on Wednesday last installed W.M. of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, at Spiers and Pond's Holborn Viaduct Hotel. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. D. Langton, who was subsequently presented with a Past Master's jewel. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. Thomas Beard, C.C., has been elected president of the Putney Ratepayers' Protection Association.

A portrait of Bro. G. A. Sala appears in the current number of *Society*.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft has presented a number of volumes to the library of the Worcester Young Men's Christian Association.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., allowed the use of a farm for the East Sussex Hunt Steeplechases, and his son, Mr. T. A. Brassey, amid great cheering, rode the winning horse in a field of six for the Normanhurst stakes.

Bro. H. W. Henniker Rance, LL.D. (of the firm of Messrs. Wynne Baxter, Rance, and Meade), has been elected one of the guardians of the poor for Fulham.

Bro. the Earl of Galway has consented to preside at the sixty-eighth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, to be held on Thursday, May 3rd, at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress gave a dinner at the Mansion House on Wednesday in honour of Bro. Henry Aaron Isaacs, the newly-elected Alderman of Portsoken Ward, who earlier in the day had been admitted and taken his seat in the Court of Aldermen in Guildhall.

H. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Windsor Castle from Bagshot on Saturday last on a visit to the Queen.

It is said that Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, will be asked to accept the office of President of the new Pipe Roll Society. Readers will please to understand that this worthy association has nothing whatever to do with smoking.

Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips has been elected a Vice-President of a newly-formed Sussex Sanitary Inspection Association.

Bro. Mr. Deputy Saunders will preside at the annual meeting of the Sunday Schools of the Greenwich-road Congregational Church to-morrow.

Bro. Henry Irving presided on Thursday last at the annual festival of the Lyceum Theatre Provident and Benevolent Fund.

Bro. H. Halifax Wills was on Saturday last installed W.M. of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.

On Friday last Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., in the temporary absence at Windsor of the Home Secretary, received a deputation from the London District Board of the Amalgamated Union of Operative Bakers and Confectioners on the subject of the unsanitary condition of London Bakehouses.

We have had submitted for our inspection a very attractive and useful article which the patentee calls the Combination Fitzroy Barometer and Time-Piece. It is fitted in a polished oak case and contains a Fitzroy barometer and brass indicator, thermometer, storm glass, and a scale explanatory of the rise and fall of the mercury, direction of the wind, &c. The whole is surmounted by an excellent 8-day clock, and is altogether a wonderful two guineas worth.

We are asked to state that in consequence of alterations that have been made at the Café Royal, the Regent-street entrance only will be available in future for the lodge room and the saloons A. B. C.

At the meeting held on Tuesday afternoon at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, for the purpose of strengthening the hands of Bro. B. Samuelson, M.P., in relation to his motion for making the Railway Commission permanent and giving it extended powers, Mr. Ritchie, M.P., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Borlase, M.P., and P. Duckham, M.P.

Her Majesty still suffers from the severe sprain she received some time since, and is unable to walk or even stand for more than a few seconds. Sir James Paget, who saw the Queen on Saturday last, is of opinion that a considerable interval must elapse ere the joint receives its power.

Among those expected to be present on the occasion of the Prince of Wales laying the foundation stone of the new Indian Institute on Wednesday, the 2nd May next, are the Marquis of Salisbury, Chancellor of the University, and Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, High Steward, Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., the Earl of Derby, and Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P., one of the M.P.s, for Oxford University.

**HOW TO SECURE GOOD HEALTH.**—MARTIN'S CURATIVE MAGNETISM.—Health secured, Health restored, and Health promoted by the use of this Natural Agent, now so extensively used. See Press opinions, testimonials, and fullest particulars in 48 page pamphlet, which is sent gratis to all by John Hugh Martin, Inventor and Maker of the Improved Appliances, 272, Regent-circus, London, W.—[ADVT.]

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Bro. George Vickery is the architect for the block of warehouse premises in Aldermanbury Avenue.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday next.

