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A VERY successful gathering took place at Chiswick on Friday last week, when the new Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, whose first W.M. is Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.M., was consecrated by our Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, with his wonted efficiency, ability, and urbanity. The day's proceedings, which went off without a hitch, left a most pleasurable remembrance on the minds of visitors and members alike, and we feel sure, from what we noticed at Chiswick, that this new lodge is likely to be a thoroughly good working lodge, and to reflect equal honour on its founders and consecrators.

AMONG the numerous lodge gatherings of last week we think it right to call special attention to the short account elsewhere of the installation meeting of the Sphinx Lodge. That "well-conditioned" lodge is marked by three great features,—most admirable working, most genial hospitality, and continuous support of the Charities. No doubt in these respects many other lodges in our good Craft, alike in town and country, are equally conspicuous, and some among the younger lodges, like the Earl of Carnarvon, the Aldersgate, &c., in respect of charity, deserve always especial praise. The "Sphinx" habitually sends to the three Charities annually about £45 amongst them, and we need hardly say that if every lodge and chapter habitually did the same, we might even dispense with our annual festivals. But this subject would land us far from our immediate object, and we will, therefore, only further say, that still gratefully remembering the work, the hospitality, and the habitual kind gifts of the Sphinx Lodge to the Charities, we would urge upon all and every body of English Freemasons which still needs the reminder and the stimulus, to "go and do likewise." Under the presidency of its very able W.M., Bro. A. MIDDLEMASS, P.M., the Sphinx Lodge is pretty certain to uphold its "prestige," and probably add to its popularity.

WE hope that we are well informed when we are told that there is a great probability of the Building Committee asking the permission of Grand Lodge to withdraw its first report, and proposing to present a second report at a Special Grand Lodge (with the sanction of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the GRAND MASTER) simply on the lines of reconstructing the hall with the amount of the Insurance. Nothing is wiser in principle or more graceful in feeling than for a Committee, be it what it may, when a slight mistake in judgment is shewn by universal disapproval, than at once to withdraw, whether it be an untenable proposition or an unwelcome report. There is nothing so foolish or perverse as the obstinacy of "red tape," the argument that you have made a blunder, and that you cannot go back, and therefore you must adhere to it at any cost, however much it may annoy and anger others! Our rulers are not likely to fall in with such shortsighted weakness, such un-Masonic feelings. We believe we are expressing the unanimous feeling of the great majority of town and country Freemasons when we say that the report of the Building Committee, is in their opinion inadequate, unsatisfactory, incomplete, and fundamentally unsound, and that it is impossible to carry it to Grand Lodge. Curiously enough we have never yet heard a word said in its favour or support. If even the Craft were prepared (which we apprehend it is not) to make great sacrifices of its funds, it is not likely that it would consent to do so for others and not for the fraternity. Independently of the financial proposals which to our mind are both extravagant in themselves and absolutely impossible for men of business to accept, the further question has arisen, Have we any right to decide the question of "locale," and settle it for two generations, and practically put it out of the power of Grand Lodge hereafter for 50 years, however obvious the need or pressing the necessity, to reconsider the point of the best site for Freemasons' Hall? Six years hence, when BACON'S lease has run out, things may have greatly altered, and we may see clearer on the point than we do or can do now. The Grand Lodge six years hence may decide to stay on the old historic spot, or it may wish to "make tracks," and it has the right to do so, and its liberty of action and judgment ought to be safeguarded by us carefully and deliberately. We have no warrant in legislating thus decisively and irrevocably for our successors. They are as capable as we are of legislating for themselves, and, there-

fore, we believe that in December the Grand Lodge, while it will hail with acclamation the withdrawal of an impossible report, and approve the suggestion we have sketched out above, will itself "proprio motu" terminate the discussion, by insisting on the simple reconstruction of Freemasons' Hall, and the surrender of any graver scheme of serious expenditure or financial "largesse," especially for our own property and to our own lessees.

BRO. JAMES TERRY at the Strand Lodge on Saturday mentioned the fact that the number of Stewards for the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was as yet far below the usual figure, and we feel therefore bound to call attention in the *Freemason* to the very pressing claims on us all of that excellent, we may fairly say invaluable, Institution which he so ably represents. We all know how well managed it is and what positive good it really does, and we feel sure that our many readers will excuse us if we say that as regards especially sending in the names of Stewards "bis dat sui dat cito." The straightforward forwarding of the names of willing Stewards as soon as may be saves an enormous amount of trouble and correspondence in the office and is by all the Secretaries gratefully acknowledged and warmly appreciated. Had Bro. BINCKES or Bro. HEDGES been present they might probably have replied to Bro. TERRY'S ingenious and humorous suggestion that without the "old people" the Schools would not be needed at all, and that therefore, (admirable, most admirable is the TERRYAN climax), the "old people" had the first claim. Bro. BINCKES would probably have had an equally effective answer and explanation ready to hand. But without joining in the deeply metaphysical and other grave questions involved in so abstruse and philosophic a speculation on the part of our worthy Bro. JAMES TERRY, we will say this. We trust that the friends of "our old people" will not forget how many are the candidates, how urgent the needs, the Royal Masonic Benevolent seeks to aid and cheer. Bro. TERRY has no "double votes" to offer to his numerous supporters and kind patrons, but he has the inherent excellency of this cause and the abiding pressure of "old age and infirmity" to urge on behalf of that noble Charity he so energetically serves. At the approach of our winter season our thoughts naturally revert to old friends and old age, and the feeling that any old brother Masons whom we once knew and sat by happily and genially in lodge, or their widows, are wanting sometimes the very necessities of life, must "dispose our heart to relieve their distresses and succour their necessities" in fraternal good will and truehearted Masonic sympathy. We shall all hope that when we next hear Bro. TERRY speak on the subject we may listen to a more cheering and satisfactory report.

IT IS, we understand, quite certain now that three candidates, perhaps four, will be presented to Grand Lodge in March for the office of Grand Treasurer. In this "embarras des richesses," the "wisdom of Grand Lodge," so often appealed to, will probably extricate us from this "multitude of counsellors" and the "impatience for the purple," of which some Masonic speakers complain. We wish to see the "right man in the right place;" but not to put "the round men into the square holes, and the square men into the round holes." So we await the ultimate decision of Grand Lodge in fortitude and faith.

WE understand, and the subject will be of much gratification to many old friends and admirers, that Bro. JOHN HAVERS, P.G.W., hopes to take a more active part in Grand Lodge business than he has been able to do of late years, and by his presence and advice there aid in the discussion of our "agenda papers" and the satisfactory settlement of several important and pressing questions. Bro. HAVERS, as some may know, has just returned to England after a short visit to the United States.

IT IS said, we hope without any foundation in fact, that the success of the double votes in the Boys' School for 1883 will probably affect the receipts of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and those of the Girls' School for 1884. We trust sincerely that this will not be so, though nothing is so "successful as success," and, though from the first we have never denied the abstract right of the Boys' School Committee to have recourse to the "double votes" for a specific purpose, yet we have always felt, because we seemed to foresee it, that the success of the double votes might impair the prosperity of the single. Some remarks of ours in this respect, on a former occasion, have been misunderstood. When we recommended the energetic SECRETARIES of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School to "follow suit," and "strike" in with Bro. BINCKES' bold "lead," we had heard numerous reports of the possible want of want of funds for building purposes, in consequence of the requisitions of railway companies for the sites of the respective buildings. But we never contemplated "double votes" as a normal procedure, as every one can easily see, that four votes are preferable to two, and must "draw" the funds, especially of lodges and bodies. History always repeats itself,

and we have in the abnormal success of the Boys' double votes-scheme, only the result of active energy and dashing ventures. But all such plans and arrangements have this one drawback, unfortunately, in the long run, that being in their nature rather "ad captandum and empirical at the best, they interfere with the duller routine of mere duty, and the less attractive claims of commonplace requirements. We do not say that any fault can be found whatever in the slightest degree with the aims or efforts of those who started the double votes for the Boys' School; but we shall be deeply grieved if that very success should in the remotest manner react on the equally pressing, nay imperative claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School. We have ourselves great faith in the hearty liberality of our Craft, and, above all, the sense our brethren entertain so markedly as based on Masonic teaching, of the *performance of duty for duty's sake.*

So much mystery hangs over the question of the "Junior School for Boys," that we think we are expressing the feelings of many when we hope some official announcement may speedily be made of what the House Committee proposes to do. So great has been the success attending the movement that the Committee may be perhaps encouraged thereby to enlarge the scope of their original ideas and proposals. In so doing they will make a great mistake. The mere funding of the money received will not meet the wants of the candidates or the wishes of the subscribers, who gave their money not to increase the income of the School, but to build the Junior School. The announcement of the selection of a plan will be a gratifying fact to many, as certainly many went away from the exhibition of the plans little impressed with what they saw exhibited. If it is now to be proposed that the original authority is to be enlarged, and the House Committee announce that they will accept an estimate of *any amount*, we feel certain that objection will be raised to any such course of procedure, any such increase of expenditure. We say this in all kindness and goodwill. We are ourselves quite convinced of the absolute need of a Junior School, but we deprecate a lavish expenditure on our buildings for little boys, as a hardship on those remaining candidates who are in a state of the greatest misery and distress, who are hardly often able to "keep body and soul together," and who cannot be taken into the Boys' School because there is no possible room for them. We trust we have said enough to induce kindly consideration by the House Committee of the very pressing claims of numerous poor and almost friendless candidates.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

THE Testimonial Fund which was suggested in these columns a short time since in honour of Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., is now fairly under weigh, and from the many influential names on the committee we have no doubt that it will prove an unqualified success. Bro. HUGHAN'S work in the cause of our Masonic literature is so well known and so widely appreciated that his name is as a household word in all intelligent lodges, and we are justified in supposing that there is no brother with any pretensions to Masonic knowledge who is not acquainted with his works, and will not feel an interest in the object sought to be attained. Numbers of lodges owe great thanks to our brother for his exertions in the direction of unearthing their past history, and the Craft generally will no doubt show their esteem by supporting a movement begun under such favourable auspices.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

The new lodge styled the Chiswick Lodge, and numbered 2012 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Bolton Hotel, Duke's-road, Chiswick, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary. The gallant brother was assisted by Bros. Dr. Ralph Gooding, G.D., as S.W.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br., as J.W.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Dir. of Cers; and T. C. Walls, P.G.D. Middlesex, as I.G. The other brethren who attended were

Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, Dep. Prov. G.M. Dorset; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177; W. Fieldson, I.P.M. 548; H. M. Coppleton, S.W. 1381; John Welch, 3; A. Louis Chapman, 255; G. A. Dayne, P.M. 933; John H. Makin-Maybury, Samuel Brooks, P.M., Sec. 1608; W. Gomm, jun., 780; George Endred, 1507; W. E. Harrison, 946; T. H. R. Hartley, 1608; George S. Wright, 1612; W. Herbage, W.M. 177; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. P. Webb, P.M. 1381; Henry Whittick, P.M. 511; Thomas Wright, P.M. 22; J. M. Levy, W. Stwd. 185; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928 (*Freemason*).

The petitioners for the warrant were Bros. George Everett, P.M. 177, 1381; Charles H. Everett, 1507, 1987; George Gardner, 177; W. D. Scott, 162, 410; William Mann, P.M. 186; James Ford, 1507; John Henry Rutherglen, 1642; Adam Pringle, jun., 600, I.G. 92; Henry Oliver Smith, 1515, 1974; and Frederick Lawrance, P.M. 255.

After the opening of the lodge Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing the brethren, said they were met on one of those interesting occasions which sometimes occurred in Masonry, especially in the London district. They were all of course aware that there was a large number of lodges in the London district, and that there was a general feeling, and a very proper one, that Freemasons had almost reached the limit they should go to. But of course there was no rule without an exception, and as London increased and spread in its suburbs so the number of London lodges increased. The neighbourhood of Chiswick was an instance of an increase in population. It was a large and increasing district in which there was no Masonic lodge. Therefore it occurred to certain brethren that it would be advisable to found a lodge for the district, and having represented to the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. had been pleased to concur in that view and to issue a warrant for the Chiswick Lodge. The brethren had selected to rule over them an experienced Mason who had already sat in the chair of two lodges, and under his care and guidance he was sure the lodge would be conducted Masonically. Though not wishing to say much on this occasion he would repeat a few words he had often used, to beg the founders of the lodge not to be in too great a hurry. It was a great mistake to fancy that they could serve Masonry in general and a lodge in particular by endeavouring to build up in a few months or a year or two a large lodge. Quality was better than quantity. In the present day the outer world saw so much of what Masonry did, so much of its charities, that there must naturally be a great desire in the outside world to rush into the Order and partake of its privileges; and therefore a lodge could not be too careful or too reticent as regards undesirable persons. It would be better to weigh carefully every case of a candidate that was submitted to them. One or two undesirable candidates might not only bring a want of harmony into a lodge but might even imperil its existence. It was better to have only a

good man now and then admitted than to have a lodge crowded with members. He had no doubt that this lodge would be a well ordered lodge. They should never admit a man as a candidate whom they would not wish to see some day occupy the chair of W.M., and this they would find a good principle to proceed upon.

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., then delivered the following oration:—V.W. Consecrating Officer: It is my privilege, sir, once again to deliver the customary Oration in our impressive ceremony of lodge consecration to-day, and I am truly glad to be permitted to take part in this pleasant assembly, not only because I am one of those who cannot regret to see the happy increase of our lodges, but because I feel sure that the new Lodge No. 2012 on our register will under its present W.M. rapidly obtain for itself the good opinion of our authorities and equally develop the true principles of Freemasonry. For its onward progress then, under the good old Banner of Freemasonry as keeping close to our ancient landmarks, it speeds on its way, carefully developing the beneficent teaching of our useful and excellent Order, let us all unite to-day in hearty aspirations, and in hopeful anticipation. But sir, on such an occasion as this, it seems advisable to say a few words as to the principles we ourselves profess, what in fact we claim for our Masonic system. I wish then to dwell on three points alone now shortly, as time only permits, which seem to denote unmistakably the great need and utility of Freemasonry for the world in which we live, and to speak with no uncertain tongue of the precepts of sound, practical, kindly wisdom it has in store as well for contrasted classes as for distant nations. These three great "First Truths" are Universality, Toleration, Charity. Let us take them one by one. It is a very grand idea, this Universality of Freemasonry. North, south, east, and west we find its traces and tread in its footsteps. Just as in past so in present its "marks" abound everywhere, linking the near and far off people of the earth in an adamant chain of Masonic union and sympathy. Amid the crumbling ruins of ancient and deserted cities, amid the remains of vanished and forgotten races, on stately cathedrals, on lofty towers, on Roman walls, Egyptian Pyramids, on the underground buildings of Jerusalem, just as in India, Mexico, and Peru, the attentive student may still observe our mystic emblems and feel persuaded of this, as I believe, incontestable fact, explain it as you will, that whether amid civilized nations or savage tribes, whether indigenous or imported, there is Freemasonry. Yes, sir, that wonderful institution has outlived the decadence and decay of mighty empires, the entire passing away of races and dynasties, even apparently has defied, and defied successfully, the enfeebling and destructive "hand of time." It is a marvellous truth, I repeat, then this Universality of Freemasonry, which, overleaping dividing seas and overpassing the narrow limits of countries, associations, sects, succeeds in enrolling within its expansive and kindly fold for the happiness of each other and the welfare of humanity, all good, wise, true men of all countries, colours, and religions, who are not ashamed to own the Great Creator of All before men, and abide by the unchanging dictates of the divine and moral law. In India, for instance, as our distinguished Bro. Judge Prinsep could have told us, one of our most energetic rulers in the far land of Hindostan, we have Christians and Hebrews, Hindoos, Parsees, and Mahomedans, all members of our Masonic lodges, and at one in reverence for the Great Creator, and in goodwill for man, seeking to promulgate and uphold the genuine tenets of true and tolerant Freemasonry. Surely then we may all rejoice to realize and prize more and more the great fact of the Universality of Freemasonry; and the solemn and valuable truths which flow out to us, from this leading principle, the guide and the safeguard of Freemasonry. For we see that in its Universality it excludes none who reverently believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, though it proscribes the open Agnostic, and rejects the deliberate Atheist, and thus in its very Universality it seems to be an omen of, a foreshadowing of a happier epoch for our race, inasmuch as it seeks to set before the world at all times and in all places reverence for God and love for man. Freemasonry in its Universality also endeavours to disseminate and develop those gentler and more engaging sympathies of social life and of our moral and spiritual being, which so lighten up the often dark and troubled pathway of our feet here below, whispering to us in tones we cannot misinterpret of brighter realities and more perfect happiness one day held in store for our race in glad times of "eternal refreshing." At the same time, Freemasonry ever testifies to the sacred certainty of a future state of being, and of the unclouded happiness and unending rest of a better life, and a spiritual existence beyond the grave. The great and distinguishing feature of Freemasonry, namely, Toleration, deserves our most serious consideration. Toleration is a word often used, though apparently sometimes little understood. It is a favourite dogma of us all more or less, and very easy to profess, but very, very difficult to practise. We are living at a period when, as someone has said, we "forget great truths," and "fight, yes, fight, to the bitter end, to the very death, for the pettiest trifles." It is sad for the true philosopher, the most real religionist, to realize often the intense severances, the malignant feelings, which divide us here, the acrimony and animosity which almost always accompany controversy; the excited struggles, the unscrupulous warfare, which arise in respect of this or that, between this body or that; the intolerance of some, the double-dealing of others, the positive injustice and cruelty, and all often in the sadly-abused name of Religion. Of nearly all the controversies of men it may fairly be said "How worthless is the victor's prize," and how little have they tended to the honour of God, the peace of the Brotherhood, or the happiness of mankind. Freemasonry, which has itself suffered as much as any body of men from direct and deadly persecution, whether from Papal Bulls and Allocutions, Presbyterian synods, Baptist bodies, the unmitigated "power of lying," as in America, and the earlier and later outpourings of ignorant and debased fanatics, proclaims with clear, with unflinching voice Toleration for all men. It is often refreshing and healing for us all to turn from the din of worldly controversy and the "outcome" of human intolerance to the peaceful repose and kindly, sympathetic teaching of a Freemasons' lodge. Within its walls no sectarian rancour, no political antagonisms, are allowed to enter. Freemasonry knows nothing whatever of the "strife of tongues," the weary outpour of sterile platitudes, the bitter words of social or political disputations. It ignores alike religious differences and party shibboleths, and forbids the intrusion within its hallowed circle of those "burning questions" which often utterly divide and disunite man now from his brother man. Freemasonry imposes no test, and demands no creed. Each brother to his own great Master "standeth or falleth," and just as Freemasonry knows nothing of the peculiar characteristics of this or that denomination, so it seeks, passing by the narrow limits of every earthly institution, civil or religious, to see in every son of Adam a brother of the dust. For Freemasonry ever acknowledges the great, if too often forgotten, truth that the great and divine "Architektonos" has "made of one blood all the nations of the earth," and therefore gladly welcomes within its vast and uncontroversial body all who reverently accept and stand by the solemn reality and goodly truth of the

"Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Our Masonic Order having deeply suffered, as I said before, from persecution itself, ever protests against the most "debasement of conscience" for conscience sake, believing with a wise teacher of men that the "worst use you can put a man to is to *burn* him." Therefore it seeks to spread its broad banner of universal and indefectible Toleration over brethren of differing views and different creeds, and seems to say, when we enter within its kindly portals, to all human controversialists and all partizan disputers "Peace, be still." We grieve then, as Freemasons, whenever we note in any people a tendency to persecution, when we watch with "bated breath" the often fearful result of savage intolerance and direct persecution. And, therefore, to-day we shall join, I think, in the expression of sympathy with our Hebrew brethren, who have witnessed recently an outburst of civilized and uncivilized savagery, of cruel, destructive, unbridled fanaticism, which is a most disgraceful parody on all religion, and a disgrace to the age in which we live. In short, my dear brothers, the Toleration of Freemasonry is as Universal as our Order, and so long as this always welcome and solemn truth is inscribed in the word Toleration on our banners, so long as Freemasonry practises what it preaches, it is certain not only to retain the affectionate attachment of its own members, but to obtain for itself the commendation and approval of mankind. And what can I say of Masonic Charity. The word Charity or "Agape" divides itself into two parts, what may be termed the abstract and concrete developements of that great and inestimable virtue. The one is that Charity which thinketh no evil, which listens neither to base calumny nor cruel falsehoods, which upholds a brother's character in his *absence* as in his presence, which strongly refuses to credit idle tales against his honour, his probity, and his morality, and which boldly upholds the honour of his good fame. Let us hope that we are notable in our Masonic lodges and greetings for this happy characteristic of living charity. But charity has also another concrete outcome, which may be summed up in two words, "large-hearted beneficence." In this category Freemasons are conspicuous. It has been my lot, sir, to peruse the statistics of very many charitable associations, and I confidently aver that no society or association of men is to be found on earth which does more on the true principles of charity, qua charity, than the body of English Freemasons. We are raising for instance, annually, more than the interest of a million of money at four per cent., in order to keep in full vitality and thorough efficiency these Metropolitan Charities of ours which have grown into such great and striking institutions, and are most remarkable in their organization, their development, their actual need for our Order, and their deep practical reality. We are giving largely, sir, month by month, as no one knows better than yourself, in our Board of Benevolence, perhaps an unique Masonic Institution in its entirety at any rate, to sad cases of pressing poverty and dire distress. In our provincial and colonial circles we are not only making grants to those who need the helping hand of Masonic sympathy, but are wisely encouraging local subsidiary institutions of educational and helpful organization. And in our private lodges our ears are never closed, nor our hearts cold to the claims of evitable necessity and positive suffering. The vitality, therefore, of English Masonic charity is a very wonderful toality, of which, as members of our ancient body we may well be proud, and tells us in unerring tones, full voiced for all fair men, how salutary in the abstract, and how consistent in the concrete is the Charity of Anglican Freemasonry. Charity, indeed, like true charity in its fullest meaning and honest scope; must be proper, reasonable, careful, and unostentatious. It seeks not the praise, it regards not the dispraise of men. It asks for no recognition, it expects no laudation. It is simply and purely Charity, solely actuated by the divine principle of love, which is demonstrated and developed without any admixture of "sounding brass or tinkling cymbal." Charity which either looks for or aspires to the praise and reward of man is not and never can be Charity. Masonic Charity works in the one true groove, and is marked distinctly by this one golden law of thought, life, and duty. It gives not of right, not of claim, not of bargains, not as a "quid pro quo," but out of the full heart of brotherly love. It gives because its brother is in need; it gives because its brother makes a fair and proper appeal to its sympathies; it gives because its brother is no longer in prosperous circumstances; it gives because the heavy hand of adversity has brought its brother low in the world, and filled his home with trouble, and his heart with sorrow. And, therefore, in Masonic charity in truest benevolence, we English Freemasons give, and we give largely. We seek to soothe the declining years of poverty and old age by availing help in time of need. We desire to train up the orphan children of our deceased brethren, or the suffering children of our stricken brother, in habits of industry, thrift, and morality, in all of fraternal goodwill, and fit them humanly speaking for the rough and anxious battle of life. And so long as English Freemasonry continues thus to carry out and carry on its great message of Universality, Toleration and Charity so long, sir, will it fulfil its own great mission among men; so long will it help to speed on the happily progressive march of civilization, and the onward and upward struggles of mankind. Sir, I have done. I have touched with feeble hand, I know, three points alone of the many which our Masonic lore always presents to the Orator of the day, but which seemed to me both appropriate and opportune for our present assembly. I believe for one that greater triumphs are yet in store for our useful, our loyal, our beneficent Order, as, overcoming the prejudices of the fanatic and silencing the sarcasms of the intolerant, it succeeds in winning for itself more and more the confidence and consideration of its contemporaries and the admiration and understanding of the world. No selfishness darkens its aims; no Jesuitism debases its professions. It is exactly what it says it is—large-hearted, liberal, and tolerant for all. It "honours all men," "loves the brotherhood," is loyal to the Throne, and obeys the law. In religious reverence and undimmed faithfulness it stands by the wise Cosmopolitan landmarks of our forefathers, and in lodge and out of lodge, before the fraternity and before mankind it proclaims with the voice of a trumpet that none may misapprehend its object or mistake its meaning, that it has inscribed in letters of gold on its "banners of love" everywhere those talismanic words of old: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards man."

The ceremony of consecration was then formally conducted, the musical arrangements falling to Bro. Seymour Smith, who was assisted by Bros. G. T. Carter and Edward Collings. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke installed Bro. George Everett as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Charles H. Everett, S.W.; George Gardiner, J.W.; and Dr. Lawrance (acting as I.P.M.), Treasurer. The remainder of the appointments stand over till next meeting. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke having delivered the addresses,

Bro. EVERETT afterwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer and his assistants, with the honorary membership of the lodge,

thanking them very much for their kindness in going to Chiswick and consecrating the lodge, and giving the brethren a great treat.

Bro. CHARLES H. EVERETT, S.W., seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment, and assured the lodge that it had given the Consecrating Officers much pleasure to assist in bringing a new lodge into existence, and they hoped on a future occasion to take advantage of the privilege of honorary membership to attend lodge and witness the progress it had made.

A large number of names of proposed joining members and initiates was then given in, and the lodge was thereafter closed. A sumptuous banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, speaking of the services all the Grand Officers rendered to Freemasonry, said it must have been satisfactory to all who knew its ritual to have seen how excellent was the work that was done that evening, and he was sure the brethren would heartily respond to a toast proposed in their honour.

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., in responding to the toast, said: Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and brethren, on behalf of the Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, I beg to return you my most sincere thanks for connecting my name with that distinguished toast, and on behalf of my brother Grand Officers present I assure you we deem it to be a great privilege to be permitted to assist the Grand Secretary, as senior Consecrating Officer, in this day's most interesting and effective ceremonial, and which he has so ably performed. Accepting the hint of your Worshipful Master of short speeches, and which suggestion I noted made a very distinct impression on you all, and after the long trial of your patience I have already put you to to-day, I should be the most unconscionable of speakers if I sought unduly again to trespass upon your indulgence. I will therefore only add that, sensible as the Grand Officers are of the distinguished honour which is theirs by being selected to be Grand Officers, they are always happy when they can assist their brethren in ceremonies such as these, and thus evidence that their sympathies and interest are still ever with Masonic work and Masonic duty. I am now, Worshipful Sir, a very old Mason, and I can safely say for myself that, as some of my happiest hours have been spent, and some of my best friends have been made, in a Masons' lodge, so I feel sure that in your more mature years of faithful service to Freemasonry you will never regret the time you spend in lodge, or your loyal adherence to our ancient Order, which ever promulgates the great and goodly principles of toleration, unanimity, and brotherly love, which strenuously upholds and inculcates the more personal, and perhaps even more enjoyable sympathies of unswerving fidelity, unfading interest, and unchanging friendship.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, proposed "The W.M.," the prime mover of the meeting, whom they had seen installed in the chair that evening. As he (the Grand Secretary) had mentioned in lodge, the founders had acted very wisely and sensibly in selecting as their first W.M. a brother who had got experience already in the chairs of two different lodges. Bro. Everett had not only filled the chair of two lodges, but he had evidently earned for himself the great esteem and respect of those lodges; and he could mention as a proof of this that only last Friday the Domestic Lodge, of which he was Treasurer, presented him and his wife with a very handsome testimonial. The brethren must all congratulate him on that recognition of very meritorious services. They might argue from the past what would be his services in the future; and they might be quite certain when he started a child of his own like the Chiswick Lodge, he would put his shoulder to the wheel to bring it to the highest state of efficiency. He congratulated the lodge on choosing such a brother for their first W.M., and he wished him a very pleasant, prosperous, and happy year of office.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in reply said he did not think three months ago that he should have had to respond to this toast. He had made up his mind a year ago gradually to drop out of his duties in Masonry, and felt after 25 years of suit and service in the cause he might take a back seat, and become a lay member. However it was ordained to be otherwise. Certain young friends of his who belonged to the large lodges in which there was little chance of getting into office for some time to come, and who lived in the Chiswick neighbourhood saw an opportunity to make a start and distinguish themselves without having to wait a long time in a large lodge. With that persuasion he agreed once more to get into harness and to start a new undertaking. The result they knew. Through the very great kindness of the Grand Secretary and a good name, something which was rather to be chosen than great riches, he had the good fortune to obtain a warrant for the Chiswick Lodge, and having so done, he should do as he always had done in his Masonic career, strive to do his duty. He should strictly adhere to the principles of the Order, and do all in his power to bring credit to those belonging to the lodge and the Craft in general. The Grand Secretary had been kind enough to allude to a little matter which occurred that night week, and he was very pleased and delighted at the way the Grand Secretary spoke of it. The approbation of his fellow men was one of the things for which he had striven, and he thought the matter which occurred that night week was evidence that he had been successful. He was very thankful and pleased with all that had been done, and nothing should be wanting on his part (and he was sure he would be ably assisted by his brother officers of the lodge to make the lodge prosperous and happy, and if so they would never regret having originated the lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Consecrating Officers," regretted omitting the name of Bro. Walls in the vote of thanks in lodge, but said the error should be remedied at next meeting. Speaking of the Grand Secretary, his name and fame were world wide. He had done the lodge great honour in coming to consecrate it. Furthermore they were all much indebted to him for obtaining the warrant, for it was largely due to him that they were able to get it. The consecration had been performed in a most impressive manner and had delighted all the brethren. The Grand Secretary had brought with him very able assistants, who had done all their work in a manner that must have gratified everyone of the brethren. The oration of Bro. Woodford had given the greatest possible satisfaction, and Bro. Frank Richardson had shown them what a D.C. could be when he was up to his work.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, replying said as he had said in lodge it had been a great pleasure to the Grand Officers to come and consecrate this new lodge. The lodge had been started under good auspices and the Grand Officers were only too happy to be present and assist in such a good cause. He was very glad indeed to have had such efficient assistants, and he as well as they felt deeply the compliment paid to them in making them honorary members of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. J. M. P. MON.

TAGU, Deputy Prov. G.M. Dorset; MAHON, and HERBAGE, W.M. 177; the latter, speaking from a personal knowledge of Bro. Everett's working, congratulating the brethren on the choice they had made of a W.M. The brethren might safely commit the conduct of the lodge to Bro. Everett. Speaking of Masonry, he said he was quite sure it was from upholding the principles of the Craft that they as a Craft could hope to exist and prosper. Every institution was on its trial, and unless there was something good at the bottom of it it could not go on and prosper. In Freemasonry were the principles of peace on earth and goodwill towards men, and that they summarised in the Masonic world by brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Bro. Dr. LAWRENCE replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. C. H. EVERETT to that of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Apologies for absence were read by the W.M. from Bros. C. E. Mortimer, W.M. of the recommending lodge, Loyalty and Charity, 1584; W. M. Stiles, P.M., P.Z. 1507; and others.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Chippenham, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., the entertaining lodge being the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, of that town. The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by a large number of the Wiltshire brethren, amongst whom were

Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M.; Lord H. F. Thynne, M.P., P.G.W. England, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Supt. (Royal Arch) Wilts; Col. Randle Ford, P.G.J.W.; Rev. Canon Millar, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treas.; T. Ponting, P.G. Reg.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D. England, P.G. Sec.; G. L. Lopes, P.G.S.D.; John Chandler, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D.C.; Thos. H. Chandler, P.P.G.S.W.; C. F. Marshall, P.P.G.S.W.; William Nott, P.P.G.J.W., Prov. Charity Sec.; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.P.G. Chap.; J. V. Toone, P.P.G.S.D.; R. S. Edmonds, P.P.G.S.D.; E. B. Merriman, P.P.G.S. of W., P.P.G.D.C.; D. A. Gibbs, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Jas. Sparks, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; S. Badham, P.P.G.O.; A. J. Beaven, P.P.G.P.; G. W. Collen, P.P.G.P.; H. E. Bishop, P.P.G.P.; Edwin Eyres, P.P.G.P.; Viscount Dangan; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth, and George J. McKay, Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland.

The roll of the various lodges having been called, all were found to be duly represented. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Swindon, of which minutes a printed copy had been issued with the Prov. G. Lodge summons, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS, then read the minutes of the meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee held that morning, from which it appeared that Bro. Edwin Eyres, P.M. 626, P.P.G.P. Wilts, was recommended by the committee to represent the province as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Thomas Ponting, P.M. 1478, Prov. Grand Registrar, to fill a similar office as regards the Girls' School, with contributions from the provinces to their respective lists of twenty guineas to the Benevolent Institution and ten guineas to the Girls' School.

These recommendations were, on the proposition of Lord H. F. THYNNE, seconded by Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, Bart., duly adopted.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, read an abstract of his accounts, which had been duly audited, and which showed a balance in his hands on the Provincial Charity Account of £81 8s. 9d. (in addition to £101 17s. 6d. invested in New Three per Cents.); on the Benevolent Fund Account of £42 19s. 10d. (in addition to £178 3s. 6d. invested in Consols); and on the General Account, £12 10s.

The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. THOS. PONTING, read his usual report, showing that the number of members in the province was 440, being substantially the same as in the previous year, but he stated that he was unable, owing to certain circumstances in connection with the returns from one of the lodges, to render the usual abstract of the accounts of the various lodges in the province.

The Secretary to the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, Bro. WILLIAM NOTT, presented the report of that committee as follows:

On behalf of the Committee I now as usual lay before the Provincial Grand Lodge an account of the past year's work, both as regards the Benevolent Fund and the Charity Organization.

As to the Benevolent Fund, there is little to report save that the fund is steadily increasing. The account for the year 1882 shews net receipts for that year of £74 3s., whilst the subsequent receipts were from lodges £34 15s., and from the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter £5, the latter sum completing the qualification of the Provincial Grand Superintendent for the time being as a Life Governor of this fund. The sum of £75, covering the balance shewn on last year's account, has been invested in the purchase of £73 15s. Consols, making a total of £178 3s. 6d. of that stock, and in addition thereto there is at present a cash balance in the Treasurer's hands of £42 19s. 10d.

Seven out of the ten lodges in the province are now regular contributors to this fund, and of the remaining three two are young lodges that will doubtless in good time see their way to support it.

No application for assistance from this fund has yet been received, so that the whole of the income has been available for investment.

As to the Charity organization, I have to report that at the School elections in April last the votes of this province were applied in conjunction with those of the other provinces with which Wiltshire is allied in securing the election of two girls, one each for Somerset and Leicester, and of one boy for Somerset; whilst at the elections for the Benevolent Institution in May the associated provinces were successful in carrying the three widows they had on the list of candidates, viz., one each for the provinces of Worcester, Bristol, and Monmouth.

Your Committee at its meeting in March last adopted the case of Harold Richard Humphries Gane, son of the late Bro. Richard Gane, of Trowbridge, to be supported by this province as a candidate for the Boys' School, and it was accordingly placed upon the list of candidates for the October election. It was not intended to actually carry this case until April next, but your Secretary, who attended the election, found that he could readily obtain sufficient votes to then ensure success, and accordingly, as authorised by the Committee, he borrowed them and pledged this province to their future repayment. The result was that the case was carried, being twentieth and the very last on the list of successful candidates; another candidate (for the Eastern Division of South Wales, another of the associated provinces) succeeded in obtaining the eighteenth place.

Your Charity Secretary desires to express his appreciation of the co-operation of the other provinces, and to say that the Provincial Grand Lodge on this occasion is more especially indebted to Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth; R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset; W. H. Bowden, Bristol; and R. Vassar Smith, Gloucester, who personally attended the election.

Your Committee have further adopted the case of Henry Maurice Jarvis, son of the late Bro. Henry Jarvis, a member of the Marlborough Lodge, and formerly of Bath, to be supported at a future election in conjunction with the province of Somerset as a candidate for the Boys' School, and has engaged that when the case shall be taken up by the last named province, Wiltshire shall contribute its proportion of the votes which will be required.

It will be readily understood therefore that not only on account of the votes already borrowed for the Wiltshire case elected last month, but also to fulfil the engagements thus entered into for the future, the resources of this province will be taxed to the utmost for the next two or three elections.

The votes the Committee has had placed at its disposal during the last three years by and in connection with the various lodges in the province have been as follows:—

	1881	1882	1883
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys...	407	475	498
Do. do. do. Girls	372	356	370
Do. do. Benevolent Institution for Aged Free- masons	219	235	242
Do. do. do. Institution for Aged Widows	119	153	171
	1117	1219	1281

being 62 more votes this year than in 1882, and showing a constant and steady increase.

The Wiltshire Recipients of the Masonic Charities are at present as follows: Benevolent Institution, the same as last year, namely, three Widows receiving annuities of £32 each, or a total of £96 per annum; one (whose husband belonged to the Trowbridge Lodge, No. 632, having been in receipt thereof for seven years; another (Devizes, No. 663), for five years; and the other (Chippenham, No. 626), for one year.

[Here follows a list of the nine children from Wiltshire in the Schools, with notes from the reports of the mistress or master of the particular School with reference to each respective case.]

It will thus be seen that there are three widows and nine children from Wiltshire enjoying the benefits from these noble Institutions, which benefit may be measured by the annual value of something like £500 or £600.

During the year the following amounts have been taken up to the festivals of the different Masonic Institutions by Stewards from this province:

Bro. Dr. Ringer—Benevolent Institution	£50	1	0
„ James Sparks—Boys' School	135	9	0
	£185	10	0

WILLIAM NOTT, Prov. Charity Sec.

Devizes, 17th October, 1883.

Bro. Dr. Theobald Ringer, 1533, P.M. 1308, was then called up by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and presented on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge with a Charity bar and ribbon, in respect of his third Stewardship as representative of the province to the Masonic Charities.

The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS, on behalf of the Committee as to the new Book of Constitutions, called the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the fact that the subject would come before the next Grand Lodge, to be held on Wednesday, the 5th December, and he also reminded the brethren that at the same Grand Lodge the question of rebuilding the Masonic Temple, recently damaged by fire, would also be considered.

Some discussion took place, and the general feeling seemed to be strongly against any part of the property of Grand Lodge being let on lease for such a long term—50 years—as had been recommended by the Special Grand Lodge Committee on the subject. No formal resolution was taken; but the Prov. Grand Master, Lord METHUEN, expressed the hope that every Wiltshire member of Grand Lodge who could possibly attend on the occasion would do so in order to be able to record his vote on the questions indicated after having heard the arguments that might be brought forward.

Lord METHUEN then declared all offices vacant, and proposed the re-election as Treasurer of Bro. F. H. Goldney.

This was seconded by Lord H. F. THYNNE and carried by acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested, the list being headed by the Lord Mayor of London (who is a member of the Chippenham Lodge, but was unfortunately unable to be present on this occasion) as S.W. The following is the list:—

Bro. R. N. Fowler ... G.S.W.	Bro. Jas. Sparks ... G.S. of W.
„ H. Blackmore ... G.J.W.	„ John Chandler ... G.D. of C.
„ Rev. C. H. Awdry G. Chap.	„ Dr. T. Ringer ... G.A.D.C.
„ F. H. Goldney ... G. Treas.	„ H. E. Bishop ... G. Swd.Br.
„ Thos. Pouting ... G. Reg.	„ E. S. Mackrell ... G. Org.
„ Henry C. Tombs G. Sec.	„ H. Merrick ... G. Purst.
„ B. H. Watts ... G.S.D.	„ W. Jenkins ... G.A. Purst.
„ Viscount Dangan G.J.D.	„ John Savory ... G. Tyler.

This ended the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed, Lord Methuen expressing his regret that owing to a slight misunderstanding a previous engagement clashed with the day fixed for the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he was very sorry to say compelled him at once to leave for his home, and rendered him unable to stay to the banquet.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Angel Hotel, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday, the 13th inst., this body met in the Masonic Hall, York, by invitation of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.) The entertaining Lodge was opened at 1.45 by the W.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, and at two o'clock the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. W. Woodall, entered with his Prov. Grand Lodge, was saluted, and assumed the chair. Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened, the following officers being in their places: Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Sir Jas. Meek, P.P.G.W., as S.W.; H. A. Williamson, P.P.G.W., as J.W.; T. Thompson, Prov. G.M.O.; M. G. Collingwood, Prov. G.S.O.; S. Chadwick, Prov. G.J.O.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Prov. G. Chap.; J. M. Meek, Prov. G. Reg.; T. B. Whythead, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Marshall, Prov. G.D.; S. Middleton, Prov. G.D. of C.; A. P. Wilson, as Prov. G.I.G.; and J. Verity, Prov. G. Tyler. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. J. S. Cumberland, Prov. G.S.W.; J. Murray, Prov. G.J.W.; and other brethren, as also from a number of visitors who were unable to accept invitations to be present.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and adopted, the roll of lodges called, and Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The appointment of officers was then made as follows:

Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett Dep.G.M.	Bro. M. Millington ... G.S.D.
„ W. H. Cowper ... G.S.W.	„ J. Hogg ... G.J.D.
„ T. Thompson ... G.J.W.	„ J. Dunn ... G.I. of W.
„ C. G. Padel ... G.M.O.	„ J. B. Nicholls ... G.S.B.
„ V. Fowler ... G.S.O.	„ J. S. Cumberland G.D. of C.
„ E. Bryan ... G.J.O.	„ J. T. Seller ... G.I.G.
„ Rev. W. G. Chilman G. Chap.	„ A. T. B. Turner ... G. Org.
„ M. M. Reynard ... G. Reg.	„ J. Verity ... G. Tyler.
„ T. B. Whythead G. Sec.	

