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THE Girls' School Election, which took place on Saturday last, was in some respects a remarkable one, and the observation was freely made that it was a very curious one. All prognostications and prophecies as to abnormally high polling were upset by the fact that the lowest of the eight successful candidates polled only 1682 votes, the highest polling 3101, and the second 2992. There were 32,877 votes issued, and 2,133 brought forward. The Great Hall presented a very animated appearance the whole day. A very large number of “remanets” with high figures will affect to some extent the April Election, when, we understand, 23 candidates will be elected out of a large list. The Girls' School authorities must not allow this “margin” to become a large or unmanageable one, but should endeavour, with some little rearrangement, that the number of scholars may be judiciously, if slightly, increased.

THE Boys' School Quarterly Court took place on Monday. The gathering was large and the polling animated. Voting ruled high. The first successful candidate polled 3237; the lowest of the successful polled 2285. There were 47,769 votes issued, and 28,540 brought forward, giving a total of 76,309.

AT the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday Bro. TATTERSHALL'S motion for compulsory retirement of three members of the House Committee annually was negatived, as was to be expected, by a majority, and the proposition to grant Miss DAVIS £50 for unavoidable expenses, was both unanimously and warmly carried. Indeed too much praise cannot be accorded to her admirable work as head mistress; too much sympathy cannot be offered to her, under her absence through ill health, but which we are led to believe has happily passed away. Her services to the School have truly been inestimable, and her directing influence and ability invaluable. At the Boys' School Court Bro. MATIER'S resolution was carried after a slight opposition, and Bro. Binckes made a very interesting statement as to the Building Fund.

AS regards the Girls' School election, Bro. MATIER, Chairman of the Scrutineers, told us that 62 votes were lost. Of those, eight were not filled in, 13 were not signed, one voting paper was for April, 1883, and one represented a deceased subscriber. The remainder were improperly filled in, in excess of the number of votes. Is it not surprising that year after year we have to note and record such “laches” and haste, and ignorance, and inattention on the part of some. A similar mistake may lose the election. “Verbum sat.” In respect of the Boys' election, the same inexplicable carelessness prevailed. A large number of votes were again lost. Some were filled up even with a name not on the list of candidates.

IN the able memo relative to the Status of Past Masters elsewhere, we heartily acquiesce as well as in respect of that hasty innovation of the liability of lodges for joining members. We recommend to our readers one and all, very careful perusal of one of the ablest papers it has been our privilege to publish.

THE installation ceremony and banquet of Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, W.M. Montague Guest Lodge, passed over with great “*éclat*,” and present certain notable features worthy of attention. Bro. HEDGES has made so many friends that a numerous gathering might have been expected. One of the principal incidents of a most pleasant and successful gathering was the very graceful and appropriate speech of the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES. From no one could it have come with greater effect or more interesting reality. Bro. HEDGES, the zealous and successful Secretary of the Girls' School, was not elected to his important post unopposed. Indeed, his election was carried by what may freely be termed the

public opinion of the Craft against a most influential Committee and most active Masons. It was truly gratifying to note how Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON on Wednesday week proclaimed in clear and unmistakable terms his laudatory opinions of the Masonic career and the official ability of Bro. HEDGES. His old friends may well be pleased and proud that their selection, on purely Masonic grounds of merit and teaching, of fair acknowledgment for faithful and laborious services, has been found to be so sound and so befitting. Surely Freemasonry has some things more in it than sciolist or scoffer like to allow, which can thus illustrate the true principles of candour, kindness, and generosity, which can so lighten up the dull path and often depressing routine of life with its own up-fading and improving tenets of honour, justice, and truth.

THE services of Bro. Colonel CREATON to our Charities have been many and great; indeed, there are few brethren, if any, who in various ways and for successive years have rendered more. Hardly an election passes but town and country brethren unite in greeting his presence and recognizing his merits. Our good old friend Bro. JAMES BIRCH, of East Lancashire, once said the elections would hardly seem the same to us all if we missed the familiar presence and kindly presidency of Bro. CREATON. We feel sure we are expressing the opinions of all subscribers to our great Charities when we add the hope, that many years may yet witness his always kindly and sympathetic presidency when we assemble to carry out, effectively and truly, the distinguishing characteristic of the English Freemason's heart,—Charity.

WE called attention last week to the contribution by Bros. RIACH and HAWKINS placing the clauses in the old edition of the Book of Constitutions against those of the Revised Edition, and expressed our thanks for their labour, which cannot fail to be appreciated. We think however it would have been better to have placed the clauses in the Revised in their consecutive order in the first column and the various parts of the old edition to which they refer in the second column. This would have presented the labours of the Committee in a fairer and more intelligible form, as we notice that in some instances an old rule is stated to be *omitted* when in fact it forms one of a number of similar rules incorporated into one in the revised edition, and we observe several errors in their subsequent remarks into which the commentators would not have fallen had this form been adopted. It occurs to us, on reading the amendments suggested by Bros. RIACH and HAWKINS, that they are, in the first place, too late to claim a hearing. The revised edition was placed before Grand Lodge in June, 1882, and amendments were invited, which, by a resolution of Grand Lodge, were to be sent in not later than 28th January, 1883, but amendments were in fact received by the Board as late as the following May. We ourselves sent in a batch of amendments as late as April, all of which were considered by the Board and many of them recommended for adoption.

As the first Special Grand Lodge for the consideration of the rules and the amendments was held in June, the revision was 12 months before the Craft for consideration. There must be some limit, or amendments may go on “*ad infinitum*.” It is unreasonable to expect new amendments to be considered after such a lapse of time. But in carefully looking over these suggestions, it is apparent that the brethren making them could not have been present at the Special Grand Lodges, as many of them, if not most of them, were then discussed and disposed of.

Most of the “*suggestions not affecting the sense*” were referred to by the President and simply acquiesced in, being too trivial for formal resolutions. We have not space to go through the whole of the suggestions, but will refer to a few.

76.—The introduction of the new method of counting votes only replaced the old method, leaving the words “*provided such demand appears reasonable to the Grand Master*” untouched; the words will no doubt stand in the place suggested.

80.—We are informed that a resolution will be proposed altering the words but retaining the sense of the amendment.

92.—Was fully discussed.

102.—The defining clause in Rule 2 renders this suggestion unnecessary.

119.—We believe the brother who proposed this addition will move to make this exception.

121.—This rule does not refer to a *provisional* warrant issued by a District Grand Master.

130.—If the exception in the case of districts is carried (see above, 119), the rule as amended will be correct. It is proposed to alter the words of the addition. The amendment was evidently made without due consideration.

149.—The Master has no doubt in many cases absolute power, and it is necessary that he should, as he is responsible for the due observance of the laws (133). He is answerable for any abuse of power.

153.—The omission of the rule was explained in Grand Lodge, and the explanation accepted.

161.—This was in the printed amendments, but not supported.

169.—This is provided for by Rule 133.

179.—This would be unfair; it would give the Master the power of placing two black balls in the box out of the three.

186.—It is to be hoped that the addition of Rule 209 will not be confirmed, and we trust the same fate awaits the addition referring to Past Masters.

191.—This was discussed and rejected.

The other suggestions seem too immaterial to require comment. In conclusion we beg to express the hope that no action will be taken which will tend to delay the printing of the Book of Constitutions, a "consummation to be devoutly wished for by us all," and an outcome all important for the Craft. It is hopeless, we think, at this late period to put forward what practically amounts to a further revision, a "recomittal" of the whole Book. Fads, fancies, theories, and ideas must give way to the common welfare, and, therefore, we hope to announce in December, that with one or two needful "non" confirmations, the passing and acceptance of our carefully-revised Book of Constitutions for English Freemasonry.

REVISION OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS, &c.

Two resolutions passed at the Special Grand Lodge in August, contrary to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, seem to require reconsideration, and it may be well to bring them under the notice of lodges meeting in November in order that they may have the opportunity of instructing their representatives how to vote on the question of confirmation at the Quarterly Communication in December.

A serious innovation is introduced into the laws by the following addition to Rule 186: "Every joining member, if a Past Master, shall have the rank and position of a Past Master of the lodge, ranking next after the then Junior Past Master, and the Master of such lodge, providing he has not ceased subscribing to a lodge for twelve months."

This resolution may be objected to *in limine* as an illegal infringement of the rights and privileges of lodges. It is urged on good authority that as every lodge has the constitutional and immemorial right of electing its Master and—as a natural sequence—its Past Masters, the Grand Lodge is disregarding an ancient landmark and acting beyond its powers in declaring that certain brethren shall become Past Masters of the lodge without election as Master by its members. Supposing this objection is overruled, we have to consider the meaning and effect of the resolution.

Bro. Ralph Gooding has started three pertinent questions:

- 1.—Do Past Masters who joined a lodge before the passing of the law become by its operation Past Masters of that Lodge?
- 2.—Can members who join a lodge hereafter, and who are not Past Masters at the time of joining, claim the rank of Past Master of that lodge by passing the chair of another lodge?
- 3.—Can an initiate join another lodge and then by passing the chair (of that lodge) claim the rank of Past Master of his mother lodge?

The literal meaning of the words seems to be that a joining member must be a Past Master at the time of joining to claim the desired rank under this law, and if this is so, and the law is not retrospective, we may have in lodges five different classes of Past Masters:

- 1.—Real Past Masters of the lodge, that is, those who have passed the chair of the lodge.
- 2.—Quasi Past Masters of the lodge, claiming to be so under this law.
- 3.—Past Masters of other lodges, who joined before the passing of the law.
- 4.—Members who join the lodge after the passing of the law, not being Past Masters at the time, but who become Past Masters of other lodges after joining.
- 5.—Members who were initiated in the lodge, and who become Past Masters of other lodges.

A condition of things which cannot fail to give dissatisfaction to four out of the five classes, and prove a fruitful source of jealousy and discord.

To prevent this it will become necessary either to black-ball every Past Master who offers himself as a candidate for joining, or—if the authorities will permit it—to enact a by-law prohibiting the proposition of any Past Master as a joining member.

But the intention of its supporters is, we believe, that the law shall be retrospective, otherwise it will not remove the grievance of those individual Past Masters who are dissatisfied with their position, and for whose especial benefit it would seem to have been proposed. If it is to be retrospective, we may see the singular phenomenon of an old member who joined as a Past Master many years ago, who rarely comes except to dine, who has perhaps some objectionable habits, and who in consequence would, were it possible, be gladly got rid of, suddenly becoming, by the operation of this law, the *senior* Past Master of the lodge without having served a single office. From the correspondence which has appeared in this journal it would seem to be generally understood that the law will not only be retrospective, but will also include the other classes referred to. This, while it would no doubt prevent confusion, would multiply the objections to this extraordinary innovation.

We have reason to believe that the resolution, although proposed and carried by the provincial brethren who formed the majority at the Special Grand Lodge in August, by no means meets with general approval in the provinces, but it will probably be more strenuously opposed by those members of London lodges who have been accustomed to regard the position of Past Master of their particular lodges as one of the highest distinction.

In some of these lodges eligibility for the chair is made conditional on serving the Stewardship for the Charities, the office of Grand Steward, and of Warden of the lodge, and in order to make the distinction more difficult of attainment and consequently more highly prized, the Master is often required to serve two years in succession. In other lodges a thorough knowledge of the work is insisted upon as an indispensable qualification, yet while these lodges may be endeavouring to act in the spirit of the Ancient Charge, "All prefer-

ment among Masons should be grounded on real worth and personal merit," a member who never would or could so qualify himself may under this new law pass the chair in another lodge, the master of which is not expected to work and—without being able even to open a lodge—claim the distinction of Past Master of his mother lodge. It is scarcely conceivable that these lodges will tamely submit to members who have never served an office, and who never would have been elected to the chair, being thus thrust upon them as their Past Masters.

Bro. H. Studholme Brownrigg in his letter to this journal, although writing in support of the resolution, says that he was a member successively of ten different lodges in India and frequently found himself the only brother present qualified to give a Degree, and adds: "Now in every one of these ten lodges I was always acknowledged as a Past Master of the lodge and sat as a member of the permanent or audit committee."

So without any compulsory law joining Past Masters of intelligence and Masonic acquirements have hitherto been voluntarily accorded the respect and position due to their merits, and when their services are required those services are invariably acknowledged and properly appreciated. But the new law appears to be framed in the interest of the idle, the useless, and the disagreeable; it gives to such, without the merit of earning it, and however much the members may object, "the highest honour the lodge has in its power to confer on any of its members."

The Board of General Purposes in deference to the wishes of many provincial brethren recommended two resolutions which were passed at the Special Grand Lodge in June; one gives to Past Masters joining provincial lodges membership of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and the other gives to all joining Past Masters the right of taking the chair in the absence of the Past Masters of the lodge, thus conceding to them precedence over all other members, and it is difficult to understand what substantial privileges beyond these will be gained by joining Past Masters under this additional law.

We have been informed that one of the active promoters of the movement has admitted the real contention to be for a seat with the Past Masters of the lodge at the banquet, but surely it cannot be necessary to call upon Grand Lodge to make rules for the arrangement of the dinner table. It is quite within the power of a lodge, without any law on the subject, by a tacit understanding among the members, to give a place of distinction at the table to any brother whom they may desire to honour.

Brethren ambitious of claiming the fictitious rank of Past Master of a lodge in which they have never served an office have only to anticipate their unenviable position when standing up with the real Past Masters in response to the compliment which it is usual to pay them for *services done to the lodge* to realise the hollowness of their pretensions.

The other resolution, which it will be well to reconsider, is the addition to Rule 209, "and any lodge failing to make due enquiry shall be liable for the arrears (if any) owing by such brother to the lodge from which he has been excluded." In the case of members joining lodges in England from India and the Colonies and joining in India and the Colonies from lodges in England it is almost impossible to do more than question the proposer as to his knowledge of the candidate's respectability. In India and the Colonies the rigid enforcement of this law would simply drive brethren into Scotch and Irish lodges.

Besides this, there is no limit to the liability. We have known lodges allow a member to be in arrear to the extent of sixty or seventy pounds before resorting to the extreme measure of exclusion, and it is possible that the same brother may be excluded from half a dozen other lodges for arrears to the same extent, so that in accepting a joining member without direct enquiry, a lodge may incur liability of an unknown quantity, and in the case of a candidate for joining who has been excluded for arrears by five lodges giving the name of a sixth where he is not in arrear, even if enquiry were made and the answer satisfactory, the lodge accepting him might be held responsible to the other five.

We are informed that a proposition will be brought forward in the nature of a compromise of the question relating to Past Masters, but compromises rarely give satisfaction. In our opinion it would be better to let well alone, and vote against the confirmation of both these singular specimens of hasty legislation.

HISTORY OF THE PRESENT BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS SINCE THE UNION.

BRO. E. L. HAWKINS.

In view of the interest aroused by the revision of the Book of Constitutions which is now proceeding, it has occurred to me that many readers of the *Freemason* might be interested by a sketch of the steps by which the existing book reached its present shape.*

One of the earliest cares of the United Grand Lodge after the Union was to provide for the drawing up of a suitable book of regulations, for, on December 27th, 1813, it was resolved that a new code for the government of the Craft be made out with all convenient speed, and the task of preparing it was entrusted to the "Commissioners for the Union." This body seems to have given place to the Board of General Purposes, for, on February 1st, 1815, a Special Grand Lodge was held to receive the new code from this Board. At this meeting the laws were read by the Grand Secretary, and it was ordered that six copies should be made, and should lie for inspection one month. On May 31st, 1815, a Special Grand Lodge was held to reconsider the new laws; but as they had been much altered by the Board of General Purposes, in consequence of suggestions from persons who had perused them, these alterations only were read and agreed to, and it was resolved that the laws should lie open for inspection for another month. The matter did not come again forward until August 23rd, 1815, when it was resolved "That the code of laws now presented, when approved, be in force for a period of three years from the first day of November next, and then be subject to revision and amendment." The new laws were then approved and confirmed, and they were published in December, 1815, suggestions for a new edition being invited in the preface. (FIRST EDITION.)

On December 3rd, 1817, the Board of General Purposes was ordered to report at the next Quarterly Communication what alterations were desirable, and to collect opinions from lodges and brethren as to the effect already produced by the new laws. This report was made on March 4th, 1818, when it was ordered that the proposed alterations should lie for inspection until the first of May following; and, after some further slight amendments had been sub-

* I have given no account of Editions before the Union, because they may be found enumerated in "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia."

mitted by the Board on June 3rd, a Special Grand Lodge was held on July 20th, 1818, at which the alterations suggested by the Board were approved. On September 9th, 1818, these approved alterations were confirmed, and it was resolved and ordered "That the laws as amended shall be in operation and take effect from the first day of November next;" after which a corrected Edition was issued in February, 1819, with the altered sheets re-printed and distinguished by an asterisk. (SECOND EDITION.)

These first two Editions were printed only in quarto, but in June, 1827, an octavo edition was issued "for the accommodation of the brethren at large," which contained all the alterations agreed to since 1819, but was not formally submitted as a whole to Grand Lodge. (THIRD EDITION.)

On June 5th, 1839, it was ordered "That a new octavo Edition of the Book of Constitutions be published with all the amendments and additions which have been made to the present time, and that the same be arranged and printed under the superintendence and direction of a Committee, consisting of the Grand Registrar, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bros. J. Henderson, A. Dobie, and R. W. Jennings." The Committee thus appointed were occupied for some time by their task, for their Edition was not issued till March, 1841, and seems to have been then published without being laid before Grand Lodge. (FOURTH EDITION.)

The matter next came before Grand Lodge on September 2nd, 1846, when it was resolved "That a new Edition with the corrections and alterations heretofore made by the Grand Lodge be prepared and printed under the superintendence of the Board of General Purposes;" but on December 2nd, the Board presented a report, recommending various other additions and amendments, and it was ordered that the report should be printed and sent to each lodge, while the consideration of the recommendations was deferred until the next Quarterly Communication. Nothing, however, was settled until June 2nd, 1847, when it was ordered that a new Edition should be printed, containing only the alterations previously made by Grand Lodge and the verbal corrections recommended by the Board. This Edition appeared in the same month, the Board apparently abandoning their proposed amendments affecting the matter of the Rules. (FIFTH EDITION.)

This Edition lasted until 1852, when on June 2nd the Board of General Purposes was ordered to prepare and print a new Edition, and after the lapse of a year the Board presented to Grand Lodge on June 1st, 1853, a copy of the Book of Constitutions containing the alterations already made and various suggestions of their own. Two Special Grand Lodges were convened, on June 22nd and August 2nd respectively, to consider these suggestions, and on September 7th, 1853, after confirmation of the minutes, it was ordered that a new Edition be printed and published as amended. This appeared in the same month. (SIXTH EDITION.)

This Edition seems to have been soon exhausted, for on March 7th, 1855, it was ordered that a new Edition of the Book of Constitutions, with the additions and alterations already made by Grand Lodge, and with verbal corrections only, should be printed; and it was also then resolved for the first time to issue a Pocket Edition. This appeared in June, 1855. (SEVENTH EDITION.)

On June 2nd, 1858, the Board of General Purposes reported that this last Edition was exhausted, and they were directed to prepare and print a revised Edition. Accordingly on September 1st, 1858, the Board reported that they had so revised the Book of Constitutions and that it was then being reprinted; and in the same month this Edition was issued, apparently without the revision of the Board ever being submitted to Grand Lodge. (EIGHTH EDITION.)

Again, on June 3rd, 1863, the Board of General Purposes reported that the last Edition was exhausted, and they were then authorized to prepare and publish a new Edition, embodying the new laws and alterations made since the issue of 1858. This appeared in August, 1863. (NINTH EDITION.)

Next, on September 5th, 1866, the Board reported that as the Book of Constitutions was out of print they had ordered an immediate reprint, embodying the new laws recently passed and making some verbal alterations; but before this appeared the Board reported, on December 5th, certain proposed amendments and alterations, of which some were then adopted and some were referred back to the Board. Accordingly on March 6th, 1867, the Board again made a report on the subject, introducing some further proposed amendments, but the consideration of these amendments was postponed, apparently *sine die*, and the Board were then authorized to print and publish a new Edition forthwith. This was issued in the same month. (TENTH EDITION.)

In consequence of the exhaustion of this Edition the Board reported on December 7th, 1870, that they had ordered a reprint, containing the alterations sanctioned by Grand Lodge, with as little delay as possible. This appeared in January, 1871. (ELEVENTH EDITION.)

The next Edition is the one now in use and appeared in January, 1873; but no reference to its issue is made in Grand Lodge Reports, probably because it is a verbatim reprint of the Edition of 1871. (TWELFTH EDITION.)

It will be seen from the foregoing account that the new Edition of the Book of Constitutions now before Grand Lodge will be the thirteenth since the Union; let us hope that number will bring with it no ill-luck.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors and the October Election of this institution was held last Saturday, in the large hall of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's, Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treas., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren. After the minutes had been read and confirmed,

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL moved:

"That three of the members of the Committee who have been longest on the Board shall not be eligible for re-election until after the expiration of 12 months."

In making the motion he said it would be in the recollection of many members of the General Committee that he gave a similar notice of motion three years ago, and if it had been brought forward at that time he would have been one of the members of the House Committee to go off. But from some informality it was not brought forward, and it was deferred to a future occasion. He therefore brought it forward now. He did so in order that there might be an election of three new members of the House Committee every year. It was time the members were elected every year, but many brethren who would like to come on did not wish to put themselves in opposition to any one on the Committee. But if three members retired annually they would give a very good opportunity for infusing new blood into the Committee. It would be argued that

three of the oldest members were three of the most valuable; but after the expiration of 12 months there was no doubt if they were so valuable they would be re-elected. If this proposition passed they could get rid of some members who were really of no use on the Committee. He said distinctly there were some who were of no use. He said it after an experience of eight or nine years on the House Committee. He knew there were some working members; but there were some ornamental members, and it was that they might get rid of those who were of no service that he brought forward this motion.

Bro. HEMSWORTH seconded.

Bro. W. J. MURLIS thought as they were talking about elections to Committees he might offer a few words with regard to the last election, which he considered a disgrace to any society, particularly to Freemasons.

Bro. Col. CREATON said he took it that any discussion on the present motion must be confined to the subject of that motion. With regard to the conduct of the last election, that was not the question before the brethren.

Bro. BRISTOW had heard with a great amount of surprise the motion of Bro. Tattershall brought forward, because at the present time it seemed to him that the subscribers had got entirely in their own hands the power to elect whom they pleased. If the Committee carried this resolution they would be depriving themselves of the right to elect just whom they pleased. It seemed to him that at present they had free choice, and it was unwise of them as governors and donors to deprive themselves of any powers. It was all very well to say that the brethren retiring might be re-elected after being off the Committee a year; but he begged leave to say that a brother who had been off a Committee for 12 months, no matter how useful a member he might have been, by that time would have lost some of his interest in the Charity, and would not come forward again. When they saw men like Bro. John A. Rucker, one of the most popular men in the Craft, on the Committee, they might assume that when once he was put off for 12 months they might not have the chance of electing him again. For the sake of such men it was undesirable to pass this resolution. He did not know whether it would be the turn of this brother to come off, but there were other members of equal value, and it appeared to him that it would be most undesirable for them to tie their hands by passing such a resolution as this. If they did not like the brethren brought forward for re-election they need not re-elect them. He thought they should give this motion a direct answer. If it was the pleasure of the meeting that it should be carried, let it be, but if not, as he hoped it would not be, let Bro. Tattershall know once for all that the brethren did not want to be harassed by coming up time after time to vote against his motion.

Bro. E. R. STORR, P.M. and Treasurer No. 23, could not endorse the sentiments of the last speaker entirely, because he thought that Bro. Tattershall, as a brother connected with this Institution, had a perfect right to bring forward whatever proposition he pleased. For himself he did not agree with the motion. He thought it was wrong for any brother who had the interests of the Institution at heart, to bring forward this motion on personal grounds. In all institutions there were generally some fancy or ornamental names on the committees. He was connected with some 17 committees of institutions, working orphan schools, and the like, and there were fancy or ornamental names on them—names of men who never attended to their duties. He was one who did not believe in ornamental names. He felt that when a man took a certain position it was his bounden duty to attend to the duties of that position for the sake of the prosperity of the Institution, and to do all he possibly could for it. If they had ornamental names on their Committee he certainly agreed that a third should retire annually, and give others an opportunity of being elected. There were those among the brethren who had done as much as those on the Committee, but on delicate grounds they did not like to oppose the old names. He would himself like to have a finger in the pie, but he would not think of opposing others who were on the Committee. If he was the right man, let them have him, but he would not tout; and he thought it was a proper thing in every Institution for a certain number of members or directors to retire annually.

Bro. GRAHAM thought the end of the proposition would be to prevent them from electing certain members of the Committee who retired by rotation. Let them have members retire by rotation; but let them have an opportunity of re-electing them. He quite agreed that it might be an advantage to have new blood on the Committee; but, while new blood was valuable, old, sound judgment was more valuable still. Men who had been regular in their attendance should not be prevented the opportunity of giving their judgment on any point, and affording the Institution the benefit of their services. He opposed the motion, and hoped Bro. Tattershall would be advised to withdraw it.

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK asked how long Bros. Rucker and Nunn had been on the House Committee?

Bro. HEDGES, who was referred to by Col. Creaton, said he had not the exact figures by him, but he thought about 16 years.

Bro. HOPEKIRK said he thought it would be a great benefit if there were to be a change—not for the Committee to be elected "en bloc." It was the custom for the whole of the Committee to be printed on one sheet, and the election took place annually. Sheets were given by the Committee with all their names printed on them, and they were asked to vote for themselves. The consequence was that all the members were selected; and when the number of Vice-Presidents was taken into consideration he did not think it was right to the whole of the Craft to let the Institution be governed by a small minority. Some did attend, and some did not. But there were some outside who were anxious to serve the Institution. He thought some should stand over for 12 months and allow others to show their interest in the Institution. He hoped this motion would be successful, and he was sure that that day 12 months they would find they had done good service to the Institution.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., reminded the brethren that every year there was an election, and in seven years there had been nine new members on the Committee. Some brethren were an assistance, and by their advice they were able to carry out good work. They took great care of the girls. If they put people on who did take trouble and who did discharge their duties he did not think they ought to be displaced; but still the brethren had the power to displace them now, for an election took place every year.

Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE said it was quite true they had an election now, but Bro. Stewart should remember that two of the names last elected were put on by the House Committee themselves, and it was no use to oppose them. He was not speaking with any disrespect for Bro. Stewart or the House Committee. If they were to search the whole of the Craft he believed that taken as a body they could not find a better Committee than there was now; but still he thought there ought to be a chance for such men as Bro. Storr. He could not, however, support Bro. Tattershall's pro-

position, as he thought it would be very prejudicial to the Institution if three of the old members were bound to retire annually.

Bro. JOHNSON regarded the motion as based on a right principle, which was no new one, but was applied to the government of other bodies. He was sorry that personality had been introduced into the debate. He might mention that he had himself been a candidate for the Boys' Committee; but it was intimated to him that it would raise a contention, and therefore he retired. The first year a man got on a Committee he was not much use. It might be doubted whether one fourth was too large a number to go off; but he believed the principle was a right one, and would prevent arrangements being made.

The motion was put and lost by a small majority of hands being held up against it.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS suggested that when the Committee came forward for re-election the number of the attendance of each member for the past year should be stated.

Bro. HEDGES said on application to him he could always give this information.

Bro. W. J. MURLIS thought there should be an intimation to the Committee to conduct the election better than the last one.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in the absence of Bro. J. H. Matthews, who was attending the funeral of the late Bro. Henry Murray, Past District Grand Master of China, moved:

"That the sum of £50 be granted to Miss Davis, the Head Governess, towards reimbursement of the very heavy medical and other expenses incurred by her during her late severe illness, which necessitated her absence from her duties from January to July last."

He said the House Committee were unanimous in recommending that this sum be paid to Miss Davis. Most of the brethren were aware that Miss Davis, the Head Governess, was taken very seriously ill in the beginning of January last, and by the direction of Dr. Howell she was sent away for rest and change of scene. In compliance with that direction she was put to considerable expense. Part of the time she spent abroad and part of the time she was in the country here; but when in both she was subjected to heavy expense, both for medical attendance and for board and lodging. Had she remained at the School no expense of the kind would have fallen upon her; and as she had done good service to the Institution for 20 years in bringing the School to such a high state as an educational establishment, and had set an example in that respect to other institutions, and given such a return to the subscribers for their money, the House Committee unanimously thought the Institution should do something towards reimbursing her the expense she had been put to. They proposed a grant of £50; but that in no way would cover the expenses Miss Davis had incurred. They had looked at the matter in their individual capacity as trustees for the general body, and they hoped the Quarterly Court would take the same view.

Bro. COL. CREATON said, as one of the oldest members of the House Committee, and as one who engaged Miss Davis as the head governess 20 years ago, he had very great pleasure in seconding the vote.

Bro. TATTERSHALL suggested that the Court should consider that Miss Davis had been absent from January to July, during which time she was receiving £100 as salary. Would any gentleman engaged in commerce give his clerk a holiday for that time while ill, pay his salary, and then make him a present of £50. It was all very well to make these presents to Miss Davis, more especially as the Institution had plenty of money to do it with, but they ought to be just before they were generous. He did not think the proposition should be listened to. If she had been in the receipt of a small salary the matter would have been different.

Bro. SOUTHWOOD, P.M. 1260, reminded the brethren that the Institution had during the six months been saving the cost of Miss Davis's keep.

Bro. LOUIS HIRSCH, P.M. Clapham Lodge, thought the brethren should give something to the young lady (Miss Redgrave) who had taken Miss Davis's place during her illness.

Col. CREATON said that matter was not before the Court.

The motion was agreed to without a dissentient vote, and Scrutineers having been appointed the Court proceeded to elect eight girls into the school out of an approved list of 32 candidates. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Sutcliffe, Ethel Haden	3101	Gibson, Kathleen Alice	2228
Hutton, Edith	2992	Smith, Lucy	1818
Heastie, Isabella Sophia	2481	West, Alice Garton	1805
Henshaw, Helen Mabel	2465	Hayes, Ellen	1682
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Harrison, Lucy	1664	Bromley, Maude Mary	355
Weber, Florence Alice	1486	Ochsenbein, Annie Lucie	169
Johnstone, Eleanor Alice	1429	Lee, Amy Margaret	195
High, Beatrice Mary	1395	Lyon, Hilda Sophia	183
Tanner, Mary	1233	Heath, Fanny	141
Vowels, Rose Ethel	937	Capon, Edith Daisy	126
Motion, Florence Ann	858	Graham, Catherine	20
Woodward, Minnie	758	Owen, Amy M.	17
Searle, Frances Alice	665	Betts, Edith Ellen	5
Haworth, Sylvia Mary	474	Godfrey, Mabel Harriet	5
Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	431	Hall, Emily Sarah Jane	3
Wheeler, May Amelia	410	Pinder, Emily	1
Votes brought forward from April Election		2,133	
Votes issued for this Election		32,877	
Total		35,010	

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day, with the customary acknowledgements, concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. A large number of brethren and lady subscribers were present.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes a letter from the widow of the late Capt. John Wordsworth, acknowledging in the warmest terms the kindness and thoughtfulness of the brethren in passing a vote of condolence with her and her children on the death of her husband, was read, and on the motion of Bro. W. Roebuck, seconded by Dr. Ramsey, the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Col. CREATON then said: We are all aware of the great success of the last festival of this Institution. That great success was mainly due to the distinguished nobleman who presided over it (Lord Holmesdale). I regret to

say that shortly after the festival Lord Holmesdale sustained a severe loss in the death of Lady Holmesdale. I think it would be but right for us to-day to pass a vote of condolence with his lordship in his deep affliction. The language of the vote will be arranged, and I therefore move "That a letter of condolence be sent to Lord Holmesdale from this Quarterly Court."

Dr. RAMSEY seconded the motion, which, on being put, was carried unanimously.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, V.P., in moving that

"Every individual donor of 200 guineas by one payment, or in sums of not less than five guineas each, shall become a Patron, and have 80 votes at all elections of boys," said it would be within the recollection of the brethren that a similar motion was carried unanimously in the Benevolent Institution, and it was desirable that the laws of all the three Institutions should be assimilated as far as possible. If the motion he proposed was carried it would stimulate, he thought, further benevolence on the part of those who had already given. It would also enable the Boys' School to pay a small but graceful compliment to those brethren who out of their abundance had been liberal to the funds of the Institution. His motion would affect very few who had given up to the present time. In the Benevolent Institution it affected only four brethren; but he thought it was a graceful act on the part of any institution to be able to acknowledge the extreme liberality of some donors. It might be said that the Queen was the Patron of the Institution; but he thought the title of Grand Patron might be conferred on her Majesty. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. G. J. MCKAY seconded the motion, thinking that as this rule had been passed in the Benevolent Institution it would be best to assimilate the laws.

Col. CREATON thought it was competent to pass this motion by adding to it that the Queen be made Grand Patron.

Bro. WM. STEPHENS said he thought they should pause awhile and think whether they would not be swamping other subscribers. He did not see why brethren who had consistently supported the Institution by subscribing largely many years should not have their votes doubled in the same way.

Bro. BINCKES said the present motion did not give an increase of votes.

Bro. MATIER said instead of giving 70 it gave 80. After 50 guineas they had double votes.

Bro. H. SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, did not think Bro. Stephens quite understood the question when he spoke of swamping the smaller donors. The title of Vice-Patron had been given to some donors, and from that time the funds of the Institution had been improving year by year.

The motion was carried.

Bro. BINCKES, with reference to the Preparatory School Building Fund, said he might inform the brethren that when the fund was first started there was an understanding that no step should be taken in building the Preparatory School till £8000 had been collected. He was happy to be able to announce that there had already been funded £9000—(cheers.)—and he was further delighted to be able to inform the brethren that at the next General Committee he should ask them to fund £2000 more. Before the end of the year he was sure the fund would be £1200, and that being so he thought the time had arrived when they should consider the subject of building. Plans had been advertised for and those that had been submitted were for the accommodation of 50, 75, 100, or 150 boys. It remained to be considered how many should be accommodated, but he did not expect that they could give accommodation for the largest number. Something would have to be done, as they could not break faith with the subscribers. The accommodation of 100 boys would require an income of £2500 or £3000 a year, which was a serious matter. However, he had further hopes that supposing they raised £1200 by the end of the year, they might get £3000 or £4000 in purses on the laying of the foundation-stone, which, although he could not disclose more at present, he hoped would be laid by a most illustrious person. Letters and articles had been written about the impolicy of having double votes, but a precedent could be followed. The total number of votes issued that-day was 78,000, and more than 47,000 had been issued for this special election. Nearly 6000 of those were acquired by individual donors, and he did not see that in this there was any swamping of those who had purchased their original votes. He hoped for great success for the project.

The brethren proceeded to elect 20 boys into the Institution. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Steed, Ernest Arthur	3237	Carré, Emile Eugène P.	2619
Stanford, William Bryant	3107	Bevis, Samuel Harman	2538
Lane, Harry Richard	2881	Hare, Harold Malcolm	2509
Sykes, Richard Alfred	2879	Skelton, Fredk. Francis	2475
Willett, George Cross	2858	Herring, Frank Alexander	2458
Liversidge, Charles Percy	2827	Rose, Frederick Joseph	2457
Hennah, Frederick Wolfe	2695	Windross, John Benjamin	2450
Hooper, Lionel Charles	2682	White, Thomas William	2414
Stewart, Charles Edward	2678	Cordingley, Walter Edward	2319
Wyatt, Augustine Wm.	2619	Gane, Harold Richard H.	2285
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Whiting, Robert Henry	2181	Gishford, William Taylor	147
Williams, Arthur Fredk.	2173	Habgood, William Ernest	128
Pratt, Alfred	1861	Cant, William George	127
How, John	1696	Douglas, Francis C. A.	111
Coleman, Frederick F.	1339	Jarvis, Henry Maurice	111
Blunt, Arthur	1322	Cummings, Charles Brown	110
Shaw, John	1074	Gore, James Ambrose	86
Delafons, Richard Wm.	1049	Bailey, John Augustus M.	81
Walters, John Edward	887	Barber, Christopher W. G.	77
Booker, Herbert Walter	756	Longman, Frederick W.	37
Seagrave, James Pullen	649	Graves, Harry Robert	25
Manby, Lionel B. L.	633	Green, James Murray	16
Pawsey, Thomas Edwin	510	†Bell, Frank Wilham	14
Gale, Horace	402	†Westlake, Thomas Percy	13
Beaumont, Reginald	390	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.	8
Gloster, Harry Percy O.	245	Gibson, Stanley Watts	8
Cooper, Charles Bernard	242	Allan, John Sinclair B.	5
Sharland, William F.	219	Anderson, Ernest Harold	3
Lillywhite, Herbert J. M.	217	Davis, Frederick Teilo	2
Hildred, Benjamin Meeds	167	Lyon, William Beresford (withdrawn)	2
Besly, James Campbell	161	Crutchett, Albert Edmund	1
Warner, Arthur	157	Simmons, George John (withdrawn)	0
Total number of votes brought forward		28,540	
Total number of votes issued for this election		47,769	
Total		76,309	

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

† Will be removed from List under Law 52, being eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

THE DUKE OF ALBANY AT HUDDERSFIELD.

On Monday last the Masons of Huddersfield were en fête. The Duke of Albany, who was on a visit to the town on the occasion of the opening of Beaumont Park and the visit to the Fine Art and Industrial Exhibition at the New Technical School, had consented to receive an address from the members of the five Huddersfield lodges, who issued invitations to the various lodges comprising the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire and other lodges. This brought together nearly a thousand members of the Craft. The morning being fine, large crowds of people assembled before the Town Hall and along the route to witness the arrival of the Duke. On the arrival of his Royal Highness at 11.30 he was greeted with hearty cheers, and was received at the Town Hall by Bro. J. F. Brigg, P.M., Mayor of Huddersfield; Bro. Joseph Batley, P.M., Town Clerk, and the five Masters of the Huddersfield lodges. By them His Royal Highness was conducted to the robing rooms, and from there to the door of the Provincial Grand Lodge, where he was received by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, of Wakefield, and six Stewards, who conducted him to the throne, while the assembled Masons sang a verse of the National Anthem.

An address was then presented on behalf of the five Huddersfield lodges, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, to His Royal Highness by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G. Master.

The DUKE OF ALBANY made the following reply: The fraternal greetings and good wishes of so influential a body of Masons as that which I now see before me cannot but be gratifying to me. I beg most heartily to reciprocate those greetings and good wishes, both on my own behalf and on behalf of the Province over which I have the honour to preside. It will be long before the Duchess of Albany and I forget the welcome which the people of Huddersfield gave us on Saturday last, and this spontaneous action on the part of the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, and of the five lodges of the borough of Huddersfield, fills up the measure of hospitality and friendly greeting. I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to the Queen, the Throne, and the Constitution. With Masons, loyalty is a cherished tradition; nor are the bonds which bind us to this principle likely to be weakened under the rule of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I again thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind welcome.

Sir HENRY EDWARDS thanked the Duke for his gracious reply, and the proceedings in the Grand Lodge closed.

At 12 o'clock the Duchess of Albany arrived at the Town Hall, escorted, as the Duke had been, by Yeomanry Cavalry. Her Royal Highness met with a most enthusiastic reception all along the route and at the Town Hall.

At a quarter to one the 900 Freemasons formed a procession, and the Duke and Duchess, accompanied in their carriage by the Prov. G. Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and Mrs. H. T. Beaumont, left the Town Hall, and proceeded to the railway station, with the Yeomanry escort in the rear. Along the whole route there were dense crowds of people, and the cheering was very great and continuous. At the railway station the Duchess of Albany was presented with a beautiful bouquet by Miss Emmeline Barber, of Helmebridge, near Huddersfield. She was the first English lady to welcome the Duke on his arrival at Arolsen before his marriage, and on the Duchess learning of this she called upon her. The Duchess, learning that Miss Barber was in Huddersfield, expressed a wish to see her and receive a bouquet from her, and Miss Barber presented the bouquet accordingly, both the Duke and Duchess being most cordial in their greetings. Their Royal Highnesses took leave of the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and others, and left Huddersfield station by special train for London at a quarter to one o'clock, amidst a round of hearty Yorkshire cheers.

GLASGOW MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE WITH MASONIC CEREMONIAL.

The foundation-stone of the new Municipal Buildings was laid on Saturday by Bro. the Hon. John Ure, Lord Provost of the city, amid demonstrations of popular enthusiasm unsurpassed in connection with any similar event in the history of the city. This was all the more noteworthy from the fact that there was no added element to lend éclat to the proceedings. When the arrangements for the ceremonial began to be considered it was felt that an occasion of so much importance might fitly be marked by the presence of Royalty, and the Prince of Wales was accordingly approached with this object in view. It was found, however, that the public engagements of His Royal Highness rendered it impossible for him to hold out any hope that he would be able to comply with the request. The committee thereupon resolved to fall back upon time-honoured precedent, and to ask the Lord Provost, as civic head of the community, to undertake the duty.

The day was observed as a general holiday. In all the public works labour was suspended; warehouses and shops were closed. The morning trains brought in many thousands of visitors, and by twelve o'clock no fewer than half a million of visitors had congregated along the route of the procession and the streets converging thereon. From an early hour people began to take up positions in the windows of the houses overlooking the line of march, and handsome sums were in many cases paid for this privilege.

The brethren of the Glasgow Province, as well as from a distance, assembled in unprecedentedly large numbers to assist at a ceremony than which none of greater importance, from a Masonic point of view, is likely to occur in this quarter of Scotland during the present generation. With respect to numbers, it was calculated that about 25,000 persons were included in the ranks, while in length the procession extended for fully four miles, the route followed also being nearly four miles.

In the evening a grand banquet took place in the City Hall, over which the Lord Provost presided. The chapter-house of the cathedral was held in reserve for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, which was opened at one o'clock. Bro. Wm. Pearse, R.W. Prov. G.M. Glasgow, presided, and he was supported by the following office-bearers:

Bro. W. J. Easton, Dep. Master; John Graham, Sub. Master; J. M. Oliver, S.W.; John Morgan, J.W.; David Reid, Sec.; Rev. W. W. Tulloch, G. Chap.; the Rev. John Watt, P.G. Chap.; Geo. M'Leod, S.D.; Jas. Balfour, J.D.; Andrew Holms, Archt.; William Macdonald, Jeweller; Walter Nelson; William Ferguson, D. of C.; Andrew Myles, D. of M.; Allan Macbeth, Org.; Walter Stewart, I.G.; Robert Gardiner, Tyler; and Thomas Halket, Treas. of Benevolent Fund. There were also present Bros. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., P.G.M. Renfrewshire, East; R. W. Cochran-Patrick, of Woodside, M.P.; P.G.M. Ayrshire; Chas. Dalrymple, M.P., P.G.M. Argyll and the Isles; J. M. Martin, of Auchendennan,

P.G.M. Dumbartonshire; J. Clark Forrest, of Auchentraith, P.G.M. Lanarkshire, Middle Ward; Frederick E. Villiers, of Closeburn, P.G.M. Dumfriesshire; Hector F. Maclean, P.G.M. Lanarkshire, Upper Ward; and the following office-bearers from the Grand Lodge; Bros. Major John Crombie, of Aberdeen, G.S.W.; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; James Crichton, G. Jeweller and R.W.M. 1; J. Caldwell, D.P.G.M. Renfrewshire, East; Major-General Johnstone, C.B.; Jas. Dalrymple Duncan, D.P. G.M. Dumbartonshire; and Col. Molfatt, Past G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada. There were also letters of apology from Bros. Peter M'Lagan, M.P., P.G.M. Linlithgowshire; and D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.

The Prov. Grand Lodge, and deputations from sister Provincial Grand Lodges, on leaving the chapter-house joined the civic congregation, and senior Prov. Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. W. Tulloch ascended the ancient oaken pulpit and gave out the 121st Psalm. Aided by a small but powerful choir, located in the rood screen or loft, and accompanied by the organ, the congregation of matured male voices sang the eight verses of the old familiar psalm, after which the senior Grand Chaplain offered prayer. The junior Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Watt, of Anderston Parish Church, read the Scripture lessons, the first being from Micah vi., 1 to 9, and the second from 1 Peter ii., 11 to 20. The anthem beginning "Honour and Glory, and Blessing and Power" having been sung, the senior Grand Chaplain delivered an address, in the introduction of which he referred to the Craft's deep-rooted foundations in Oriental antiquity.

The procession was then marshalled in the nave, and left the cathedral. The brethren, to the number of close on 5000, were met with marks of admiring favour as they pursued the same line of march as the civic functionaries with the band of the 93rd Highlanders, from Maryhill Barracks, preceding the Provincial Grand Lodge. Nearly all the lodges were represented.

It was four o'clock when the company had been got into proper position and everything was in readiness for the ceremony being proceeded with. When silence had been proclaimed by the P.G. Marshal, the Queen's Anthem was sung by the choir.

Bro. Bailie WILSON, the Senior Magistrate, then stood forward and said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, in the name of the Town Council I have to request that you will do us the honour to proceed with the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Municipal Buildings for Glasgow. (Cheers).

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said: My Lord Provost, I delegate to you the privilege of laying this foundation-stone in accordance with the rites of Masonry, and I am sure the brethren around me will give you their hearty assistance.

Bro. MORRISON, in the name of the builders, presented the acting Prov. Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel with which to perform the ceremony. On a signal given the choir sang three verses of Psalm cxlv. to the tune "Crasselius." The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. W. W. Tulloch, then advanced and offered prayer, at the close of which the Prov. Grand Master called on the Prov. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. D. Reid, to place the coins, &c., in the cavity of the stone; and the architect having brought forward the necessary workmen, the coins were duly placed. The jar contained, amongst other documents, the *Freemason*, "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary for 1883," the whole of the Glasgow newspapers; the current coins of the realm; postage and telegraph stamps, post cards, wrappers, and envelopes in use at date. A brass plate, with an inscription, was then placed over the cavity. The Hundredth Psalm was then sung by the choir to the tune of the "Old Hundredth." While the music was being sung, the Prov. Grand Master and Bro. the Hon. the Lord Provost walked from the platform to the East of the stone, with the Substitute P.G. Master (Bro. John Graham) on his right, the Prov. G. Wardens (Bros. Oliver and Morgan) walking before him and taking their places to the west, having with them the level and the plumb.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said: Right Worshipful Substitute Provincial Grand Master, you will cause the various implements to be applied to the stone that it may be laid in its bed according to the rules of Masonry.

The SUBSTITUTE PROV. GRAND MASTER thereupon ordered the Wardens to do their duty, and the plumb and the level having been applied by the Junior and Senior Wardens, the Substitute Grand Master applied the square.

Then Bro. the Hon. the LORD PROVOST said: "Having, my right worshipful brethren, full confidence in your skill in our royal art, it remains with me now to finish this our work." He then gave three knocks, saying: "May the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have laid the foundation with every success."

Three cheers were then given by the brethren, and were heartily echoed by the surrounding multitude. Thereafter the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" was rendered with splendid effect by the choir.

During the music the cornucopia and the vases with wine and oil were handed to the Substitute Prov. Grand Master and the senior and junior Prov. Grand Wardens. The chorus concluded, the contents of the cornucopia were poured on the stone by Bro. the Hon. Lord Provost, and the wine and the oil likewise, he at the same time delivering an appropriate innovation. The Masons' Anthem was then played by the band, after which Bro. Mason presented Bro. Wm. Pearce, R.W.P.G.M., with a memorial trowel. The Prov. Grand Officers, their duty completed, returned to the platform amid the cheers of the brethren.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER afterwards said: My Lord Provost, I have to congratulate you on the Craftsmanlike manner in which you have performed the ceremony of laying this foundation-stone. It is a duty which devolved upon myself as Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, but, looking to your great services to the city, it has been a pleasure to me to hand over to your lordship the honour and the privilege of doing so. You have had, as Chief Magistrate, the government of the city for the last three years, and you must have become acquainted with the necessity of ample accommodation for all those officials who assist you in the discharge of the onerous duties you have to perform. I trust, Bro. Ure, you may not only bespared many years to become an ornament to the Masonic body, of which you have shown yourself to be so able a member to-day, but that you may live long after this edifice is completed, and revert with pride to this day, when so many citizens have assembled to do you honour.

The PROVOST and Bailie WILSON having replied, the ceremonial was brought to a close at five o'clock by the choir and band rendering "Rule Britannia." The Provincial Grand Lodge then left the platform, and proceeded to the Council Chamber, where it was duly closed. The members of the trades then filed from the platform, and marched to the various rendezvous, and the vast multitude of spectators rapidly dispersed.

A banquet afterwards took place at the City Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 12th inst. R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., opened the Provincial Grand Lodge at three o'clock, supported by Bros. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M.; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.S.W.; Bransby Roberts, Prov. G.J.W.; Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davies, W.M. 916, Prov. G. Chap.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; Gerard Ford, Prov. G. Reg.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; E. A. Head, Prov. G.S.D.; A. Taylor, Prov. G.J.D.; C. C. Cook, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; C. W. Hudson, Prov. G.D. of C.; E. Fryman, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; James Curtis, Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. N. Roe, Prov. G. Org.; T. Francis, S. Tanner, Lewis Lewis, G. S. Godfree, T. Packham, and F. S. de B. Cooper, Prov. G. Steward; T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; W. H. Hallett, T. Trollope, J. Dixon, W. Sergison, J. Stride, J. St. Clair, and C. J. Smith, P.P.G.Ws.; Revs. J. O. McCaragher and H. M. Davey, P.P.G. Chaps; W. Dawes, P.P.G.R.; W. H. German, S. B. McWhinnie, S.W.; D. Williams, J. C. Lucas, W.M. 1303; T. H. Crouch, T. U. Price and H. Abbey, P.P.G. Deacons; J. M. Reed and C. Tomkinson, P.P.G. S. of W.; W. Marchant, C. Sanderman, and F. Holford, P.P.A.G.D. of Cs.; Walter Smith and G. Stone, P.P.G.S.Brs.; A. King, W.M. 271, P.P.G. Org.; W. J. Harris, W.M. 851, and J. Eherall, P.P.G. Pursts.; F. W. Gruggen, W.M. 38; J. Pearce, W.M. 40; W. D. Stone, W.M. 311; G. R. Lockyer, W.M. 315; J. Cole, W.M. 341; S. H. Soper, W.M. 732; B. Lomax, W.M. 811; A. R. Lye, W.M. 1110; C. Braid, W.M. 1465; J. L. Johnson, W.M. 1466; W. H. Gibson, W.M. 1636; E. Broadbridge, W.M. 1707; S. Peters, W.M. 1821; J. Harrison, W.M. 1820; V. W. Stamford, M.P., W.M. 1947; and others.

There were also present as visitors Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Sir John B. Monckton, President Bd. Gen. Pura.; David Smith, P.D.G. D. of C.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Org.; W. R. Wood, P.G. Pura.; W. J. Marriott, M.P., P.G. Stwd.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts; J. Anderson, P.P.G. Purst. Staffordshire; J. Hurst, P.P.G. Purst. Middx.; Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, P.M. 1383; W. Harris, W.M. 295, I.C.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, and a special report was submitted from the Board of Finance relative to a donation of £52 to the testimonial which had been presented to the W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D., and Bro. J. M. Kidd in moving the adoption of the report said that the total amount received had been £779 os., all of which, except the expenses for hire of rooms, printing, postage, &c., amounted only to £6 18s. 6d., had been presented to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and he added that this had been done in addition to the annual contributions from the province to the Masonic Institutions, the amount of which, as would be seen from the report of the Charities' Committee, amounting as usual to nearly £1000 during the year.

Bro. W. MARCHANT, P.P.G.A.D. of C., seconded the adoption, which was unanimously approved.

A report was received from the committee appointed to consider the proposed alterations in the Book of Constitutions, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Letters of apology had been received from many members of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge regretting their inability to attend. The roll of lodges was then called, when it was found that each lodge was represented. The Treasurer's accounts were then received, and showed that, in addition to the donation as above of £52 10s., further sums of £31 10s. had been voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s. to the widow of a deceased brother, and £10 10s. to the Royal College of Music.