The installation meeting of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, was held on Thursday evening, at the Masonic Hall of the East Dulwich Hotel, Goose-green, Peckham-rye. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

At the last meeting of the Gallery Lodge a founders' and Past Master's jewel was presented to the late Secretary, Bro. Basil Cooke.

The Euphrates Lodge of Instruction will on Monday next remove to the Mother Red Cap, High-street, Camden Town, at eight o'clock, and every Monday night from eight to ten.

On Tuesday, Bro. Lord Carlingford, as Lord President of the Council, received two deputations on the subject of foot-and-mouth disease from the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Shorthorn Society respectively.

The Mayor of Dover has received a communication from the Duke of Connaught to the effect that his Royal Highness and the Duchess will visit the town on the 14th July, and open the new Town Hall and public park.

Among the many inquiries after Col. Burnaby's health have been her Majesty, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., and Lady Claude Hamilton, Bros. General Lord Wolseley, Viscount Powerscourt, and the Earl of Galloway.

Bro. Count Nigra, Italian Ambassador in London, visited Bro. Earl Granville on Monday, at the Foreign Office.

On Monday next the Duke of Albany, will lay the foundation stone of the new building of the Birkbeck Library and Scientific Institution, Bream's-buildings, Chancery-lane.

The *Gazette* has announced that the Queen's birthday will be celebrated throughout the country generally on Thursday, the 24th of May—the actual day—but in London only on Saturday, the 26th May.

A chapter of Instruction will be opened on Wednesday next at the Boston Hotel, Junction Road, Holloway, and will be held on Wednesdays at 8.30 p.m. by Comp. J. D. Collier, P.M., P.Z., as Preceptor, and Comps. Henry Slyman, H., as Scribe E.

Ex. Comp. G. Boulton was, on Tuesday evening, installed as M.E.Z. of the Wanderers' Chapter, No. 1604. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next impression.

A handsome presentation was made to Bro. J. W. Buchan, P.M. 1259, by the members of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge of Instruction on Friday last. Bro. E. H. Rolfe, S.W. 1259, officiated as president and made the presentation in a very graceful manner. Bro. I. Charlton, J.W. 1259, being Vice-President. The gifts consisted of a breakfast service and silver salver, and were subscribed for by a large number of brethren in recognition of Bro. P.M. Buchan's valuable services as Secretary of the lodge of instruction for nine years. The lodge meets every Friday at Bro. J. P. Moore's, P.M. 13, D.C. 1259, Bricklayer's Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse, Bro. R. Atkins, P.M. 1259, Preceptor.

We understand that a warrant has been granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, which is founded by old scholars of the City of London School, and is named after the founder of the school, who was town clerk of London in the year 1448. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor will be the first W.M., and will be supported by the sheriffs and Mr. Ex-Sheriff Hutton. The consecration ceremony will take place on Friday, the 11th May next, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and will be performed by Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton and other Grand Officers.

The Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction will meet at Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, Hull, on Friday, the 27th inst., under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West and East Yorks, Bro. John Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P., for the purpose of hearing Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., deliver his interesting lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m., and brethren are to appear in Craft clothing and jewels. We have received circulars announcing the delivery of this lecture by Bro. Stevens in the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1432, at Lowestoft, on the 26th inst.; and in the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, at the Cambria, Loughborough Junction, S.E., on Monday, the 30th.

At the grand military assault-at-arms held on Monday, at the Albert Hall, in aid of the Egyptian War Fund, there were present among other illustrious and distinguished personages, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Bro. Lord and Lady Wolseley.

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Lord Alcester took the oath and his seat in the House of Lords on Thursday evening last. His lordship was formally introduced to the Lord Chancellor by Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, (Garter) G.D. of C., and accompanied to the table by Lords Haslech and Wolseley.

The Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne left Boston, Mass., for Ottawa, on Monday, the 16th inst., and on their arrival the next day at the latter city were most cordially greeted by a large crowd, amongst whom were the ministers and other high functionaries.

Among those present at the complimentary dinner given by the officers of the Royal Marines at St. James's Hall, on Monday evening, to the Duke of Edinburgh as Honorary Colonel of that force, were the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Cambridge.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice, attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, left Windsor Castle for Osborne on Tuesday. It is expected her Majesty will remain in the Isle of Wight for about three weeks and then return to Windsor.