Bros. Sir Jas. Meek, Rev. W. C. Lukis, A. P. Wilson, and J. Marshall were elected on the Board of General Purposes. Bros. G. Balford and C. G. Padel were re-elected Auditors. The question of inviting the Grand Mark Lodge to York was mooted and it was resolved that the Grand Master be invited to hold a moveable Grand Lodge in York next June. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren, congratulating them upon the condition of the province. He said he had hoped before that date to see the two strong lodges at Hull join the province and so form one of the best

provinces in England. He hoped that this would soon be the case, and in the meantime that all the lodges would work together harmoniously. Bros J. Sutcliffe, R.W.P.G.M. Lincolnshire, and T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M. of Northumberland, who were present, also addressed the brethren, after which Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Sec., congratulated the province upon its condition and the manner in which it was worked. He alluded to the fact of the Prince of Wales having lately been made a Mark Mason and accepted the rank of Past Grand Master. He described the progress of the Order and its present strength, and urged the brethren to maintain the dignity of the degree.

The Prov. G.M. having signified his wish to hold the next annual meeting at Middlesborough, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed and after the retirement of its officers the York Lodge was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel, at which the Prov. Grand Master presided.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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But in a certain sense perhaps, the most interesting communication that was submitted on this occasion was the following letter from Bro. W. Halton, P.M., of the Burlington Lodge, No. 113, now No. 96.

9, Charles Street,
St. James's Square,
7th February, 1837.

Dear Sirs and Brethren.—The interest which the Craft have felt in the success which has attended our laudable exertions for the erection of an Asylum for Aged Freemasons has been approved by all who are desirous that the pure principles of our Order shall be fully exemplified and made manifest to the world. I consider the object of our solicitude and prayers is now beyond the possibility of failure. Our deep and lasting gratitude is due to many brethren who have toiled hard in this truly Masonic cause, but more particularly so to my friend Bro. Crucefix, who has, night and day, through evil and good report (without dismay) so fought the battles and defended the interests of this Asylum as to demand a more lasting token of our thanks than mere words. I have, therefore, the pleasure to inform you that our present Treasurer, Dr. Crucefix, has sat for his portrait to Bro. Moseley, who has, I think, succeeded in giving a very good likeness of our friend upon canvas highly creditable to him as an artist.

The portrait I humbly venture to beg the Governors of the Asylum to accept as a memorial of my personal respect and Masonic gratitude. I have entrusted it to the custody of my mother lodge (the Burlington, No. 113), who will deliver it up as soon as the Board room of our Institution shall be in a state to receive it.—I am, &c.,

(Signed) W. HALTON, P.M.

To the Sub-Committee of the
Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons.

The portrait was accepted and in the resolution that was passed to that effect the hope was expressed that it might encourage other brethren to follow in the footsteps of Bro. Crucefix and emulate his exertions to obtain the accommodation referred to. As regards the presentation, it must have been highly gratifying, not only to Bro. Crucefix, but to the provisional Committee likewise. Its immediate effect on the former must have been to strengthen him amid the trials and anxieties he had experienced from the very commencement of his advocacy of the cause he had so much at heart and to stimulate him to, if possible, still greater efforts, so that he might make the success that had already been achieved still more conspicuous. It must have been equally encouraging to the Committee, who knew well enough that, though Bro. Halton's expression of opinion that "the object of our solicitude and prayers is now beyond the possibility of failure" might be accepted as representing something more than his individual views, they were only as yet at the beginning, as it were, of their labours, and that with actual opposition to their plans in one direction and the possibility of their being further opposed in other directions, it would tax all their energies and resources in order to make their success enduring. There was also the possibility and even probability that such a recognition of Bro. Crucefix's disinterested endeavours to secure a refuge for the Aged Mason might have the effect, if not of restricting the opposition he experienced with in narrow limits, at all events of evoking a strong sense of sympathy among brethren who previously had been imbued with no particular feeling either in favour of or opposition to the proposed Charity. In any circumstances, it was a graceful act on the part of Bro. Halton and as such well worthy of the prominence assigned to it in the records of the Asylum.

The other business at this February meeting may be described briefly. Bro. Crucefix as Chairman drew attention "to the great importance of an early demonstration of the wishes of the subscribers being made in Grand Lodge, that the position of the Institution might be understood"; and expressed his conviction that no other objection existed with the M.W. Grand Master, but doubt as to the means to effect the object in view, and which doubt it would be necessary to remove. Thereupon it was resolved that a general meeting of the subscribers should be held on the 24th of February "to consider the present state of the Charity and what measures it will be most beneficial to adopt with regard to its future prosperity." It was also resolved that the annual festival in aid of the funds of the Asylum should be held on the 21st of June following. The meeting, as appointed, was held, as usual, at Radley's Hotel, when the Audit Committee presented a most satisfactory statement of account, which showed that of a total received amounting to £707 1s. 2d., there had been expended in the purchase of £600 3-per-cent. Consols £546, and for incidental expenses £25 17s. 9d., leaving a balance of £135 3s. 5d., of which £100 was in the hands of the bankers, and £35 3s. 5d. in those of the Treasurer. It was also unanimously resolved "that this meeting consider it advisable to bring the question of the Aged Masons' Asylum before Grand Lodge, and accordingly resolved that the Sub-Committee shall take the necessary steps to effect this object as soon as they can do so effectually." The matter being thus relegated to the Sub-Committee that body, at its usual monthly meeting on the 10th of May, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

That abundant proofs having been adduced on the part of the Craft both in London and in the Provinces of their anxious desire to erect and endow an Asylum for the Aged and decayed Freemasons; and further that, as the delay of the recognition of such an Institution by Grand Lodge appears to be the only obstacle to the completion of so desirable an end, which may be inferred from correspondence from the highest Masonic authorities, it is expedient that the necessary steps should be taken forthwith to bring the question before the Craft, and for this purpose that the Treasurer of the Institution be instructed and fully empowered on the part of the subscribers at large to give notice at the next meeting of the General Committee of Grand Lodge of a motion with a view to bring the Aged Masons' Asylum under the sanction and protection of Grand Lodge.

The Treasurer, Bro. Crucefix, announced at the June meeting that in accordance with the foregoing resolution he had given notice of motion to the Committee of Masters for the purpose stated, but that in consequence of the great pressure of business at the meeting of Grand Lodge, the consideration of the subject had had to be postponed till the next Quarterly Communication in September. Under these circumstances the subject was

again prominently discussed at the general meeting of subscribers on the 9th of August, when the following resolution was submitted and agreed to, namely:

That the following be adopted as the substantive motions to be brought before the ensuing Grand Lodge in September, and that the Treasurer be empowered to act discretionally as circumstances may require:

1st. That the opinion of the Craft with regard to the erection and endowment of an Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons having been taken in the most public manner possible, and the result being most decidedly in favour of such Institution, that this Grand Lodge recommend the same to the protection and support of all lodges within the Constitution of England.

2nd. That with a view to the more considerate attention of Grand Lodge to the subject of an Asylum, a Committee of inquiry be appointed, who shall examine and report thereon.

And at the meeting of the Sub-Committee on Monday, 4th September, it was agreed that an addition should be made to the above resolutions to the effect that "such Committee shall consist of six brethren, three of whom shall be nominated by the Grand Master, and three by the Sub-Committee of the contemplated Asylum." It seems, however, that when the eventful day arrived, and Grand Lodge was in full session, Bro. Crucefix was "abruptly informed,"—to use his own words—that his Royal Highness "was opposed to the measure," and he had no alternative but to postpone or press the motion—its withdrawal being, as he suggests, out of the question—and in the exercise of his discretion he elected to postpone it. But there is a saying to the effect that everything comes to him who waits, and when Grand Lodge met in December, the subject was again introduced, and the following resolution unanimously adopted, namely, "That this Grand Lodge recommend the contemplated Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemason to the favourable consideration of the Craft." This resolution was unanimously confirmed at the communication held on 7th March, 1838, so that Bro. Crucefix and his enthusiastic coadjutors had at length the satisfaction of knowing that, in spite of the difficulties they had had to contend with, their cherished plan for erecting an Asylum for the aged Mason had at length received the "imprimatur" of the Supreme Craft authority in England.

But though the move was ultimately crowned with success, it must not be imagined that Bro. Crucefix had had an easy task to accomplish. It has already been stated that at a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 8th February, 1837, the annual festival of the Institution was fixed for the 21st June, and Bro. Pattison, M.P., late Governor of the Bank of England, was invited to preside on the occasion. In the first instance, Bro. Pattison conditionally acceded to the request, but, as will be seen from the following letters, reasons subsequently presented themselves which precluded him from carrying out his purpose:

Welbeck-street, Evening 7th May, 1837.

Dear Sir,—I enclose the answer I have received to the letter I stated to you I should write to Lord John Churchill. I feel I ought not to preside on the 21st June, and trust, therefore, you will allow me to withdraw from the office I undertook for that day. It will give me great satisfaction if, on some future occasion, I can show my anxious zeal for the Charity when, by its admission and acknowledgment by the Grand Lodge, I can do so with the full consent of the Grand Master.

Believe me, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES PATTISON.

To Dr. Crucefix, &c.

INCLOSURE.

Palace, Kensington, 7th May, 1837.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In reply to your's of yesterday's date, I have the honour to inform you that I submitted your letter to his Royal Highness the Grand Master, who has commanded me to state "that he sees no reason to alter his opinion, expressed last year of the contemplated 'Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons,' his Royal Highness still thinking that such Asylum will tend to hold out an inducement for an improper class of individuals to enter the Fraternity, as also run counter to the interests of the two Charities (viz., Boys' and Girls' Schools) already established, the latter of which now has a considerable debt to be liquidated, and both of which require the utmost exertions of his Royal Highness the Grand Master and the Fraternity at large to sustain without infringing on their funds."

Believe me, &c.,

(Signed)

H. JOHN SPENCER CHURCHILL, D.G.M.

To Jas. Pattison, Esq., M.P., &c.

Such a letter as that of Lord Churchill's was certain to provoke a reply, which, however, it was resolved should be written "in a spirit of honest and deferential courtesy." Care was also taken that a copy of the said reply should be forwarded to Bro. Pattison when thanking him for his courtesy, and expressing regret at his inability under the circumstances to preside at the festival. The letter in question ran thus:

Freemasons' Tavern, May 1837.

My Lord,—The Board of Stewards for the approaching festival in aid of the contemplated Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons had been led to hope that on the day appointed for its celebration James Pattison, Esq., M.P., P.G.J.W., and late Governor of the Bank of England, would honour them and afford his important assistance towards establishing the Charity by taking the chair. But subsequently to the cheerful promise made by that respected gentleman and excellent Mason, a correspondence has taken place, of which a copy is sent herewith, that no longer admits the hope so warmly entertained.

With the utmost respect for the opinions expressed by H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., in attachment to whom the Board of Stewards beg unfeignedly to state that they stand second to no other members of the fraternity, they deferentially entreat permission to say that they do not in the smallest degree participate in the apprehension entertained "that such Asylum will tend to hold out an inducement for an improper class of individuals to enter the fraternity," or that it will "run counter to the interests of the two Charities (viz. Boys' and Girls' Schools) already established."

That the Asylum for Aged and Decayed Freemasons cannot become the means of inducing an improper class of persons to enter the fraternity appears to the Board of Stewards to be decided by the fact that it is set out as the fundamental rule of the Charity that no Freemason can be eligible even for election, unless he shall have fully proved his intellectual ability and zeal for the due maintenance of the Craft, habitual propriety, and moral worth. And with reference to the interests of the other Charities, the Board of Stewards very respectfully submit that the receipts in favour of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, so far from having diminished since the first promulgation of a plan for the assistance of Aged and Decayed Freemasons, have on the contrary very materially increased.

It is a pleasing proof of the universality of charity in its application to Masonic objects to notice also, that several members of the Board of Stewards for the Asylum have served the same office for one or both of the established Charities, and that two of them may be mentioned with equal honour as the Secretaries respectively to the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

These points the Board of Stewards would hesitate to adduce were the belief in the appropriate application of the objections suggested confined to themselves; but they can scarcely question the fairness of the opinions they venture to entertain when they reflect that these opinions are common to a very large portion of the Craft, and are evinced, among other proofs, by the long list of members comprising the present Board, nearly all of whom are either Masters or Past Masters of lodges.

It is with the most poignant sorrow that the Board of Stewards feel themselves called upon to make this communication, which, however, they do not without a hope that in your lordship they will find a favourable interpreter of their sentiments to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.

I have the honour, &c.,

(Signed)

To Lord H. John Spencer Churchill, D.G.M.

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(To be continued).

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Wanganui Herald," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal,"
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STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest the correspondence in the *Freemason* respecting the status of Past Masters, but I do not remember seeing a similar case to my own. I was initiated in 1860, and after serving various offices, was W.M. in 1867. In 1869 I resigned my membership, and went to a distant colony, where I resided at least forty miles from a lodge, and had no opportunity of joining one. I returned to this country in 1872, and at once rejoined my mother lodge, and have continued a subscribing member since. For some time it was doubted whether I should rank as a P.M. at all, but it was subsequently settled that I should be ranked as junior P.M. of the lodge. As I, in common with thousands of other brethren, regard you as an authority in Masonic matters, I shall esteem it a favour if you will define what my position in the lodge really is. Since I rejoined ten Masters have passed the chair. Am I to be considered junior to these and all succeeding them? or, am I only junior when I rejoin in 1872, and senior to those who have passed the chair since that date? Do I take precedence of P.Ms. who have joined from other lodges? Fifteen years ago I was an officer of Provincial Grand Lodge. Do I still rank as a past officer? A reply in your next issue of the *Freemason* will greatly oblige. Yours fraternally, A PERPLEXED P.M.

[We are sorry to say, that according to "our best lights," "A Perplexed P.M." forfeited his rank of P.M., by non-subscription for three years, and must again serve 12 months in the chair to be a legal member of Grand Lodge.—ED. F.M.]

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.—BALLOTING FOR CANDIDATES.—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Some brethren, members of a lodge in the far east, would be glad to be favoured with your opinion, and that of some of the skilled Masters in Masonry that peruse your valuable paper, on the following points: "Past Master" and "Ballot."

1st. The bye-laws of their lodge enact that "The W.M. shall be annually elected at the regular meeting in December, and shall be installed according to ancient custom, at daybreak on St. John's Day (27th inst.) next ensuing." At the regular meeting in December last, a brother (a Past Master) obtained more votes from the members present than any of the other candidates, and was then declared Master elect; but at the following meeting (that of St. John's Day) this election was not confirmed. Another election was therefore necessitated, and the present W. Master elected in January and installed in February last. As at the next regular period of election he will have only occupied the chair ten months—

(a) Will he then be entitled to the office of I.P.M.?
 (b) Will the W.M. of the previous year be considered to have acted from St. John's Day till the installation of the present W.M. on behalf of the latter, so that he may be entitled to past rank and seat in District Grand Lodge?
 (c) Is there any ruling of Grand Lodge on this subject? The Book of Constitutions, small edition, page 16, par. 1, clearly states that a brother who has executed that office (of Master of a lodge) for one year shall rank as a P.M. and be a member of Grand Lodge. Yet, as it does not say "no others shall," room seems left for special ruling in exceptional cases.

2nd. When the ballot is being taken for a candidate for affiliation or initiation is it Masonic for members present who are entitled to vote to decline to do so, thus as far as they can fixing the onus of objection—if the ballot be unfavourable—on a few?—Yours faithfully and fraternally, A. B.

THE ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A letter in your journal from Bro. T. B. Whythead, commenting upon the manifesto issued by the "Grand Mystic Temple of Eri," who work the Orders of Memphis and Mizraim in Ireland, has come under my notice. He states that he "was in Dublin last week and heard something of the doings of this so-called Rite." Would he kindly say what he heard? It is only fair to absent brother Master Masons that he should state what he was told behind their backs, and the names of his informants, as, from the wording of his letter, it would appear that he wishes to convey the impression that the "something" was something bad and un-Masonic. I know all the members of the Rite in Ireland, and consider them just as good and honest men and Masons as their neighbours, and, from an experience in Masonry of 30 years, I declare unhesitatingly that the Rite in Ireland is guiltless of any un-Masonic act whatsoever.

Bro. Whythead also adds that it had afforded him "great pleasure to disabuse" his "informants" of the erroneous impression that had been given to the "several active and prominent brethren whom he then met, and who had told him that its promoters" (i.e., of the Ancient and Primitive Rite) "were asserting that their system had the support of some of the best Masons in England as opposed to the Ancient and Primitive Rite."

I would wish Bro. Whythead in fairness to tell us the names of these "active" brethren in Dublin, as their statement to him is quite untrue. There is no opposition whatever in Ireland, or I believe in England, from the side of the Ancient and Primitive Rite against any other Rite whatsoever; its motto is "Peace, Tolerance, and Truth," and the

few Bodies at work here in Ireland would have continued, as they had begun, in peace and union with all other Masons in Ireland, had not "active and prominent brethren" of other systems, some of whom Bro. Whythead seems to have met in Dublin, raised an un-Masonic persecution against them. The members of the Ancient and Primitive Rite in Ireland bear no malice and entertain no un-Masonic feelings whatsoever, against even their most active Irish brother and persecutor, and at any time will be most ready to stretch out the right hand of fellowship to him and his followers.—Yours fraternally,

C. M. WILSON, 33°, 95°, 90°, Grand Master of Light.

Rose Villa, North Strand, Limerick, November 5th.

THE "COSMO."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am pleased to see an old friend in a new suit of clothing once more. I have had the pleasure of subscribing to it from its first issue, and value it much for its usefulness, particularly for the information afforded as to the degrees other than the Craft. I have gone carefully through the pages of the 1884 edition, and beg to congratulate the Editor on its freedom from errors to an unusual degree. This renders it all the more valuable. I notice there is no "Address to the Reader" this time, so suppose there is a new editor, who has avoided such an introduction to save space, for the marvel to me is how so many pages (over 300) weigh under 4 ozs. I do not care for the *elastic* myself, as I prefer the leather tongue. What say other subscribers as to this?—Yours fraternally, GRAND OFFICER.

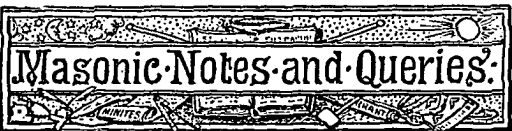


MASONIC ODE. By Bro. STEPHEN N. ELRINGTON, P.M. Samuel Cowen, 55, Lower Sackville-street, Dublin.

This Masonic ode was written and delivered by its accomplished author at the centenary celebration of the foundation of Lodge No. 620 I.C., on Tuesday, October 24th last. It is one of those "Masonic morceaux" which deserves perusal, noting, and preserving, and ought to be obtained by all who seek to realize contemporary productions whether of the Masonic literature or the Masonic Muse.

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We have hardly ever seen a more interesting catalogue than the one, No. 52, lately brought out by Messrs. Ellis and White, 29, New Bond-Street, W. The catalogue is especially rich in topographical works and topographical drawings, illuminated MSS., "Early Vellum Printing," "Old English Poetry," "The Autographic Music of Mozart," "The MS. Poems and Sketch Book of William Blake." There are 644 books and MSS., and all are worth studying. We recommend our readers, to apply at once for a catalogue.



266] THE CHARLES SACKVILLE MEDAL.

By the great kindness of our esteemed and distinguished Bros. Sandeman and Capt. N. Phillips, 33, Golden-square, I have been permitted to see a representation of a portion of the medal, or of a second medal relating to Chas. Sackville, rather than two thin bronze coverings containing some very curious emblems, with the "Rosa Mystica" on the "reverse" of each in red and white! There is no head of Chas. Sackville, but the medal presents three figures with pledged hands, and the motto "Tres ad Unum." On the reverse is the figure of Harpocrates, as in the so-called Florentine medal. The medal in the British Museum is therefore a different one, unless these two covers represent two distinct medals. The likelihood of the medal being of the High Grade movement in St. Petersburg is therefore increased. I cannot close this note without expressing my sense of the great courtesy and kindness always manifested at Golden-square to all students, and congratulating the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite on possessing so valuable a library, and so very interesting a collection of Masonic relics and curiosities. DRYASDUST.

267] RICHARD PLANTAGENET.