The report of the Board of Finance was read, which contained, in addition to the ordinary financial statement, the following special paragraph: "Your Board refer with regret to the loss which the Craft has sustained by reason of the calamitous fire which has caused such serious damage to the Temple, and venture to add that in the event of the Grand Lodge seeing fit to accept the co-operation of Provincial Grand Lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will be prepared to contribute £105 towards the desirable object of giving effect to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes in regard to the restoration and decoration of the Temple." The report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charities' Committee was next presented, which showed that during the year a sum of £364 18s. had been contributed to the various institutions from this committee, the total amount of the lists of Stewards to the three Institutions amounted to £937 17s., which sum had since been supplemented by many private donations.

W. Bro. GERARD FORD, Prov. G. Registrar, then brought before the lodge the various alterations in the proposed revised edition of the Book of Constitutions, which affected private and Provincial Grand Lodges, some of which, he said, might probably be yet altered; but he felt compelled to deal specially with Law 186, and concluded by moving the following resolution: "The Provincial Grand Lodge considers this to be an unwise innovation, calculated to disturb the harmony of lodges by being the fruitful and continued source of annoyance and irritation amongst the brethren. It is also of opinion that the status of joining Past Masters should remain as heretofore, regulated by Masonic usage and courtesy, and therefore hope that Law 186 will not be confirmed at the next meeting of Grand Lodge."

Bro. W. DAWES, P.P.G. Reg., seconded the resolution in an eloquent and thoughtful speech, in which he said that he agreed entirely with the resolution but did hope that some means would be found to avoid any ill feeling between those in favour of and those who objected to the alteration when the matter is finally settled.

A discussion then took place in which the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said it appeared from the proceedings which took place in Grand Lodge on the 8th of August last, and from the correspondence which for so many weeks past had appeared in the *Freemason*, that Past Masters were labouring under some tremendous grievance, which although he had been a Past Master for 24 years he had never heard of until six months ago. His mother lodge, the Royal Clare, No. 271, during its long existence had admitted over 200 joining brethren, a very large proportion of them being Past Masters of other lodges, and during his 30 years membership of the lodge he had never heard one of them complain

of the consideration which had been always shown to joining Past Masters or of the status they held in the lodge. There was a much older Past Master than himself, on the dais near him, who had occupied the Worshipful Master's chair of four or five lodges, who told him only yesterday, that were he to join another lodge whose principal chair he had not filled, he should consider himself guilty of gross impertinence were he to demand the right to sit as a Past Master of that lodge. He (the D.P.G.M.) believed that was the feeling of the great majority of Past Masters. They would feel themselves to be interlopers if they placed themselves amongst the P.M.s. of a lodge of which they had never been the W.M. Therefore, he failed to see the hardship to which it was now said joining P.M.s. were subjected. As long as a P.M. continued a subscribing member of a lodge he carried his rank with him wherever he went. It was not so with Prov. Grand Officers, however high a position a brother held in his own province, out of it he held none. It was erroneous to say that a P.M. after having served his year of office returned to the rank and file of the lodge; on the contrary, he held a rank, possessed privileges, and exercised an influence which those brethren who had not passed the chair did not hold, possess or exercise. If the joining P.M. took an active interest in the affairs of the lodge he joined, and became popular with its members, he would soon be elected to the chair, probably when one of those opportunities occurred which, from time to time, presented itself in every lodge, however regular might be the promotion of its officers, when the S.W. did not go on and the J.W. was not ready to do so, or even sooner if the interests of the lodge required it. He could not agree with Bro. Dawes's suggestion that a law should be enacted that joining P.M.s. should rank immediately after the P.M.s. of the lodge he joins, because he thought it was unnecessary, that was the position which joining P.M.s., by courtesy, now virtually held in our lodges. He did not wish to see any legislation upon such a matter as the status of joining Past Masters. It was one of those things which should be left to the good sense and true Masonic feeling of the brethren. The new rule would become an offence and a stumbling block, for it was but natural to yield grudgingly as a right that which we would willingly grant as a courtesy. He hoped therefore that the amendments to Rule 186 would not be confirmed, and he trusted that all those brethren in Sussex who had votes in Grand Lodge would attend the next Quarterly Communication on the first Wednesday in December and vote for its rejection. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master put the resolution to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary then read statistics, showing the progress of Freemasonry in the province during the year.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that he had few remarks to make, but must again remind the W.M.s. of the necessity of paying attention to all communications from Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. He was pleased to find all matters progressing satisfactorily, and proceeded to call on the brethren to elect a Prov. G. Treasurer.

On the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. W. R. WOOD, P.G. Purst., P.P.G.S.W., Bro. R. Crosskey was for the seventh time elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then said that he was happy to say Bro. John H. Scott would still remain Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and he was pleased to see him in renewed health, and trusted to have his support for many years.

The following brethren were then appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the necessary dispensations having been read on behalf of two who are non-resident: Bro. J. C. Lucas, P.M. 311, W.M.

- 1303 ... Prov. G.S.A.V.
- W. H. Gibson, P.M. 315, W.M. 1636 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, 38, 1184 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- R. Crosskey (elected) P.M. 1303 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- Gerard Ford, P.M. 271 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- Thomas Francis, P.M. 50 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- F. S. de Brabant Cooper, P.M. 1842 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- G. S. Godfree, P.M. 1821 ... Prov. G. S. of W.
- C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315 ... Prov. G. D. of C.
- F. St. Quentin Bond, P.M. 38 ... Prov. A.G.D.C.
- Stephen Tanner, P.M. 311 ... Prov. G. Swd Br.
- W. M. Roe, 1636 ... Prov. G. Org.
- Thos. Packham, P.M. 315, 1829 ... Prov. G. Purst.
- H. G. F. Wells, P.M. 1184 ... Prov. A.G. Purst.
- C. W. Jones, P.M. 1110 ...
- H. A. Dowell, P.M. 1465 ...
- F. Rossiter, P.M. 49 ...
- B. Bennett, P.M. 732 ... Prov. G. Stwds.
- W. Skindle, P.M. 851 ...
- W. Rudge, P.M. 1619 ...
- J. Hughes ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

The members of this Provincial Grand Lodge, accepting the invitation given at Maidenhead last October, assembled on Tuesday last at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, under the banner of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, and transacted the annual business. The General Purposes Committee, presided over by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, met in the morning at the Great Western Hotel, and dealt with various matters requiring attention, and at two o'clock Provincial Grand Lodge was closed by the Masonic Hall, where the brethren had an opportunity of inspecting the newly opened suite of ante-rooms. Although this province has only been formed since 1879, and notwithstanding the fact of many brethren being prevented attending through the press of other engagements, nearly every seat in the lodge was occupied, and Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, designated the assemblage as one of the largest and most satisfactory he had ever witnessed in the provinces in connection with Mark Masonry—a fact largely due to the popularity of the Provincial Grand Master, and the unlagging energy of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Among those present were the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, the M.W. Prov. Grand Master; Bro. C. Stephens, the V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; John Walker, Deputy P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Donald M. Dewar, Assist. Grand Sec.; James Jenkins, Ex-Mayor of Oxford, and P.G.S.W.; Capt. W. C. Golding, P.P.G. I.W.; Thos. J. Pulley, Past Grand S.D., and P.G. Sec.; F. W. Adsell, P.P.G.S.O.; Christopher Park, P.P.G. J.W.; F. Ryman Hall, P.P.G.D.C.; Walter Thompson, P.P.G. S.O.; Harry G. W. Drinkwater, P.G.S.; James Rutland, P.G. Org.; Charles G. Butler, P.G.I.G.; R. Glasspool, P.P.G.A.S.; Maurice Wheeler, P.G.S.B.; W. Hickie, P.G.O.; John Tomkins, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Ravenscroft, P.G.I.W.; A. Wheeler, P.G.S.D.; J. Fisher, Samuel Bradley, P.G.M.O.; Richard Eve, P.G.W. Hants; Geo. Boyer, P.G.S.B.; H. Creed, Edward L. Shepherd, P.G. S.W.; J. M. Dormer, P.P.G. Assist. Sec.; E. Nichols, P.G.S.D.; W. Brett, P.P.G.I.G.; J. T. Stransom, P.P. G.O.; Edward Margrett, P.G.S.D.; Geo. J. Cosburn, P.P.G.S.B.; W. T. Dupree, F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; W. G. Flanagan, F. Marsh, W. J. James, W. W. Ridley, W. Morris, P.G.J.W.; F. H. Marychurch, Robt. Rastrick, P.P.G.M.O. Hants and Isle of Wight; Jno. Dew, P.P.G. J.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. H. Trollope, J. Harvey, R. Croisdale, P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; Sidney Payne, Rev. R. P. Bent, Past Grand Chap.; W. Hinckley, P.P.G.S.; Thos. Benham, P.P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. W. Lindars, P.G.A.S.; W. B. Farr, Mayor of Maidenhead, P.P.S.W. Bengal, and P.P.S.W. Berks and Oxon; Robt. Nicholson, P.P.G. Std. B.; F. R. Spender, H. Howard Hodges, P.P.G.M.O.; H. Smith, Edwin Hewitt, Richard Puttick, C. H. Tench, P.G.S.; J. Westfield, and others.

The business transacted was of the usual character, and the finance and other reports were adopted. Bro. E. J. Trendell, who was absent through domestic affliction, was again elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

On the motion of Bro. STEPHENS, seconded by Bro. JENKIN, Bro. PULLEY announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from a large number of distinguished Mark Masons in different parts of the kingdom.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER invited the brethren to give in their names as Stewards for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival and Bro. PULLEY consented to represent the province on the occasion.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER spoke very highly of the services of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and re-appointed Bro. Stephens to that office.

Bro. STEPHENS thanked Lord Jersey for the honour he had again conferred upon him, and assured the Prov. Grand Lodge of his unabated interest in Mark Masonry.

The appointment of the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months was then proceeded with, Lord Jersey investing them with their insignia of office in the following order:

- Bro. F. W. Ansell, 247 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- W. G. Flanagan, 235 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- Capt. Golding, 55 ... Prov. G.M.O.
- F. H. Lyon, M.D., 27 ... Prov. G.S.O.
- R. Nicholson, 257 ... Prov. G.J.O.
- Rev. E. De Ewer, 257 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- E. J. Trendell, 225 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- Sir Benj. V. S. Brodie, Bart., 55 ... Prov. G.R. of M.
- Thos. J. Pulley, 235 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- J. W. Lindars, 235 ... Prov. G.A. Sec.
- C. W. Cox, 257 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- M. H. C. Palmer, 27 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- Capt. J. H. Trollope, 225 ... Prov. G.I. of W.
- Dr. F. H. Tench, 235 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- H. G. W. Drinkwater, 257 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- G. H. Osmond, 247 ... Prov. G. Swd.Br.
- W. E. Beal, 257 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- F. R. Spendon, 257 ... Prov. G. Org.
- H. Creed, 235 ... Prov. G.I.G.
- Bros. A. Thompson, 235; J. S. Fisher, 247; and W. T. Dupree, 235 ... Prov. G. Stwds.
- Bro. W. Hemmings, 235; and ... Prov. G. Tylers.
- G. Norwood ...

The Prov. Grand Master, accepting the invitation of the officers and brethren of the Alfred Lodge, announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet next year at Oxford.

This completed the business, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with due form.

The banquet was served at the Great Western Hotel by Bro. W. G. Flanagan, P.G.J.W., who was much complimented on the arrangements made for the comfort and entertainment of the company. In the course of the evening a number of interesting speeches were delivered in carrying out the list of toasts, the first toast honoured being, of course, that of "The Queen and Mark Masonry."

"The M.W.G.M.M.M., the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and Past G.M.M. Mason" was then proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who bore his personal testimony to the great interest which Lord Henniker takes in Mark Masonry. (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Health of the R.W. Deputy G.M.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, and Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Sir Francis Burdett and Donald M. Dewar, of whose services to Masonry his lordship spoke in eulogistic terms.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT said it gave him much pleasure to return thanks for this toast. He had been connected with this degree a great number of years, longer perhaps than any Mason present, still, he had seldom realised more pleasure than on this occasion, inasmuch as this was one of the largest provincial gatherings of Mark Masons he had had the privilege of attending; indeed, he had never seen a Provincial Grand Master more heartily or thoroughly supported than his friend Lord Jersey had been. (Cheers.) He had never seen the work performed more satisfactorily, and it would certainly have done credit to any Provincial Grand Lodge in England, and he felt sure that when any of the Provincial Grand Officers were called upon to officiate in Grand Lodge they would discharge their duties satisfactorily.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT then proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and remarked that although Lord Jersey had been re-appointed for a term of three years only, they all entertained the hope that he would continue to reign over the province for a great many years. (Cheers.) The longer they knew Lord Jersey, the

more they liked him; and there could be no doubt that under his genial and able presidency the province would long continue to flourish. (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in reply, said he highly valued the kind expression of Sir Francis, and also the warm and hearty reception given to the toast. It gave him sincere pleasure to find himself supported by so many of the brethren, and he earnestly hoped the Provincial Grand Lodge would long continue to flourish. (Cheers.) His lordship concluded by proposing "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master," thanking him for the kind interest he had taken in the affairs of the province, which he felt were perfectly safe in Bro. Stephens' hands. (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said he wished he could feel he was entitled to the kind words used, and the good feeling manifested towards him. He was willing to render such services as he could, and should feel it to be his duty to visit the lodges in the province and see the work performed during the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

Bro. STEPHENS gave "The Health of the Warden, Treasurer, and other Officers of the Province, Present and Past," and Bro. ANSELL responded.

Bro. JOHN WALKER (D.P.G.M. for Gloucestershire), proposed "The Health of the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Leopold Lodge," for whom Bro. SAMUEL BRADLEY, W.M., returned thanks.

Bro. PULLEY, in the course of an able speech, proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," remarking that he did so with very great pleasure, the subject of the toast being connected with his dearest thoughts of Masonry, namely charity (cheers). He thought he might say without any egotism that no member of the Mark Degree had taken more interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund than he had done (hear, hear, and cheers). He had spared no effort to ensure its prosperity and promote its success whenever he had had the opportunity, not only by advocating its claims to their support, but also by ensuring as far as possible the thorough working of the benevolent objects which they had in view (hear and cheers). He referred to the good work being carried on by means of this fund, and expressed his hope that the Province would continue to accord it liberal support, and that he would be in a position to present a very substantial amount at next year's festival. (Cheers.)

Bro. DON. M. DEWAR, in reply said he took the greatest possible interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, and they were fortunate in having such a splendid advocate and supporter of the fund as Bro. Pulley, who was not a man of mere words, but a man of action, as regards every Degree of Masonry to which he belonged. (Cheers.) Bro. Pulley's name appeared in the lists of many Stewards, and he was undoubtedly the right man to advocate the claims of the fund. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Dewar then gave a history of the fund, and the excellent objects carried out in connection therewith, and concluded by remarking that he felt extremely glad they would have the advantage of the able stewardship of Bro. Pulley for the next festival. (Applause.)

The health of "The Visiting Brethren," was proposed by Bro. TOMKINS, and acknowledged by Bro. EVE, in an eloquent speech; the speaker observing that the more the brethren made themselves acquainted with the Masonic Charities the greater would be the support given to them. (Hear, hear.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then gave the health of "The Host," remarking upon Bro. Flanagan's excellent catering.

Bro. FLANAGAN, P.G.J.W., having returned thanks, the Prov. Grand Master took his departure for home, being much cheered as he withdrew. A smoking concert followed, and proved a splendid success, the arrangements devolving upon Bro. W. Hickie, P.P.G. Org. An attractive programme was rendered with great taste by Madame Worrell, and Bros. Cozens, Ashton, Nettleship, and Tower, and the applause was hearty throughout. Bro. Pulley was warmly congratulated upon the unqualified success of the day's proceedings.

New Zealand.

FEILDING (WELLINGTON).—Fielding Lodge (No. 1940 E.C.)—The ceremony of installing the officers for the ensuing year of this lodge was performed in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 19th July last, Bros. W. J. Batt, T. King, R. N. Keeling, Past Masters from the United Manawatu Lodge, No. 1721, E.C., Palmerston North, were the installing officers, assisted by P.M. Bro. the Rev. Joshua Jones, 470, S.C., Chap., and Bro. E. W. Perkins, No. 1721, E.C., Org. The following are the names of the officers installed: Bro. W. G. Haybittle, W.M.; H. J. Booth, S.W.; A. Dawson, J.W.; T. W. K. Foster, Secretary; P. Bartholomew, Treasurer; J. H. Stevens, S.D.; P. Thomson, J.D. On the Board of Installed Masters were Bros. W. J. Batt, T. King, R. N. Keeling, Jones, Bray, F. Thompson, Hankins, Nannestad, and Kirton. Visitors: Bro. A. R. Curtis, 463, S.C.; J. King, 1721, E.C.; H. Hankins, R.W.M. Manawatu Kilwinning, S.C.; H. W. Haybittle, 1721, E.C.; S. Abrahams, 1721, E.C.; J. R. Bryant, 1721, E.C.; R. G. Logan, 1721, E.C.; S. S. Quinn, 1721, E.C.; J. T. Bray, 1453, E.C.; E. W. Perkins, 1721, E.C.; E. Malcom, 450, I.C.; Major John Little Celtic, of Liverpool, 491, S.C.; and others.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned. After the installation a ball was held in the Town Hall. The music was under the direction of Bro. King, of Wanganui, and, as usual, gave perfect satisfaction. The W.M., Bro. W. G. Haybittle, was Master of Ceremonies, assisted by the S.W., Bro. H. J. Booth. The hall was beautifully decorated with Masonic emblems, supported by an abundance of ferns, &c., which gave the room a pleasant and picturesque appearance. Dancing commenced at 9.30 p.m., and continued until 4 a.m. the following morning. Upwards of 60 couples were present, and the assembly was a most brilliant one. The decorations of the ladies, whose dresses were magnificent, in connection with the Masonic regalia also had a very pleasing effect.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of President Grevy, the Comte de Paris, Duc de Nemours, late Comte de Chambord, and M. Waddington. Costly Court Dresses from the first Parisian houses. Captain Webb (taken from life). Mr. Charles Parrell, M.P. Also James Carey, the Informer. MARWOOD (taken from sittings just prior to his death) now on view. Admission 1s. Extra rooms 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADV'T.]

A LADIES' NIGHT AT THE RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

The winter session of this prosperous lodge was inaugurated on the 9th inst., with a ladies' banquet at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., and will be remembered by the brethren of the lodge as a red-letter day in its history. Lodge was opened by Bro. F. J. Oliver, W.M., supported by Bros. Webb, S.W.; H. Perdue, J.W.; Goringe, S.D.; Burton, J.D.; and Blake, I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Wilcox, Hewitt, and Anselm had conferred on them the benefit of the Second Degree, and Bros. Williams, Ward, Wildman, Gossling, and Southwood were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.Ms.

The Secretary, Bro. John Tuck, then read the special dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, permitting the brethren to wear Masonic Craft clothing and regalia at the banquet table upon the occasion of ladies being present. The W.M. deputed Bros. Shaw, P.M., and Tuck, Sec., who, in conjunction with himself, and the cordial assistance of Bros. Madell and Bretigni, the manager and deputy manager, succeeded in arranging a meeting which passed off with the utmost éclat.

The banquet was of the most recherché description and the arrangement of the tables a perfect work of art in respect to decorations, which gave evident delight to the ladies, who in their elegant costumes added considerably to the "tout ensemble" of the scene. The manager of the establishment had kindly placed at the disposal of the brethren the Princes' Room as a reception room, and at 7.30, the time fixed for the banquet, the W.M. with his lady led the way to the Victoria Hall, followed by a procession of 45 ladies and brethren, who with those who had not brought ladies assembled to the number of 110.

When all had taken their places grace was sung, and upon the cloth being cleared grace was again sung, after which the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In reply to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," proposed in the most flattering and eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Ellingford, Bro. Oliver said that he felt quite unequal to adequately reply to the kind observations made respecting him by the I.P.M. He had upon all occasions endeavoured to acquit himself to the satisfaction of the brethren and the credit of the lodge, and he was most gratified at being surrounded by such a splendid gathering of brethren, and the pleasure of the meeting was much enhanced by the presence of so many ladies.

The Worshipful Master then gave the next toast, which was rather an innovation on the toast list, viz., "Prosperity to the Ranelagh Lodge," with which he coupled the name of Bro. Slack, P.M., the oldest Past Master of the lodge, who in reply gave a summary of the history of the lodge during the 20 years he had been connected with it.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of the evening, "The Ladies," with which he coupled the name of Bro. H. Shaw, P.M., and in a graceful and flattering speech welcomed them to the social board.

Bro. Shaw in responding said: W.M., ladies, and brethren: Many of you will remember that Shakespeare says "Some men are born great, and some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." I think I may at the present moment consider myself as belonging to the latter category, for I am at a loss to understand why the W.M. has thrust upon me the very great honour though somewhat difficult task of responding on behalf of the ladies to the toast he has just so pleasantly submitted to your notice, but as obedience to the Worshipful Master is one of our first principles, I obey his call, and on behalf of the ladies who have honoured you with their presence and graced your assembly this evening, I tender you my very sincere thanks for the hospitable reception you have given them and for your efforts to entertain them. I believe that down to a very short time since they have considered you rather a selfish set, and although the peculiar constitution of your Order debars them from participating in its secrets and mysteries, they know of no valid reason why they should not long ago have been invited to participate with you in some of the pleasures and enjoyments you invariably give yourselves after the arduous duties of the lodge are disposed of. But it has been reserved for you, W.M., to break through that selfish and exclusive custom and to inaugurate this pleasant meeting at which your fair friends are enabled to sit with you at your social board, and to see you, to observe you, and form some idea how you conduct yourselves at times when they are not present; and as this meeting has passed with so much unanimous pleasure the ladies hope the future Masters of the lodge will look upon this as a precedent, and that it is only the beginning of a series of happy reunions, at which the brethren and their ladies may meet each other in pleasant social intercourse and renew the acquaintances they will make this evening. Again, Worshipful Master, for the genial manner in which you submitted this toast, and to you, brethren, for the very enthusiastic manner in which you have received it, the ladies give you their sincere thanks.

This speech was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Visitors," of whom there was a goodly number, and connected with it the name of Bro. Michael, P.P.G.P. of Kent, who made rather a lengthy reply, referring to the necessity of the exchange of courtesies between various lodges in order to maintain thorough Masonic sociability.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was then given by the Worshipful Master, and in the course of his observations said it was a difficult toast to submit, as a W.M. always tried to speak of them in the most suitable terms. It was only when a brother attained the proud distinction of being the Master of his lodge that he could fully appreciate the assistance, support, and encouragement given by the Past Masters. They had not only in the past sustained the prestige of the lodge, but they would in the future assist to make the lodge even more successful than it now is. The name of Bro. Alais, P.M., was mentioned in connection with this toast, and it was very heartily responded to.

Bro. Alais replied in a very humorous speech, causing much laughter. The toast of "The Officers" was then given in suitable terms, and replies given equally appropriate.

During the evening and between each toast some very excellent music was given, which considerably enlivened the entertainment and gave great delight and satisfaction to the fairer portion of the company. The musical arrange-

ments were under the direction of Bro. J. Ion Cattle, assisted by Miss Grace Godolphin, Miss Florence Davis, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Bro. J. Kift.

Amongst those brethren members of the lodge and visitors present we noticed Bro. Oliver, Mrs. Oliver, Bro. Ellingford, Bro. Alais, P.M., Mrs. Alais, Miss Alais, Bro. Shaw, P.M., Mrs. Shaw, Bro. John Tuck, Mrs. Tuck, Bro. Guest, Mrs. Guest, Miss Guest, Bro. Wright, Mrs. Wright, Bro. Denton, Mrs. Burton, Bro. Goringe, Mrs. Goringe, Miss Goringe, Bro. Dipple, Mrs. Dipple, Bro. Crumplen, Mrs. Crumplen, Bro. J. R. Ward, Mrs. Ward, Bro. Lucas, Mrs. Lucas, Bro. Michael, P.P.G.P. Kent, Mrs. Michael, Bro. Millward, Mrs. Millward, Bro. Kipps, P.P.G.O. Kent, and others.

FREEMASONRY AT ROYTON.

(COMMUNICATED.)

An extremely interesting and pleasant reunion, held under Masonic auspices, took place at the Half-way House, Thornham, near Royton, a few Saturdays since. The meeting, which had been convened by special circular issued by brethren—or rather, to speak correctly, I should say companions—composing the Chapter of St. John, No. 325, was well attended. The visitors were in most cases accompanied by their wives, and arrived at Royton Station by saloon carriage a little before four o'clock in the afternoon.

Leaving the station the party turned Rochdalewards, and after an exhilarating walk of about 10 minutes along a pleasant country road they reached the home of the Gallaghers. I need hardly describe the next phase of the business—the pleasant smiles of welcome all round, the hand-shaking, the congratulations, the denuding oneself of coats, capes, macintoshes, and other impedimenta of travel previous to partaking a glass of "Sir Wilfrid Lawson's Own," I mean the royal blend whiskey, which the host and his "clientèle" accustom themselves to swear by—! I mean this in a legal, and not in a big, big "D" sense. Under the guidance of Host John Gallagher some of the party afterwards made a tour of inspection, and expressed themselves satisfied.

Your correspondent was previously unacquainted with Royton and its neighbourhood, having been under the impression that it was one of those murky places where a month's residence would be certain to insure a skin so swarthy as only to be a few degrees removed from the colour of a nigger. But any illusions of mine in this respect were soon dispelled.

The Half Way House, a modest unassuming structure, is pleasantly situated on the roadside mid-way between Oldham and Rochdale. Its rooms even now are sufficiently commodious for pic-nic parties, but with the contemplated addition of a large wing, it will eventually be the retreat for those seeking to escape from the distractions of town. The view in front of the house embraces the far distant Saddleworth with its hills, Shaw lying in the valley; you can see the tall gaunt chimneys rearing their high heads into the sky, an evidence of the life and activity of these manufacturing districts. Perhaps there is a greater amount of manufacturing wealth concentrated in the districts of Oldham and Royton, than in any other portion around. At the rear of the house is the Tandle Hill, with its well cultivated meadows, while scattered here and there are the residences of several justices of the peace, who, by the neat way in which their grounds are laid out, evidently find attraction in the neighbourhood where rises the river Irk.