The Prince of Wales will attend the first Spring Meeting at Newmarket next week, leaving town on Tuesday in time for the races and returning on Friday afternoon.

Once again there is a rumour that Bro. Santley, the great English baritone, has resolved on entering a monastery, it being said that he has joined the Passionist Fathers at Sulton, near St. Helen's, as a lay brother.

With reference to the article on the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond-street, which appeared in our issue of the 7th inst., we have received the following letter from a lady: "As we want to launch into bricks and mortar it would be appropriate that the great building guild should help us. It is a pity that those good old times are past when the master and his men worked at the Craft. It might otherwise be given unto us to see the Prince of Wales and the humbler brethren working shoulder to shoulder in raising the walls of the Children's Hospital."

With the commencement, in May, of its next volume, "The Journal of Forestry," still conducted by Mr. F. G. Heath, author of "Autumnal Leaves" and editor of Gilpin's "Forest Scenery," will take a "new departure." Under the altered title of "Forestry; a magazine for the country," it will be enlarged in size and still further popularised. The May part will include a descriptive article by Mr. Richard Jefferies, entitled "The Contents of Ten Acres," and "A Forgotten President of Agriculture," by Mr. R. A. Kinglake.

The "Owl" Glee Society gave their final concert for the season on Monday, the 9th ult., to a very large and distinguished audience. A well-selected programme was arranged for the delectation of the numerous ladies and gentlemen assembled, who were not wanting in their appreciation at the able ability displayed by the artists, whose names for the season were Bros. Collins and Ashton (altos), Bros. Thompson, James, and Moss (tenors), and Bros. Hubbard and Bevan (bassos), and strengthened on the present occasion by the able services of Madame Ashton, who sang some of her best songs, and graciously acceded to well-deserved encores. The comfort of the gathering was mainly due to the untiring zeal of W. Maddock, Esq., the society's honorary superintendent. The society, as hitherto, gave their concerts in the Pillar Room of the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554, at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, will preside, who will be supported by Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, as S.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, as J.W.; and B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, as I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. A. Walter, 554; Second, Bro. Shingfield, S.D. 554; Third, Bro. Tannahill, J.D. 171; Fourth, Bro. Berry, P.M. 554; Fifth, Bro. Taylor, J.W. 554; Sixth, Bro. Caiver, I.G. 933; and Seventh, Bro. Durell, P.M. 1349. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Loane, J.D. 1421; Second, Bro. W. Richardson, 174; Third, Bro. F. C. D. Fenn, S.W. 171; Fourth, Bro. Musto, P.M. 1349; and Fifth, Bro. McDonald, S.W. 1445. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; Second, Bro. Cundick, P.M. 1421; and Third, Bro. J. West, J.D. 933. Bro. Wm. Cross, W.M. 554, is the Hon. Sec.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, on Friday evening, the 27th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076, will preside. Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, S.W.; Moss, S.D. No. 1275, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M., Preceptor. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Lancaster, 1668; Second, Bro. Levy, 1668; Third, Bro. Loane, J.D. 1421; Fourth, Bro. Levy, 25; Fifth, Bro. J. West, J.D. 933; Sixth, Bro. Stewart, 1278; Seventh, Bro. McDonald, S.W. 1445. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Smith, 933; Second, Bro. W. Richardson, 174; Third, Bro. Moss, S.D. 1275; Fourth, Bro. Cundick, P.M. 1421; Fifth, Bro. Seigenberg, I.G. 212. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Musto, P.M. 1349; Second, Bro. Taylor, J.W. 554; Third, Bro. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933. Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, hon. Sec. We have been requested to note that the relatives of our late deceased and respected Bro. James Clayton, 933, has granted the use of the capital lodge room, occupied during our late brother's lifetime, to the above lodge, and also recently to the members of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, 1278. A satisfactory arrangement has been made as to the disposition of the lodge furniture not required in consequence of this friendly coalition, and both lodges give signs of being carried on with marked success.

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