I am much obliged to Mr. Speth for his very courteous letter about my lecture at Margate. The "Richard Plantagenet" to whom I referred was a *natural* son of Richard the Third, and I said so at the lecture, though the reporter, who of course was forced to condense very much, omitted that. This is the entry in the registry—"Richard Plantagenet was buried the 22nd daye of December, anno ut supra" [1550]. My immediate reminder for my statement was Murray's "Handbook of Kent." Since the lecture I have lent it, and cannot therefore refer to it, while my Hasted's "History of Kent" is gone to the binder. I ought to have mentioned that the entry in the register is prefixed with a peculiar mark like a V, which is only placed in that volume before noble names. In the "Gentleman's Magazine" for 1767 there is a full account of the discovery of the man's personality. He was sixteen years old at the time of his father's death, and had been knighted by him at York ("Drake's Eboracum," p. 117). It is said that before the battle his father told him that no one could tell what might befall, and, therefore, gave him a purse of gold, telling him to take care of himself should disaster ensue. For some years the youth kept his own secret, but at length Sir Thomas Moyle, the owner of Eastwell, surprised him whilst reading a latin book, and by questioning got his history from him. From that time he took him into his house, and it was not until he became advanced in years that he asked leave of his patron to build himself a little house on the estate, and it was given, and in that house he died. "My father," said the Earl of Winchelsea in 1720,

"pulled that house down. I would as soon he had pulled down Eastwell Place." I think, but am not sure that Murray calls him a bricklayer. My authority for using the word mason is an old history of England which makes no mention of Eastwell, but merely says that "King Richard left a natural son who after his father's death supported himself as a mason." I am sorry that I have none of the old "English Chronicles" within reach, but a research among them in the British Museum would probably be rewarded with fresh information. I wish I had myself leisure to make it. W. BENHAM.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The November meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. the Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, Grand Chaplain, the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury; W. Dodd; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; W. Stephens, A.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; E. V. Storr, P.M. and Treas. 22; Charles Fredk. Hogard, P.M. 205; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; G. Bolton, P.M. 1155; Jas. Smith, W.M. 193; Alfred Stokes, W.M. 1839; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; W. H. Charfont, W.M. 1425; Augustus F. Leech, W.M. 749; Robert James Vincent, W.M. 1963; Thos. Sam. Curteis, W.M. 1414; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; Stephen Crane, W.M. 933; T. S. Taylor, P.M. 1421; H. Hacker, P.M. 1714; W. Sowdon, P.M. 723; R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1922; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; Edward Blinkhorn, W.M. 1471; R. Payne, P.M. 1579; H. H. Welch, W.M. 1671; Benjamin Kershaw, W.M. 733; J. H. Taylor, I.P.M. 1767; A. Daniel Kerrell, W.M. 145; John Hughes, W.M. 901; Daniel Jerviss, W.M. 765; Henry Cox, P.M. 742; J. Johnston, jun., W.M. 55; Charles Belton, P.M. 1165, W.M. 777; Fredk. J. Hentsch, W.M. 211; John Beresford, P.M. 104; Thomas Harper, P.M. 1216; R. Blum, P.M. 511; W. Hamlyn, W.M. 1622; A. Peterkin, I.P.M. 1359; T. Kendew, P.M. 1512; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572; J. Bergmann, P.M. 1293; Hugh H. Riach, P.M. 1523; H. A. Pratt, W.M. 192; Richard Eve, P.M. 395; George Anderson, P.M. 11; Edward W. Parkes, W.M. 861; Charles Beaumont, P.M. 1343; Frederick C. Keeble, W.M. 1426; Edward White, W.M. 1305; A. Marvin, W.M. 1768; Charles Andrews, P.M. 77; J. Boulton, I.P.M. 1056; Samuel Lewis, I.P.M. 1445; George Read, P.M. 511; R. P. Forge, P.M. 1950; John Skinner, W.M. 538; Thos. Janeway, W.M. 87; John Oliver, P.M. 1328; Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1973; J. F. Wilson, P.M. 1298; W. H. Baker, W.M. 180; W. Sanderson, W.M. 169; F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.M. 1724; G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900; A. R. Rogers, W.M. 1670; Richard Baker, P.M. 188; Courtney Winn, W.M. 25; and H. Massey, P.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

The Board of Masters was first held, at which the paper of business for Grand Lodge of the 5th December was submitted to the brethren. At the Lodge of Benevolence, grants recommended at last meeting were confirmed to the amount of £365. The lodge then proceeded with the new list, which contained the names of forty-five candidates. The President first informed the brethren that several letters had been received from petitioners relieved at the last meeting, thanking the lodge for the assistance rendered. The lodge sat nearly four hours and a half. Five of the cases were deferred, not being complete. The remaining forty were relieved with a total sum of £1060, which was composed of the following grants: One of £150 (150); one of £75 (£75); two of £50 each (100); five of £40 each (£200); five of £30 each (150); eleven of £20 each (£220); two of £15 each (£30); thirteen of £10 each (£130); and one of £5 (£5). The lodge was then closed.

THE PROGRESS OF MARK MASONRY IN NORTH WALES.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

Since the division of the province of Cheshire and North Wales, the Mark has made rapid strides. The division was kindly mooted at a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge held at Llandudno some four years ago by the R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., finding that the province covered such a large area, and that it was out of the question to be able to do justice to the degree with such an extensive province. At the following Provincial Grand Mark Lodge held in Altrincham, it was resolved that the province be divided and that a petition be forwarded to the M.W.G.M.M. praying for a charter for a new province, to be called North Wales, and recommending the late W. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., as the D.P.G.M., the first Prov. G.M.M. of the province, who has since passed away to the Grand Lodge Above after passing the allotted time promised to mankind. The Deputy P.G.M.M., W. Bro. Capt. Hunter, was recommended as the R.W.P.G.M.M. of the province, who by the way was the first to introduce Mark Masonry into North Wales, then under the Scottish Constitution.

We may just mention, in passing, that North Wales was the first constituted province under the Grand Lodge of England in the Craft. The first deputation was granted by Earl Inchiquin on the 10th May, 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales.

Since the formation of the province three new lodges have been constituted, one at Portmadoc, one at Carnarvon, and the third, on the 19th inst., at Rhyl, named after our worthy R.W.P.G.M., the "Hunter" Lodge, No. 324, and consecrated in the Masonic Hall, Sussex-street, Rhyl.

The W. Bro. G. Latimer Woodley, P.G. Sec., Past G. Steward of M.G.L., took the Master's chair, and appointed as his officers pro tem.; Bros. Salmon, Chester, S.W.; R. Owen, St. Davids, J.W.; G. F. Felton, M.O.; and I. L. Hazeldine, J.O. A ballot was taken for joining brethren, and for seven brethren for advancement, all proving unanimously in their favour; six being present were advanced, in his masterly style, by Bro. Woodley.

After the advancement the P.G.M. and his officers were announced, admitted, and saluted. The R.W.P.G.M., Captain Charles Hunter, took the chair of A.; W. Bro. G. L. Woodley, P.G. Sec. and P.G. Stwd. of Eng.; the S.W.; W. Bro. Robert Owen, J.G.W., the J.W.; W. Bro. Cornelius Davies, P.P.G.J.W., and G. Stwd. of Eng., the Chair of the D.P.G.M. in the absence of W. Bro. Dr. Roden.

Prov. Grand Lodge being opened the R.W. Bro. Capt. Hunter, 32, Scotland, P.P.G.M. of East Aberdeenshire, P.G.W. of Greece (Craft), assisted by his officers, proceeded after his introductory address on Mark Masonry to consecrate the Hunter Lodge in a most impressive manner. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Boucher, P.G. Chap., delivered a most excellent oration on Mark Masonry, after which the R.W. Bro. Captain Hunter dedicated and consecrated the Hunter Lodge. Prov. Grand Lodge was closed and the Mark Lodge resumed.

In the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Dr. Roden, through illness, the W. Bro. R. S. Chamberlain, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Treas., installed Bro. W. H. Foulkes, P.M. 1674 (Craft), I.G. St. David, 38 (Mark), the W.M. designate, into the chair of the W.M. The ceremony was most efficiently performed all through by Bro. Chamberlain. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Salmon, I.P.M.; E. W. Keatinge, S.W.; J. T. Purvis, J.W.; W. Hackforth, M.O.; T. H. Summerhill, S.O.; K. McEwen, J.O.; J. A. Powell, Treas. (elected); A. L. Clews, Sec.; J. A. Powell, Reg. of Mks.; C. W. Bell, S.D.; H. A. Steer, J.D.; F. Jarmyn, D.C.; F. C. Watkins, Org.; R. Samman, I.G.; H. G. Little, Stwd.; and F. Hordley, Tyler.

A banquet was held after labour at the Mostyn Hotel. The R.W. Bro. Capt. Hunter presided, having on his right W. Bro. W. H. Foulkes, W.M., and Bros. Salmon and C. Davies, D.P.G.M. (pro tem.) The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to by the distinguished brethren present, which brought a most interesting evening to a close.

Amongst the brethren present we noticed the following: Bros. Captain Charles Hunter, P.G.M.M.; G. L. Woodley, P.G. Sec., P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D. England; R. S. Chamberlain, P.G.W., P.G. Treas.; Robert Owen, P.G.J.W.; G. F. Felton, P.G.M.O.; W. L. Banks, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire and North Wales; J. S. Boucher, P.G. Chap.; T. Edwards, P.G. Chap.; J. L. Hazeldine, P.G.S.; Dr. Davies, P.G.S.; J. T. Purvis, P.G. Reg. of Marks; J. Salmon, P.P.G.W. Cheshire; W. H. Foulkes, P.G.I.G.; F. H. Summerhill, J. A. Powell, E. W. Keatinge, W. Hackford, K. McEwen, A. L. Clews, H. A. Steer, F. Jarmyn, F. C. Watkins, R. Samman, F. Hordley, and others.

CONSECRATION AND DEDICATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.

The Lodge of Loyalty, 1533, had an imposing and interesting ceremony at the opening of their new Masonic Hall on October 23rd by the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Wilts, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., in the absence of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Methuen, who unfortunately was unable to be present. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees by Bro. A. Risdon, W.M., and his officers, the procession of the Provincial Grand Officers entered, and the consecration of the hall to Masonic purposes was duly performed in a very impressive and solemn manner. Bro. the Rev. Canon Millar, LL.D., Prov. Grand Chaplain, delivered an excellent oration to the assembled brethren with much dignity and force. The music was especially composed for the occasion by Bro. W. S. Bambridge, P.P.G. Org., who presided at the harmonium, his successful efforts being ably seconded by various musical brethren from the lodge and province.

Presents to the lodge room were made on the auspicious occasion as follows: A W.M.'s chair, by Bro. Dep. Surgeon-General T. Ringer, P.M. 1308; three excellent photographs, mounted and framed, of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, by Bro. A. Plummer, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; and a very handsome engraving of the elevation of Solomon's Temple, in a specially-designed frame, by Bro. R. A. Lucy, Secretary.

After the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren repaired to an excellent banquet at the Ailesbury Arms Hotel, provided by Bro. J. Carter, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. B., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly given and responded to.



Craft Masonry.

TRANQUILITY LODGE (No. 185).—This lodge held the fifth meeting of the present year on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., Bro. Stailey, the W.M., presiding. Considering that no banquet was expected, it is creditable alike to discipline of the lodge and the earnestness of the members that upwards of 40 brethren attended. Two gentlemen were initiated.

After lodge, refreshment was served, and it being what is technically known as "off night," the authorities permitted a certain amount of laxity, much more enjoyable than the stiff and ceremonial etiquette observed on banquet nights; at least, so it appeared, judging by the sprightliness which distinguished the conversational flow right and left and across the board. Several toasts were given and heartily received, more especially the one eloquently submitted by Bro. T. W. C. Bush, I.P.M., referring to the W.M., who cannot fail to be gratified with this proof of popularity, for his name produced quite an ovation.

A case of severe distress having been made known by Bro. John Ross, P.M., £10 10s. were collected within ten minutes among the brethren at the table, in addition to £3 3s. already ordered by the W.M. from the lodge fund.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when there

were present Bro. John Hughes, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Geo. A. Cundy, I.P.M.; David Hughes; S.W.; H. McClelland, J.W.; H. Darcy, P.M., Treas. - Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; E. Harris, S.D.; H. Harbord, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; Danl. Hughes, I.G.; R. Pittam Stevens, R. Gillard, and R. Whurr, Stewards; Woodstock, Tyler; Lewis, P.M.; Ginger, P.M.; Dance, P.M.; Derry, Fimister, Gross, Barwell, Russell, Easey, Huish, Bare, Plater, Bisley, Chamberlain, Packham, Eade, Ford, Whitnall, Haylock, W. Venner, T. Hosking, Torry, Fletcher, G. Smith, E. Venner, Parker, Harden, E. W. Cundy, Britain, Rubardt, J. Hosking, Chivers, Vale, Rogers, Vears, Hardwick, Roberts, Green, Corkhill, Little, and Watkins; and the following visitors: Bros. Price, S.D. 177; Abbott, P.M. 765; Hall, P.M. 749; Cox, 188; Thomas, 1853; Peacock, 1327; and D'Albert, P.G.S. Middx., 1326.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Harold James Glanville and Mr. John Dharty, and the latter candidate being present, he was initiated with full rite into the mysteries of Antient Free and Accepted Masonry. Bro. Russell was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Bare was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. David Hughes, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. Darcy, P.M., Treas., and Woodstock, Tyler, were re-elected to the offices they respectively held. Bros. Dharty, Vears, Bare, and Fimister were appointed Auditors. A Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to Bro. John Hughes, W.M., on his leaving the chair. Lodge was then closed.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place on Saturday last at the Masonic Hall, Cambervell New-road, when a goodly gathering assembled to do honour to the incoming Master, Bro. Andrew Middlemass, P.M. The lodge was opened fairly punctually (though in this respect great need of improvement exists among our worthy Brotherhood generally), and the needful routine business transacted. Touching allusions were made to the great loss sustained by the lodge in the premature and regretted death of Bro. Richards. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with by Bro. Nairn, P.M., who proved himself to be truly a "Master of the Craft." The Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. A. Middlemass, P.M., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. Middlemass then invested his officers, accompanying each investment with Masonic and pithy addresses alike, which were much appreciated by a full hall. The ceremonial was greatly aided by the introduction of an appropriate anthem and very suitable hymns.

Among the numerous company we noticed Bros. Woodford, P.G.C.; Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Terry, P.P.G. W. Herts; C. Dresser Rogers, P.Ms. Bickerton, Nairn, Bickerstaffe, Mansell, and Edmonstone; Bros. Mercer, Hammond, Seymour Smith, and many more.

A very comfortable and pleasant banquet followed a most effective lodge gathering, and though, owing to the lateness of the hour, the speeches were very short, they were not the less effective. Among those who spoke were the Worshipful Master, Bros. Woodford, Cottebrune, Jas. Terry, C. D. Rogers, Mansell, and others. We left a very hospitable company perforce at 11.15, and therefore we cannot give a full account of all that took place at this very successful meeting; but we can properly record our sense of a most kindly reception, of the intellectual enjoyment afforded by admirable work and most harmonious arrangements, and, above all, express our sincere and hearty good wishes for the Sphinx Lodge, in which, we feel sure, all the numerous visitors will most heartily join.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the lodge room, Old Town Hall, Hackney, on Saturday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. B. Humphrey, W.M.; J. Percy Fitzgerald, S.W.; Green, J.W.; R. A. Wright, Treas.; E. J. Anning, Hon. Sec.; Hegarty, S.D.; Pope, J.D.; H. Lowe, I.G.; and Cooper, W.S.; and several visiting brethren amongst whom we noticed Bros. E. Buckland and McLean, Asaph Lodge; Paget, Kent Lodge; and others.

The minutes of last lodge having been duly read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Humphrey, expressed his sincere regret that owing to ill health he had been advised by his medical adviser not to undertake the labour of installing his successor, which under these circumstances Bro. Cockett, P.M., had undertaken to perform. Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald, the W.M. elect, was then duly presented and was installed by Bro. Cockett into the chair of K.S. in a masterly manner, the addresses being given by him with a most impressive and dignified delivery. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Green, S.W.; Hegarty, J.W.; E. Wright, Treas.; E. J. Anning, Hon. Sec.; Pope, S.D.; Lowe, jun., J.D.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; Cooper, I.G.; Kuttner and Chamberlain, W.Ss.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., D. of C.; and Goddard (re-elected) Tyler. The resignation, through failing health, of Bro. H. T. Lowe, P.M., D.C. for many years of this lodge, was received with expressions of sincere regret by the lodge, and, on the motion of Bro. Cockett, P.M., the honorary membership of the lodge was conferred on him for his past services, and a vote of thanks, to be engrossed on vellum, was also directed to be presented to him, in testimony of the high esteem in which he had been held by the brethren. In the course of the evening the newly-installed W.M. initiated Mr. Edward Albert Da Cunha into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Guildhall Tavern, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured. The banquet arrangements, under the direction of Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, were all that could be desired, and the musical part of the proceedings, conducted by Bro. Haskins, Org., in which Bro. G. Buckland, took part, gave universal satisfaction.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The monthly meeting of this lodge, the second one of the present session, was held on Saturday evening, the 10th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, but was very thinly attended. Bro. Frederick T. C. Keeble, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. Baber, S.W.; Fendick, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Potter, S.D.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blocker, P.M., Sec.; and others.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when

Bro. Henry Dottridge, having previously undergone an examination, was passed to the Degree of a F.C., the ceremony being well performed by the W. Master. The ceremony was afterwards repeated by the request of the W. Master of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, and Bro. J. C. Goslin received his second step in Freemasonry. On the resumption of the lodge to the First Degree, Bro. Hamer, P.M., said he wished to bring under the notice of the lodge the melancholy and sudden death of an eminent City man, a brother Mason, and one who had been a visitor to their lodge on several occasions. Bro. Felton had occupied the position of Chairman of the Commissioners of Sewers of the Corporation of London, and at the termination of his year of office had retired with the respect of every one of its members; and he had held other important offices in the City. He was also a Past Master of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1013, and of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, and was highly esteemed by all. His death was a very sudden one, for he was well and hearty in business one day in the City, and the next he was no more. His funeral had been attended by many of his City associates, and also by members of the lodges to which he belonged, and he thought that as Bro. Felton was well known to the members of the Great City Lodge they would agree with him in paying a tribute of respect to his memory. He proposed "The members of the Great City Lodge, in open lodge assembled on Saturday, the 10th of November, 1883, desire to express their fraternal sympathy with the brethren of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1013, and the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, on the great loss they have sustained by the death of their respected Past Master Bro. George Matthew Felton, C.C., who was so well known and held in such high esteem in the City, and that this resolution be entered on the minutes of the lodge, and that a copy of it be sent to the two lodges respectively."

Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer, seconded the motion, which was put and unanimously agreed to.

The case of a distressed brother was brought under the notice of the lodge, and a very liberal sum was voted to him. The case of a widow of a deceased member was also brought forward, and was deferred for further consideration. The Worshipful Master announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next festival for the Boys' School, and asked the members to support him upon that occasion. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on the 7th inst. Bro. J. A. Jones, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. L. Stean, P.M.; C. F. Barham, P.M.; A. A. Clement, S.W.; J. Funston, J.W.; E. Walker, S.D.; R. Drysdale, I.G.; H. J. Thrower, D.C.; and other officers and brethren.

The lodge having been opened and minutes read, Bro. A. J. Heard was duly passed to the F.C. degree. A ballot having taken place for W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. A. A. Clement, S.W., was elected to that high honour. Bro. D. King was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Very, Tyler. It was then resolved to present Bro. J. A. Jones, W.M., with a Past Master's jewel on his retirement from the chair, as an expression of the warm esteem of the brethren, and in acknowledgment of the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge. The time for the audit of the accounts having been fixed, the lodge was closed, and the proceedings terminated.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. A. McDowall, W.M.; G. C. Matthews, S.W.; C. Brown, J.W.; N. Green, I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; W. C. Claridge, Sec.; A. Haig-Brown, S.D.; A. H. Sandie, J.D.; J. W. Smith, Org.; W. J. Tasman, I.G.; L. V. Walker, D. of C.; L. M. Williams and J. W. McAlpin, Stewards; J. Lackland, Tyler; M. Levy, J. C. Tilt, C. F. Elles, S. W. Fraser, R. H. Tayton, J. R. Chant, J. Green, W. A. Heward, H. F. Bing, C. Stein, S. W. Morris, D. McNish, G. R. Rix, H. Chapman, R. A. Hancock, E. Beard, H. H. Nuding, H. W. Kitchingman, and W. Gowling. Visitors: Bros. W. Rowley, 1924; H. J. Phillips, 121; and J. James, 1571.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Heward and Elles were raised to the Third Degree; Bros. Rix and Chapman were passed to the Second Degree. This being election night, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when the Secretary, Bro. Walter C. Claridge, P.M. 1685, S.W. 1507, was unanimously elected to the office. Bro. Walter McDougall was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lackland, Tyler. The lodge then passed a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. A. McDowall, to be accompanied with a Past Master's jewel. A proposition for a joining member was then given, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—This lodge held a regular meeting on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak. The W.M., Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M., was supported by the following officers and members: Bros. A. Darch, P.M., acting I.P.M.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, J.W.; E. Bye, sen., Treas.; H. Maunder Williams, Sec.; J. W. Hartley, J.D., acting S.D.; G. W. Knight, W.S., acting J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; R. R. Johnston, Org.; J. W. Aldwinckle, Asst. Sec.; A. F. Crofts, jun., F. France, Geo. Morley, Thos. Cox, W. H. Simons, F. Wootton, P. M. Hakim, and C. Longhurst. Visitors: Bros. A. R. Cranch, W.M. 1669; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104; J. Coe, P.M. 1339; T. A. Harper, P.M. 1616; W. Gunner, P.M. 720; H. Baldwin, J.W. 1949; S. Richardson, S.D. 183; E. A. Francis, 1658; G. J. Tear, 72; A. Tucker, 1273; and G. H. W. Tear, Org. 72.

Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the two previous meetings read and confirmed, Bro. C. Longhurst, a candidate for passing, having proved his proficiency very satisfactorily, was duly entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and Bro. C. Longhurst passed to the degree of F.C. A brother was on the agenda for raising, but he not being present the work of the evening was somewhat curtailed. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and several letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, and a proposal for initiation made.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed and the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

After the dinner which followed the Worshipful Master proceeded to give the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in his own happy style.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received by the brethren of the lodge with enthusiasm. Each visitor was called upon to respond in turn, and, while this may be often deemed undesirable, it placed each brother on his mettle to say something fresh, and in the result subjects were touched upon which are not often so happily referred to as on this occasion. All expressed their thanks for the great hospitality and kindness of the brethren of the lodge, and also admiration of the working of the officers.

Bro. Williams said that he had never entered a lodge room more perfect in its appointments, and of which the embellishments were in such perfect taste.

Bro. J. Hammond, S.W., in responding for "The Masonic Charities," referred to the support already given by the members of the lodge on the occasion of the W.M. going up as a Steward at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was so creditable, but a few months having passed since the consecration of the lodge. As he (Bro. Hammond) hoped to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the "Old Folks," he trusted to be as well supported by the brethren as the W.M. had been this year.

The other toasts—"The Acting I.P.M.," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers"—were duly proposed and responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

During the evening some beautiful music, consisting of songs, vocal duets, glees, and part songs, was excellently rendered by the following brethren: Bros. Cranch, Crofts, Johnston, Simons, G. J. Tear, and G. H. W. Tear, the latter brother most efficiently acting as accompanist.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—This old established lodge held its regular meeting on the 12th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when Bro. Captain E. W. J. Hennah, I.P.M., presided (in the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Pearce), supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Hirst, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire, P.M. 338, acting S.W.; J. Plowman, J.W.; G. F. Wood, Sec.; F. Rossiter, P.M., D.C., Treas.; F. H. Hallett, S.D.; H. F. Crossthwaite, J.D.; F. H. Hallett, Org.; T. Markwick, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 40, 1820, 1842; F. Duke, J. Bray, H. Gloyns, T. H. Case, W. S. Allen, and A. Bray. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Arthur Bray was most ably passed to the Second Degree by the I.P.M., Bro. Hennah. No further business being before the lodge it was closed accordingly.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—At the regular meeting of this lodge, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., Bro. R. de Clare Yeld, W.M., presiding, Bro. J. E. Nelson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Elwen, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 240).—On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the election meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a very numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Thompson, assisted by Bros. Thos. Potter, acting I.P.M.; J. H. Morton, P.M., acting S.W.; Geo. Robson, J.W.; and other officers; and on the dais were Bros. Edward Marston, W.M. 1676; T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D. of C. (Mayor of South Shields); T. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M. 1970; Wm. Davidson, W.M. 1970; J. J. Abbey, P.M.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of W.; J. T. Wilson, P.M.; and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Graham was raised to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., who also gave the charge. The working tools were given by Bro. Robson, J.W. The brethren then proceeded to the election of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, when Bro. Thomas Binks, S.W., was duly elected. Bro. John Hinde, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. John Brown was re-elected Tyler; and Bros. R. Purvis, T. W. Clarke, sen., and Adam Hope were appointed as Auditors for the year.

The Worshipful Master then read a letter from Bro. Binks, S.W., stating he had had a bonafide offer to purchase the present Masonic Hall, which from the noisy character of the street and want of adequate convenience had become unsuitable for the purposes of the brethren, and on the motion of the W.M. it was agreed to call a special meeting of the lodge for Monday last to consider the offer, and if accepted to authorise the Trustees to dispose of the building. On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., it was resolved that the W.M., his Wardens, and the P.Ms. be a committee to carry out the above resolution and select a site for a new Masonic Hall.

The Worshipful Master afterwards in a graceful speech moved that the hearty congratulations be given to Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., &c., on his having been elected to the honourable position of Mayor of the borough of South Shields and to wish him health and happiness during his term of office.

Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., seconded the motion in a felicitous speech, and it was carried with loud acclamations. Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., &c., suitably responded, saying he felt proud of the confidence and esteem his fellow townsmen had shown him in doing him the honour of electing him chief magistrate and mayor of his native town.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshments, when the usual Masonic toasts were proposed. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect" in a eulogistic address, and the toast was received with great applause. Bros. Thomas Binks, S.W., responded in feeling terms and trusted he would at the term of his office hand down his insignia as unsullied as it had been by his predecessors. A pleasant evening was spent.

BANBURY.—Cherwell Lodge (No. 599).—Opening of the New Masonic Hall.—The new home of the above lodge, the foundation-stone of which was laid on November 17th last year, by H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., &c., P.G.W. England,

Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, was used for the first time at the regular meeting of the lodge which took place on Monday, the 12th inst., upon which occasion Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., P.G.D. of England, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and other distinguished brethren were present.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Stephen Hood, and Mr. Mark Nathan, both of whom were unanimously elected. The ceremony of initiation was performed in its usually able manner by the W.M., Bro. J. S. Palmer, P.M. 599 and 1389, Prov. G.J.W. Oxfordshire, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Samman, Prov. G.P., S.W.; Wells, P.P.G.P., J.W.; Yeoman, Chap.; Potts, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; Hartley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Sec.; Ellis, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., S.D.; Kimberley, J.D.; and Cowper, I.G. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then took the chair, and after a few appropriate remarks, in which he congratulated the brethren upon having such a beautiful building, returned the gavel to the W.M. In doing so he paid him a very graceful compliment, and said that by the impressive and admirable manner in which he had performed the initiation ceremony, he had set a bright example to all future Masters of the Cherwell Lodge. During the evening letters were read from the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W. England; Bro. Pickard, P.G.C. England; and F. P. Morrell, P.G.D. England; all of whom take the greatest interest, but who, unfortunately, were unable to be present on this occasion.

The brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, and sat down to an excellent banquet, which had been provided by Bro. Johnson for the occasion. The Worshipful Master presided, and one of the most agreeable features of the evening was the happy and appropriate manner in which he gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Prov. Grand Master Oxfordshire," he said that they were proud of their Provincial Grand Master. They were proud of him not only on account of his high social rank, but because they had reason to believe that his Masonic abilities were quite equal to those of any other Provincial Grand Master in this country. He took great interest in Freemasonry, more especially in the Province of Oxfordshire, and he had lately shown them that he took a great interest in the Cherwell Lodge, for he had been graciously pleased to come down and lay the foundation-stone of that hall in which they had all had the pleasure of meeting together that day for the first time. They were very pleased to see his Royal Highness amongst them upon all occasions, but they ought to remember that owing to the multifarious duties of his high station, his time was not always his own. He reminded them, however, that they always had with them a D.P. G.M. of great Masonic experience, a brother who not only watched sharply over the interests of the province as a whole, but who took the deepest interest in the welfare of every individual lodge. He asked them to give that toast the most enthusiastic welcome in their power, for he knew no brother who, from his genial disposition, better enjoyed a Masonic banquet and the society of his brother Masons, especially when they happened to be sheep of his own flock, than did Bro. Bird. The D.P.G.M. must have been highly gratified with the rounds of applause that greeted him when he rose to reply.

The D.P.G.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so again alluded to his work in the highest terms of praise and warmly congratulated him upon the able manner in which he managed the business of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," and took the opportunity of impressing upon the brethren how deeply indebted they were to Bro. Potts, P.M., Treas., and Bro. Hartley, P.M., Sec., for the excellent manner in which they performed their duties, and the deep interest they always took in everything pertaining to the welfare of the lodge.

The hearty and enthusiastic manner in which these toasts were received proved to the W.M., Bro. Potts, and Bro. Hartley how thoroughly and fully their services to the Cherwell Lodge were appreciated.

At the conclusion of the toast list, which, owing to the special occasion, was a lengthy one, the brethren separated, after having been present at one of the most pleasant and brilliant gatherings ever held in connection with the Cherwell Lodge.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst. The only business set forth on the circular being—"A lecture, by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., London, explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree." Lodge was called for six p.m., at the Masonic Hall, and was opened by the W.M. The following brethren, amongst others, were present: Bros. J. Bland, W.M.; C. Webster, S.W.; Jas. Copestick, J.W.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; J. Woodiwiss, jun., J.D.; J. W. Brigg, Org.; Thos. Day, D. of C.; S. Taylor, I.G.; John Walker, Steward; E. Holden, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M.; H. Merry, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; W. Whittaker, Treas., P.M.; J. J. Melrose, W. Knight, J. Ascott, and others. The visitors were Bros. E. R. Ward, P.M. 253; A. Ogden, 787; E. Belfield, W.M. 802; W. Butterfield, W.M.; C. D. Hart, S.W. 1085; and James Stevens, 720, 1216, 1426, P.M., P.Z.

The acting Secretary read the circular convening the emergency meeting. After which the W.M., in a few words introduced Bro. Stevens to the brethren assembled, and called upon him to proceed with his lecture. Judging by the close attention paid to the lecturer it was evident the visitors and brethren of the lodge were deeply interested, and all seemed surprised that the time had sped so quickly when Bro. Stevens brought his admirable lecture to a close. The Senior Past Master, Bro. G. T. Wright, on rising to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens expressed the great gratification he had received, and he had no doubt the brethren of the Arboretum Lodge would take heed of the various differences and discrepancies which had been pointed out by the lecturer, and adopt such alterations as might be deemed the best. He was glad, however, to note that their working ran very closely to that which had been so ably explained by Bro. Stevens.

The proposition was seconded by Bro. John Brown, P.M., who as Preceptor of the lodge of instruction said he had no doubt the brethren would discuss the various differences at the next meeting of that lodge. The W.M. sup-

ported the vote of thanks, which on being put was carried unanimously.

Bro. Stevens in reply assured the W.M. and brethren of the pleasure it had given him to meet so prosperous a lodge as 731, and to deliver his lecture at Derby. He thought that, clever and distinguished as the London brethren might be, and were, some of them might learn useful lessons by visiting provincial lodges.

Refreshment followed labour, and the Worshipful Master in rising to give the first toast, thought it advisable to depart from the usual custom, and announced that a formal toast list would be dispensed with. He therefore gave "The Queen and the Craft," and in a few words "The health of their distinguished Visitor, Bro. James Stevens," which was suitably responded to. The only other toasts were "The W.M." by Bro. Stevens; and "The Visitors" by Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; to which the W.M. briefly replied, as did also Bros. E. R. Ward, P.M. 253, and Ogden, 787. There being a large number of musical brethren present a most enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. Stevens causing great pleasure by reciting "The Three Great Lights," and "The Level and the Square." The brethren then separated well satisfied with the entire proceedings.

RICHMOND.—Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, when Bro. Edward Ayling, the W.M., installed his successor, Bro. Moreton Graham, who while occupying the J.W. chair had been elected by the brethren to be the W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Ayling opened the lodge, when the formal business of reading the minutes of the previous meeting and receiving the report of the Audit Committee was quickly disposed of. The ballot was then taken and was found to be unanimous in favour of the admission, as initiates, of Messrs. Frederick Walter Walden and Walter Hubble. Bro. Moreton Graham was then presented as the Master elect to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, whereupon Bro. Ayling addressed the brethren present in the lodge, and obligated Bro. Graham after the latter had given his assent to the ancient charges from the Book of Constitutions. The lodge was cleared of all but installed Masters forming a board, in whose presence the W.M. installed Bro. Graham into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. The members of the board having saluted and congratulated the new Master the board was closed and the other brethren re-admitted, when Bro. Moreton Graham was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. The newly installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers, reciting to each his duties and adding a few kindly words of congratulation. The following is the list of officers for the year: Bros. Moreton Graham, W.M.; Edward Ayling, I.P.M.; Wm. R. Williams, S.W.; John Brown, J.W.; James Garner, P.M., Treas.; John Noble, P.M., Sec.; George Bugler, S.D.; Charles M. Campbell, J.D.; Richard C. Monk, I.G.; John Plowman, D.C.; Johnston Graham, W.S.; Sydney S. Fogden and Chas. J. F. Shannaw, Asst. Stwds.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. In investing Bro. Gilbert with the Tyler's collar the Worshipful Master said it gave him great pleasure to reinvest so old an officer, remarking to the brethren that this was the eighteenth time that Bro. Gilbert had been invested Tyler of the Rose of Denmark Lodge. The ceremony was brought to a close by Bro. Ayling delivering in a very perfect and impressive manner the three address to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren at large. Mr. Frederick W. Walden and Mr. Walter Hubble, the two candidates who had been balloted for and approved, were then introduced and were initiated by the newly-installed W.M. into the First Degree in Freemasonry. The working in this lodge leaves nothing to be desired. Both the I.P.M., Bro. Ayling, and the new Master, Bro. Moreton Graham, are perfect in their working, and were and are admirably supported by their respective officers. Bro. James Garner, P.M., Treas., announced that their W.M., Bro. Graham, had consented to go up as a Steward for the lodge to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he proposed that a sum of 10 guineas should be voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the W.M.'s list, and at the same time he expressed the hope that the brethren individually would do their best to make Bro. Graham's stewardship a very successful one. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Noble, P.M. and Secretary, and was carried unanimously. The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for supporting his list, and there being no further business on the agenda paper the lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren subsequently dined together in the Masonic Temple attached to the hotel. There was a very large gathering, considerably more than a hundred sitting down to dinner. Among those present were Bros. Edwin Gilbert, P.M., Treas. 1326, Prov. G. Steward Middlesex; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Lee, P.M.; James Terry, P.G. S.W. Herts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Crane, P.M. 975, P.P.G. Purst. Suffolk; John Featherton, W.M. 1656; W. T. Peat, 1656; W. G. Batchelor, P.M. 548; W. Palmer, S.W. 1381; J. Addington, S.W. 217; C. Taylor, W.M. 1624; Walter Bock, 1558; F. W. Clayton, 1558; Thos. Locke, S.W. 1347; W. C. Norris, 174; W. M. Levy, 1180; C. Gooding, 1320; C. W. Thompson, 169; J. Greenway, 1260; Robt. D. Crane, 1642; E. M. Lander; J. Roberts, 65; Egbert Roberts, 1623; E. H. Boerf, 1259; Henry Hewett, 1622; J. H. Williams, 360; J. C. Ireland, 1656; Alfred Harvey, 1963; T. Morton, 820; Thos. Butt, P.M. 700; H. J. Bard, 1653; J. A. Smith; H. Sopsworth, 1656; Edmund Dan, 1656; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the conclusion of dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master and duly recognised by the brethren. The first in order was, of course, "The Queen and the Craft," and the second "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

In rising to propose "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master said that many of the brethren present had, like himself, the privilege and pleasure of attending Grand Lodge, and seeing the excellent way in which the duties of the various offices were carried out. He, for one, was thoroughly satisfied with the working in Grand Lodge and the manner in which the several matters that came before it were adjudicated upon. This evening they were favoured with the company of Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and he should therefore couple his name with the toast and ask him to respond to it.

Bro. Buss in replying said that it was his duty on the present occasion to rise in answer to this toast, because he was the only Grand Officer present. He much regretted that there was no Grand Officer superior to him in rank present to respond to it. On behalf of the Grand Officers it was his duty to express their thanks for the very cordial manner in which this toast had been received. The cordial manner in which the health of the Grand Officers was always received should convince them that the Grand Master in making his selection, appointed brethren who were appreciated by the Craft at large. Might he say that in a numerous lodge like this it was a regrettable fact that he was the only member of it who was a Grand Officer. Surely there was a way to obtain the purple for some one of their number, if they would look about them, and not be over diffident. They need not be ashamed to put themselves forward; there was no harm in asking; they might make the attempt like others. Having thrown out this little hint, he would only add his thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which the health of the Grand Officers had been proposed and drunk.

Bro. Ayling, I.P.M., said he would now claim the attention of the brethren for a few moments. They would understand why he had called them to order—that it was in order that he might propose to them the toast of the evening and which he felt sure would be received with an amount of enthusiasm that had never been exceeded by them; it was "The Health of Bro. Moreton Graham." He knew full well that they were proud of their W.M., and he was sure they would receive the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved. For some years past there had not been a more distinguished brother occupying the chair of the Rose of Denmark Lodge than Bro. Graham. He had seen Bro. Graham work step by step and knew that he could do his work without a hitch, and in welcoming Bro. Graham as his successor he knew that under his rule the Rose of Denmark Lodge would shine brighter than before. Bro. Graham had by his kind and courteous manner engrained himself into the hearts of everyone of them. He trusted that Bro. Graham would have health and strength to carry on the lodge prosperously and so successfully as to leave his mark upon it, his "footprints in the sands of time."

In replying Bro. Graham said that he had sincerely and very cordially to thank the brethren for the very handsome manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and also to thank Bro. Ayling for the terms in which he had referred to him. He appreciated the honour they had done him in placing him in the chair, and as far as he was concerned he should endeavour to fulfil the duties of that chair during his year of office; and he hoped that when he vacated the chair he might possess the love of his brethren as he believed he did to-night. He would take the opportunity of saying that his father was one of the oldest members of the lodge, and he much regretted that he was not here on the occasion to tell them personally that he appreciated the honour they had done his son in placing him in that chair, and he sent them all good wishes which one brother could send to another.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," Bro. Graham said that most of the brethren present were in good time and had seen the working of the installation ceremony, and he was sure that they would agree with him that Bro. Ayling had done the work so perfectly and without a hitch that one would think that he had performed it scores of times before. He had also to tell them that Bro. Ayling had endeared himself to the heart of every member of the lodge, and had carried out the duties of the chair in a very studious manner; and to mark how well they were satisfied, it was now his pleasing duty to attach to Bro. Ayling's breast a jewel which had been voted by the lodge as a mark of the respect in which they held him; and he was sure Bro. Ayling knew that it was a real mark of esteem and love that the brethren of the lodge have for him, and he trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare Bro. Ayling for many years to come there and wear that jewel. He would ask the brethren to be upstanding and drink the health of Bro. Ayling.

The I.P.M. having replied, several other toasts were proposed and duly honoured, including "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities" (coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who in replying made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Charities), "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, who was assisted by Madame Adeline Paget, Miss Pauline Featherly, and Bro. John Probert, as vocalists, while Mr. Charles Lacock presided at the piano.

JERSEY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—The twentieth anniversary and installation of this prosperous lodge took place on Monday, the 12th inst., with the most pleasing and satisfactory results. The lodge met for the purpose of conferring the Second Degree on Bro. Scovell. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., W. Bro. H. M. Bartlett, with that skill and ability which has characterised his past year of Mastership, after which the chair was vacated for W. Bro. J. T. Baal, as Installing Master, to whom Bro. H. Newman, the W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefit of installation, which the Installing Master performed in a manner to merit the greatest praise; it was a ceremony of perfection. On the new W.M. being put in possession of the rights and privileges appertaining to his office, he proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. F. Pearce, S.W.; F. Vincent, J.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.M.; Treas.; P. Bois, P.M., Sec.; P. G. Hamilton, S.D.; A. Jesse, J.D.; E. Dowden, Org.; G. Walters, D. of C.; F. Manger, I.G.; and G. Rogers, P.M., Tyler.

Amongst the numerous visitors who attended were Bros. J. Baker, P.M. 244; Dr. A. C. Godfray, W.M. 877; W. H. Bowles, W.M. 491; J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491; W. T. Pugsley, P.M. 245; C. Marrett, W.M. 590; T. Baudains, W.M. 958; T. Leat, W.M. 245; and P. E. Sohler, P.G. Sec.