The garden in connection with the establishment is one of no mean order, and while its comfortable summer-house will be dear to lovers of the weed, those who desire it can, as Millikin says of the groves of Blarney, wander "down by the purling of a sweet silent stream" which pursues its course along a lovely little valley in the immediate vicinity, and is banked on either side with a profusion of ferns.

From Thornham to Manchester, the drive, which I afterwards took, is simply delightful, and would well repay any expense incurred. Of course the same remark will apply with regard to a drive from Manchester to the Half Way House. Proceeding up the Cheetham-hill road you pass the boundary wall of Heaton Park, and then on to the Three Arrows, calling upon our old friend Whitehead. Continuing on you go through Middleton and, after a pleasant drive round the Tandle Hill, emerge at last in view of host Gallagher's house. But I am digressing.

A most substantial repast had been provided for the visitors, which reflected the greatest amount of credit as a caterer upon Mrs. Gallagher, who acted as "chef." I may here incidentally mention that amongst the company were several Provincial Grand Officers and other popular brethren belonging to Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter respectively.

After the removal of the cloth the time was devoted to various enjoyments. Comp. Benjamin Taylor occupied the chair, being supported as vice by Comp. H. C. Miller. The Chairman in the course of a most interesting speech, referred at length to the services which Comp. John Gallagher had so repeatedly and unostentatiously rendered to the cause of Freemasonry. Indeed no man had been more capable, more eager, and more willing than he to render aid in any capacity whatever. More than one lodge in the province of Lancashire owed its advancement to his zealous spirit and assistance. Few people out of the pale of the mystic circle realised the advantages derived from Freemasonry, and that a rigid adherence to its sublime principles could not fail to make a man all that was necessary to meet the requirements of society. Comp. Gallagher was a typical Freemason, who possessed a large heart and warm sympathies.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN fully endorsed all that had been uttered by Ex. Comp. Benjamin Taylor, and sincerely hoped with him that it would be a long time before their host fell out of the Masonic embrace.

The toast of "The Ladies" was characteristically given by Bro. JACKSON, P.M., and was responded to by E. Comp. ROBERT CALDWELL in his usual humorous and happy vein.

Host GALLAGHER replied for himself and family, after which the party returned home, acknowledging that the poetical aspiration of the writer who found "the warmest welcome at an inn" had been realised during their visit.

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise will land at Liverpool on their return from Canada, on or about November 5.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, St. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

At a Quarterly Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, October 13, 1883, Col. J. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of 8 Girls into the Institution from a list of 32 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

Table with 3 columns: No. on list, Name, Votes. Includes entries like Sutcliffe, Ethel Haden (3101), Hutton, Edith (2992), Heastie, Isabella Sophia (2481), Henshaw, Helen Mabel (2465), Gibson, Kathleen Alice (2228), Smith, Lucy (1818), West, Alice Garton (1805), Hayes, Ellen (1682).

The votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election if eligible. Lists showing the votes polled for Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates may be obtained at the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary. 5, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1883.

CASE 12.—KATHLEEN ALICE GIBSON.

The friends of this successful Candidate desire to return their best thanks to the Ladies and Brethren who so generously assisted her supporters to secure her election, fifth on the poll, on the 13th inst. The especial liberality of several eminent brethren towards the result attained will be ever gratefully remembered. London, Oct. 15th, 1883.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

OCTOBER ELECTION—1883.

MRS. SUTCLIFFE begs to offer her grateful acknowledgement to the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Governors, and Subscribers whose generous response to her appeal placed her daughter at the head of the poll on Saturday last. 79, Denmark-hill, S.E., October 15th, 1883.

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This Masonic annual is now preparing for its 14th issue, the publication of which will take place on or about the 1st November next. Forms asking for particulars as to place and date of meeting of lodges and chapters have been despatched to the respective Secretaries and Scribes E., and in the event of their not having reached their destination, a memo. advising the publisher of any alteration in date or place of meeting will be esteemed a favour.

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At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 15th day of October, 1883, V.W. Bro. Col. J. Creaton, V. Pat. and Trustee (P.G.D. and P.G. Treas.), in the chair, a ballot took place for 20 Boys from an approved list of 64 candidates, reduced to 62 by the withdrawals of

No. 42, Simmons, George John, ,, 46, Lyon, William Beresford,

The following being declared to be successful:—

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, Votes. Includes entries like Steed, Ernest Arthur (3237), Stanford, William Bryant (3107), Lane, Harry Richard (2881), Sykes, Richard Alfred (2879), Willett, George Cross (2858), Liversidge, Charles Percy (2827), Hennah, Frederick Wolfe (2695), Hooper, Lionel Charles (2682), Stewart, Charles Edward (2678), Wyatt, Augustine William (2619), Carré, Emile Eugène P. (2619), Berris, Saul Harman (2538), Hare, Harold Malcolm (2509), Skelton, Frederick Francis (2475), Herring, Frank Alexander (2458), Rose, Frederick Joseph (2457), Windross, John Benjamin (2450), White, John William (2414), Cardingly, Walter G. (2319), Gane, Harold R. H. (2285).

List 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.

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MAGNIFICENT EFFECTS.

To Correspondents.

The following communications have been received, but are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:— Craft Lodges—Derwent, 40; Social, 93; St. Luke's, 225; City of London, 901; Priory, 1000; Star, 1275; Walker, 1342; Sir Francis Burdett, 1503.

Royal Arch Chapter—Cabbell, 807. Mark Lodges—Rose and Thistle, 158; Lawrence, 313. Prov. Grand Mark Lodge Northumberland and Durham. Obituary—Bro. John Latta.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"La Revista Masonica" (Peru), "Hull Packet," "Jewish Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "Court Circular," "City Press," "Citizen," "Keystone," "Bulletin Gr. Or. de France," "Tricycling Journal," "Madras Advertiser."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We beg to announce that a History of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is on the eve of being published in the columns of this journal. The first instalment will appear in our next week's issue, and the narrative will be continued regularly week by week until it is completed.

BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

We have received numerous letters expressing sympathy with the movement in connection with the proposed testimonial to our esteemed brother. We defer acknowledging the sums offered until definite arrangements are made for carrying out the objects in view, which we hope to announce next week.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— Your later articles have induced me to approach the question of the Status of Past Masters in a teachable spirit and with the result that I am prepared to vote (if I can attend) against the confirmation of the amendment to No. 186 of the revised Constitutions, because I consider it an anomaly to call a Worshipful Brother what you cannot make him, that is a Past Worshipful Master (interpolate that adjective and see how strongly it brings the anomaly out) of a lodge if he has not been Worshipful Master of it. But I still maintain my desire to see the rank of Installed Masters acknowledged and their status defined in lodges which they may join, and to that end do, for the sake of the peace and unity of Freemasonry, hope and trust that, while not confirming the anomalous amendment, Grand Lodge will go further, and either by fresh enactment or amendment resolve to enact as follows: "Installed Masters subscribing members, but not Past Masters, of a lodge shall in such lodge rank and be seated immediately after and below the Past Master of such lodge, and rank in seniority among themselves according to the date of their joining the lodge," although the attempt to carry a similar one has already failed.—Yours faithfully and fraternally, October 15th. THREE-FOUR-ONE.

THE NEW BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— I would like to ask that some provision should be made in the new Constitutions for the following cases that are not uncommon. A brother who is not in arrears in his mother lodge joins another new lodge; no questions are asked by the promoters of the new lodge, he is admitted as a joining member, and placed in office by the W.M. The brother does not resign his mother lodge, but does not pay his subscription, and when asked for it promises to pay. Meantime he is still advancing in the new lodge and finally is elected to the chair; at the same time he is five years in arrear with his mother lodge. The Auditors at length strike him off the books. Now I would like to ask what remedy we have against such a brother? There are many such cases, and I have known brethren join new lodges when they are in arrear with their own lodge, and no questions asked.—Yours fraternally, P.M.

PROPOSED NEW RULE.

"When a brother has been duly elected to the Master's chair of a lodge the Secretary shall notify the same to Grand Lodge and the Provincial or District Grand Lodge with date and name of lodge in which he was initiated; also the name of any lodge in which he is or has been a member. The Grand Secretary shall then ascertain if the brother has been returned to Grand Lodge in arrears or not, and if clear shall forward a certificate to the Secretary of the lodge; and no brother shall be installed into the Master's chair without this certificate."

ANOTHER QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Who should take precedence in public Masonic ceremonials in a British Colony: the Senior Grand Warden under the English Constitution or the Provincial Grand Master under the Scotch? is a subject which has engrossed some considerable attention amongst members of the respective Constitutions during this month; and I shall be glad if you will insert this, so that, through the medium of your widely circulated paper, some light may be thrown on the points in question.

- (a) The District Grand Lodge under the English Constitution has jurisdiction only over the Eastern part of the Island.
- (b) Since the death of the late District Grand Master, Dr. Robert Hamilton, no appointment has been made by the Grand Lodge of England; thus for at least three years the District has been ruled by the R.W. brother who the late D.G.M. appointed as his deputy.
- (c) The R.W. brother who was Deputy District Grand Master immediately prior to the R.W. brother who now holds that office retired during the lifetime of Dr. Hamilton, on the ground of ill-health, and having so resigned, what position does he now hold in the district? Is it administrative or only honorary?
- (d) As a fact during this month (September) the district has been ruled by the Senior Grand Warden consequent on the Deputy District Grand Master being absent from the island.
- (e) The Provincial Grand Lodge of Jamaica (Scotch Constitution) has jurisdiction over the entire island, and the Provincial Grand Master was installed when in Scotland.

The representatives as above of the two Constitutions were requested conjointly to lay with Masonic ceremonial the corner-stone of a church. Each one, supporting, as he considered it his duty, the dignity of the Constitution under which he serves, was unwilling to yield the precedence to the other, and although ultimately and happily a compromise was arranged upon, and each took part in the ceremonial, yet a repetition of the unpleasantness which consequent thereon existed at one time cannot be conducive to the interests of our Order, and therefore some authoritative expression of opinion is looked for with interest.

The Grand Lodge of England has earlier jurisdiction in this island, and had each Constitution been represented by a Worshipful Brother of equal Masonic rank the English District Grand Master would have taken precedence; but there are many who hold an opinion similar to mine, viz.:

- (1) That the Prov. Grand Master (Scotch) being of higher Masonic rank, the precedence was properly his, notwithstanding that the Senior Grand Warden of English Constitution represented one of longer jurisdiction.
- (2) That the retired Deputy District Grand Master (English) could not take precedence over the English Grand Senior Warden.
- (3) That if even the Deputy District Grand Master had been in the island, he, being of inferior Masonic rank to the Provincial Grand Master (Scotch), would have had to yield the precedence.

I am, yours truly and fraternally,
WM. ARBOUIN PAINE,
Prov. Grand Warden (Scotch),
Past Senior Warden (English).

Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.,
21st September.

ANTIEN T AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY—
MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The members of this Rite are much indebted to Bro. Whytehead and the *Freemason* for republishing in your valuable medium their solemn protest against (what they conscientiously believe to be) the illegal action of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in suspending several good Masons from their Craft lodges for no other offence than that of joining a Chivalric Order outside the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. Unfortunately for Craftsmen in Ireland, no Masonic journal is permitted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland to be published, and in Masonry, as in the outside world, many unwise and even unjust things are done which would never be attempted were their authors subjected to the criticisms of an intelligent press. In the absence of a Masonic journal, the persecuted brethren had no alternative but to publish their grievance in a representative paper, such as the *Irish Times*, or stand condemned before their brethren by such falsehood and deception as is alleged in the solemn protest in question.

I was in Dublin at the same time as Bro. Whytehead, and know that it was with painful regret the officers of the Grand Mystic Temple of Eri came to the resolution that as men of honour and brother Freemasons they were bound in selfvindication to publish this protest. Firstly, to place before their brethren indisputable facts not otherwise ascertainable by the majority; and secondly, as a reply to the insidious attacks (by innuendo) of Bro. Whytehead and his friends. It is really surprising that a clever writer like Bro. Whytehead was not sufficiently logical to see that it was the very much besmudged linen of his friends he was exposing by his attack. The letter by "A Student of Masonic History" is, however, a grateful relief. It strikes the true keynote of Masonic life—toleration. The members of the Antient and Primitive Rite are not an aggressive body—they attack no other community. They admit no one to membership who is not in good standing with a Craft lodge. They have no paid officer in their service, all the official work being voluntarily rendered that the whole of their surplus funds may be devoted to Masonic charity; and although not a large body yet four of their chapters are Life Governors in perpetuity of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at whose festival last year the "Primitives," whose real character Bro. Whytehead is so anxious should be made known, did me the honour to entrust as their Steward for the year with £116 odd. When the purifying fires of his beloved Rosicrucianism have purged our good Bro. Whytehead of misconception or bigotry, a patient study of our Antient and Primitive system will convince him, as it has others before him, that it is founded on Antient and Hermetic Philosophy, and worthy to rank in good fellowship with the learned and beneficent societies of the nineteenth century.—With fraternal greeting, yours faithfully, JOHN H. SOUTHWOOD,
London. P.M. and P.Z. 1260.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

By your kind permission I desire to say a few words in reply to Bro. Whytehead's letter in the *Freemason* of the 6th inst. respecting the Antient and Primitive rite.

Bro. Whytehead does not seem to be aware that matters even in Masonry are different in Ireland from other countries. Ireland does not enjoy a Masonic publication. The policy of the inner circle who control the Grand Lodge is to shroud its proceedings in secrecy, so that the Craft in the provinces rarely know what the central body do, and for that reason, being without a Masonic journal, the publication of the resolution of the Grand Mystic Temple of Eri was an act of necessity, so as to bring their solemn protest as much as possible under the notice of their brethren. Bro. Whytehead has been careful to make no comment on the resolution, but it is one that appeals strongly to the sympathy of the English Craft Body, for the reason that certain Irish Craft Masons are undergoing a persecution because they prefer to adopt a well known High Grade System which in no way affects the three first Degrees and in no way enters into rivalry with the Craft Body, but is itself a benevolent order, whose surplus funds are devoted to alleviate the wants of distressed members, widows, and orphans.

Again, Bro. Whytehead by his remarks wishes to cast a slur on the Antient and Primitive Rite. I do not expect him to say anything kind of it. The fact cannot be contradicted, however, that the Memphis Rite is the senior body in Egypt, and that it actually formed the Craft Grand Lodge of that country out of its own members, which creation is recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and there can be no stronger evidence than this of its legality.

One word more. Bro. Whytehead wishes to open the eyes of Freemasons to the real character of the "Primitives." I do not know exactly what he wishes to infer, but I can tell him and others who have a desire to know that Antient and Primitive Masonry is a non-sectarian Rite, admitting all good Masons to its ranks who believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and is a system of 33 learned degrees upon symbolic Masonry, and that we desire to be left in peace and quiet to practice our own system, with which we are quite satisfied.

MAURICE L. DAVIES, M.D., 33,
10, Lower Sackville-street, Dublin,
10th October.

"THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note in your column of "Masonic and General Tidings" in your last week's number a paragraph relating to the above poem, so truly described as "the best Masonic poem ever written, and in which the *Keystone* remarks on doubts expressed as to the paternity of the composition.

It may interest many of your readers to learn that the author of "The Level and the Square," P.G.M. Bro. Rob. Morris, when in this country in 1879, himself recited the poem at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, to the great delight of a large number of South London Craftsmen. The event is referred to in your number for 24th August in that year, when reporting the meeting. In your own words, "Having concluded his address, Bro. Rob. Morris recited a poem which he had written 20 or 25 years ago, and which, as he said, Bro. James Stevens had made popular in this country. The piece is entitled 'The Level and the Square.'"

Since that date I have had frequent opportunities for reciting the poem, incited thereto by the approbation and permission of its renowned and highly esteemed author, whose personal acquaintance I greatly value. There can be no doubt as to the authorship, and whether regarded as a beautiful composition or as a great moral lesson, it should be known to all earnest members of our Order.—
Yours truly and fraternally,
JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.
Clapham, October 15th.

In Bro. Kenning's letter last week, referring to the proposed testimonial to Bro. Hughan, the words "Bro. Hughan's life work" was printed "Bro. Hughan's life works," which conveys a totally different meaning from that intended.



246] COMPARISON OF THE CONSTITUTIONS.

I am exceedingly pleased to see the comparison of the old with the revised "Book of Constitutions," which has been so well made by Bro. Riach and Bro. Hawkins. Such a compilation is most timely, and so far as I have tested it, exceedingly well done. It will be of great assistance to us all who are engaged from time to time in examining the old and the new Regulations, and prove both handy and useful during the next month or two whilst the criticisms of the alterations are exercising the minds of the Craft. At all events, I beg to tender my thanks to our brethren for their capital compilation. W. J. HUGHAN.

PORTRAITS AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

Referring to the letter of Bro. H. Sadler in last week's *Freemason*, I may say that the portraits of H.R.H. Edward Duke of Kent, and H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, painted by Sir Wm. Beechy, were engraved by Wm. Skelton.
T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

247] DERIVATION OF STEINMETZ.

Bro. "Masonic Student" will doubtless remember that some weeks back we had a friendly discussion in this paper on the derivation of Steinmetz; he maintaining that it meant stone cutter—I that it signified stone measurer. I, at the time, acknowledged that the weight of authority was in his favour, but took leave to differ from the recognised authorities. Curiously enough I now find myself supported by no less a power than Krause, and I think "Masonic Student" will admit that whatever Krause's faults may be as a historian, he at least carries great weight as a philologist. I append Krause's words, 2nd edition, part iv., page 362: "The low Dutch expression—Metselaer, Metzelaer, Metz—Steinmetz appears to me to be equally derived from the

original root m-t, m-s, mets, mess, masz, because the chief occupation of the stoneworker is to form stones according to correct measure." Further on, page 361: "In almost every tongue the original sound of m-t, m-s denotes to define the boundaries of an object; thence in general, to define, invent, measure, work according to measure." From this he also deduces that our word Mason is derived from the same fundamental idea, and denotes a definer, measurer, inventor, artist, and that it was not by any means confined in the beginning to a worker in stone only; also, that it has no connection with maçon, machon, &c.; that it is, in fact, identical with the German metz. He also states that as late as the writings of Chaucer "mase" signified an artistic building, and "to mase," to think out; to discover. Readers of Chaucer will perhaps tell us if he is correct. Bro. Gould has adopted Krause's opinion, for, on page 108 of his great work, he says, "hence the literal English translation would be stonemeasurers, identical in all points with our term stonemason" (the italics are my own). But since coming across the confirmation of my views I am naturally in doubt whether that, at the time I wrote, I took to be an original discovery of my own was really so. It strikes me as probable that Krause's words had been mentally noted and forgotten by me, and that when the idea cropped up once more, in consequence of our argument, I mistook the echo of Krause's words for the results of my own reasoning. This is of very little importance, but it shows how easily a writer or musician may unwittingly be innocently guilty of plagiarism. G. WM. SPETH.

248] TWO QUERIES.

I take the following from the *British and Colonial Printer and Stationer* for October 4:

"FIRST PRINTING PRESS IN AMERICA.—This was set up at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1639. Glover, at whose expense it was established, died in his passage out; the printer's name was Dayle. The first thing which was printed was the "*Freemason's Oath*;" the second was an almanac calculated for New England by Pierce, a seafaring man; the third was the Psalms, newly turned into metre."

"A NORMAN PRINTER TO THE ENGLISH CROWN.—William Faques, a printer of the City of London, who died in 1511, was a Norman, and learnt the typographic art at Rouen, whence he came over to this country for the improvement of his fortunes. Although he cannot have resided in England for more than seven years, he was appointed king's printer. He is so designated in the colophon to a Psalter, which he gave forth in 1504. He was excellent in his profession; and his types, which were specially good, are said to have been used by Wynkyn de Worde after his death. His name does not appear in any works printed abroad, and there are extant only seven produced by him in this country. Faques used one principal device, which consisted of two triangles crossed, the one white and the other black, with an inscription on each. Besides the device he had also a cypher, consisting of a black letter capital 'G,' containing a lower case 'i' in the centre of it; and an arrow cut in outline, finishing to the left, passing horizontally through."

Can any correspondent throw any light on them?
MASONIC STUDENT.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW
MARK LODGE IN THE ISLE OF MAN.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., a lodge of Mark Master named the Peveril, No. 323, under warrant from the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and the first of the Degree ever known to be held on the Island of Mona, was dedicated and constituted to the Order by Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, G.A.D.C., Prov. Grand Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland, assisted by Bros. B. Craig, W.M. 216, P.G.D.C., as S.W.; H. Peacock, W.M. 229, P.G.I. of W., as J.W.; Richard Wilson, 216, P.G. Swd. Br., M.O.; Geo. Lowden, 216, S.O.; W. A. McKown, 237, J.O.; Thos. H. Nesbitt, 213, acting Sec. and Reg.; G. H. Smith, 201, I.C., S.D.; H. P. Mayle, 66, J.D.; G. M. Lofthouse, 65, Org.; Thos. Mason, S.W. 229, P.G. Stwd., I.G.; John Johnston, 215, Tyler; C. M. Challender, 113; W. Fairhurst, 112; and others.

The brethren were formed in procession by Bro. Craig, P.G.D.C., and marched to the lodge, which was opened, and the presiding officer explained the nature of the meeting and called upon Bro. Thos. H. Nesbitt, acting Sec., to read the petition and warrant. The petitioners having signified their approval of the officers named, the elements of consecration were duly applied. Bro. Geo. C. Heron, W.M.M. Designate, was then presented and installed in the chair as first Master, and appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Henry Brearley, S.W.; Chas. F. Johnson, J.W.; L. G. Hannay, M.O.; Thos. H. Nesbitt, S.O. and Sec.; M. A. McKown, J.O.; J. A. Brown, Treas.; J. Morrison, S.D.; J. H. Stretch, J.D.; W. J. Brown, I.G.; Richard Smith, Org.; and J. Lanaghan, Tyler.

The usual addresses were delivered to the newly-installed and invested officers, and nine candidates were advanced to the honourable degree and two joining members accepted and to candidates proposed for advancement. Letters were read from the following Provincial Grand Officers of Cumberland and Westmorland, conveying "Hearty good wishes" to the Master, officers, and members of the Peveril Lodge: W. Bros. Col. Sewell, P.M. 229, D.P.G.M.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 203, P.P.G.S.W.; James Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Treas.; J. H. Banks, P.M. 151, G.I.G. of England; J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W.; Tom Dixon, P.M. 282, P.G.M.O.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 229, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.P.G.S.D.; Thos. Atkinson, S.W. 213, P.G. Stwd.; and others.

A vote of thanks was passed with a round of applause to the visiting brethren from Cumberland and Westmorland for their services, when, with a ring of "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

It would not be giving honour to whom honour is due if we did not make special mention of Bros. Nesbitt and McKown. Their zeal and admiration for Mark Masonry has this day founded a lodge that we predict will be heard of for years to come, marked with a success worthy of imitation.

The brethren to upwards of 30, at the kind invitation of Bro. Heron, W.M., retired to the Peveril Hotel, where to the "wee sma' hours," a very agreeable evening was spent, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a close. The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—The first meeting of this lodge after the usual recess was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Robt. L. Sindall, P.M. 1293; Wm. Land, P.M. 742; F. A. Camilton, R.N.S. 2; W. A. Lugar, R.N.S. 2; A. Baumann, 238; Abe G. Watson; and Wm. Hyde, 1613. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes were confirmed, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which Bro. Samuel Gammon, P.M., presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. S. Trott, W.M. of the Royal Lodge, No. 2, Nova Scotia, was heartily welcomed by the brethren, after an absence from these shores of over three years.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—This well known lodge commenced the 25th year of its prosperous career on Wednesday the 18th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lax, W.M.; supported by Bros. Robinson, S.W.; Pringle, J.W.; Gaisford, S.D.; Palmer, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Bull, D.C.; and Clements, W.S. There were a large number of Past Masters and brethren present. Among the former were Bros. Ould, Raive, Killick, Scheerboom, Daniels, Nevill, Reed, &c. Whilst among the visitors who fraternised on the occasion were Bros. Ellingford, P.M., Keeble, Money, J.W., Old King's Arms Lodge, and many others from different lodges in the immediate vicinity.

Bro. Martin was successfully balloted for as a joining member, Mr. Dean, being successful in the same, was duly initiated into the ancient Order. Bros. Rising and Anderson, having been interrogated, and proved their proficiency, were duly passed to the Second Degree, the working in both ceremonies showing Bro. Lax to be a Master of the noble science. The honorary membership of the lodge was unanimously conferred upon Bro. Reed, P.M., for the valuable services rendered by him while acting as Secretary.

When the important business was concluded the brethren adjourned to the magnificent banqueting room which forms one of the centres of attraction at the Silver Tavern to all whom business or pleasure may take in the neighbourhood of Burdett-road. Of the banquet itself its magnificence will be duly appreciated when we say it upheld the reputation it gained when Bro. Kent was the host. Indeed, Bro. Frankland, being ably assisted by Bro. Green, has even improved upon those golden times so much as to make it rank amongst the foremost of rendezvous of the élite of society.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The ordinary lodge room not being spacious enough to accommodate the large muster of brethren and visitors who assemble on this occasion, the splendid ball room at the top of the building was fitted up as a lodge room and utilised for the performance of the ceremony. The following is a list of the visitors: Bros. N. Bridges, P.M. 1216, Prov. G.J.D. Somerset; F. Walters, P.M. 1309; T. Vincent, P.M. 1861; W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702; R. J. Christon, W.M. 1278; M. Chistan, J.W. 860; R. H. Wingsbury, S.D. 1668; T. Wallis, S.W. 169; W. Cracknell, 169; J. Whitehead, 240; E. G. Bax, 879; J. P. Priestly, J.D. 907; J. Wade, 860; T. Sutton, 73; and W. Murrin, 554.

The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted the W.M. proceeded to install his successor, Bro. E. Bridges, which he did in a manner highly satisfactory to the brethren. The following were then appointed as officers: Bros. E. Clark, S.W.; F. W. Stamp, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, Treas.; J. J. Bell, P.M., Org.; W. T. Lover, P.M., Sec.; H. Stockwell, S.D.; J. Porter, J.D.; J. W. Walker, I.G.; J. A. Smith, P.M., D.C.; and F. Garbett, P.M., W.S.

The lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren reassembled at the banquet table, the repast being excellently served by Bro. H. Yardley, the manager of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in a very happy style by the W.M. and appropriately responded to by the brethren.

The toast of "The W.M." was received very heartily, and Bro. Bridges in response said he had arrived at the summit of his ambition in the lodge, and he hoped the brethren would rally round him, so that he might be able to look back with pride and pleasure to his year of office.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors" Bro. N. Bridges, P.M. 1216, Prov. G.J.D. Somerset, said he was very gratified to see his worthy cousin occupying the proud position of W.M. of his mother lodge, and hoped he would live long to hold many other important positions in the Craft.

Several other visitors responded, all expressing their satisfaction at the pleasant reception they had met with.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and in doing so said he felt very great pleasure indeed in presenting Bro. Challoner, P.M., with the handsome jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge, and he wished him long life to wear it.

In response Bro. Challoner stated that in vacating the chair he was able to hand over to his successor the largest balance the lodge ever had, and he heartily thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented to him.

Bro. J. A. Smith, P.M., D.C., also stated that it gave him infinite pleasure to see the three principal chairs in the lodge occupied by brethren whom he had initiated during his year of office, and all on the same evening. He was glad to see them sticking together, as it did him credit, he having introduced the W.M. and the J.W. into the lodge, and he therefore felt a kind of fraternal regard for them.

Several other Past Masters responded. During the evening some excellent harmony was rendered by several of the brethren, the son of Bro. Bell, P.M., Organist, acting as accompanist, and a very enjoyable evening was then brought to a close.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended by both members and visitors. The list of the latter was unprecedented, and amongst them were the following: Bros. C. Ellbright, 1460; H. Baldwin, Sec. 1777; C. J. Anford, 1949; Smith, 1326; J. Laurance, 1326; F. Page, 1414; G. H. Atkinson, 1622; E. J. Williams, 1539; T. O. Kelsey, 931; G. H. Gardner, No. 1, United States of America; W. H. Chalford, W.M. 1425; D. Belinfante, 436; G. Alcock, P.M. 1149; W. White, jun., P.M. 125; G. W. Saul, P.M. 1201; A. D. Kerrell, W.M. 145; C. J. Fox, 1743; W. Poupard, 9; W. Gowland, 206; A. M. Catling, 1579; D. Harper, I.P.M. 1216; J. D. Draper, 1702; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; S. Benton, W.M. 1657; A. Buck, 179; W. Medwin, W.M. 1613; C. P. McKay, P.M. 720; E. C. P. Stevens, 1326; T. Glover, 181; J. Latimer, P.M. 189, P.P.G. Sec. and P.P.G.J.W. Devon; F. Nerod, W.M. 1056; W. G. Gibbon, 34; G. H. Blackmore, 45; W. Styles, late 1426; W. W. Morgan, 1107; G. Read, P.M. 511; H. Dehane, W.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; L. Benet, P.M. 170; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W. 1657; W. A. Frost, 1728; A. Kenningham, 1706; T. Kempton, 1706; Waller, 178; T. Poore, P.M. 720; and others.

The lodge having been opened, after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed a ballot took place for Mr. Henry Dottridge, which proved to be unanimous, and he being in attendance was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Kibble, the W.M., in a very able and impressive manner. The next business was the installation of Bro. Keeble, the W.M. elect, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Kibble, the retiring Master, in a manner which elicited the warmest encomiums from a body of 32 Installed Masters who were present. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. F. Kibble, I.P.M.; W. Baber, S.W.; R. Fendick, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blackie, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chap.; F. W. Potter, S.D.; J. P. Skinner, J.D.; H. Durrant, I.G.; E. H. Cadot, D.C.; G. Jenkins, Organist; H. J. Bertram and L. J. Hudd, Stewards; and R. Potter, Tyler.

The report of the Audit Committee was received and the lodge was closed in due form, after which the whole of the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where the banquet was to take place, where very ample fare was provided, and reflected great credit upon Bro. Rand, the manager of the hotel. At the conclusion grace was sung by Bros. Frost, Kenningham, Walker, and Kempton.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," in succession, and these toasts were received with the customary honours.

The Worshipful Master gave the next toast, "The R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain and Chaplain of the lodge, which was duly honoured.

Bro. Simpson in returning thanks said he regretted that there was no other Grand Officer present to share with him the honours which had been conferred upon them by the toast which had been proposed, and who would doubtless have made a better answer to it than he should be able to do. He regretted further that he did not find in the Great City Lodge, now ten years of age, and a lodge which was distinguished in Masonry, amongst its benefactors one or two who were willing to wear the purple responding to this toast. He did hope, however, that the time was not far distant when the Grand Master would recognise the position and labours of the Great City Lodge by conferring the purple upon some of its members. It would be surplussage on his part to remark or say how much they were indebted to Lord Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom for the services they had rendered, and he wished that they could share with him the pleasure of being present in the greatest city in the world and in a lodge that was called by its name. If they were to come and see themselves surrounded as they would be in that lodge by its members and Provincial Grand Officers, he felt sure that their health would be considerably promoted and improved by the visit. In great seriousness he said in small lodges, consisting perhaps of not more than 25 members, he had sometimes seen the harmony of them a little bit ruffled; but in the Great City Lodge that numbered hundreds there was nothing of that kind, for they were held together and cemented by the golden cords of charity and brotherly love, for he doubted that they could ever confer real charity unless they had that charity amongst themselves. He was quite sure that the health of the Grand Officers would have been promoted had they been present to hear the working of the lodge that night; but he would not anticipate what might be said upon that by others. Yet he was an old man, and old men were said to be garrulous. Still, he would say this, and he held that open confession was good for the soul, that during the 35 years he had been a Mason he had never heard the First Degree and the installation ceremony with greater satisfaction than he had heard there that night. He said that their brother initiate had great advantage in being admitted that night, and if he did not turn out a good Mason he should say that he had not used his advantage. He had heard in the ceremony to whom they must look in all cases of difficulty and danger, and in laying his hand on the Sacred Volume he had become a member of a society whose principles were embodied in four epigrammatic sentences, "Honour all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God, and honour the King." The rev. brother sat down amidst great cheering.

The Immediate Past Master said he found himself in a very happy position, as he had a great duty and a very gratifying one to perform, which was to propose "The health and prosperity of their newly installed Master." They were in the habit of hearing long and sometimes very fulsome speeches, but the brethren did not care to hear them, neither did he; he could however say with truth that their new W.M. had always in his various offices been kind, courteous and willing to assist any of the brethren that might require it of him. There was no member of the lodge who had been more attentive to his duties in the various offices he had filled. He had made himself not only thoroughly acquainted with them, but with others that he might hereafter be called upon to perform, and finally he had worked up to his present position. He asked the brethren to drink to the health of the W.M., wishing him a prosperous year, feeling confident that he would well maintain the traditions of the lodge, and add lustre to it when he time arrived that he should quit the chair.

The Worshipful Master in responding said it was one of the most difficult positions in which a man could be placed when he was called upon to speak about himself, especially after the very flattering manner in which the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Kibble, had "piled up" his virtues, and he ought to be one of the happiest of men at the present moment. He might say, however, that he was one of the proudest. Some years ago, when he was initiated, their worthy Bro. Headon occupied the position he did that night, and if the ceremony that night made the same impression upon their brother initiate as it did upon him (the W.M.) he must become a good Mason. As he sat beside Bro. Headon his bosom serged with a desire to occupy his position, although, perhaps, he never expected to do so, but he had gone on from time to time, filling the various offices, and had aimed at the chair at least in filling those offices. If he had not come up to the standard which the brethren wished, he could assure them that he had done his best, and he hoped at the end of his year of office he should go out of the chair with the same good wishes as he entered it. He looked back at the long array of Past Masters, and hoped that during his year of office he should do nothing to lessen the confidence of those who had placed him in the chair as Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, which he looked upon as the highest honour that any Mason could aspire to.

The Worshipful Master said that the next toast was a most important one, and the most important of the evening. Without bricks no builder could raise those noble superstructures they were so proud to look at, and to enable them to do so they must look for materials of the right sort. That night a gentleman had come to them with the highest testimonials of merit. He had gone through a ceremony, and he appeared to be impressed with the solemnity of the step he had taken. He had joined a brotherhood whose only object was to do good, and he had only to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before him. He proposed "The Health of their Newly-initiated Brother."

Bro. Dottridge said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I thank you very much for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health. I take it for granted that all present have gone through the same ceremony as I have some time or other; and, indeed, my feelings have been so strange that I cannot make a speech. I trust I shall never do anything to disgrace the lodge, and I will endeavour to do all that a Mason should do.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," and gave them all a hearty welcome. They were honoured that night with one brother from New Zealand, another from the United States, and other distinguished Masons from the provinces, and he hoped that would not be the last time they would pay them a visit.

Bro. Isaac Latimer, P.G.J.W. and Secretary of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon, responded, and alluded to the great interest that was taken in Masonry at Plymouth, where the brethren had erected a fine Masonic Hall at their own expense, and alluded to the fortunate position the province had hitherto enjoyed in having such excellent Masons to preside over them.

Some other visitors also returned thanks for the hospitality of the lodge and the pleasure they had derived from witnessing the working of it.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M., Bro. Kibble," and alluded to the very able manner in which he had gone through the ceremony of installation, and although two months ago he did not know a word of it the brethren had unanimously expressed their opinion that they had never seen it better done than they had witnessed that night. He had great pleasure in placing on his breast the jewel which had been voted to him by the brethren, hoping that he might live for many years to wear it, and that during his (the W.M.'s) year of office, he might always have him at his right hand.

Bro. Kibble said he would not hesitate for a moment to return his heartfelt thanks for the kindness they had shown to him that evening. He had endeavoured to do his best and they appeared to be satisfied with what he had done. When he saw that jewel he should always look back with pleasurable feelings on the many happy hours he had spent in the Great City Lodge.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was then given and responded to. Some other toasts were given and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bros. Frost, Kenningham, Walker, and Kempton, by their musical performances gave great zest to the harmony of the evening.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Thursday, the 11th inst. There was a strong muster of the officers and members, while among the visitors were Bros. A. Dockerell, W.M. 145; M. S. Lartham, P.M. 1216; F. C. Mowlett, S.W. 1305; Farwig, P.M. 180; A. J. Paton, Org. 205; Grammer, W.M. 27; G. Schadler, W.M. 65; W. Walker, J.D. 65; J. N. Bate, W.M. 72; R. Barham, P.M. 144; R. W. Harvey, I.G. 144; S. Martin, W.M. 1320 and S.W. 188; E. Brooks, 766; T. W. Headon, 1426; R. Foster, P.M. 1441; H. Youngman, J.W. 1571; O. L. Finch, 1641; J. Cox, W.M. 1658; J. Hill, S.D. 1658; C. C. Gilby, J.D. 1658; E. A. Grover, 1658; G. J. Dawson, P.M. 1853; C. F. Luckhurst, 1604; A. Stokes, W.M. 1839; R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1922; J. W. Chapman, W.M. elect 1922; J. Walker, W.M. 172; J. N. F. Cox, W.M. 1314; F. Brown, 1158; J. Johnson, S.W. 1320; F. H. Baker, J.W. 1320; H. A. Stunt, 1320; D. Hilton, S.W. 1475; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted and approved, the statement being very satisfactory, disclosing as it did, a balance of cash in hand amounting to £17 5s. 1d., while the balance of assets over liabilities was £51 10s. 8d., inclusive of the said cash balance. Bro. C. Sims, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented for installation in the chair of K.S., and the ceremony was most ably and impressively carried out by Bro. G. J. Dawson, P.M. 1853. After the customary salutations, Bro. Sims invested the following brethren as his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. T. Taylor, I.P.M.; J. R. Smith, S.W.; G. S. Stokes, J.W.; C. E. Power, P.M., Treas. (elected); W. Mitchell, P.M., Sec.; T. Nettlesfold, S.D.; W. B. Briscoe, J.D.; T. G. Walker, I.G.; R. Brown, M.C.; J. S. Plummer and F. W. Clayton, Stwds. W. Back, Org.; H. Thomas (reappointed) Tyler. Then followed the presentation to the retiring W.M., Bro. Taylor, of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the able services he had rendered during the term of his Mastership, Bro. Sims expressing the pleasure de-

rived from the performance of so agreeable a duty; while Bro. Taylor, in accepting the jewel, expressed his very cordial thanks both for the kindness of the brethren in voting him such a testimony of their regard, and for the complimentary terms which the W.M. had used in making this presentation.

The next business on the programme was the initiation of Messrs. Henry W. Prior, Joseph Sutton, and Henry Cochran into the mysteries of the First Degree of Masonry, the ceremony being in each case admirably carried out by Bro. Sims, and the other business having been disposed of lodge was closed with the accustomed formalities, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast had been purveyed by Bro. Venables.

When justice had been done to this, the usual toast list was honoured, "The Health of the W.M." being received with much enthusiasm and very gracefully acknowledged, while that of his immediate predecessor in the chair met with an equally hearty welcome, and was quite as heartily responded to by Bro. Taylor.

It goes without saying that "The Visitors," whose comforts during the long sitting had been made the especial care of the Secretary, Bro. Mitchell, P.M., who was ably assisted in his agreeable duties by Bro. Runacres, P.M., received hearty thanks for their attendance, as they had previously received a hearty welcome in fact, and the compliment was acknowledged. The other toasts which are given at all such meetings were greeted in a similar cordial manner, and the brethren separated at an advanced hour after having enjoyed themselves thoroughly. It should be added that the floral and other decorations of the hall evinced great taste and the musical programme was all that could be desired.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—After a long recess the members of this lodge met on the 12th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, to open their ninth season. The attendance both of visitors and members was sufficiently strong to augur well for the future of the lodge, while proof of its present prosperity was forthcoming in the fact of the agenda paper being exceedingly heavy, embracing no fewer than four initiations, one passing, and three raisings. In good time the W.M., Bro. T. Grumant, assumed the chair, being supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Hiram Henton, S.W.; J. W. Sturdee, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treas.; H. Wild, acting Sec.; G. P. Bertini, S.D.; C. Grassi, J.D.; F. W. Cash, I.G.; A. Priest, D.C.; C. Westall, Org.; A. B. Church, Tyler; Ernest E. Smith, P.M.; W. Cowley, P.M.; J. D. Graham, L. Mella, E. E. Court, and the following visitors: Bros. G. Beneditti, J.W. 1155; V. J. Murché, S.D. 1963; T. O. Harding, J.W. 1460; J. W. Anderson, 24; W. Pattison, 27; M. J. Fleming, 147; G. C. Ronchetti, 1287; and J. F. Penney, 1079.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken respectively for Messrs. Amerigo Gonnelli, Carlo Mazzone, Giacomo Arduino, and Herbert Henry Baker, the election being unanimous in each instance. Bro. Mella was afterwards passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Messrs. Gonnelli and Baker were then admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., whose working was, as it always is, perfect and impressive. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. E. Smith, P.M., who initiated Messrs. Mazzone and Arduino. Bro. Smith then gave place to the W.M., who proceeded to raise Bro. Court, a task of which he acquitted himself right admirably. Other business being duly disposed of the W.M. closed the lodge in due form and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the withdrawal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured and Bro. Cowley, I.P.M. proposed "The health of the W.M.," the toast being received with vigorous fire.

Bro. Grumant, in thanking Bro. Cowley and the brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and received, spoke at some length as to his connection with the New Cross Lodge.

To the toast of "The Initiates," all four of the brethren responded, and the W.M. then gave "The Past Masters," to which Bros. Cowley and E. Smith replied.

To the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. E. M. Thiellay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., &c., replied, and in an interesting speech referred to the financial progress of the lodge since its consecration.

"The health of the Visitors," was coupled with the names of Bros. T. O. Harding, and G. Beneditti, the toast being received with enthusiastic fire; and the brethren referred to having responded, the W.M. next gave "The Officers of 1859," to which Bro. Hiram Henton, S.W., replied in a short but pithy speech, and was followed by the other officers seriatim.

Bro. Ernest Smith, P.M., having received permission from the W.M., then handled the gavel and addressing the brethren said: I am about to propose to you a toast which has not, so far as my experience goes, been proposed before in any lodge; but which is nevertheless a most appropriate toast and one which is particularly applicable to the New Cross Lodge. The toast I am asking you to honour is that of "Freemasonry Universal." When this lodge was consecrated one of its chief founders was a Frenchman by birth, and a distinguished Mason, Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.M. When he (Bro. Smith) occupied the chair of the New Cross Lodge, one of his first initiates was a native of Alsace, and he had had the pleasure of subsequently initiating several Italian gentlemen, his personal friends. That evening, four more claiming Italy as the country of their birth had been received into the New Cross Lodge, and it was proof of the great appreciation in which the earlier Italian brethren held the New Cross Lodge, as well as their respect for the Craft, that they were introducing their friends into an Order which knew no distinction of nationality, but which welcomed the children of all countries alike. In this respect Freemasonry was Universal, and throughout the four quarters of the globe its tenets were practised and its principles upheld. He thought he had now sufficiently expressed himself and would call upon them to drink heartily to "Freemasonry Universal."

The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and after the applause had subsided, Bro. Mella responded for his Italian brethren, and said as a resident in Rome and a constant traveller between Italy and England, he had had since his initiation abundant opportunities for proving the truth of what Bro. Smith had told them. The more he saw of Freemasonry on the continent, the more he

respected the New Cross Lodge, in which he first saw the light of the Craft. He was extremely grateful for the way the toast had been proposed, since he considered it as especial compliment to the foreign brethren.

Bro. Thiellay, P.M., on behalf of French Masons, stated that although he was a Frenchman by birth, he had long resided in and carried on business in England and was the father of four Englishmen. He was much pleased at the introduction of the toast and the way in which it had been proposed by his esteemed Bro. Smith, P.M.

The Tyle's toast having been given, the brethren shortly afterwards broke up.

During the evening Bro. Westall, Organist, presided at the piano, and accompanied the vocal brethren in his accustomed masterly and accomplished style. Amongst those who most distinguished themselves were Bros. Carlo Grassi, E. E. Court, G. P. Bertini, Baker, and E. Arduino. A more enjoyable evening has seldom been spent in 1859.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—This lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, at Messrs. Spiers and Pond's, Criterion Hotel, Regent Circus, Bro. E. Powell, W.M., presided. The attendance of members of the lodge and visitors was very large. Among the latter were Bros. Thorne, 1194; R. Brett, 1791; A. Furber, 754; J. Stewart, 948; Freeman, 1416; Vine, P.M. 173; H. Bond, W.M. 1314; T. Walley, 172; N. Stark, 1194; Minins, P.M. 157; E. Aylings, 973; Goffin, 1695; H. Tolson, 1604; Roberts, 393; J. King, 1929; Tunnel, 1791; Sanders, 1257; S. D. Briggs, P.M. 157; N. Wrangham, P.M. 619; Burlington, P.M. 860; Lerner, S58; Banckel, 378; Davis, 87; Brindley, 1604; Hollam, 27; Shepherd, 140; Dobbs, P.M. 1150; Cross, P.M. 1194; West, P.M. 1815; Sadler, 172; Keen, W.M. 1426; Elliott, 1772; Whiting, 1772; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1441; J. Levy, P.M. 188; Wyatt, 1044; Poulton, 1791; Schartau, 1549; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The Report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund showed the satisfactory result of £60 in hand. When this business had been disposed of, Bro. Powell installed Bro. C. Taylor, S.W. and W.M. Elect, as Master of the Lodge. The brethren invested with the collars of office were Bro. E. Powell, I.P.M.; Bro. H. J. Johnson, S.W.; Bro. R. Bottle, J.W.; Bro. Isaac Isaacs, Treasurer; Bro. A. W. Beckham, Secretary; Bro. Coulthard, S.D.; Bro. Johnstone, J.D.; Bro. Moorman, I.G.; Bros. Ray and Watkins, Directors of Ceremonies; Bro. Egerton, Organist; Bros. Hooper and Weston, Wine Stewards; Bro. Reece Jones, Assistant Tyler; and Bro. Thomas, Tyler.

When Bro. Powell had completed the ceremony of installation by delivering the addresses, the W.M. immediately commenced the active work of the lodge by initiating three candidates, Mr. Thomas Salter, Mr. James Pride, and Mr. Charles James Forder, and his working reflected the greatest credit on the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, at which a large number of the members of the parent lodge are constant attendants. The work both of the Master and of all the officers was absolutely perfect. Before the lodge was closed arrangements were started for holding the annual Eccleston Lodge Ball, which the Eccleston Chapter is also to join.

The banquet which followed the working of the lodge was then partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren. When the cloth was removed the toasts were proposed, and a choice programme of singing was executed by Bros. J. J. Cantle, P.M.; Roberts, Davies, and Lee, under the direction of Bro. Schartau, of Westminster Abbey. The speeches are brief and to the point.

Bro. Powell, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who he said was the first initiate the lodge had. That ceremony he (Bro. Powell) had the pleasure of seeing performed, and he had also had the satisfaction of seeing him work through the different offices in the lodge till he had at last attained the highest position. From what the brethren had seen of the new W.M. that evening they might feel sure that he would conduct the duties of his office in a very creditable manner, and it would be found at the end of his year of office that he had reflected honour on the lodge.

Bro. Taylor, W.M., in reply said that whatever he had done in the cause of Freemasonry had been done with a very great deal of pleasure. With him the work of Masonry had always been a labour of love, and he had wanted no pressing into the work. On the evening he was initiated he made up his mind to go into the work, and it was fortunate for him that the night he was raised to the Third Degree he was put into office. He was the first initiate in the lodge, and he was the first initiate to take the chair of the lodge. That was a position not to boast of, but to be proud of. He did feel proud of the position, and as long as he lived he hoped to be connected with the Eccleston Lodge, which was his first love; he hoped it would be his last. With regard to the work of Freemasonry they all knew he took a prominent part in the lodge of instruction. That again was to him a source of great gratification, and the position he held there he felt almost as much satisfaction with as with that of Master of the Eccleston Lodge. They taught Masonry in the lodge of instruction, and thereby did a great deal of good to every brother who went up there. He would like to see every brother of the lodge attend. Many Master Masons went into lodges and did not know how to give the signs properly; but if they attended lodges of instruction they would not fall into a loose way of walking into a lodge. He had now to announce to the brethren that it was his intention during the coming year to be a steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it was an opportune moment to bring it before their notice as so many of the brethren were present. There was a chance now for them to make their mark in the charities. They were about to start a new association, which he hoped to see every member of Eccleston Lodge join. The festival of the Boys' School would be held next June, and it would be presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He again asked the brethren for their support.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M. and P.M.s. of the Lodge" the Worshipful Master said Bro. Powell had carried out the duties of the lodge in a most satisfactory manner. His work during the last year had been as perfect as the brethren could have wished to see it. Bro. Powell had surprised him by the way he had carried on the work, for in his early Masonic career he was not a good worker, and for a man of his years it was very much more difficult to get up the ceremonies than it was for a young man. He considered that Powell had carried Bro. out the duties of W.M. in a most praiseworthy manner,

and to-night he had crowned all by installing him (the W.M.) The brethren must admit that Bro. Powell had done it admirably. The Master of a lodge has not the same opportunity of getting up the installation ceremony as the other ceremonies of Freemasonry, and, therefore, it was doubly hard upon him. The brethren all owed Bro. Powell a deep debt of gratitude, and they gave him that night some token of their gratitude by presenting him with the very handsome jewel, which he (the W.M.) now had the pleasure of attaching to his breast.

Bro. Powell, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast for himself, expressed his thanks to the W.M. for having stated the satisfaction of the brethren with the way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge. When he was elected to the office of Master he did his best to carry out the duties attached thereto, and he was very much pleased that his endeavours had met with the approval of the brethren. When he was one of the founders of the lodge and accepted the lowest office in it he little thought he should live to be in the proud position of Master. He was thankful he had done so, and that he had finished his work by installing his successor. It was rather a hard ceremony to acquire, and there were not many opportunities for learning it. But it was the duty of the W.M. to install his successor, and he determined not to be behind anyone else. For the P.M.'s jewel he thanked the brethren. He had a grandson who was a Lewis, and when he knew his father was the maker of the jewel it would have a double value to him.

Bro. Maclean, P.M., attributed the excellent working of the lodge to the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction. On the last Saturday in this month they were going to work the Fifteen Sections there, when he (Bro. Maclean) would have the honour of being in the chair. On the first Saturday in November Bro. James Stevens would give his lecture there. On behalf of the Benevolent Fund he thanked the brethren for what they had done.

The other toasts were then given and responded to. The benevolent box received £4, which drew further thanks from Bro. Maclean. The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

CLERKENWELL LODGE (No. 1964).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at Messrs. Spiers and Pond's, Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M., W.M., presided, and initiated the Rev. Robert Maguire, D.D., Vicar of St. Olave's, Southwark; Capt. Charles Edward Gwinnell, and Mr. James Robinson, Organist of Clerkenwell Parish Church, into Freemasonry. Capt. Wm. Edwin Heato, 21st Rifles, was elected as a joining member. The Worshipful Master afterwards installed Bro. Thomas Hastings Miller, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The officers for the year who were invested were Bros. J. J. Goode, S.W.; G. A. Potter, J.W.; Rev. John Rose, Chaplain; Geo. Lambert, P.G.S.B., Treas.; James Terry, P.M., Sec.; Col. H. Radcliffe, S.D.; Major Rolfe, J.D.; J. Tuck, I.G.; J. A. Robinson, Org.; James E. Terry, jun., D.C.; Bellingham, W.S.; and Arthur Walkley, Tyler.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Bowyer for performing the ceremony was passed and ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes, and Bro. Bowyer having acknowledged the same, a list of apologies for non-attendance was read from Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Lord Henniker, the Lord Mayor, Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*), J. D. Alcroft, Frank Green, J. A. Rucker, and others, and the lodge was then closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Gooding, F. A. Philbrick, O.C., Thomas Fenn, and H. G. Buss. The usual toasts followed the banquet.