The lodge wishing to acknowledge the services of the retiring Master, W. Bro. H. M. Bartlett, decided unanimously to present him with a handsome testimonial for his zeal and industry, as well as a recognition of the prosperity the lodge has attained during his Mastership. It may be here stated that no less than 40 guineas were sent to the last festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, besides £15 or £20 for casual charity; this is a feature which cannot but tend to stimulate

the other lodges in the province. The lodge also accepted W. Bro. T. Baudains, W.M. 958, as a joining member, and conferred the honour of honorary member on W. Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.P.G. Sec., for the activity he has ever displayed for the welfare of Freemasonry in this province, but more particularly for his interest in the Masonic Charities.

The lodge business being concluded the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid repast was prepared by Bro. G. Rogers, the guardian of the Temple. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to with great animation, especially that of "The W.M., Bro. H. Newman," who is quite an ornament to the Craft, both as an efficient worker of the rituals as well as for his geniality and affability; and after a pleasant evening, intermixed with songs and agreeable conversation, the brethren separated with the last toast—"Speedy Relief to all Decayed Masons."

SOUTHSEA.—United Brother's Lodge (No. 1069).—There was a large gathering of brethren at the Grosvenor Hotel, on the 12th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. C. J. E. Mumby as W.M. of this lodge. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Mark E. Frost, P.G.S.W.; and at its conclusion the newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. E. Atkins, I.P.M.; H. Cook, S.W.; W. T. Dupree, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, Chap.; R. J. Rastrick, Treas.; G. Whitehall, Sec.; A. G. German, S.D.; C. J. Lawrence, J.D.; J. Lobb, D.C.; House, I.G.; J. Moses and Smith, Stwds.; Exell and Smith, Tylers. A very chaste P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. E. Atkins, in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet supplied in *recherché* style by Bro. T. W. Scaddan, the proprietor of the hotel. Amongst those present were the following W.Ms. and P.Ms. of lodges in the district:—Bros. W. D. King, J.P.; E. M. Wells, J.P.; Rev. Dr. Ring, Rev. G. H. De Fraime, M. E. Frost, P.G.S.W.; R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treas.; W. Edmonds, Ernest Hall, E. Goldsmith, A. R. Holbrook, H. Threadingham, G. F. Brown, W. E. Atkins, G. Pack, James Gieve, A. Leon Emanuel, H. Cawte, R. Glasspool, F. Powell, W. Brunwin, W. M. Outridge, and C. Travers; Col. C. Lanyon Owen, J.P.; Capt. Wonham, R.N.; J. Griffin, J.P.; Rev. P. H. Good, T. King, A. Addison, Arthur Jolliffe, G. E. Kent, junr., G. C. Hayles, Pettie, P. J. Hyams, R. Fraser, J. G. Niven, H. Cook, W. T. Dupree, C. J. Lawrence, A. G. German, G. Whitehall, J. Lobb, T. Mares, J. Moses, Smith, House, Rowe, &c.

READING.—Greyfriars Lodge (No. 1101).—On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the installation of the officers of this lodge took place in the lodge room, when there was a large number of members and visitors present. The imposing ceremony was performed by the Installing Master, Bro. Moxhay, P.P.G.S.W., in a very impressive and appropriate manner. Mainly through the instrumentality of Bro. F. J. Ferguson, the W.M. of 414, a new reception room has been recently built and other improvements made, and the great convenience arising from this undertaking was generally acknowledged by all the brethren in attendance. The following were present: Bros. R. Dowsett, W.M.; W. W. Ridley, S.W. and W.M. elect; John H. Hawkes, J.W.; J. T. Stransom, Treas.; W. P. Ivey, P.M., Sec.; P. C. Prickett, S.D.; W. Ravenscroft, J.D.; W. Cordrey, D.C.; W. Hickie, Org.; W. Rhind, I.G.; E. J. Blackwell, I.P.M.; W. Ferguson, P.M.; J. E. Danks, P.M.; T. J. Pulley, P.M.; H. Creed, Edward Margrett, P.M.; A. Welch, P.M.; W. W. Moxhay, P.M.; W. G. Flanagan, P.M.; W. Collins, O. Egginton, C. Slaughter, J. Sparrow, W. Morris, F. Coates, J. Whitfield, T. R. Vowles, W. E. Parkes, B. W. Bennett, W. Margaret, M. Sands, and W. Goff. The visitors were Bros. J. M. Dormer, P.M. 340; Harry Martin, Sec. 591; J. C. B. Tirbutt, Org. 414, P.G.O.; H. W. Marshall, W.M. 303; F. J. Ferguson, W.M. 414; Dr. L. Coleman, 242; A. Brakspear, W.M. 1895; Ed. Horne, I.P.M. 1887; Richard Wilder, 1887; G. J. Earney, Treas. 1658; C. C. Gibby, I.G. 1658; G. E. Brinkworth, 1658; C. W. Cox, P.M. 1566; F. R. Spender, A.D.C. 1566; F. Wellman, 414; John Fisher, S.D. 1887; J. Wells, Hounslow, P.M. 414; R. Trollope, 1887; C. A. Vardy, 1566; Cyril B. Tubbs, 414; H. Wells, 140; G. Westall, P.M. 1714; E. Nichols, 1714; Geo. Gudd, 1247; G. J. Cosburn, 574; J. W. Lindars, 1714; R. Bradley, Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks; John A. Martin, 414; S. Bradley, 414; Dick Radclyffe, 209; A. Hubbard, 813; John Large, 1829; Sidney Tower, 1491; S. Wheeler, jun., 414; F. H. Cozens, 907; R. C. Mount, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; W. G. Flanagan, J. Wilson, 209; W. S. Cantrell, jun., P.P.G.J.D. Berks and Bucks, &c., and W. Morgan, S.W. 211.

After the ceremony of installation was concluded the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where the installation banquet was served by Bro. W. G. Flanagan in a way which gave the utmost satisfaction. Several other brethren were present at the banquet, the gathering being one of the largest known in connection with 1101. The usual list of toasts were gone through, and duly honoured.

Bro. R. Bradley in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers of the Province," remarked that during the past year no new lodges had been added to the roll, but all the existing lodges were flourishing in a highly satisfactory manner. Charity, the backbone of Freemasonry, was also well attended to, the contributions having been greater during the past year than ever were known before. He wished the Greyfriars' Lodge a prosperous new year, and expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in seeing Bro. Ridley installed as W.M. of the lodge, as he was sure he would perform the important duties of that office with satisfaction to all.

During the evening a glee party of musical brethren gave a capital selection of songs, glees, &c., under the direction of Bro. W. Hickie.

ANGLESEA.—Anglesea Lodge (No. 1113).—The annual installation took place at Llangejni, on Monday, the 12th inst., when Bro. the Rev. Hugh Thomas, M.A., P.P.G.C., was installed W.M. The Installing Master, Bro. Rev. J. Smith, P.P.G.C., P.M. 1488; very impressively discharged his duties. The officers appointed and invested are as follows: Bros. James R. Hughes, I.P.M.; Captain G. P. Rayner, S.W.; J. W. Hughes, J.W.; Dr. R. E. Owen, S.D.; G. Williams, J.D.; W. T. Williams, I.G.; G. D.

Dew, Sec.; Dr. Williams, Treas.; Hugh Jones, S. Stwd.; D. Williams, J. Stwd. Amongst the Installing Board and visiting brethren were Bros. Captain Hunter, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire; H. Lloyd, P.P.G.C.; J. Smith, P.P.G.C.; S. Boucher, P.P.G.C.; T. Lloyd Kyffin, P.P.G.C.; W. E. I. Davids, P.P.G.W.; E. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; Fred Jones, P. Masters, Dr. Evans, and W. E. Thomas, 384; W. Jones, I.P.M.; R. Owen, 384; John Hughes, S.W. 384; D. G. Davies, J.W. 384; W. Morgan, Treas. 606; T. H. Owen, S. Stwd. 384.

An excellent banquet afterwards took place at the Bull Hotel, and was admirably served by Bro. Crewdson.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 15th inst., when Bro. Charles W. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, presided, and the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.D., P.M., S.W.; J. F. Richardson, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., S.D.; H. G. F. Wells, Prov. G.A. Purst., P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; C. Armstrong, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; T. J. Walder, acting I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; C. Martin, W. C. Till, W. T. Jordan, H. Drucquer, J. B. Foster, W. E. Skinner, H. Foster, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. H. Farr, 1000 and 1817.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Major F. W. Robertson, 109, Calcutta, was unanimously elected as a joining member. Other matters having been disposed of, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation.

SÜDBURY.—Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).—The fifteenth anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge, which now number 63 members on its books, was held in the lodge room, at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Thomas B. Audley, W.M.; F. W. Jennings, S.W.; C. W. Greenwood, J.W.; the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, Chap.; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, Treas.; F. Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk, P.M., Sec.; D. Alston, S.D.; B. H. Hurst, Org.; H. C. Pratt, I.G.; Joseph George, Stwd.; W. H. Smith, I.P.M.; Charles Emmerson, P.M.; V. W. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk, P.M.; also Bros. Joslin, Wells, Reid, Revolta, Murrells, Lilley, Fenn, Havard-Jones, Whittle, Row, Kilpact, Mauldon, April, Sewell, Mason, Wells, Joslin, Watford, and Sholl. Visitors: Bros. George J. Paine, W.M. 1008; J. G. Oliver, I.P.M. 1008; A. E. Smith, W.M. 1983; K. Titlow, 1983; J. Oakley Green, 388; P. H. Canova, 1983; J. G. Mills, I.P.M. 697, P.G.P. Essex; E. W. Moore, 388; A. Norman, 697; W. J. Browne, 1983; Henry Cullum, 1663; J. M. Canova, P.M. 1983; F. Grimwood, I.G. 114; and George Thompson, P.M. 1008.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and Bros. Wells and Sewell were raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The Installing Master, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M., took the chair and after explaining the second portion of the traditional history and working tools to the newly-made M.Ms., Bro. Frederick William Jennings, S.W., was presented by the W.M. as W.M. elect, and having taken the customary obligation a Board of P.Ms. was formed and Bro. Jennings was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably rendered by the D.P.G.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. W. Grimwood, S.W.; D. Alston, J.W.; H. C. Pratt, S.D.; Charles F. Lilley, J.D.; W. Inglis Mason, I.G.; J. F. Hills, Treas.; F. Wheeler, Sec.; the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, Chap.; Bernard H. Hurst, Org.; Joseph George, Stwd.; E. C. Mauldon, D.C.; and H. S. Sholl, Tyler.

Bro. Wm. Inglis Mason, M.D., I.G., who had recently presented to the lodge a very beautiful organ in a handsome rosewood case with gilt pipes, which had rendered good service during the recent ceremonies, its rich tones having been much appreciated, was then presented by Bro. Martyn, with a vote of thanks, beautifully illuminated on vellum, signed by the officers and members of the lodge, and framed in a rich gilt frame with Masonic emblems. Bro. Martyn in making the presentation said the heartfelt thanks and gratitude of the lodge were due to Bro. Mason for the handsome and most useful present of the beautiful organ which he had so kindly and generously made to the lodge. After this very gratifying ceremony the newly-installed W.M. presented to the lodge a beautifully painted banner on silk. The charity column having been passed round and produced £1 5s. 6d., the lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of about 40, adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, and partook of a most sumptuous banquet, provided by host Bro. Jos. George. The W.M. occupied the chair, supported by the Installing Master, V.W. Bro. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; Bro. Geo. Thompson, P.M. 1008, and others. Conspicuous among the visitors were several members of the Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, Southwold.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Some excellent songs were sung, accompanied on the piano by the Organist, Bro. Hurst, several good recitations given, and after spending a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this promising lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., when a very large gathering of members and visitors made up a very successful meeting, as over 60 signed the Tyler's book. Bro. William Smith, P.M., P.P.G. S. of Wks., W.M., occupied the chair. The lodge was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Isaac Taylor, Christian Yurgensen, Robt. Fletcher, Robt. Smiles, Archibald Irwin, Wm. Eagle, and Thos. Adam Hutton, were examined as to their proficiency and having received the test of merit retired for preparation. The lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when the above mentioned brethren were in sections duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who also gave the tracing board, traditional history, and working tools. The lodge was closed down when several visiting brethren tendered "Hearty good Wishes" from their respective lodges. Two candidates were proposed, and there being no further business the lodge was closed in love and harmony.

The brethren then retired to the festive board which was presided over by the W.M. in the chair, and the S.W. in the vice-chair. After the dinner, the usual loyal and

Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

Amongst those present were Bros. Wm. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, W.M.; Wm. Cooper, P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; Dixon Cowie, S.W.; Wm. Swan Armstrong, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; John Wm. Robson, acting Sec.; Harry Spittle, S.D.; Thos. Palmer, Kennett, J.D.; Jethro Wm. Matthews, S.S., acting I.G.; Michael James Barkas, J.S.; Joshua Curry, P.P.G. Tyler Northumberland, Prov. G. Tyler Durham, Tyler; John Brown, P.S.W.; John Bywell, P.S.D.; Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. S. Hendry, Geo. Pottle, C. Yurgensen, Geo. McDonald, Joseph Holland Baker, Isaac Taylor, Andrew Ross, John Thos. Gillender, Archibald Irwin, Matthew Bracken, John Wm. Robson, Thos. Adam Hutton, W. Eagle, G. Skillings, Arthur Munro, P.S.W.; Robert Smales, Robert Fletcher, J. Montgomery, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; George Brown, and Thomas W. Brown. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Brown, 48; T. A. Moffitt, I.G. 424; Thos. G. Smith, P.M. 991, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; G. C. McArthur, P.M. 1427, Prov. G. Reg.; Hugh Golder, I.P.M. 1119; Jas. Robinson, J.D. 1119; Robt. Potts, 1119; R. W. Klyne, 1119; Brown, 1119; W. Whyte, S.W. 991 and 1119; J. Armstrong, J.W. 1119; Robert Calvert, 1119; Martin A. Lax, 1119; C. E. Pattison, 44; R. Sterling, 280; John S. Clarke, 240; J. T. Ridley, S.D. 406; John Nesbit, W.M. 24; E. J. Gibbon, P.M. 541, P.P.G. Org.; D. Hall, 1712; R. L. Markham, 24; Dr. Yussop Khan, 1422, India; James Sedcole, S.W. 1119; John Wood, P.M. 48, S.W. 1712, Prov. G.J.W. Durham; and others.

SUNDERLAND.—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The installation meeting and festival of this lodge took place on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. J. Murphy, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. M. Douglass, P.M. 80; J. Tillman, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Tillman, I.P.M.; M. Frampton, P.M., P.G.S.B.; R. Candlish, P.M. 661; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389; H. Tonkinson, P.M. 97; J. Smart, P.M. 94; R. de Clare Yeld, W.M. 80; C. McNamara, W.M. 97; W. Brandt, P.M. 1389; W. Liddell, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Hudson, W.M. 94; G. Paige, P.M. St. Mary's Lodge; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Pinkney, S.W., was introduced by Bro. Murphy to the Installing Master, Bro. M. Frampton, P.M., P.G.S.B., by whom he was ably installed into the chair. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. Murphy, I.P.M.; W. Chapman, S.W.; J. B. Wilkinson, J.W.; W. Pinkney, Treas.; A. Peters, Hon. Sec.; T. G. Matteson, S.D.; H. H. Pinkney, J.D.; H. Wrightson, I.G.; H. Halmond, Org.; T. W. Pinkney, D. of C.; G. Milner, S.S.; and W. H. Craven, Tyler. Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.; F. Maddison, and J. Tillman, were elected Auditors.

The proceedings afterwards terminated. The annual festival was held at Mr. Shield's, the Queen's Hotel, where a very sumptuous repast was served. Bro. T. Pinkney, W.M., presided, and Bro. W. Chapman occupied the vice-chair. The W.M. was supported by Bros. E. T. Gourley, M.P., J. and T. Tillman, G. Bernard, M. Frampton, H. Tonkinson, W. Beattie, G. Clark, jun., G. Page, M. Douglas, F. Maddison, W. Brandt, Yeld, H. W. and T. W. Pinkney, J. C. Moor, J. R. Pattison, J. G. Nasbet, W. H. Craven, R. Johnston, R. Ward, E. Hudson, W. Surtees, G. Tawse, R. J. Smith, G. Haggie, and others.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. George Clark, P.M., and was received with enthusiasm, and Bro. Pinkney suitably responded. A very pleasant evening was spent.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Albany Hotel, on the 14th inst., when there were present among others Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W., W.M. elect; S. H. Saunders, J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treas.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Chap.; Powell, S.D.; Briggs, J.D.; Richnell, I.G.; Dr. Clark, P.M. (hon. member); and others. The visitors were Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.G. Org. Surrey, W.M. 1623; Vials, W.M. 1820; Gunn, 1706; Dunkley, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. At this stage of the proceedings the W. Deputy P.G.M. of Middx., Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, A.G.D.C., was announced, and he was duly admitted and saluted according to ancient form. The notice of motion by the S.W. as to the alteration of the bye-law respecting the qualification of country members was seconded and unanimously carried. Bro. W. Taylor having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thrupp, the ceremony of inducting Bro. Walls into the chair of K.S. was then carried out. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. S. Saunders, S.W.; Briggs, J.W.; W. H. Saunders, Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.M., Secretary; Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; Richnell, S.D.; Gurney, J.D. (by deputy); G. Jenkins, I.G. (by deputy); Jones, D.C.; H. Jenkins, W.S.; and Harrison, Tyler. Previous to the lodge being closed, upon the motion of Bros. Walls and Taylor, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to W. Bro. R. Thrupp for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Officer.

The D.P.G.M. having expressed his acknowledgments, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; H. C. Levander, Prov. G.S. Middx.; George Everett, P.M.; W. Hammond, W. Wigginton, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well-served by Bro. Knight, the caterer. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

"The Health of the Grand Officers" and the toast of "The Deputy Prov. G.M. of Middlesex" were responded to by W. Bro. R. Thrupp.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. W. H. Saunders in very kind and flattering terms. In the course of his remarks he informed the brethren that the W.M. had been present at every regular meeting of the lodge since its consecration in 1874.

The Worshipful Master having replied, then gave "The Installing Officer," and in the course of his speech congratulated the lodge upon being honoured by the presence of

the Deputy Provincial Grand Master that day, and personally thanked Bro. Thrupp not only for the very admirable manner in which he had conducted the ceremony, but for his kindness in attending the lodge, notwithstanding he was suffering from indisposition.

The Installing Officer having briefly returned thanks, the toast of "The Visitors" followed.

This pledge having been warmly received, Bros. Vials, Lardner, Dunkley, and Gunn responded, and in their respective replies they referred in eulogistic terms to the working that they had witnessed that day, and to the hospitality they had received.

"The Past Masters" and "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order. In giving these toasts the Worshipful Master alluded to the eminent services of the I.P.M., the Treasurer, and the Secretary, and he regretted that, from unavoidable causes, only one brother was present who could respond for these important officials, namely Bro. W. H. Saunders, but he was in himself a tower of strength, both physically and Masonically.

Bro. Saunders having replied in an able speech of some length, "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Dr. Clark, and "The Officers," connected with the names of Bros. S. Saunders, Briggs, and the Rev. L. D'Orsey, who responded, terminated the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by the musical abilities of Bro. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, &c.

PORTMADOC.—Madoc Lodge (No. 1509).—The installation of Bro. I. W. Wheeler as W.M. for the ensuing year took place on the 14th inst., Bro. J. G. Tuxford, I.P.M., being the Installing Master. At the meeting a testimonial, consisting of an illuminated address (expressing regret at Bro. Davies's departure, and bearing witness to the indefatigable exertions rendered by him in connection with the lodge and Freemasonry in general) and a purse of gold was presented to Bro. Cornelius Davies on his departure from Portmadoc, consequent on his promotion to the office of Deputy Chief Constable of Carnarvonshire. Bro. Davies will shortly be the recipient of another testimonial subscribed for by the inhabitants of Portmadoc and the vicinity. In the evening the usual installation banquet was held at the Sportsman Hotel, a large party sitting down to the excellent catering of Mrs. Francis.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous lodge met at the Lion Hotel, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Bros. T. Moody, W.M.; W. C. Davey, S.W.; H. J. Jones, J.W.; Hiscox, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. Sec.; Hollands, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., M.C.; J. C. Jesset, P.M., W.S.; Eales, A.W.S.; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Russell, Bridle, Ballard, and others. The visitors were Bros. Fisher, P.M. 834; Marvin, W.M. 1768; and F. Cole, 177.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Bridle was duly and most ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. It was then proposed by Bro. Hiscox, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. Walls, P.M., "That a vote of thanks be given and recorded upon the minutes to Bro. Nicolas Contopoulos and Chas Singleton, for their handsome present of lodge furniture in the emergency of having lost the use of that belonging to the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, by removal." This resolution was also carried with acclamation. The same brethren proposed that a record of the presentation be engraved on brass plates and affixed to the three lesser lights." This resolution was also carried.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts followed. "The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. W. Hammond and T. W. Ockenden.