In replying to the toast which included "The Grand Officers," Bro. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., Grand Reg., said, after extolling the services rendered to the Craft by the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, that he felt a little taken aback in replying to the toast, but for himself he felt highly flattered at what the W.M. had said of the appreciation of certain long services—faithful services he trusted; but he would not take upon himself to say that they had been services advantageous to the Craft. They had been for a long time rewarded by the Grand Master's appointment and the appreciation of Grand Lodge. He returned thanks to the W.M. for referring to the mark of favour so recently bestowed by the Grand Master. The other Grand Officers were all well-known, and they were better able to respond than himself. His colleagues had been known for a long series of years; some more recently, but whether it be those who were senior in rank, or senior in length of service—whether it were those who came among them the other day and were so heartily welcomed, or any other—he could only say truly for one and for all, that they exerted themselves to the utmost of their power—and their power was not slight—to benefit the Craft in its integrity and in its generality, and at the same time to show the greatest kindness and consideration for all young brethren who joined the Craft and desired to take part in the great Order to which they were all proud to belong.

Bro. Bowyer, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. T. Hastings Miller in responding said he hoped that at the end of his year of office the brethren would be able to endorse all that had been said in his favour. He should endeavour as far as he could to follow in the footsteps of Bro. Bowyer, and he felt confident that if he did so he should have done all the brethren wished of him. He should always be most zealous as to the admission of candidates into the Clerkenwell Lodge. When a lodge was started was the time to be most careful. Those whom they admitted first were those from whom sprang all the future. Therefore he for one as the W.M. of the lodge would be very careful whom he introduced, and he felt sure all the brethren would follow his example. His best endeavours would be used to promote the progress and welfare of the lodge, which he felt sure would stand second to none.

"The Initiates" was the next toast, and in giving it the Worshipful Master said two of those introduced that evening had been well known to him for many years. Dr. Maguire he had known 20 years and he had long anticipated the pleasure of seeing him initiated. He met him now as a brother and he hoped the rev. brother had been pleased and edified by the ceremonies he had gone through. He felt sure he would be one of the brightest ornaments of Freemasonry. Bro. Gwinnell was also of the right

metal, and Bro. Robinson likewise was a brother he had known many years, and was intimately connected with the parish of Clerkenwell. All these brethren would have the right hand of fellowship.

The Rev. Robert Maguire said it was with no small amount of diffidence and hesitation he rose to respond. He was accustomed generally to speak upon subjects he had been familiar with, or by course of study he had become in some measure master of; but he felt that evening that neither hand nor tongue was that of a master. Indeed, how could it be, seeing that he was only an Apprentice? All that he could offer with regard to the context of the meeting was something in the shape of first impressions—very impromptu impressions indeed—for he was ignorant beforehand of every process he went through, and knew nothing at all of the tone and character of the obligations. He was therefore an entire novice; but as to his first impression he would say this much, that he never heard anything that contained a higher moral tone in life than the ennobling words that were addressed to him by the Master. He felt that the best and most honourable must look up to that platform as something to be ever attained. "Who is sufficient for these things?" was a thought that suggested itself to him. Another thing which he thought of very much was that grand principle of charity in its primeval sense, meaning love—love in every way, love in theory and love in practice—which he saw was one of the fundamental stones of the Craft. A gentleman said to him the other day, speaking upon another subject, "Happy is the man who going uphill does not meet a friend." He (the speaker) looked at him, evidently indicating by his look that he did not understand that sort of talk; there was nothing in it that took hold of any part of his nature, and it had to be explained and interpreted, and it was explained in this wise—that if you were going uphill and met a friend he would be going downhill, and that was to be deplored. In a Freemason's lodge that sentiment was of course acceptable. Referring to the dinner given by Bro. Bowyer on his birthday, the rev. doctor said the parish of Clerkenwell honoured him, and a gentleman there spoke of the success which God had given Bro. Bowyer, and said that that brother had his greatest delight in assisting those who were going down hill. That feeling was akin to the feeling in the lodge, and though he (Bro. Maguire) was a novice in the Craft, looking around him upon the younger men who had for a long time been brethren, he envied them their seniority in Masonry, as he might at an earlier period have devoted himself to such a brotherhood. Named after a parish which would always be dear to him the lodge would excite his warmest affection, and he was thankful to be a member of that lodge, and he rejoiced that at last he had become one of that glorious band whose principles were morality and charity.

Bros. Capt. Gwinnell and Robinson also replied, the latter of whom said what induced him to become a Freemason was that so many excellent and worthy men that he knew belonged to the Craft.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who passed a high eulogium on the working of Bro. Bowyer, and congratulated him on his restoration to health.

Bro. Bowyer assured the brethren that whatever he could do for the success of the Clerkenwell Lodge he should ever be happy to do. Some twelve months ago, when he took in the petition he told the Grand Secretary he intended to make the lodge a success if he could. The Grand Secretary, who consecrated the lodge, was now present, and he had been present on one or two other occasions, and he (Bro. Bowyer) appealed to the Grand Secretary whether or not he had tried to redeem his promise.

Bros. Dr. Gooding, Philbrick, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bros. George Lambert and James Terry replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," both pointing out the duties of their offices, and their determination to carry them out to the letter.

Bro. Binckes responded to the toast of "The Charities," and congratulated the Clerkenwell Lodge on what it had done for the Masonic Institutions.

The toast of "The Officers" met with a response from each of the brethren honoured with collars by the W.M.; and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening some charming singing was given by Madame Mathilde Zimeri, Master Frank Charlton, Bros. Lester, Arthur Thompson, James Kift, who also presided at the pianoforte, and Bro. Chaplin Henry.

WALDECK LODGE (No. 1969).—The first installation meeting of this lodge (founded about fifteen months since) was held at Freemason's Hall, on Tuesday the 9th inst., Bro. Julius Quitmann, the first W.M., in the chair. There were present besides, Bros. H. L. Wolters, W.M. Elect; G. P. Wehlen, S.W.; E. Schött, J.W.; C. Walser, Treasurer; L. T. Pfister, Secretary; Carl Quitmann, S.D.; Ernest Quitmann, J.D.; Otto Quitmann, I.G.; and most of the ordinary brethren of the lodge, all of whom are of German nationality, and V.W. Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B. and W. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W., Honorary Members. Also a large number of visitors, including Bro. Hench, P.G.P.

The Second and Third Degrees were most ably worked in the English language by the W.M., who then with equal ability proceeded to install Brother H. L. Wolters, the concluding addresses of the ceremony being given in his usually masterly style by Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Herts. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Quitmann for the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. since the establishment of the lodge. Especial thanks were also given here for the presentation to the lodge of an exceedingly handsome silk banner (made by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London), on which was emblazoned the arms of the house of Waldeck, permission to use which had been graciously awarded the lodge by the R.W. Bro. the Duke of Albany, K.G., &c., P.G.W. Oxfordshire, who had also accepted the honourable membership of the lodge.

After closing, an excellent dinner was served in the drawing-room by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, to which ample justice was done by the brethren. After the cloth had been removed the usual toasts followed.

In responding for "The Grand Officers," Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B., expressed the interest he felt in the lodge as one of its Consecrating Officers, and the pleasure it gave him to see the substantial progress, gratifying and praiseworthy to the W.M., to whom specially he would

bear testimony, and to all the brethren. He thanked them for electing him an honorary member of the lodge, in whose future concerns he should ever have a special feeling of sympathy.

Bro. Hench, P.G.P., also acknowledged the toast. In responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities" Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Herts, reminded the brethren that nearly £48,000 had been received from voluntary donors this year in support of those Charities, which embraced the maintenance and education of about 460 girls and boys, who had shown by the result of their examinations, as well as by their general good conduct, their appreciation of their benefactors' liberality; as well as in the support of 360 old men and women. The various Charities were, he believed, well and carefully administered, and while they continued to be so, would no doubt receive the continued support of the brethren.

Other toasts followed, and the pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by an usually good concert, in which Bros. J. H. Leipold, A. Oswald, H. Glunstein, C. D. Seifert, and E. Schött took part.

STRAND LODGE (No. 1987).—The ordinary October meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, the chair being occupied by Bro. James Willing jun., W.M. The Wardens and other officers, besides a large number of lay members were also present, and a goodly array of visitors. The paper of business was, as it has been on each occasion the lodge has met since its consecration, a full one, there being the names of six candidates for raising, three for passing, and six for initiation. There was also one candidate down for joining. The ballot for the joining member resulted in the election of Bro. Alfonso Romano, St. Clement Dances Lodge, No. 1351, restaurateur, 399, Strand; and Bros. W. D. Horrocks, C. J. Weston, W. C. Archer, and J. Hewson, presented themselves for the Third Degree; when it had been conferred on them, Bros. A. H. Koning, C. A. A. Welsh, and E. Evans were passed to the Second Degree; and then three out of the six candidates for initiation were introduced, and the first ceremony was conferred on Messrs. Charles Pfeiffer, proprietor of the Ship and Pilot Hotel, Bristol; James Henry Warden, proprietor of the *Hendon Times*, Hendon, Middlesex; and Charles John Denton, 224, Amhurst Road, London, E. The work occupied the brethren three hours, and on the closing of the lodge they adjourned to banquet. The visitors of the lodge were Bros. H. Jones, W.M. 1954; J. Roach, 49; A. Fisle, W.M. 1589, P.G. Stwd.; Thos. Vernon, 25; David R. Lowe, 1589; Isaac Latimer, P.M. 189, P.P.G. Sec., and P.P.G. J.W. Devon; George Clement Smith, 1319; W. W. Edwards, 589; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928, (*Freemason*).

The toasts were proposed in due course, and the Worshipful Master before commencing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" congratulated the brethren on having been spared to meet each other again after so long an absence. He spoke with thankfulness of the lodge having suffered no loss in the interval that had elapsed between the last meeting of the lodge and the present.

When the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, and the toasts of "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M.," &c., had been disposed of,

Bro. Isaac Latimer, P.M., &c., proprietor of the *Western Daily Mercury*, Plymouth, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said that in his province they ought to have Bro. Willing down with them to throw a little life into them by his vigour. This was the first London lodge he (Bro. Latimer) had had the pleasure of attending from some cause or other. He had, however, been present at the installation of two of the Grand Masters—the Marquis of Ripon and the Prince of Wales—and the installation of the latter was a ceremony which no one who was present at it would ever forget. It was a grand gathering of the Craft; it did honour to the Prince of Wales and it also did honour to the Craft. Not to weary the brethren with a long speech it would be only necessary for him in proposing the W.M.'s health to say he (Bro. Latimer) came among the brethren with very great pleasure, and was happy to see the cordiality which existed, which he hoped was the forerunner of a future happy existence that might lead to other lodges springing out of this one. The lodge was rapidly closing up its ranks, and he expected that some of the brethren would look to starting other lodges, for they must see that their prospects of advancement in this lodge were not very great. He had been pleased to hear the W.M. congratulate the brethren on not having lost any of their number in the recess, and to express the pleasure he had at meeting them again. Bro. Willing imparted so much life and pleasure to those amongst whom he came that if he (Bro. Latimer) ever got him down into Devonshire the brethren would be very happy indeed to hail him as one of themselves. When he (Bro. Latimer) was W.M. of his own lodge he did what had never been done there before—he invited all the W.Ms. of the three great towns in Devonshire to come and meet him. He also invited the late Bro. the Rev. J. Huyshe, whose name was honoured by all both in and out of that province; and Bro. Huyshe said nothing gave him greater pleasure, as it was his first instance in his memory of such an act. He (Bro. Latimer) was satisfied from what he had seen in the Strand Lodge of the generosity with which they greeted brethren who were almost entire strangers to them that Masons would always find a brotherhood among the Order wherever they went. After these few introductory observations he would propose, with all cordiality, "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master in replying said he thought one of the happiest characteristics of Freemasonry was in that those who were strangers yesterday were the best friends in life to-day; and was it singular that when they met and opened their hearts to one another how friendly they could be upon the common ground of Freemasonry, knowing that they had all gone through the same ceremonies? Bro. Latimer hailed from the same province as the father, the wife, and the children of himself, and he must say that the same cordial reception was given to Masons everywhere, whether in London, Cornwall, Devonshire, Hampshire, or Essex. Everywhere they tried to make brethren as comfortable as they knew those brethren would make them. The very handsome way in which Bro. Latimer had proposed his health was a good evidence of the feeling entertained towards the Strand Lodge, and he cordially thanked Bro. Latimer on behalf of the brethren of the lodge and on his own behalf for the very kind observations he had made, and he also thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast.

The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and after referring to the necessity there was for introducing new blood into the Order, made special reference to the qualifications of the three gentlemen who had presented themselves that day for admission into the Order, and trusted that all of them would make progress in Freemasonry and be noted for their regular attendance at the lodge.

Bro. Denton, who was the first to respond, said he had long wished to join the Order, and only regretted that step had not been taken sooner. But there was an old saying, "Better late than never," which was quite true in his case. He would endeavour to pay great attention to what had passed that evening, and would try to follow in the footsteps of the W.M., his brother-in-law.

Bro. J. H. Warden said that as he had been writing for the public many years he had lost all his energy as a speaker; but notwithstanding that, he was still able to thank the W.M. and the brethren present for the cordial way in which they had adopted the novitiates and made them feel quite at home on the first occasion of their entering Masonry. For fifteen years the subject of joining the Craft had been before him, but he had never had the time to do it. Of course he had been struck by the way in which the ceremonies had been conducted. Entirely ignorant of what would be expected of him he had relied upon the honour of the brethren and had gone into it assured that there was nothing in it but what was good and that every right thinking and honourable man might be glad to be acquainted with.

Bro. Pfeiffer expressed the same feeling of pleasure as his two predecessors at being admitted a member of the Order. His father before him was a Freemason, and it had been his own ambition to become one, though that ambition was hardly yet satisfied. As far as he had seen he greatly admired it, but he would like to see a great deal more. If he might not be presumptuous or offend the W.M., he hoped his ambition would not be satisfied till he attained the W.M.'s chair; and he expressed his heartfelt thanks for his reception that evening, and for the honour bestowed on him and his fellow initiates.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. referred to the cordial reception given at York to visitors, and then said that during the short existence of the Strand Lodge no lodge was more anxious to see brethren from other lodges. A great many of these visitors he knew well and had had the pleasure of enjoying at various times many agreeable hours in their company. He then read through the list of visitors given above, and made complimentary and cordial remarks with respect to each of them.

Bro. Isaac Latimer said he felt much pleasure in responding to a toast which had been so heartily proposed and received, and perhaps the brethren would allow him to make a few observations with respect to West country Freemasonry. During the last few years they had erected at Plymouth a remarkably fine Guildhall with all its municipal offices, and if any of the brethren went down to the West he should advise them to go and look at it. On the occasion of its opening they had the pleasure of receiving the Prince of Wales, and the brethren of Cornwall honoured them by coming in full force. The W.M. had referred to the reception given at York by the Masons of that province to visitors. He (Bro. Latimer) was there himself when York invited members of the Craft who were there to come to a meeting in order that they might show them the Masonic antiquities they possessed. It was a very large and important gathering, and took place at the time that the British Association was holding its fiftieth anniversary meeting, and the men who were fond of science and were Masons left the men of science who were not Masons to attend the meeting of Masons. With regard to Plymouth, the hall he had said was opened by the Prince of Wales, and there were a number of beautiful paintings there. Every panel did honour to the town, and represented something in connection with the town. Among the painted windows, all of which had been given either by individuals or collectively, was one which had reference to the charitable establishments of the Craft. It had been suggested to him by a brother, and he visited every lodge and brought the matter before the brethren, and from every one of those lodges he obtained subscriptions. The window, which was the result of this effort, he commended to the attention of every Freemason who visited Plymouth. It commemorated an event in the history of the Craft there, and he mentioned it as a pleasing incident to show how readily the brethren responded to any call which in their judgment was commendable. The lodges very readily responded, and he could not but mention that in his efforts he had the hearty assistance of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Prov. Grand Master for Cornwall, than whom a better Grand Master could not be found. The Masons of Cornwall and Devonshire had subscribed to a memorial which was a splendid specimen of decorative art.

Bros. Jones, Fisle, Roach, Lowe, Edwards, Clement Smith, and Holt also responded.

All the officers also replied to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," whom the W.M. complimented on coming back after their holidays with renewed vigour.

The toast of "The Press," was also given in exceptionally complimentary terms by the Worshipful Master, and exhaustively acknowledged by Bro. Stacey, J.W., and in the briefest possible terms by Bro. H. Massey (*Freemason*). The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Daly, closed the evening, which several brethren had enlivened with music and singing.

CANTERBURY.—United Industrious Lodge (No. 31).—The brethren of the oldest lodge in this very old city had another red-letter day in their Craft history on the occasion of the installation ceremony of the Worshipful Master of this lodge for the ensuing twelve months, when the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes, and the following brethren assembled to do honour to the W.M. elect: Bros. F. Butler, Prov. Grand Senior Warden; J. Secra, P.M. 972, Prov. Grand A.D.C.; Edwin Beer, P.M. 973, 1449, Prov. G.J.D.; R. Joym's Emmerson, P.M. 1206, P.P.G.J.W.; H. J. Naylor, P.M. 1449, P.P.G.S.B.; F. King, P.M. 586, Prov. G.S.W. Wilts; J. Branfill Harrison, P.M. 1096, P.P.G.C.; E. T. Budden, P.M. 386, 622, P.P.G.S.W. Dorset; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths. and Hunts; G. Pitcher, P.M. 972, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. R. Jamblin, P.M. 1837, P.P.G.S.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.M. 1015, P.P. G.D. Leicester and Rutland; V. S. Vickers, W.M. 199; J. Vautier, W.M. 1449; T. B. Rosseter, W.M. 972; S. M. Shaw, W.M. 1965; P. Higham, P.M. 31, P.P.G.

J.W.; J. R. Hall, P.M. 31, P.P.G. Asst. Sec.; C. Holtum, P.M. 31, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Ward, P.M. 586, 622, 1112, P.P.G.W. Wilts; F. Horner, W.M. 31; W. G. Pidduck, J.W. 31; J. G. Hall, P.M. 31; J. Allen, P.M. 160, 1734; W. D. Young, G. Collard, J. Plant, P.M., Sec. 31; J. Grundy, W. Ashenden, R. M. Mercer, W. H. Longhurst, P.M. 31; R. Rhodes, E. Marton, J. R. Reeves, W.M. 1915; W. P. Coleman, S.W. 1915; R. H. M. Maugham, J.W. 1915; J. E. Wiltshier, P.M. 31, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Welsh, P.M. 972; A. H. Marks, R. Westwood, T. Blamius, A. J. Beer (the Mayor), P.P.G.D.; W. H. Donaldson, W. Dring, W. Tice, P.M. 31; T. Crump, S.W. 972; A. Tucker, P.M. 586; W. Plant, 972; A. Pilcher, 972; W. Carter, S.W. 1449; S. Newman, J.D. 972; J. W. Bennett, 1572; W. Price, J.W. 972; A. Moulding, P. Phelps, 709; and R. Ewell, Tyler.

Bro. H. Ward, who since his coming to Canterbury has infused amongst the brethren much of his own devotion and love for the noble principles and practice of Freemasonry, whose unrivalled Masonic experience and zeal have brought an immense accession of strength to the Order in this city, was initiated in 622, Wimborne, in 1859, and filled the chair of his mother lodge in 1865, during which year he removed to Salisbury and joined 586. Here his devotion and earnestness soon produced effects of renewed life and energy amongst the brethren of New Sarum, and in a few years there was not only a large accession of numbers in the Craft, but more careful attention to ceremonies and great improvement in lodge work. A very handsome and commodious temple, with the necessary appurtenances, was one of the results of this "new life," and the brethren showed their appreciation of these services by placing Bro. Ward in the chair in 1870 and re-electing him a second year in 1871. In 1866 Bro. Ward was mainly instrumental in founding a new lodge, No. 1112, in the adjoining Province of Hampshire, of which lodge he was the first W.M. In 1874 he assisted to form a new lodge, the Longleat, 1478, Warminster, of which Lord Harry Thynne was the first Master. For two years Bro. Ward performed the ceremonies and mainly conducted the work of this new lodge. In 1872 Lord Methuen, the Prov. Grand Master of Wilts, distinguished him with the collar of Prov. G.J.W. of Wilts, having previously selected him to fill several subordinate offices in Provincial Grand Lodge.

Passing from his brethren in the West with the highest and most honourable credentials from the Craft, the Arch, and the Rose Croix, to a new sphere of labour in the East, the same devoted adherence to our "ancient and honourable institution" has found, not only work to do, but fellow-workers, who gladly and fraternally co-operate in promoting the best interests of Masonry in the Craft generally, in the province particularly, and in the lodge specially. The beautiful temple dedicated to Masonry in the city of Canterbury, and of which an interesting description was given in the *Freemason* of a few weeks since, now affords a glorious home to the three Craft lodges of the city, to the Royal Arch and Rose Croix Chapters, and to the Knights Templar. Such a building could only be raised by love and devotion to the Order on the part of those who conceived the work, those who planned the work, and those who executed the work. For surely never was so much good work done at so inadequate a remuneration since the days when men gave their substance, their skill, their labour to the service of the Most High, Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre; Hiram Abiff, and Bezaleel, the son of Uri, have surely revisited, "the glimpses of the moon," made a pilgrimage to Canterbury, and built a tabernacle and temple in that historical place worthy of the architectural traditions of the city, a credit to the taste of the masons forming the three lodges, and an honour and ornament to the craft at large. The Canterbury brethren have set a noble example to all English Freemasons of what can be done, by devotion to the Craft, unity of purpose and unity of effort. All masons who visit Canterbury should go and see the temple and learn on the spot how the W.M. and brethren gave their counsel and money, how the architect gave the plans and designs, and how Bro. Wiltshier, with devotion and self sacrifice, carried out the work. The canopied stall work is a marvellous addition to the imposing appearance of the lodge when at work.

The lodge being opened, and the routine business despatched, the installation proceeded. The installing Master was an "old friend and brother," the Rev. F. King, P.M. 586, and Prov. S.G.W. Wilts. The S.W.'s chair was filled by Bro. Butler, P.S.G.W. Kent, and the J.W.'s chair by E. T. Budden, P. Prov. S.G.W. Dorset.

The ceremony was very well rendered, and after the usual rites had been observed the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to a most admirable banquet at the Royal Fountain Hotel, the residence of the W.M. Good as all things were to the eye and palate, there were pleasures provided for the ear also, a very competent quartette of brother Masons from the cathedral choir enhancing the enjoyment by their well rendered glees, madrigals, and songs.

Passing over those toasts which have more of a local than general interest, that of "The Charities" deserves notice for the warmheartedness with which it was proposed and received, and for the generous response made thereto by Bro. Terry, who in thanking the W.M. and brethren for the compliment, &c., spoke in the highest terms of praise of the Girls' and Boys' Schools; their needs, their work, their usefulness and good management, and of the generous support given them by the Craft. Bro. Terry then gave a short and terse account of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with his usual warmth and tact, and with a sort of Shakespearian "damn-with-faint-praise" allusion to Provincial Charities, concluded a really good speech.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated at the end of a most enjoyable Masonic day. Bro. Dr. Longhurst, Organist of the Cathedral, presided over the musical arrangements at lodge and banquet.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 180).—This lodge on Thursday, the 11th inst., received the Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.; his deputy, W. Bro. W. Hickman; and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on an official visit, at the invitation of the W.M., Bro. James Robertson. There was a large muster of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and several visiting brethren, the latter including from Winchester, Bro. W. H. Jacob, the W.M. of Lodge Economy, and Bro. Gamon, the W.M. of the William-of-Wykeham

Lodge, with their Past Masters and Wardens; the following lodges amongst others being also represented: Phoenix, New Forest, Shirley, Peace and Harmony, Southampton, Clausentum, Albert Edward, and others.

The lodge having during the evening received and dealt with a circular from Portsmouth suggesting a division of the province, which the Gloucester brethren by resolution unanimously pronounced as in their opinion unnecessary, the subject was incidentally referred to by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master in response to the toast of his health at the evening banquet, served by Bro. Dartnall. In the course of reviewing the position and condition of the province he pointed out that the suggestion to divide it, though no doubt put forward in the belief that Masonry would be thereby advanced, was not only opposed to the design which prevailed in some quarters of improving the status of Masons, and of the tendency at head-quarters to concentration, but was contrary to the Book of Constitutions.

In subsequent speeches, responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," two Past Masters from Portsmouth gave it as their opinion that the proposal to divide, which emanated from a very few dissatisfied spirits, was not generally concurred in by the brethren of the nine Portsmouth lodges.

The Prov. Grand Secretary added his belief that the way in which the charity votes had recently come in to him confirmed this view. The last few weeks had been an anxious time to him, not only in view of the candidates going up from the province for the Schools, but that they owed some 850 votes. There was now, however, no doubt of their redemption, and he equally hoped no doubt of the province being maintained intact. The idea of 39 lodges, with a fortieth about to be consecrated, being too large in presence of the extent of some of the Northern provinces seemed to him unworthy of credence or general acceptance.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master in response to the toast of his health commended to the attention of the lodges certain propositions which were to be brought before Grand Lodge for confirmation or otherwise at the Quarterly Communication in December.

W. Bros. Jacob, Gamon, Dore, Patstone, and H. Lashmore acknowledged the toasts of "The Visitors" and of "Sister Lodges," and the evening altogether was spent in a true Masonic spirit.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at York on Monday. Bro. G. Kirby, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Todd, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; R. W. Hollon, P.M.; M. Rooke, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. Blenkin, W.M. elect 1611; G. Garbutt, S.W.; W. Draper, J.W.; and a number of other brethren and visitors. There being no work the business consisted principally of discussion of matters relating to the lodge. On the motion of Bro. Todd, P.M., Treas., a guinea was voted to the "Hughan Testimonial Fund," and a general hope was expressed that the movement would result in a way worthy of the intelligence of English Masonry, since the lodge that declined to subscribe argued itself ignorant of Masonic literature.