"The W.M." was given in appropriate terms by the I.P.M. Bro. Moody having replied, then gave "The Visitors." Bros. Fisher, Marvin, and Cole, having acknowledged the compliment, the toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Hiscox; "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond; and "The Officers," acknowledged by Bros. Davey, Hollands, and Eales, terminated the proceedings.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The reign of Bro. G. Kennedy, W.M. of this lodge, commenced on Friday, the 9th inst., at the regular lodge meeting held at the Lord Raglan, Maxey-road. He was assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. Holleyman, I.P.M.; G. Spinks, P.M.; W. Richey, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; A. Saunders, S.W.; J. Moulds, J.W.; J. Gee, Treas.; A. R. Fisher, Sec.; A. J. Rowley, S.D.; J. Purnell, J.D.; W. Maule, I.G.; J. Bilton, and T. Cooper, W. Stwds.; R. Edmonds, W.M. 913; J. H. Roberts, W.M. 700; A. Mason, I.P.M. 913; W. J. Light, P.M. 299; H. King, J.W. 615; A. Mylne, 232; W. Herd, S.D. 926; J. W. Cann, 1926; J. Macilroy, 1926; J. Parsons, 1210; J. Woods, 1938; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

The minutes of the last meeting having been passed, Bros. T. J. Mulroy, H. Fowler, of 1926; and R. Fowler of Malwar Lodge, were elected as joining members. The ballot was then taken for Serjts. T. Specman and J. Hunter, and they being approved of, were initiated by the W.M. in rare style. Bro. Morton was then passed, and the lodge was closed. After supper the W.M. gave the usual loyal Masonic and Provincial toasts, alluding in felicitous terms to the fact of it being H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their Grand Master's, birthday. Bro. Spinks then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said they had all witnessed the admirable manner in which Bro. Kennedy had carried out the ceremony of the First and Second Degrees. It was a credit to him, and the lodge. He ventured to say that before Bro. Kennedy's year of office expired they would all agree that he was second to none that had ever presided over the working or festive board of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master in response said he felt much gratified and pleased at the support he had received at the commencement of his year of office. As an old man and an old Mason he could tell them that it was only through the exigencies of the service to which they all belonged that he had not arrived at the chair before. Many years ago he was initiated at the Adams Lodge, at Sheerness, but had to leave when in office; he was pleased to see one of the brethren of that lodge present. Then the United Military Lodge was the first lodge in the province, both as regards numbers and not less so in working,

and he asked them to rally round him and help him to keep up its prestige.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was followed by that of "Absent Friends," and the W.M. feelingly alluded to Bro. Deeves, P.M., in South Africa, and of his delight at receiving the *Freemason* every week, and hearing of their prosperity.

"The Masonic Press," "The Officers," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The installation of Master of this took place on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren and visitors. The W.M. elect was Bro. J. Blenkin. The lodge was opened by Bro. M. Millington the outgoing W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., Prov. G.S.W.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Sir James Meek, P.M. 236, P.P.C.W.; M. Rooke, P.M. 236, Prov. G.S.D.; S. Middleton, P.M. 1760; George Lee, P.M. 1230; H. J. Morton, P.M. 1248; H. G. Pickersgill, P.M. 837; Major McGachen, P.M. 1991; George Kirby, W.M. 236; J. S. Rymer, P.M. 236; T. Cumberland, P.M. 938; T. Y. Strachan, P.M. P.P.G. W. Northumberland; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. 837, P.P.G. Chap. West Yorks; J. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.P. West Yorks; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; J. F. Sellar, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M., Prov. G. Purst.; and others.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland then assumed the gavel and proceeded to open the lodge in the Second Degree, Bro. T. B. Whythead acting as S.W. and Bro. G. Balmford as J.W. In due course a board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Blenkin was placed in the chair with the customary ceremonies. Having lowered the lodge and received the usual salutations, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. M. Millington, I.P.M.; Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; Rev. J. Metcalfe, M.A., Chap.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; James Kay, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; G. Chapman, J.D.; W. G. Kent, M.C.; W. S. Child, Org.; S. J. Dalton, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; W. Lackenby, and W. Stephenson, Stwds. The W.M. also appointed Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., and J. S. Cumberland, P.M., to the respective posts of Lecture Master and Preceptor.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren met at a banquet in the Queen's Hotel, when the newly installed W.M. presided. There was a short toast list, and the evening was enlivened by songs and glees performed admirably by the lodge glee party, assisted by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Wilkinson, W. S. Child, J. Watson, and J. Wilson. The toast list was, as usual, a work of art, and contained many new features. The speeches were also very much to the point and that of Bro. F. Binckes was, as might be expected, very eloquent. The massive and ancient flagon used as the Loving Cup occupied a conspicuous place on the tables, and was emptied to the prosperity of the lodge.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the White Hart Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Bros. J. Featherstone, P.G.S. Middx., W.M.; R. W. Forge, P.G.S. Middx., S.W.; J. Piller, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.D.; C. Worthington, J.D.; F. L. Chandler, I.G.; A. Elphick, D. of C.; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 1512; Sec.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., W.S.; Drummond, Bonell, Mahood, Knight, Hunt, and others. The visitors were Bros. Couzens, P.M. 209; R. Messum, 975; W. Springett, 1044; Spearing, 1512; and H. Radclyffe, 1563.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Mahood, Knight, and Hunt were passed to the Third Degree, and Mr. R. J. Spencer initiated into Craft mysteries, both ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. The notice of motion "as to the removal of the lodge to other quarters" was postponed, and a committee appointed to report upon the subject of removal at the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. As the cloth was not removed until a late hour the toasts given were but few in number, and from the same cause they were but briefly acknowledged.

LANDPORT.—Landport Lodge (No. 1776).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road. The following were present: Bros. T. H. Williams, W.M.; J. G. Niven, S.W.; G. Drake, J.W.; A. P. Hancox, Treas.; G. W. Burbridge, Sec.; J. H. Casey, Asst. Sec.; W. Mills, S.D.; J. W. Foster, J.D.; C. F. Brown, D. of C.; W. Marshall, I.G.; Parkinson, Tyler; C. E. H. Johnson, P.M.; E. S. Main, P.M.; Alderman R. J. Murrell, P.M.; G. Grant, P.M.; T. P. Hall, P.M.; T. H. Bramsdon, Stroud, R. E. Buckell, A. G. Morley, J. Biden, O. C. Cox, J. H. Corke, A. Pitts, G. Barnden, H. J. Bovil, P. Murch, T. H. Simpson, J. A. Chamberlain, G. H. Mead, W. T. Mead, J. Channing, J. Guyatt, W. E. Williams, W. Mayborn, G. T. Brookland, J. Godking, G. W. Ash, A. W. Cossar, C.C.; G. Chamberlain, H. A. Blake, G. A. Smith, G. T. Cunningham, T.C.; H. F. Hahn, G. H. Dean, T.C.; W. T. Westerman, C. Brankley, and others. Visitors: R. W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M.; V. W. Bro. W. Hickman, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Bros. M. E. Frost, Prov. G.S.W.; H. Martin Green, Prov. G.J.W.; R. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Rastrick, Prov. G. Treas.; J. S. Hickley, Prov. G.S.D.; J. S. Pearce, Prov. G.D. of C.; H. Croucher, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; J. Woodhouse, Prov. G.S.B.; F. Powell, Prov. G. Purst.; R. Rosoman, Prov. G.S.; and the Rev. Stewart Patterson, P.G.M. Manitoba; H. Cawte, P.P.G. J.W.; S. R. Ellis, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Loveland-Loveland (Prov. G. Treas. Mark); H. W. Townsend, P.M. 1903, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Beale, P.M., P.P.G.S.; H. E. Loader, and J. H. Bridle, of 487; T. Court, P.M.; T. Cousins, G. Kent, and G. J. King, of 257; E. A. Goldsmith, W.M.; W. W. Prad, and A. P. Lye, of 309; C. Knott, P.M., and F. Sanders, W.M. elect, of 342; W. M. Outridge, W.M., and W. Bates, of 487; J. Jerrard, 582; J. D. Atken, W.M., and H. G. Tuck, of 801; W. J. J. Lloyd, 851; W. Brunwin, W.M. 903; C. J. E. Mumby, W.M.; W. E. Atkins, I.P.M.; and Alderman A. Cudlepp, P.M., of 1060; C. Travess, W.M. 1428; G. Lawrence, 1692; B. Ring, W.M. 1705; G. F. Brown, W.M. 1834; W. Page, W.M.; W. Royston Pike, S.D.;

G. M. Nelder, J.D.; G. Sylvester, Org.; and S. Knight, of 1903; F. Ginnett; and P. H. Emanuel, 525 and 1069 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was called for four o'clock, when Bro. Hancox was elected Treasurer. The balance-sheet for the past year was received and adopted. The initiation fees received were £109 14s. 6d., and quarterages £123. The expenditure showed some heavy items, one of £147 donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, leaving a balance of £24 15s. 2d. in the bank. The assets were £363 7s. 4d.; liabilities none.

At about five o'clock the P.G.M. and officers entered the lodge, and were received in due form, Bro. G. Sylvester officiating on the organ. The W.M. vacated the chair, and it was occupied by the P.G.M., who performed the ritual of the installation ceremony in a most effective manner. Bro. J. G. Niven was installed before a Board of 37 Installed Masters. Bro. Niven appointed and invested with their collars of office for the ensuing year the following brethren: Bros. W. Miles, S.W.; J. W. Foster, J.W.; A. H. Hancox, Treas.; T. A. Ramsden, Sec.; J. Barnden, Asst. Sec.; T. H. Casey, S.D.; W. A. Marshallsay, J.D.; C. F. Brown, I.G.; R. A. Buckell, D.C.; Gilber, Org.; G. Backer and G. Brookland, Stewards; and Parkinson, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to the Prov. G.M. for coming that evening and doing the installation ceremony, the W.M. remarking that it was some years since the Prov. G.M. had installed a brother in Portsmouth.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M., thanked the brethren heartily for their kind vote of thanks. He said he was very pleased to come amongst them, as he took a great interest in that lodge. It was only a few years ago that he consecrated it, and he appeared as a father talking unto his child. He was happy to hear such good accounts of his children, and it showed they had displayed great zeal. Such progress as they saw was conducive to the good of Masonry and for the future welfare of the Landport Lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Williams, I.P.M., who, he said, had performed his duties admirably. He had been two years in office and the brethren all knew how to appreciate him. A presentation, subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge was to have been made to Bro. Williams, but for some unaccountable reason it had not arrived and if it did not before the lodge broke up it would be presented at the next regular meeting.

Bro. Williams said he scarcely knew how to thank the brethren. Another presentation was uncalled for and unexpected, for only last year the lodge had presented him with a jewel. It was indeed a great honour to him and was a mark of kindness beyond his anticipation, and he could find no words adequate to express his thanks.

Notice was given of a vote of £5 to a brother in distress, and nothing further offering for the good of Masonry or of the Landport Lodge in particular it was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room and partook of a *recherché* banquet. The W.M. presided, being supported on his right by the Prov. G.M., D.P.G.M., Bros. M. E. Frost, H. Martin Green, R. Rastrick, J. Le Feuvre, J. S. Pearce, and others, and on the left were Bros. Williams, I.P.M., Goldsmith, Main, Johnson, Rev. S. Patterson, P.G.M. Manitoba, and others.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past."

Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M., said that he was taken quite by surprise in being called upon to respond for the Grand Lodge. It was true he had held Grand Lodge office, but it was some years ago. He was sure the W.M. intended to do him honour and he felt honoured in responding. The Grand Master was a hard working Mason; he supported the pillars of Masonry and his whole heart was in its service, and the officers of Grand Lodge endeavoured to emulate those high lights of Masonry.

Bro. Niven said he was about to propose what he considered the toast of the evening, that of "The Prov. Grand Master," whom he again thanked for the honour conferred, not only upon him (Bro. Niven) but upon the lodge, by his presence that day. It was an event, not only to his Masonic career, but in his life. He was extremely gratified to see present so many brethren of all ranks in the Order. He should do all in his power to add to the prosperity of the lodge, and to advance, as far as he possibly could, the best interests of Freemasonry generally.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was received in a most enthusiastic manner, said he thanked the brethren most heartily and cordially. It had given him the greatest pleasure to come amongst the brethren and to take part in their proceedings that day. He was extremely gratified to find that the Landport Lodge was in so prosperous a position, for he had the honour of constituting it, and naturally took a deep interest in its welfare. As Prov. G.M. it was his duty to go about in his province. He was glad to come amongst old friends and old faces and meet with such fraternal greeting from all sides. Freemasonry was, he was glad to say, flourishing in all directions throughout the province, and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight now occupied a very prominent position among the provinces of England. He referred to the recent action taken by the Prov. Grand Secretary in Grand Lodge in defending the rights of provincial Masons, and to the fact that the brethren of the province attended in no insignificant numbers to assert their right to be heard in Grand Lodge. It would, in his opinion, prove of advantage to the Order generally if some arrangement could be come to by which the provinces should cease to be ignored, and he trusted that a satisfactory result would follow the full consideration which the question would doubtless receive. For the interests of Freemasonry all sections throughout the country should be adequately represented, and ought to be heard and have influence in Grand Lodge. Speaking of the Order generally the R.W. Prov. G.M. said he thought it was exercising a great power for good at the present time, and he failed to see how it could do otherwise while it enjoined a reverence for law and order, the practice of benevolence, upright conduct, and all other virtues.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master," Bro. W. Hickman, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," asked the brethren to join in drinking to the executive of the province. Several questions alluded to by the Prov-

G.M. were of great interest. The two great questions which would be decided on the 5th December were the Status of Past Masters and the dues paid to Grand Lodge. At the Special Grand Lodge the province of Hampshire was represented as no other province. All this was due to the exertions of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Le Feuvre. He concluded by asking the brethren to drink heartily to this toast, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Le Feuvre.

Bro. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec., who was received with applause, said that he had had no previous intimation that he would be called upon to speak, and it was certainly unexpected in the presence of the D.P.G.M. It was only five years ago that the Prov. Grand Lodge assisted at the constitution of the Landport Lodge. He congratulated the W.M., who was about one of the first initiated in the lodge. It was extremely gratifying for him (Bro. Le Feuvre) to be present to join in the general congratulations which were being so enthusiastically showered upon the W.M., and he heartily wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. The Landport Lodge had, during the five or six years of its existence, been singularly successful, and had during the past year done that which would lead to its being remembered not only in this neighbourhood or province, but elsewhere. He referred to the fact that during the last year Bro. Williams, the I.P.M., took up at list (£342) for the Boys' School which far exceeded any other individual list, a circumstance which redounded not merely to his (Bro. Williams's) credit, but to the credit of the lodge over which he was the Master. He trusted, as he believed, that Bro. Niven would follow the excellent example set by his predecessor, and try and take up a list of £500. He concluded by urging upon the brethren of the province the necessity of unity in voting for the candidates for admission to the Charities in order that no votes might be lost.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M., said the brethren would readily divine the purpose why the gavel had been placed in his hands. It was for the purpose of proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. James Graham Niven. But before doing so he should like to say a word relative to the status of Past Masters, which he had carefully considered. In his opinion, whilst some change could well be made, they should not be too sweeping. It should not be compulsory for every lodge to make a Past Master to be of the lodge, but it should be in the power of the lodge to make a Past Master to be of the lodge if the brethren thought fit. Referring to the toast which he had risen to propose he said that he entertained not the slightest doubt that the W.M. would so discharge the duties of the high position to which he had been elevated as to fulfil to the letter the high expectations which had been formed of him, and to add to his own reputation and the honour and prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Niven, W.M., who was received with a most enthusiastic and continuous reception, thanked the brethren for the gratifying manner in which they had received the toast, and assured them that he should endeavour so to discharge the duties of his office as to secure, when the time came for him to vacate the chair, a higher place in their esteem than he already occupied.

Bro. Hickman, D.P.G.M., said that they had a distinguished visitor amongst them in the person of a P.G.M. of Manitoba, and he need hardly say how pleased they all were to see him present that evening. It was something to say for the universality of Freemasonry. He was also quite satisfied that Bro. Patterson was equally pleased to be there.

Bro. Rev. Stewart Patterson, P.G.M. Manitoba, who was received with cheers, thanked the brethren for the reception accorded him that evening, and for the hospitality which he had received. He fully endorsed all that had been said about Bro. Niven. He thanked the brethren for inviting him to hear such a beautiful ceremony performed by the Prov. Grand Master. It was quite natural that, surrounded by hospitality and elite of the province, he should feel that this was the most pleasant evening he had spent. What he said came from his heart. He was much pleased with all he had heard and seen that evening, and he would never forget it. In the Grand Lodge of Manitoba there were not more than 20 lodges, but he always found plenty to do. Relative to the status of Past Masters, a Past Master in Canada takes his position in a lodge he affiliates to, according to the status he holds in his own lodge. The Canadian Masons were Conservative Masons, and yet might be called Liberal-Conservative Masons, for they took a broad view of things. It did not matter what lodge a Past Master came from, he took his position as a Past Master of a lodge which he joins. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a prosperous year.

Bro. Ellis, P.M., proposed the toast of "Success to our Masonic Charities," and referred to the fact of the Landport Lodge voting £147 to the Boys' School. He called attention to the apparent neglect of the Benevolent Institution, and appealed to the province to subscribe towards it more than they had hitherto done.

Bro. Cawte, P.M., returned thanks.

Bro. Johnson, P.M., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. T. H. Williams." At a time when the lodge was in difficulties Bro. Williams stepped in and took the chair for 12 months longer. During his two years he had initiated 37 brethren. Such interest as he had shown for the lodge should evoke the warmest effort of the brethren.

Bro. Nevin said that it afforded him great pleasure in presenting Bro. Williams with a case of silver knives and forks and fish slice and fork, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge.

Bro. Williams, who was cordially received, said he could scarcely thank the brethren for the unexpected present. When he took the chair he promised to look after and promote the interests of the lodge, and he need hardly say that he had only done his duty. Relative to the amount he had collected for the Boys' School, he could not have done so had not the Landport Lodge helped him.

Bro. Niven, W.M., proposed the toast of "The W.Ms. of Neighbouring Lodges," which was responded to by the W.Ms. of Lodges Nos. 487, 804, 903, 928, 1069, 1428, 1725, 1834, and 1903.

Bro. Miles proposed the toast of "The Founders of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Main, P.M. "The Health of the Visitors," proposed by Bro. Bramsden, and responded to by Bro. Kent, and "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Miles, concluded the toast list, and a pleasant evening terminated.

During the evening Bros. G. Sylvester, Miles, Bramsden, and others sang several songs.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, St. James' Park Station. The business was ably conducted by Bro. Swain, W.M., assisted by Bros. Masefield, S.W.; Forscutt, J.W.; Mount, S.D.; Lovegrove, J.D.; Mason, I.G.; and Cottebrune, P.G.P., Preceptor. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Collens being candidate. The W.M. then vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Collens, who rehearsed the investiture of officers; Bro. Swain resumed his position as W.M., and Bros. Orpe, 1328; Tonkin, 1328; Balchin, 1604; Power, 1604; Hardy, 201; were unanimously elected members of the lodge. All Masonic business being ended lodge was closed in peace and harmony. There were 25 brethren present.