HARWICH.—Star in the East Lodge (No. 650).—The anniversary festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, and was of an unusually interesting character. At about 3.30 the brethren assembled, and amongst those present were W. Bros. Thos. J. Kalling, P.M. 51, Prov. G. Sec.; R. D. Poppleton, I.P.M. 433, Prov. G.S.D.; J. J. Cavill, I.P.M. 1312, Prov. G.J.D.; Thos. G. Mills, I.P.M. 697, Prov. G.P.; E. Hennemeyer, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S.W.; Alfred Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; C. Osmond, W.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thomas Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Eustace, W.M. 1977, P.P.G.S.B.; G. A. Eustace, W.M. 697, Prov. G.S.; A. A. Bennett, W.M. 376, P.P.G.R. Suffolk; W. O. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Weston, P.M. 1536; Bros. C. H. Snelgar, 697; J. Smith, 225; J. T. Bailey, I.G. 697; J. Steer, 1536; C. D. Marshall, S.W. 697; Turle Lee, I.G. 766; Charles Beckett, 1300; George F. Smith, 1839; Geo. F. Smith, jun., 1977; F. Atkinson, 376; S. Munson, Tyler 51; and others; and the following members of 650: Bros. Rixon, Ford, O. Broadberry, Geo. Helsdon, Edgar Bonner, Thos. Dunn, and J. R. Watson.

The installation of Bro. Harry C. Everard was the principal business, and the ceremony was ably performed by W. Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.P.G.C., who is a member of 650, and who kindly acted in the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M. of the Province, W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. At the close the new W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Richard Clowes, P.G.S.W., I.P.M.; F. R. Hales, S.W.; M. L. Sanders, J.W.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Wm. Groom, Treas.; Richard Clowes, I.P.M., P.G.S.W., Sec.; A. Kinsey Morgan, S.D.; A. C. Parsons, J.D.; Bede Hutchinson, D.C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; G. Helsdon, I.G.; T. Dunn, Stewd.; and R. Barlow, Tyler. Bro. R. Clowes was elected as representative to the Provincial Charity Committee.

The Worshipful Master, in the name of the lodge, presented to W. Bro. Richard Clowes, I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel, and took the opportunity to thank him for the many kindnesses they had received at his hands, both as a lodge and as individuals. The jewel, which is of handsome design and finish, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London.

Bro. Clowes heartily thanked the brethren for this mark of their goodwill, and promised to continue his efforts for the prosperity of Masonry generally, and Lodge 650 particularly.

A vote of thanks was passed to W. Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate for so kindly undertaking the day's duty; and he was presented with the lodge jewel as a token of the esteem in which the brethren hold him. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Bede Hutchinson for the zeal and ability he had shown as Secretary to the Lodge Charity Association, through which no less a sum than £63 had during the year been contributed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

Later in the evening between 40 and 50 brethren dined together at the Pier Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by Bro. Rule, the host. After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

In giving "The I.P.M. and P.Ms. of No. 650" the Worshipful Master took occasion again to refer to the eminent services Bro. Clowes had rendered to Lodge 650 during his year of office. It was chiefly owing to his energy and

hard work that the son of their late Secretary, Basham, had been elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; he had borne the entire expense of the entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge, and had rendered signal services in hundreds of ways both to the lodge and also its members as individuals. It had consequently been thought by some of them that the presentation of a Past Master's jewel was not a sufficient expression of the kind feeling they all entertained to Bro. Clowes, and the matter having been warmly taken up had resulted in the purchase of the silver goblet which he now had the great pleasure to hand to Bro. Clowes, and trusted he would live long to continue his services to Masonry.

The cup, which had only a few minutes before been brought into the room, was then, amid great applause, handed to Bro. Clowes, who, in acknowledging the gift, spoke with considerable emotion. He said he had been so thoroughly taken by surprise at this extremely kind token of their kind feeling that he did not know how to reply. He could assure them, however, that he should value their handsome gift most highly, and so would his family; and his three boys, whom he hoped one day to see Masons, would, he felt sure, point with pride to that cup on the sideboard and say, "That's what my father received at the end of his year of office from the brethren of Lodge Star in the East, No. 650."

The cup, which is of solid silver, gold lined, bears the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. Clowes, I.P.M., P.G.S.W., by the members of Star in the East Lodge, 650, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge, and as a mark of their personal regard. October, 1883."

During the evening a very choice musical programme was carried out under the direction of Bros. Turle Lee and G. F. Smith, jun., who were ably assisted by Bros. G. F. Smith, Lawler, Large, and Beckett. Two items in the programme deserve special mention; the first was a pianoforte duet by Raff, which was played in a masterly style by Bros. Turle Lee and G. F. Smith, jun.; and the other was a new song written by Marcus Fielding (Bro. G. F. Smith, jun.), entitled "The Old Song and the New," well sung by Bro. Large, and the reception it met with augurs well for its future popularity.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—This lodge met as usual on the 2nd inst., Bro. H. Peacock, W.M., in the chair. A goodly number of the Working-ton brethren were present as visitors. The minutes having been read and confirmed Mr. Joseph Taylor was duly balloted for and approved. Bro. Reice, P.M. 962, then took the chair, and Mr. Taylor was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by him. After the lodge was closed in due form the visitors were entertained in the lodge room by the W.M. and members, and a pleasant evening was spent.

MOSLEY.—Prince Alfred Lodge (No. 1218).—The annual installation festival was held at the Commercial Hotel, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. J. Stevenson, W.M.; J. B. Wilson, I.P.M.; Danl. Dempsey, S.W.; S. Broadbent, J.W.; John Buckley, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Rawson, Sec.; James Abbott, S.D.; T. L. Buckley, J.D.; A. Robinson, Org.; Jas. Radcliffe, John Whitnam, John Holgate, Benjamin Pearson, Jas. Gledhill, Robt. Wilson, Jas. L. Wilson, W. H. Whiteley, James Buckley, Josh. Firth, and Jno. Waterhouse, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645, P.P.G.D. of C.; E. Thompson, P.M. 324; Jno. Shoemith, S.D. 1783; Alfred Halliwell, W.M. 1783; S. P. Bidder, P.M. 1101; S. P. Bidder, jun., W.M. 1774; G. T. Schofield, P.M. 1218; James Morris, P.M. 461; Josh. Caske, W.M. 324; Thos. H. Tanner, 337; J. W. Tanner, 337; John Heys, P.M. 1218; S. Robinson, P.M. 337; Abel Holmes, W.M. 337; and others.

The lodge was opened at three o'clock prompt, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other routine lodge business transacted; after which Bro. J. H. Sillitoe occupied the W.M.'s chair, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Danl. Dempsey, in the chair of K.S. Bro. Sillitoe also invested the following officers, viz., Bros. S. Broadbent, S.W.; Jas. Allott, J.W.; John Buckley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. E. Rawson, Sec. (re-appointed); Thos. L. Buckley, S.D.; W. Kendray, J.D.; Josh. Firth, I.G.; W. H. Whiteley, Steward; A. Robinson, Organist; and Jno. Waterhouse, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. John Buckley, P.M., who also delivered the working tools, and those to the Wardens and brethren by Bro. Sillitoe. After the visiting brethren had expressed their "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in solemn form.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where the good things of this life were bountifully supplied and duly appreciated. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to, after which "The Health of Bro. Sillitoe, the Installing Master," was proposed, in response to which he made an impressive appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and pointed out particularly the claims of support from East Lancashire which the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution possessed, in consequence of the great benefits which were being derived from that Institution. Other toasts followed, and the pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the singing of Bro. Tanner and others, ably assisted by the services of Bro. Robinson at the piano.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Amherst Arms Hotel. Bro. T. J. Baker, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. C. J. Craig, S.W.; C. E. Birch, J.W.; R. Durnell, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; E. S. Strange, J.D.; J. I. Birch, I.G.; W. Sparrowhawk, Steward; W. South, Tyler; J. S. Smith, I.P.M.; E. Pilliner, D. Taylor, T. Weldon, H. J. Drane, F. P. Lee, C. Hooker, R. J. Langley, J. Hamblin, J. Hanmer, J. Watkins, C. M. Williams, and J. Waller, together with the following visitors: Bros. H. Harris, 874; G. S. Graham, P.M. 1777, P.P.G.O. Surrey; and W. Hughes, J.D. 1678.

After the confirmation of minutes Bro. C. Hooker was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed in a most admirable manner by Bro. S. Smith, I.P.M., by request of the W.M. The brethren afterwards assembled in the banquet room, where Bro. Waller had provided a very excellent repast, which the brethren fully enjoyed. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were preceded with some terse remarks by the W.M.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Smalman Smith," the Worshipful Master said it was a matter of the deepest regret to him that Bro. Smith was leaving the lodge; but yet it was a great pleasure to all of the brethren to know that the Government had recognised Bro. Smith's talent by appointing him as Judge to the Gold Coast Colony. In going to that far-off land he would take with him "the hearty good wishes" of all who knew him, and especially the brethren of that lodge. He was pleased to present Bro. Smith with the spontaneous offering of the brethren on his departure, as a slight memento of love and esteem, a very handsome despatch box and a beautiful illuminated address on vellum, signed by the officers and brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Smith, in acknowledging the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and the very handsome and elegant presents placed in his hands, said he could not in words adequately express his thanks. He had been connected with the Amherst Lodge for several years, and many happy hours of his life had been passed in the society of the brethren, whom he had always found genial companions and warm-hearted friends. Though he was going to a far-distant land, he would assure them the many kindly acts which he had seen in the lodge would always remain as an unsullied page in his memory, and though he was leaving his native land in the course of a few days, it was not his intention to sever himself from the lodge. He hoped—though it might be some years before he would have an opportunity of returning, he did hope, if the Great Architect should spare him for a few years, he might have the opportunity of visiting the lodge again, where he had spent so many pleasant and profitable hours.

Bro. J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.P.G.O., the hon. sec. of the lodge, then delivered in a very feeling and impressive manner, some lines he had written appropriate to the occasion, and which were well greeted by the brethren.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The musical arrangements were confided to Bro. Graham, P.P.G.O., Surrey, and the talented manner in which he essayed to please, and did please, was warmly acknowledged by the brethren.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Wm. Chas. Freeman, W.M.; Joseph Kerfoot, S.W.; R. Starkie, P.M., acting J.W.; W. H. Horrocks, S.D.; W. H. Pennington, J.D.; J. Yarwood, acting I.G.; G. A. Mort, P.M., Secretary; Wm. Bryce, Treasurer; and Thos. Coupe, Steward and Tyler.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the votes of the brethren were taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and declared to be in favour of Bro. J. Kerfoot, S.W. Bro. Bryce was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; Bros. Arrowsmith, Hartley, and Jackson, P.M., Auditors.

The Worshipful Master called attention to the claims of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution upon the lodges and brethren of the province, and expressed a hope that the list of annual subscribers from this lodge would be again increased.

After the transaction of some other business of a formal character the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The meetings of the above lodge have commenced again after the summer vacation, and on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., a good muster of the brethren and visiting friends of the lodge attended, and after assisting at some excellent work spent a social hour or two together. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. V. J. Holloway, and among the brethren present were Bros. C. T. Lewis, S.W.; A. T. Ives, J.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M., Prov. G.S.D. Essex, Treas.; J. Ives, Sec.; E. West, P.M. P.P.G.P. Herts; W. Vance, and C. Jolly, S.D. (*Freemason*); J. Paul, I.G.; W. Hage, P.M.; Tyler, A. Knight, H. Pattle, A. Burton, C. H. Canning, J. Gowers, R. Hucknell, C. Turner, J. Brightmore, T. Appleby, 13; H. Myers, 188; and others. The usual lodge business having been transacted Bros. Pattle and Burton were passed in excellent style by the W.M. Bro. Cavey, who had just returned from Australia after five years' absence, was then welcomed back and duly proposed as a rejoining member.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to one of Bro. West's prettily served and tempting little suppers, which having been discussed and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts honoured, Bro. Manning, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Elder, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he felt very great pleasure in proposing the toast, especially as it was the first time he had had the opportunity of expressing how well their W.M. kept up the old standard of the lodge for good working. What he (the W.M.) did he did most impressively, and must by his earnestness have created a good impression on the feelings of the candidates; that he (Bro. Manning) considered to be the real object of their sublime ritual, and he thanked Bro. Holloway for thus upholding the high prestige of the Henley Lodge.

Bro. Holloway in reply could not but feel proud at the hearty reception the toast had met with at their hands, and also at the kind eulogiums passed upon his efforts by Bro. Manning, P.M., at whose hands he had received the benefit of initiation. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to have the opportunity of working the ceremonies, and he hoped to have many occasions of so doing during his year of office. He cordially thanked them for the toast.

In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Myers thanked them for the reception given him in such a truly brotherly and jolly lodge; a lodge in which from what he had seen of it nothing exceeded their good working but their hearty hospitality. As the only representative of the Joppa Lodge present, he thanked them, and could assure them that should any of them visit that lodge they would be welcomed by him and every brother of it.

Bro. Manning, in responding for "The Past Masters," felt more than a little proud to see one of his initiates filling the chair that night, while another of his initiates had just left it. It was a pleasure for him, and he felt that it was to all the Past Masters, to be present and support the W.M. in his duties, and when they saw the W.M. following in their footsteps, it was doubly gratifying. He trusted to see all his initiates in the chair, and they and all the brethren could always count upon his assistance should they desire it.

Bro. Ives reminded the brethren that there must always be a "rank and file" in every lodge. It did not fall to the lot of every brother to reach the chair, yet in every station Masonry made a man better fitted to assist the distressed and relieve the afflicted, so let them still be bound together, as they had ever been in that lodge, in the bonds of brotherly love and trust, and then even the humblest brother would feel that he has done his duty both to the lodge and the Craft in general.

Bros. Vance and West also responded, and then "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some fine singing, by Bro. Myers especially.

DUNMOW.—ROSSLYN LODGE (No. 1543.)—The Annual Installation Meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, 16th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, in the Province of Essex. The W.M., Bro. H. E. Dehane, P.G.S.D. Essex, presided, and was supported by a numerous gathering of the members of the lodge and a goodly number of London and Provincial brethren, who assembled in order to do honour to the retiring W.M. Bro. Dehane has been two years in succession W.M. of the Rosslyn Lodge, and according to the attendance book he has been present at every meeting save one during his two terms of mastership.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Alexander Rattray, W.M. Elect; G. Clapham; J. P. Lewin, P.M. and P.P.G.S. of Works, Essex; C. J. Rhind; W. Rowe; C. Calanan; R. Russell; F. J. Snell, Treasurer; F. W. Warner; E. F. Ferris; C. Bint; Captain A. Nichols, W.M. 1974; J. Taylor, P.M. 276; C. Taylor, and many others.

The first business on the agenda paper was the raising of Bro. W. Bush, but as he was not present, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master elect was proceeded with. Bro. Dehane has deservedly earned an honourable reputation in his province as a working Mason, but he never appeared to greater advantage than on this occasion, when he rendered the beautiful ritual of Installation in a manner that must have made the new W.M., and the Senior and Junior Wardens "look to their arms" and consider how they may acquire themselves when their turn arrives. W. Bro. Captain A. Nichols acted as Director of the Ceremonies, and received a cordial vote of thanks from the lodge for his services.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a marvellously well-served dinner was partaken of and the evening spent in that peace, love, and harmony which should at all times distinguish Freemasons.

Owing to some misunderstanding, Bro. Dehane was not decorated with the Past Master's jewel he has so well earned after two year's of mastership; but we understand the presentation will be one of the features of the next meeting.

Bro. Alexander Rattray has a fair field indeed before him, and the Rosslyn Lodge should gather strength under his rule.

EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612.)—This lodge met on Saturday last at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. At the preceding meeting all other work except the receiving of the audit committee's report and the installation ceremony had been disposed of, so that the business of the evening was confined to formal work and the special ceremony of the day. Doubtless this is a very convenient arrangement in many respects, as there is no pressure of business, which is a consideration on an occasion when there are usually a large number of guests. But still there is something to be said on the other side, as there is usually no occasion throughout the whole year of office on which a lodge can show their working power to so many brethren from other lodges as on installation nights, and it is always a gratification to visitors to see at least one ceremony performed.

Bro. Henry E. Tucker, the Worshipful Master of the lodge for the last twelve months, heading his officers, entered the lodge room at a few minutes after four, whereupon all the lay brethren of the lodge and the visitors rose to receive him. Proceeding down the north side of the lodge the W.M. took his seat in the east; the procession then crossed to the south side and marched to the west, where the S.W. left the remainder and took his seat. In the second circuit round the lodge the procession halted at the south, where the J.W. left their ranks and took his chair; and the next circuit disposed the two Deacons and the I.G. in their proper situations. The little ceremony was neatly performed and had a good effect. Another peculiarity of the work in this lodge is that the W.M. does not question his principal officers about any duties except their own, and puts the other questions direct to each of his assistant officers in their turns. This seems likely to have a beneficial effect, as at all events the W.M. thus ascertains with certainty that each officer knows what his duties are.

After the reading of the minutes the report of the Audit Committee was taken, when it appeared that the Benevolent Fund was in a fair though not in a plethoric condition, but the accounts showed that there had been considerable disbursements from it in aid of distressed brethren, or their families. On the present occasion, also, a petition was received from the wife of a member of the lodge who had gone to New Zealand and whose letters having apparently miscarried, had left the applicant in want of funds; and the lodge responded to the application by voting a grant of five guineas. The report of the Audit Committee also referred to the resignation of the office of Secretary by Bro. J. Chambers Roe, P.M. 780, who was one of the most active founders of this lodge, and has now held the position of Secretary to it for seven years, and performed the duties attached to the office with unremitting zeal. Suffering in health in some respects, feeling the tax upon his time, and considering after the apprenticeship he had served that he might gracefully retire, he had resolved to resign; and the Audit Committee now suggested in their report that the lodge should do something to mark their appreciation of Bro. Roe's services. The lodge adopted the Auditors' report, and formed a committee of the W.M., P.Ms., and principal officers to carry into effect the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, Bro. Tucker vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kasner, P.M., Treasurer of the lodge, and Bro. Samuel Dyer,

S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to him by the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation; whereupon the Installing Master addressed Bro. Dyer and the brethren, and having obtained the candidate's assent to the ancient charges, which the Secretary was called upon to read, administered the usual obligations. The lodge room was then cleared, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and, in their presence Bro. Dyer was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. On the readmission of the brethren, Bro. Dyer was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony, which had been admirably performed, was brought to a conclusion with the delivery, by Bro. Kasner, of the three addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren respectively.

Bro. Samuel Dyer, the newly-installed W.M., then proceeded to invest his officers for the current year, of whom the following is a list: Bros. Seaward, S.W.; Fisher, J.W.; Kasner, Treas.; Tucker, I.P.M. and Sec.; Nye, S.D.; and Wright, J.D. The office of Organist was not filled up, but Bro. Meadows was appointed and invested as Assistant Organist. Bro. Porter was appointed I.G.; Bro. Hamilton, M.C.; Bro. Alex. Jones, W.S.; Bros. Wells, Coope, and Pooley, Stewards; and Bro. Harris, Tyler.

During the ceremony Bro. Stidolph, P.P.G. Org. Middx., officiated at the harmonium.

Among the visitors present were: Bros. H. E. Stidolph, 1494, P. Prov. Grand Organist Middx.; R. Hendevick, P.P.G.J.W.; William Roebuck, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.W. Middx., &c.; W. S. Cantrell, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; J. S. Simmonds, P.M. 599 and 1708; J. S. Fisher, 340; E. A. Singer, 1894; F. A. Herold, 65; Edward Horn, I.P.M. 1887; Ismer Morty, 1887; Samuel Meech, 1641; Chas. Andrews, P.M. 77; Geo. Wills, 780; N. J. Robinson, 1589; J. Fawkes, 780; R. De Lacey, John Hodges, S.W. Hanson, Edwin Stephens, 780; Edward Hopgood, P.M. 964; M. Rickwood, P.M. 192; F. Botley, J.W. 780; George Penn, P.M. 1612; B. G. Beasley, P.M. 788; R. Barker, 1428; John Harris, 773; Thomas Gomme, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

Dinner was served in the large hall, which was tastefully decorated. Freemasons do not always dine in such comfort as is enjoyed at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, which is admirably adapted for serving large banquets, while the ventilation is all that can be desired, the diners are not inconvenienced by draughts of air which are so frequently experienced in rooms of this size. And the fact that there is a commodious stage, where the vocalists can be seen as well as heard to advantage, constitutes an additional attraction to this elegant room. The professional vocalists on the present occasion were Bros. Hodges, Hanson, Stidolph, and De Lacy, who discoursed some excellent music, which, together with some other performances, contributed not a little to the enjoyment of the entertainment. After dinner the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. in the chair and honoured by the company.

The name of Bro. Roebuck, P.G.S., was coupled by the W.M. with the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in responding Bro. Roebuck said that it gave him a great deal of pleasure to be their visitor on that occasion. It was an honour to be permitted to respond to that toast, and he fully appreciated the honour that had been done him in coupling his name with the toast of the Grand Officers. Those officers were at all times ready to do their duty when called upon; they took pleasure in their work, and he was sure they would not do that unless they had the cause of Freemasonry at heart.

Bro. Tucker, I.P.M., said the gavel had been placed in his hands in order that he might, according to custom among Masons, propose the "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master." It was a privilege attached to his office, and it gave him great pleasure to avail himself of his privilege. He was sure that the Master whom the brethren had chosen would carry out his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge; he was able to speak of Bro. Dyer with confidence, because he had known him for the last nine years, and he felt certain that by the energy he would display he would be able to clear away shoals that there might be in the way of working the West Middlesex Lodge. Those who knew him in the lodge could prophecy with confidence as to the future; and as to his readiness to help in case of need, that was also known to many. It was now his (Bro. Tucker's) happy privilege to propose Bro. Dyer's health, and he was sure that the toast would be responded to with the hearty good wishes of every brother of the West Middlesex Lodge.

Bro. Dyer, W.M., whose rising was received with loud applause, said that of all the duties he had had to perform, and which he had had to pass through that evening, there was nothing so difficult as the task that now lay before him. He thanked Bro. Tucker, I.P.M., for the very kind way in which he had been pleased to propose the toast, and the brethren for the very handsome manner in which they had received it. They might rest assured that now he was in the chair he should do all that was required of him. So long as the G.A.O.T.U. spared him in that office he should not be found wanting in endeavours to maintain the honour of the lodge or of the Craft in general. He did not think that he could better close his few remarks (for few they were—he could have wished to say more, but his heart was too full), he thought he could do no better than say, in the words of the Installing Officer, that he trusted when his year of office was over he would be able to pass on the warrant to his successor as pure and as unsullied as he had received it. He could not resume his seat without again thanking them for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received.

The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Past Masters," in doing which he took the opportunity to present Bro. Tucker, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge, and which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Henry Tucker by the brethren of West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, in cordial recognition of the services rendered to the lodge as Worshipful Master during the year 1882-3," and which the W.M. pinned on Bro. Tucker's breast, expressing a hope that he might long be spared to wear and enjoy it. The jewel, he said, was not a mere empty compliment, for he had done much, not only for the lodge, but for the lodge of instruction connected with it, and all the brethren owed him a debt of gratitude. The W.M. then referred to the Past Masters generally, who were always ready to lend their assistance, as an example of which fact he referred to what had been done that afternoon by Bro. Kasner, their Treasurer, who had so ably performed the ceremony of installation.

It is the practice in this lodge to require a brief response

from everybody included in the toasts (the visitors being the exception which proves the rule.) It is therefore manifestly unnecessary to weary the reader with a large number of similar speeches; suffice it to say that all the Past Masters acknowledged the compliment that had been paid them.

"The Health of the Visitors" was handsomely proposed and warmly received, and was responded to by Bros. Roebuck, P.G.D., Hogg, Beasley, Butler, Penn, Rickwood, Andrews, Singer, Stidolph (for the vocalists), Herald, and others.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was treated in the same manner; very cordially proposed and received, and responded to by each officer, from the Treasurer to the I.G. It was accordingly at a somewhat late hour that the Tyler's toast brought a long but very pleasant entertainment to a close.

WALTON.—Wilbraham Lodge (No. 1713).—The members of this lodge held their annual installation at the Walton Institute, near Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. The chair was taken by Bros. Dr. D. Crichton, W.M., supported by Bros. A. Cross, S.W.; Dr. Robert Wood, J.W.; F. J. Pentin, P.M.; Rev. Richardson, P.M.; Rev. R. T. Leslie, P.M.; Dr. M. Hill, I.P.M.; W. Smith, P.M.; and others. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. J. Lunt, P.G.D.C.; R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; J. P. Bryan, Prov. G. Org.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; J. C. McGuire, I.P.M. 1847; R. L. Kynaston, I.P.M. 1393; W. H. Jewett, W.M. 1393; W. P. Vines, W.M. 1570; C. Stopford, P.M. 14; P. C. Asbury, W.M. 1620; J. Tunstall, J.W. 1035; M. Callaghan, S.W. 1393; R. H. Webster, J.W. 823; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Alfred Cross, S.W., was presented by Bros. Dr. Hill and Wallace Smith. The installation was performed by Bros. Rev. T. Leslie, P.M.; Pentin, P.M.; and W. H. Bucknell, Prov. G.A.D.C. Staffordshire. After the usual honours the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. Dr. Crichton, I.P.M.; Dr. R. A. H. Wood, S.W.; Dr. W. J. Fleetwood, J.W.; E. Smith, Treas.; Rev. R. T. Leslie, Chap.; Josiah Barlow, Sec.; A. F. Anderson, S.D.; J. Evans, J.D.; W. W. Webster, I.G.; F. J. Pentin, P.M.; Almoner; J. Jones, Steward; and W. H. Bucknell, P.M., D.C. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., when the brethren attended in unusual strength in their new quarters at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, St. James's Park Station. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Cox, W.M. 144, assisted by Bros. T. D. Dutton, W.M. 1567, S.W.; Swaine, J.W.; Macefield, S.D.; Christmas, J.D.; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144, I.G.; Cottebrune, P.G.P., Preceptor. The were present also Bros. Bassington, P.M., Hon. Treas.; Cross, P.M. 1194, Hon. Sec.; Baker, P.M.; Gardner, W.M. 1328; Flattely, P.M. 1624; Powell, W.M. 1624; C. Taylor, W.M. elect 1624; Cobham, P.M.; Vincent, P.M. 1624; Skinner, W.M. 338; and many other brethren.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. C. Taylor being the candidate. Bro. Powell then took the chair of W.M. and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. T. D. Dutton was placed in the chair of K.S. After the return of those below the rank of an Installed Master the brethren saluted. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. C. Taylor then took the chair of W.M. and invested the officers. Bro. Powell, W.M. 1624, and Bro. Bottle, S.D. 1624, were unanimously elected members of the lodge. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Powell for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed in perfect harmony, after the most successful meeting the lodge has had for some years.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 12th inst., at 7.30. The W. Bro. J. N. Bate, as W.M., was supported by the following officers, viz., Bros. H. Baldwin, S.W.; C. J. Axford, J.W.; W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; Bros. R. Poore, Sec.; A. J. Styles, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; F. B. Smith, I.G.; J. W. G. Tomkins, as candidate, and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes read. The First Section was worked by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed and the charge in the Second Degree delivered by the W.M. The Preceptor gave the lecture on the tracing board, and lodge was then lowered and "called off." Entry drill was practised, and the lodge was "called on." Two brethren were elected members. Bro. Baldwin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and some routine business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned to the 19th inst.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; James Stevens, P.M. 720, S.W.; F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treasurer and Preceptor; H. Dehane, W.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Secretary; R. E. Cursons, S.D.; A. Hardy, J.D.; C. R. Wickens, I.G.; C. S. Mote and W. Death, Stewards; G. Davis, P.M. 167, D.C.; M. S. Rubinstein, Organist; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974, P.M. 1308, P.D.S. of W. Punjab; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; J. Evens, W.M. 753; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; G. P. Festa, P.M. 1000; W. Honeyball, W.M. elect 1681; M. Fieldson, I.P.M. 548; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; J. J. Humfress, J. C. Rhind, W. Poulter, P.M.; M. J. Green, J. Lawrence, J. H. Wood, W. J. Stratton, J. J. Thomas, G. Simpson, H. P. Fowler, E. Cockayne, G. Coop, C. J. Morse, C. J. Craig, A. Le Clair, W. Perdu, Jubal Webb, W. Williams, P. Hart, H. Longhurst, P.M.; J. Windle, J. Cruttenden, F. Swain, G. Clayton, W. Russell, W. Perry, E. Burton, C. E. Botley, J. Douglas Smith, A. Kent, W. R. Hatton, H. J. Appleton, D. Ballard, H. S. Watkins, R. Elwin,

W. G. Coleman, W. Taylor, W. Middleweek, C. J. Fox, J. Temple, A. Wotter, and J. Everett. Visitors: Bros. W. Rowe, 1543; J. Rogers, G. Booth, 1681; W. J. Mason, 1328; R. Cory, 1681; G. J. Earney, 511; W. A. Cubitt, J.W. 193; J. Benjamin, 188; W. Marsh, 1425; J. T. Westley, 733; H. Davey, 1608; W. Newton, 1541; E. Stevens, 1326; G. Hesse, 167; T. Artaud, 1305; and J. R. M. Peile, 198.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees by Bro. Read, P.M., who then deputed Bros. Dehane and Cursons to introduce Bro. J. Terry, who took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of consecration in a very impressive and able manner, afterwards installing Bro. Chalfont, W.M., who invested the officers of the lodge. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Terry. The following were elected joining members: Bros. J. Evens, W.M. 753; J. T. Westley, 733; C. J. Earney, 511; H. Davey, 1608; G. Hesse, 167; J. R. M. Peile, 198; W. Newton, 1541; T. Artaud, 1305; and W. J. Mason, 1228; all of whom expressed their gratification at the way the ceremonies had been carried out. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, announced that if it suited the brethren he would for the first time give his lecture on the Second Degree on the first Monday in December, redeeming the promise he made several months ago. Bro. C. R. Wickens was elected W.M. for Monday evening, the 22nd inst., at 8 p.m. A ballot was drawn, being the eighth since April.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The October meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. E. F. Storr, M.E.Z.; C. B. Cheese, H.; T. Cohu, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; H. Cuff, Hon. S.E.; W. Medwin, P.S.; C. Arkell, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copstick, P.Z.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; F. Ridley, H. Hughes, J. Gibbs, G. S. Bigley, Carr, F. Archard, W. Hawes, J. Taylor, W. R. Dixon, John Kent, and I. S. Holland. Visitors: Comps. G. H. Hunter, H. 1471, and R. Bright.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following companions were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. C. B. Cheese, Z.; T. Cohu, H.; Perry, J.; H. Cuff, S.E.; W. Medwin, N.; Darnell, P.S.; and Marsh, Janitor. A brother was proposed for exaltation, and there being no further business, the chapter was adjourned for refreshment.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Comps. G. Davis, M.E.Z.; Stewart, H.; Ellborn, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; T. Davis, S.N.; Cleghorne, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Harris, 1st A.S.; Moss, I.P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Elsm, P.Z., P.P.G.S. Surrey; T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex; Parkinson, Janitor; and the following visitors: Comps. Lander, M.E.Z. 1642; Capt. A. Nickols, P.Z. 782; Whitley, P.Z. P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; Bush, 141; Hibbert, 824; Underwood, 1366; Cooper, 1366; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed Bros. Staley, Codd, and Sutherland were duly exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason. The ceremony was most ably performed by the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his officers.

The chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. The health of the M.E.Z. was warmly proposed by the I.P.Z. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the First Principal upon the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of exaltation, an example which those occupying an inferior position in the chapter would do well to emulate, and which result was only to be obtained by close application at chapters of instruction.

The toast having been duly drunk, the M.E.Z. briefly replied, and then gave "The Exaltees." This pledge having been duly acknowledged, the health of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Comps. Whitley and Capt. Nichols, followed. The former companion in reply passed a very flattering encomium upon the general working of the chapter, and more especially upon the efforts of the M.E.Z., which were worthy of all praise. "The Second and Third Principals" came next in order, and this toast was responded to by Comps. Stewart and Ellborn. "The Past Principals" coupled with the name of Comp. Moss, who replied; "The S.E. and Treasurer," acknowledged by Comps. Davage and Harfeld; and "The Officers," responded to by Comps. Cleghorne and Harris, terminated the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Sir Charles J. Palmer, Bart., P.P.S.O. of Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; J. H. Dodson, S.W. and Treasurer; C. Brown, acting J.W.; W. Wiggiston, Prov. G.S. of Works, P.M., and Secretary; Harding, S.D.; W. H. Saunders, J.D.; Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several important matters were discussed and disposed of.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The only toasts given were "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "The W.M." The latter toast was warmly proposed in well chosen terms by Bro. Richnell, I.P.M.

Bro. Sir C. Palmer having replied the proceedings terminated.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).—A muster roll of this old encampment was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square,

when there were present among others Sir Knts. C. Sanders M.D., E.C.; Alfred Williams, P.E.C., Prelate; F. Driver, 2nd Captain; E. Baxter, P.E.C., acting C. of L.; Roebuck, P.E.C.; C. H. Driver, P.E.C.; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., Reg.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C.; J. H. Dodson, S.B.; Glenn, S.B.; H. J. Lardner, H.; and others. Sir Knt. Dr. Ramsay, M.D., P.E.C., &c., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Edward F. Storr, P.M. 22, P.Z. 1044, &c., was duly installed a Knight of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple by Sir Knt. C. H. Driver. The election of Eminent Commander for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Sir Knt. Berridge, and Sir Knt. Paas was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Previously to the encampment being closed, a resolution was passed "That the banquet fee for a visitor shall be one guinea, and that Bye-law XV. be altered accordingly." A Past E.C.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing E.C.

The encampment was then closed and the sir knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant where an excellent banquet was partaken of. The usual toasts followed. Sir Kt. Roebuck responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the E.C." was warmly given by the Prelate, in the course of which he congratulated Sir Kt. Sanders upon his restoration to health after a severe illness.

The E.C. having replied then gave "The newly-installed Knight," which was briefly acknowledged by Sir Kt. Storr.

"The Visitors" followed, and this toast was acknowledged at length by Sir Kt. Ramsey.

"The Past Commanders," coupled with the names of Sir Kts. Williams and Driver, who responded, and "The Officers," replied to by Sir Kt. F. Driver terminated the proceedings.

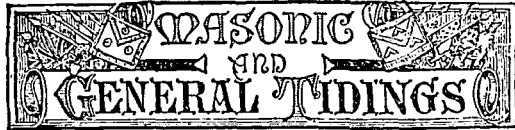


Sir Julius Benedict is writing the incidental music for Mr. Wilson Barrett's play to follow "The Silver King."

To-morrow night (Saturday) "M.P." gives way at Toole's to "Ours," one of the best comedies of the late Mr. Robertson. The cast will be almost similar to the present one. We hope the run will have a similar success. Bro. Toole takes over his theatre early in December.

"The Golden Ring," we understand, is the name of the new opera for the opening of the Alhambra, when Bro. Brass has completed the rebuilding. The new opera is by Bro. Sims and Mr. Fred Clay, the former supplying the dialogue and the latter the music. It is being rehearsed at the "Vic."

If the opening night can be taken as a criterion we may predict a successful run for "La Vie" at the Avenue. It is much more of a burlesque than a comic opera. Its original "La Vie Parisienne," is not one of Offenbach's cleverest compositions, but Mr. Farnie has worked it up and introduced many new features into it that cannot fail to be of attraction. Its plot is somewhat slight. The Baron Von Gondremarke and his daughter visit London to see the sights. The baron makes up his mind to write a book, so, like Dickens's character, "when found he makes a note of" everything; through not understanding the language, of course makes a tissue of absurd blunders, and always jumps at wrong conclusions. His daughter Christine is in search of a gentleman who once saved her life when in danger of a wild boar. This swain, the Hon. Tom Splinterbarre, is equally anxious to renew the acquaintance of the lady. By some means he learns the baron and his daughter are expected at Charing Cross Station by the tidal train. In fear she has forgotten him he arranges to change his identity, and dons the uniform of an hotel tout, Joe, who exchanges places with Tom. Joe has been told off to show the young lady about. He turns his house into the hotel; but finds Christine snubs him, not imagining her love can be an hotel tout, though she afterwards owns that she did not expect her devoted one to be such a character. The baron wants to see English society; to carry on the plot a sham ball is got up with sham guests of distinction. The servants are dressed up and announced as the Home Secretary, the Lord Mayor, the Governor of Cyprus, &c. In the end the plot is found out, and of course matters are set right. The character of the German baron affords Bro. Lionel Brough much scope for his drolleries. In keeping a note-book he can find scores of opportunities to be funny. He rings the changes with Bro. Arthur Roberts' "Joe." It is past saying that whilst these two are on the stage the house is kept in roars of laughter. Mr. Standing, the Hon. Tom Splinterbarre, sings and acts with much spirit; Bro. Arthur Roberts, as a low comedian, is next; Bro. Lionel Brough the main support. With Miss La Rue he sings a pretty duet, "Ah yes; ah no;" and a solo; "It needs no glass binocular," reminding one in the latter of Mr. George Grossmith. Miss Camille D'Arville sings "The colonel's widow," and a duet with M. Ernest Palmieri "Soft as my heart," and withal looks charming. On the first night she got three encores and bouquet after bouquet thrown to her. Miss D'Arville certainly carries off the honours as far as vocal talent is concerned. Miss La Rue also sings well, but we thought was a little too self-conscious. Of the other characters there are many we must mention, Miss Clara Graham who is not heard often enough. We should like to see her in a more prominent part. Perhaps as far as good looks goes she carries off the palm. Miss Agnes Lyndon, too, acts very nicely as a "tiger" to Hon. Mr. Splinterbarre, but her beauty, for which she is chiefly known, is quite thrown away in a male character. We shall hope to see this charming young lady to better advantage in her next character. The operatic burlesque has been well rehearsed, and is put on the stage with every thought to efficiency to make it bright and attractive. The orchestra is conducted in his talented style by M. Jacobi, late of the Alhambra. Bro. D'Albertson had all his work cut out on the opening night, as acting manager, to seat the audience, and must have had his temper tried, but in his hands everyone is made comfortable.



Bro. George Lambert will preside at the annual festival of the Brass and Copper Trades' Pension Society on the 29th inst., at the Guildhall Coffee House.

A Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Berks and Bucks was held at Windsor on Thursday, the 16th inst. We hope to give a report in our next.

By the death of the Earl of Mount Cashel, the title and estates devolve on his eldest son, Bro. Lord Kilworth, who was born in 1825, and for some years has been connected with the Craft in Ireland.

The Annual Festival of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1081, will be held at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday evening next. The Consecration Ceremony will be worked by Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, the Preceptor of the Lodge.

Two western piers of Peterborough Cathedral are now condemned, in addition to those already demolished, and this will entail on the Dean and Chapter an additional expense of £6000. The sum required for the complete restoration is over £60,000, of which only £17,000 has so far been collected.

An interesting exhibition of painting on pottery, tapestry, china, terracotta, and silk, with specimens of modelling, &c., by professional and amateur artists, held under the patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, Bro. the Duke of Portland, and the principal residents in the county, has been held at Lynn during the week.

The Perfect Ashlar Lodge, 1178, held its installation meeting on the 4th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Bro. E. Bridges was installed W.M., and afterwards appointed two co-initiates of his as S.W. and J.W. respectively. These three brethren were all initiated on the same evening by and during the mastership of Bro. J. A. Smith, P.M., D.C.

On Wednesday, at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, the Hon. Katharine Cecilia Knatchbull-Hugesson, eldest daughter of Bro. Lord and Lady Brabourne, was married to Major Charles R. Prideaux-Brune, of Prideaux Place, Cornwall. Lt.-Col. F. A. Graves-Sawle, of the Coldstream Guards, being "best man." The wedding breakfast was held at the residence, Queen-Anne's-Gate, of Bro. Lord Brabourne.

Lady Lucy Vaughan, youngest daughter of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lisburne, and Mr. Martin A. Silber, were married at St. George's, Hanover Square, on Wednesday. After the conclusion of the ceremony, the wedding party drove to Claridge's Hotel, when Bro. the Earl and Countess entertained their relatives and guests to the number of about seventy.

According to the statement of a contemporary representing the printing and publishing industries, the Revising Barrister for Westminster was repeatedly spoken of in the columns of the *Times* as the "Rev. Mr. Barr," some one on that journal having seemingly "corrected" the shorthand writer's contraction in his MS. of "Rev. Barr," for "Revising Barrister" by inserting the word "Mr.," thus making an imaginary clergyman to preside in a registration court.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, arrived at Marlborough House on Wednesday morning from Denmark. Their Royal Highnesses visited Princess Christian and the Duchess of Cambridge in the afternoon. The Duc de Chartres visited the Prince and Princess of Wales on Wednesday, and remained to luncheon. The Duke of Cambridge likewise visited their Royal Highnesses.

The following banquets have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Thursday, 18th October:—Friday, 12th: Britannic Chapter, Eclectic Lodge, Odd Volumes. Saturday, 13th: Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (election), Duke of Cornwall Lodge. Monday, 15th: Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (election), Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday, 16th: Enoch Chapter, Industry Chapter, Salisbury Lodge, Messrs. Bickers and Son's Trade Sale Dinner. Wednesday, 17th: Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, New Holborn Quadrilles. Thursday, 18th: Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, Old Acquaintance Musical Society.

Under certain circumstances, ice does not behave as a solid, but as a viscous fluid, like very thick treacle.

Two theories have been put forward to account for the viscosity of ice; one is that it is a true viscosity, and the other that it is produced by the effect of pressure in lowering the freezing-point of water, so that whenever the ice is subjected to great pressure it melts. The water then yields to the pressure, and instantly refreezes in its new shape. A striking experiment—due, I believe, to Mr. Bottomley—illustrates this. A block of ice being laid across the backs of two chairs, a fine iron wire is put over it, to which is hung a heavy weight. In a short time, the wire passes completely through the ice, and allows the weight to fall, while the ice is not broken, nor is any mark visible where the wire has passed through. The explanation of this is that the pressure of the wire melts the ice immediately below it. The water is displaced by the wire and fills the space above it, where, the pressure being removed, it instantly refreezes. The viscosity of ice can be shown by cutting a long, thin slab of ice, and supporting it on two chairs, when it will, even in a temperature below freezing, gradually bend with its own weight.—From *Science for All* for October (Cassell and Co.)

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The Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Loriners Company have been invited to dine with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on the 1st November.

Bro. George Sims, 1657, has been solicited by a large number of the inhabitants of the Ward of Aldersgate to consent to be put in nomination for the vacancy in the Court of Common Council.

The Prince of Wales has fixed the 31st of October for the closing of the International Fisheries Exhibition. His Royal Highness will preside, and it is hoped that the Duke of Edinburgh will also take part in the ceremony.

The installation meeting of the Great City Lodge, 1426, was held on the 13th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Keeble, the S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed into the Master's chair by Bro. Kibble, the retiring W.M.

Mr. John Naylor, Mus. Doc., Oxon., organist of All Saint's, Scarborough, has been appointed to that post in York Minster, vice Dr. Monk, resigned. The position is worth £700 per annum, but out of this Dr. Monk has a life pension of £300.

In announcing, in our last issue, the removal of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, to new quarters at Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W., we gave Wednesday as the night of meeting. It should have been Tuesday, the lodge having changed only its place, not its date of meeting.

Wednesday being the 30th anniversary of the birth of her Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, the usual ceremonies were observed in London. Monday, the 15th, was the anniversary of the birth of Prince Alfred Albert, the eldest son of the Duke and Duchess, he having been born on October 15, 1874, and thus attained his ninth birthday.

At a meeting of the various Lodges of Freemasons in Kent recently letters of condolence were directed to be sent to Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master, on the death of Vicountess Holmesdale. During the past few days replies have been received by the Worshipful Masters of the lodges from Viscount Holmesdale, thanking the brethren for their sympathy.—*Court Circular*.

The annual festival of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday evening, 29th inst., at seven o'clock precisely, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on which occasion the ceremony of consecration will be worked by Bro. Francis P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, the Preceptor; the musical portion by Bro. J. Mallet Jones, Organist. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G.C., has consented to take the chair at the banquet which will follow.

The Calcutta Exhibition promises to be an unequalled success. The display of Indian jewellery, precious stones, &c., by native pincers and others will be unprecedented in magnitude and value. The total area of the Exhibition will exceed 400,000 square feet, of which Great Britain has 100,000, the Australian colonies 23,000, and India 70,000. Already over 7,000 passages have been taken from Australian ports, and 500 Americans have chartered a large steamer for passage, and to remain as a floating hotel in the river Hooghly during the Exhibition.

According to the *City Press*, the unkindest cut at Mr. Homersham Cox, who recently made a sweeping statement about Welsh veracity, has been given by Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire. The "Prince in Wales," as our contemporary calls our right worshipful brother, told the company at a luncheon at Festiniog that on the occasion of the discussion in the House of Commons on Mr. Cox's appointment it was on his lips to say that though his (Mr. Cox's) predecessor was no lawyer he was a good Welshman. "Unfortunately," added Sir Watkin, "Mr. Homersham Cox is neither one nor the other."

We are pleased to notice that Art Trimmings made in Little Britain will be represented at the Calcutta Exhibition, Bro. Holliday having had the honour of supplying some very choice and unique specimens of upholstery goods for that purpose. This enterprising firm, although only very recently removed here, are successful in sending out some of the richest goods in art designs we have ever seen, thus keeping up the character and reputation so long enjoyed by Little Britain as a manufacturing place for first-class trimmings. We wish him every success, and feel sure that, with his hard work and close application, that has been his character for upwards of thirty years, he will meet with good support in the future.

A stained glass window of very handsome proportions, after the rich thirteenth century style, has just been erected in the church of Holy Trinity, Ulverston, to the memory of the late Bro. Myles Kennedy, P.M. and P.Z. 995, P.P.G.S.W. Lancashire. The two principal subjects of artistic illustration are the judgment of Solomon in the disputed claim of maternity of the living child, and Solomon building the Temple, each being differently treated after standard art examples. Beneath the first is the legend text: "The Lord gave Solomon wisdom;" and beneath the second, "So Solomon built the House." Above each is an enriched canopy, with a light grisaille background; and above all is the glorified "all-seeing eye." The well known emblem of Tri-unity, and the Royal Arch Degree, the duplex interlaced triangles, is a prominent and repetitive feature in the bordures ornamentation. In the space between the subjects and the inscript are two trophies of Masonic emblems, each within a quatrefoil, the respective emblems being the square and compass; plumb-rule; level; 24-in. gauge; maul or mallet; and chisel. Mr. J. W. Grundy, of Ulverston, was the superintending architect, the window itself being from the studio of Messrs. Powell Bros., of Leeds. The inscription is as follows: "Erected in memory of Myles Kennedy, P.M. and P.Z. 995, and P.G.S.W. West Lancashire, by his brother Freemasons, A.D. 1883."

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Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lanc., installed Bro. Daniel Dempsey into the Master's chair, of the Prince Alfred Lodge, 1218, Mossley, on the 10th inst.

Mrs. Horace B. Marshall, wife of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., on Wednesday last laid a memorial stone of a new Mission Hall at Stamshaw, Portsmouth.

The Prince of Wales is expected at Abergeldie during the next few days. His Royal Highness has accepted an invitation from the Earl of Fife to visit Duff House, where a distinguished party will be invited to meet him.

A proposal is under consideration for connecting Portsmouth with the Isle of Wight by means of a tunnel under the Solent. The cutting will be chiefly through blue clay, and the distance three miles and a half.

Bro. Alderman Savory presided at a conversation on Tuesday evening in St. Mark's Schools, Grove-road, Holloway, in connection with St. Mark's Branch of the Church of England Young Men's Society.

Some handsome easy chairs have just been designed and manufactured for the Exhibition at Calcutta in December next, by Messrs. Finch and Co., the trimmings by Messrs. J. Holliday and Son, of 71, Little Britain.

Bro. Alderman Stone and Bro. Alderman Staples have been appointed to form part of the Court of General Assessment Sessions to hear appeals under Sec. 23 of the 32 and 33 Vic., cap 67, Valuation of Property (Metropolis) Act.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, P.G.W., who was appointed Governor of the Irish Society on the 20th ult., in succession to Bro. Sir Sydney Waterlow, M.P., is visiting the Corporation estates in Ulster. He is accompanied by Lady Ellis.

The marriage of the Lady Alice Thynne, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Bath, with Mr. Shaw Stewart eldest son of Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart, and which we referred to last week, is fixed to take place in London about the middle of November.

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M., and the Countess of Carnarvon arrived at their residence in Portmansquare on Wednesday, from visiting Mr. Howard, at Greystone, Cumberland, after their return from Canada. They have since gone to Highclere Castle.

At a Court of Assistants of the Broderers' Company, it has been resolved: "That this Court desires to express its sympathy with their Master, Mr. Alderman Hadley, and its grave disappointment and surprise at the decision of the Court of Aldermen passing over, without any reason assigned, the name of Mr. Alderman Hadley as Lord Mayor for the ensuing year, in disregard of time-honoured custom and of the almost unanimous nomination of the Livery in Common Hall."

Bro. J. T. Dunsford, manager of the *Bridgwater Mercury*, whose premises were recently destroyed by fire at night, and who had the lamentable misfortune to lose his wife and three children by the dreadful occurrence (he and one other child and servant being rescued from the burning premises with great difficulty), has had forwarded to him by the Mayor a cheque for £447, subscribed by the inhabitants of Bridgwater and its neighbourhood, as a mark of sincere sympathy with him in his sore bereavement.

The gold medals for the Fisheries Exhibition awards have been struck. The obverse is a finely modelled portrait of the Queen, by Wyon, with the back portion of the head covered by a thick veil. The latter, copied, we believe, from a Roman medal, was first used in the Ashanti military medal. This face of the medal has a large amount of plain space, and is handsome and bold to the eye. Only the words "Victoria Regina" are put upon it. The reverse is full of minute and excellent detail, consisting of fish, crustacea, and nets, well arranged and admirably designed and executed. The design is by Mr. Lewis F. Day, and the dies are the work of Mr. Pinches. The inscription is "International Fisheries Exhibition, 1883," the first and last words being in curves above and below the word Fisheries, which passes from side to side. The rim is left plain for the engraving of the recipient's name and qualification for the prize.

MADAME WORRELL'S ANNUAL CONCERT.—That popular artiste, Madame Worrell, wife of our esteemed Brother William Worrell, scored a well-deserved success at Brixton Hall, on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., the occasion of her annual concert. Every seat was occupied while many visitors were compelled to stand. The company was select and fashionable, as well as numerous, and gave Madame Worrell a very hearty reception. The programme opened with "The Lass of Richmond Hill" (part song) Miss M. Roby, Miss A. Butterworth, Bro. F. H. Cozens, and Mr. Budd. "Very nearly" (Lohr), by Miss Maud Cameron, followed. "Gold" was given in very good style by Bro. Frederick Bevan, who was also very successful in his second contribution, "Trafalgar." Madame Worrell was in excellent voice, and sang with her usual ability. Her songs were "O that we two were maying" (Gounod); "Meanwhile" (A. H. Behrend), a composition which deserves to become popular (accompanied by the composer); and "I did not know" (Frank L. Moir). She also took the soprano part in the duet, "Qui est Homo," with Madame Osborne Williams, which was very successful. Madame Worrell was in each instance recalled, and by force of applause induced to sing again. Madame Osborne Williams gave in good voice "Fanciulle che et core" (Dinorah), and "Daddy," by Behrend. "Vio che sapeta" (Figaro), was given with much grace and feeling by Miss Matilda Roby, who also sang "Just as well," for which she had a spirited encore. Bro. Henry Guy gave with his wonted charm "O 'tis a glorious sight" (Weber), also "Days gone by." Two songs were pleasingly rendered by Miss Annie Butterworth, "Gentle Faces" and "A song and a rose." Mr. Budd was highly successful in the new song "Allegiance," a very taking musical composition of Distin's with words by Oxenford, brisk and full of ring. Violoncello solos, including Caprice de Concert and Nocturne (Piatti), were also skilfully performed by Mons. Albert; and Bro. Cozens gave some admirable comic songs, which were received with immense applause. The pieces were accompanied throughout by Bro. Turle Lee with his usual care and ability. Indeed the concert was an entire success, and Madame Worrell, together with her friends, cannot fail to be satisfied with the result.