After the lodge was closed, the subscribers of the Masonic Charities' Association met, and passed the rules of the Association. Bros. C. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., was elected President; Collens, Vice-President; Bassington, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; and Hunt, Dairy, Green, Mason, and Lovegrove, were elected to form the Committee. It was determined the first payments were to be made on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. Gribbell, W.M.; Gellen, S.W.; Ashton, J.W.; Capstick, S.D.; Rhodes, J.D.; Flack, I.G.; Percy, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; Cohen, Gush, Gilderstone, J. A. Jones, Dixie, Weeden, Robinson, Oldis, Fermor, Powell, Moss, Manger, and Hall.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gush having offered himself a candidate was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Cohen worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Flack, of St. John's Lodge, and Bro. Oldis, of Finsbury Park Lodge, were elected joining members. Bro. Gellen was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A letter was read from Bro. D. Hatch, Provincial Grand Master of Nicaragua, South America, tendering his sincere thanks to the Preceptor and brethren for the instruction he had received within the Percy Lodge of Instruction during his recent stay in London. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till to-morrow (Saturday) evening, which will be the first monthly meeting of the Masonic Association which has been formed in connection with the above lodge, and promises to be a great success.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday evening, 16th inst., when there were present Bros. A. J. Style, W.M.; C. J. Axford, S.W.; J. N. Bate, Treas., S.W.; G. H. Chapman, S.D.; H. Baldwin, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; also W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; Bros. A. Pooler, Jones, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. in the Three Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed and the charge in the Third Degree delivered by the candidate. The W.M. having closed down to the First Degree entry drill was practised. Some interesting explanations of certain portions of the ceremonial were given by the Preceptor in response to questions from several brethren present. Bro. C. J. Axford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and officers having been appointed in rotation the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the above lodge at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on the 21st inst. Present: Bros. T. Poore, Preceptor, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Lewis Jones, S.W.; T. Weeks, J.W.; G. Mulley, S.D.; J. J. Elliott, J.D.; T. Moody, I.G.; W. S. Dunkley, Sec.; and the following brethren: Bros. C. Mardaunt Mathew, J. Woodruff, H. Mitten, R. Moffray, G. Lilley, G. Lambert, G. J. E. Marsh, E. Kidman, J. R. Garrow, G. Allen, and J. L. Culpin. Visitors: Bros. S. Rashleigh, 902; G. B. Holy, 263, P.M.; R. Stockoe, 1963, J.W.; W. Marcus, 749; and F. Kedge, 749.

Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed, the sections were worked by the following brethren. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. J. R. Garrow; Second, Bro. J. L. Culpin; Third, Bro. J. L. Culpin; Fourth, Bro. G. Allen; Fifth, Bro. Lewis Jones; Sixth, Bro. G. Allen; Seventh, Bro. Lewis Jones. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. J. L. Culpin; Second, Bro. W. S. Dunkley; Third, Bro. Lewis Jones; Fourth, Bro. G. Allen; Fifth, Bro. Lewis Jones. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. T. Weeks; Second, Bro. T. Weeks; Third, Bro. H. W. Mitten. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree and a vote of thanks was unanimously voted to the W.M. and the working brethren for the manner in which the various lectures had been carried out. The lodge was then closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: A. Hardy, W.M.; W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139, S.W.; J. Lawrence, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 154, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, S.D.; F. Swain, J.D.; S. J. Humphress, I.G.; W. Middleweek, Steward; M. E. Speigel, 188; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974, P.G.D.S. of W. Punjab; F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426; G. Davies, P.M. 167; W. Perry, W. J. Mason, D. Hart, J. H. Wood, J. C. Rhind, C. R. Wickens, E. J. Brown, J. R. Phillips, F. Chandler, D. Stroud, H. Taylor, C. S. Mote, J. J. Thomas, C. J. Morse, C. J. Fox, W. H. Wadham, A. Leclair, and H. Robinson. Visitors: Bros. M. W. Williams, 1974; J. W. Balsham, 733; J. Stait, 1743; I. J. Hymans, 487; and R. Cullen, 1339.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Phillips being the candidate. Bro. Capt. A.

Nicols gave the Lecture on the First Tracing Board in an able and impressive manner, for which he received a vote of thanks. The Sixth and Seventh Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Speigel and Davis. Bro. W. A. Vincent was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. M. Whitley Williams, W. Balsham, John Stait, J. J. Hyams, and R. Cullen. The Auditors then read a statement they had made of the accounts for the past year, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £6 rs. 10d., the total receipts during the 47 meetings held being £24 7s. 4d.; expended in charity, £10 15s. 0d., 10 guineas going to the Girls' School; printing and other items showing £4 12s., and an item brought forward from 1882 of £2 18s. 6d. A vote of thanks was accorded to them (Bros. Thomas, Chandler, and Morse) and also to the Secretary, Bro. Dehane, for the manner he had performed his duties during the period, who in thanking the brethren, stated that there had been an attendance of 1010 members during the year, including 57 joining members, and the following work had been done: Initiation, 31 times; passing 20; raising, 18; calling on and off, 8; installation, 2; explanation of First Tracing Board, 2; entry drill, 4; consecration, 1 (Bro. Terry); closed in Third Degree, 10; Second Degree, 10; First Degree, 47; and the following 54 sections:—First Lecture—1st, 13; 2nd, 10; 3rd, 4; 4th, 6; 5th, 1; 6th, 1; 7th, 1; 36. Second Lecture—1st, 3; 2nd, 5; 3rd, 2; 4th, 1; 5th, 1; 12. Third Lecture—1st, 3; 2nd, 2; 3rd, 1; 6.

The lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned. Afterwards a ballot was drawn, making the 10th in six months.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Cranbourne Hotel, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C. (next door to Aldridge's), when the following were present: Bros. Foord, W.M.; Delarue, S.W.; C. Ralph, J.W.; G. Coleman, S.D.; Green, J.D.; B. Solomon, I.G.; Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Fowles, Turner, and Wilson.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fowles offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The usual questions were then put and answered for passing, and lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Bro. Fowles worked the First Section of this Lecture. Lodge being resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Delarue was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Thursday evening, the 22nd inst.

Royal Arch.

SUNDERLAND.—Strict Benevolence Chapter (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 15th inst., to elect the officers for the ensuing year. The chapter was opened by the principals, E. Comps. Thos. M. Watson, Z.; George Porteous, H.; and H. W. Emerson, J. The election of principals for the ensuing year took place as follows: E. Comps. Porteous, Z.; and Emerson, H.; Comps. C. McNamara, J.; R. Singleton, S.E.; J. Sinclair, S.N.; and J. G. Kirtley, P.S. The chapter was afterwards closed in the usual manner.

DOUGLAS.—Athole Chapter (No. 1004).—Freemasonry has made rapid progress in the Isle of Man during the last dozen years, both in the Craft lodges and in the only Royal Arch chapter on the island at Douglas, and the members of the Craft are in communication with the Grand Lodge with a view to the formation of the island into a province. The ceremonies in connection with the installation of the Three Principals were held at the Athole Chapter, in the Masonic Hall, Douglas, on Thursday, the 15th inst. There was a good attendance of members from all the lodges of the island who are members of the Chapter. The retiring Principal, Comp. W. Laughlin, P.Z., exalted two members to the Supreme Degree, and at the conclusion of that ceremony the Principals elect, Comps. J. A. Brown, P.Z.; J. W. Wood, and R. Garside were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. W. L. Wild, P.Z., who officiated as Installing Principal. The First Principal subsequently invested his officers for the year, and at the conclusion of the business of the evening the members dined together at Companion Handley's, Bowling-green Hotel.

Mark Masonry.

NEWBURY.—Porchester Lodge (No. 27).—A numerously attended meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at the Temperance Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. F. H. Lyon, M.D., P.G.S.O. The principal item on the agenda was the choice of a W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and a ballot having been taken, the W.M. announced that the S.W., Bro. G. J. Cosburn, P.P.G.S.B., had been unanimously elected to preside over the lodge during the coming year. The W.M. elect having thanked the officers and brethren for the honour conferred upon him the members unanimously re-elected Bro. Head to the office of Treasurer and Bro. Dodd was re-appointed Tyler. The installation lodge will be held towards the close of January.

Royal Ark Mariners.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 12th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. After the minutes of the last convocation were confirmed, Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z., P.P.G. Scribe N. Middx., installed Comp. J. W. Cuff as M.E.Z.; and W. H. Marston as J. Comp. J. J. Pattison, the H. elect, being unavoidably absent. The officers were then invested as follows: Comps. Weaver, Scribe E.; R. P. Tate, Scribe N.; W. Stephens, P.Z., Treas.; J. S. Brown, P. Soj.; J. W. Fisher, 1st Asst. Soj.; Reuben Green, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z., Comp.

H. D. M. Williams. Comp. H. Dehane presented the Auditors' report which was accepted and ordered to be printed and distributed to the members. A candidate was submitted for exaltation at the next convocation.

The chapter was then closed and the companions dined together, the chair being occupied by the 1st Principal, supported by Comps. Kingston, as H.; and W. H. Marston, J. After the repast the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner.

Rosicrucian Society.

WIGAN.—Lancashire College.—A meeting was convened for Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Wigan, when the following fratres formed the M.C.: R.W. Frater G. P. Brockbank, Hon. 1^o, Chief Adept; V.W. Fratres Robt. Harwood, Suffragan; J. D. Murray, Celebrant; W. Fratres H. T. Byrom, 1st A.; A. H. Crossley, 2nd A.; W. W. Wyld, Sec.; Fratres W. J. Thomson, Thos. Morris, E. Bielby, T. C. Thorburn, J. M. Kerr, and W. Wall.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the Degree of Zelator was conferred upon Bros. T. H. Glendinning, 1055, and William Newsome, 86 and 1384. Letters of apology for absence were read from Fratres Wood, Huet, Young, Campbell (Prov. G. Sec.), and Middleton. The following were appointed as officers of the college for the ensuing year: Fratres Jas. Horrocks, Celebrant; J. F. Hoffgaard, Deputy Celebrant; A. Middleton, 4th Ancient; H. T. Byrom, 3rd Ancient; A. H. Crossley, 2nd Ancient; W. W. Wyld, 1st Ancient; R. B. Seddon, Sec.; Thos. Morris, Treas.; Reginald Young, Preceptor; Jas. Dawber, Org.; J. Barrett, Cond. of N.; J. T. Richardson, Herald; W. Nicholl, Guardian of T.; W. J. Thomson, Torch Bearer; and W. D. Dean, Medallist. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Frater J. D. Murray for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the business and ceremonies of the College for the past year. After a suitable reply from Frater Murray the M.C. was dissolved and adjourned to banquet.



The Princess's is closed from to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon until Thursday next, when "Claudium" will occupy the boards. Mr. Wilson Barrett plays the title rôle.

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We are requested to state by Bro. D'Albertson, manager to Bro. A. Henderson, that the rumours that "La Vie" will shortly be withdrawn are totally unfounded. "La Vie" is running well and has become more popular. The *Freemason* was one of the papers which spoke well of "La Vie" as likely to please the people and run well. We felt that with Bro. Lionel Brough and Mr. Herbert Standing in it it must do. The Crown Prince of Portugal and suite and the Prince Frederick William of Hesse have been to see it.

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The new comic opera at the Comedy is a decided exception to the general rule that all operas are more or less like their predecessor. But neither in plot nor music does "Falka" infringe on other operas. Mr. Farnie is to be congratulated on his successful reproduction from the French, for it is needless to say he has changed it materially, but without making it uninteresting. He has done wonders and has carefully eliminated everything distasteful to English playgoers, and no one need hesitate, who ever enters a theatre, of going to the Comedy and taking any member of their family. The plot is ingenious and full of counter-plots, and at the same time sufficiently evident to be easily apprehended by all sections of the community. Folbach is the military governor of a province who has a nephew and niece whom he has not seen since they were infants. The niece, Falka, is at a convent school. The nephew, her brother, is an usher in a school and quite ignorant of his relative's greatness. The Emperor has told Folbach he will create him a nobleman if he has an heir of the male sex. He sends for his nephew, Tancred, who on his way is caught by brigands. He is tied to a tree. His moans touch the heart of Edwige, sister of Boleslas, the captain of the gang. She falls madly in love with Tancred and cuts his cords, on which he sings "Oh joy, oh rapture," and escapes. She and her brother set off in pursuit determined to make him wed. The chieftain is armed to the teeth with bludgeons and knives. Tancred has taken a situation as waiter, being destitute. The avengers come to the very inn and enter into conversation, but he deceives them, so that they do not discover him. His sister, Falka, now appears on the scene with a young man, Arthur, she has fallen in love with. She has run away from the convent school. At the inn she hears of her uncle's wish to find his heir, and as her brother has not been found she conceives the plan of representing him. She changes clothes with her lover, Arthur, who is a simpleton, and he becomes the convent school girl. Her uncle, Folbach, receives her with open arms. But just as she has won the affections of her uncle—intending of course after she has done so to present herself in her true sex and get his consent to her marriage—the brigands arrive and both Boleslas and Edwige declare she or rather he is the one whose cords Edwige loosed and who vowed to marry her. There is nothing more to be done but for Falka to tell Edwige she is a woman. The latter promises to keep the former's secret and to help her. Tancred now appears and is engaged as a servant in Folbach's household and even waits at table on his own sister, but they have been separated so long Falka does not know her brother. Lay brother Pelican, the door-keeper of the convent, is sent after Falka, and arrests Arthur, whom he finds dressed in the schoolgirl's uniform. Folbach gives his consent to his niece (as he thinks) going back. Falka asks her lover to go back, for her sake, till she can get over her uncle and disclose the fraud she is perpetrating on him. Folbach has arranged a marriage between his nephew and a rich heiress Alexina. Of course Falka cannot agree to this. Tancred's identity is

made known as the real nephew, and his uncle now makes arrangements for celebrating his wedding with Alexina. Folbach has been made very angry when he discovers the deception, for he liked Falka for his nephew better than Tancred, and would rather leave him and her the title and estates. Alexina has formed an attachment to the Brigand Captain, and arranges with the captain's sister Edwige that she, Edwige, shall dress as the bride and marry Tancred, whilst she marries Edwige's brother. This is done, and Tancred does not find out whom she has married until too late. In the meanwhile Folbach has given his consent to Falka's marriage with Arthur, and the Emperor has relaxed his order that Falka must have an heir of the male sex, to succeed to his title, it therefore, with the estates, goes to "Falka." This comic opera can hardly be said to possess a hero unless, indeed, Falka, the scheming schoolgirl, be called one. There are several principal characters, and to each is allotted a fair share of the burden of the piece, which prevents the interest ever flagging, for when one or two players are off the stage, there are still others of equal merit to amuse the company. Still, Miss Violet Cameron, who is Falka, is the life and soul of the piece. At one time she is dressed in a neat convent costume of white and blue, at another in the rich uniform of an officer of a Hussar regiment. We have repeatedly said in these columns how admirably Miss Violet Cameron is suited for a character such as she has in "Falka." If anything her singing seems better and better. So great was the favour with which it was received on the first night that the encores became almost tedious, and impeded the progress of the piece considerably. Her liveliness is unquestionable, and her charms well known to playgoers. She seems to love singing for its own sake. She was, perhaps, the most successful in "At Eventide," a new romance specially written for Miss Cameron, and her rendering of "Oh, joy! oh, rapture!" is marvellous as showing the perfect command over her voice, and the sweet tones she can diffuse. Bro. Henry Ashley and Mr. Paulton divide the comicality between them. Mr. Paulton, as Folbach, is the same Mr. Paulton in "Falka" as in everything else—droll to the last degree. His drollery is of a heavy, almost funereal, type, but, nevertheless, full of laughter-making. Bro. Ashley is more gay; therefore the two never clash. We do not think, even in "Olivette," where he created the part he played, that he was so good as in Tancred in "Falka;" he overflows with humour. Mr. Kelleher, as Arthur, is very clever; and what pleased us so much about him was that he impersonates a woman and never drops into vulgarities. We may say he is as modest as a woman. Men too often forget themselves when they take a woman's character and get coarse. But everyone remarked on the pleasant way Mr. Kelleher played Arthur when disguised as the schoolgirl. Mr. Penley, as the convent doorkeeper, is the most laughable piece of acting. His kissing of the girls quite seriously is immense, and his exclamation, "I wanted that badly," may become a phrase. Mr. Hamilton makes his first appearance at the Comedy. As Boleslas he is very good, whether we think of him as actor or singer. Miss Wadman also makes her first appearance here. She is Edwige, the brigand queen. Her duet with Mr. Hamilton in a minor key and a trio with Mr. Hamilton and Miss Cameron being encored. The opera is mounted in a gorgeous manner; the dresses of the ladies of the chorus are pretty, and so are the scenes. It is put on the stage with good taste, and every detail tells one that the management are determined not to lose anywhere when they can score a point. The music is by M. Chassaigne, who is new to the English stage. His debut is so good that we shall want more of his talent. We have some reason to believe that, according to pre-existing arrangements, "Falka" can only be played for a limited period of about two months.

Obituary.

It is with very great regret we announce the death of Bro. Thomas Clement Colbold, C.B., M.P., for Ipswich, who expired on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst. The deceased, who was born in 1833, had held several important posts in the diplomatic service, his first appointment, at the British Embassy at Constantinople in 1854, being of a temporary character. The year following he was gazetted as unpaid attaché at Berlin, and in 1856 was transferred to Lisbon. He was acting Consul at Oporto, 1857-8; paid attaché Lisbon, 1859; and Second Secretary in 1862, in which year he was transferred to Turin, and thence to Stuttgart in 1864. In 1867 he was acting Chargé d'Affaires at Baden-Baden; in 1869 he was promoted Secretary of Legation at Rio de Janeiro, and was acting Chargé d'Affaires there, 1870-2. Transferred to Lisbon in 1873, he was Chargé d'Affaires 1874-5, and retired wholly from the service in December of the latter year, receiving a Companionship of the Bath from the late Earl of Beaconsfield in recognition of his long and valuable services. He was also head of the banking firms of Bacon, Cobbold, and Co., Ipswich, and Cox, Cobbold, and Co., Harwich, and had represented Ipswich in Parliament since 1863. Bro. Colbold was a Past Master of British Union Lodge, 114, Ipswich, and had taken the 3^d under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Bengal.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTH.

CHAPMAN.—On the 18th inst., at Dursley, Gloucestershire the wife of R. Chapman, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SCOTT—EDWARDS.—On the 17th inst., at St. Mary's the Just, Cambridge, B. C. Scott, M.R.C.S. Eng., of Royston, Yorkshire, to Fanny Keziah, daughter of H. Edwards, Esq., of Cambridge.

DEATH.

MASSIE.—On the 10th inst., at his residence, Barnsley, Yorkshire, Joseph Massie, aged 74, father of Bro. W. Ridyard Massie, W.M. 1503; Bro. E. J. Massie, Sec. 1503; Bro. C. F. Massie, 1330, and father-in-law of Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.S. of W. Middlesex.



H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has granted the warrant for a new lodge to be called the St. Botolph's, to meet at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st., City. Bro. Alderman Staples, F.S.A., Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, is the W.M. designate; Bro. P. Saillard, Neptune Lodge, No. 22, and the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, the S.W. designate; and Bro. Thos. Benskin, Great City Lodge, No. 1426, and the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, the J.W. designate.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott completes his 59th year to-day (Friday).

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Princess Irene of Hesse, arrived at Windsor Castle on Wednesday morning from Balmoral. Bro. G. Manners, C.C., presided on Tuesday at a special meeting of the Bartholomew Club, at the Barley-mow Tavern, Longlane, Smithfield.

Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Superintendent of East Lancashire, will present the centenary warrants to the Royal Lancashire Lodge and Cana Chapter, Colne.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Friday next, at the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, E., upon which occasion Bro. John West, J.D. 933, will preside, and be supported by some capital working brethren.

Bro. Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart., M.P., and Lady Waterlow, arrived at Yokohama in the Coptic, from San Francisco, on the 4th inst. Since landing in New York they have visited Chicago, Lennox (Massachusetts), Monterey, and Sacramento City in California.

Bro. Wm. James Hughan, the eminent Masonic author of England, has recently removed his residence from Truro, Cornwall, to Grosvenor House, Torquay, England. His numerous correspondents will address him accordingly.—*Keystone*.

Some excellent portraits of the veteran philanthropist, Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, were taken upon his entering his 100th year, by the London Stereoscopic Company, who sent down special artists to Ramsgate for the purpose. Proofs have just been forwarded to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

Previous to the initiation of a candidate in the Remuera Lodge, Auckland, an Inquiry Committee brings up a written report of their investigations, which is read at the meeting. This Lodge is justly celebrated for the precise and particular manner in which its business is conducted.—*New Zealand Freemason*.

A meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie, one of the vice-presidents, was held on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Four children were nominated for election on the foundation of the Institution, and grants for the amount of £40 per annum were recommended.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382, on Tuesday the 4th prox. Bro. Basil Stewart, 1278, a most indefatigable young worker, will have the honour of presiding, and has the promise of many talented brethren. Visitors to the George Hotel, Millwall Docks, on the occasion under notice, will have a Masonic treat.

W. Bro. Deputy Surgeon-General Theobald Ringer, P.M. 1308, has been appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for the province of Wilts at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge held at Chippenham, on the 13th inst. The R.W. the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Methuen presiding. Bro. Ringer is also M.E.Z. designate of the Methuen Chapter, No. 1533.

Bro. Alderman Hadley was on Tuesday evening last presented with a testimonial subscribed for by some 5000 railway employés. It consists of a magnificent silver cup weighing upwards of 100 ounces and was in itself a beautiful work of art. The meeting was attended by upwards of 200 gentlemen connected with the railways of the United Kingdom and the proceedings were altogether of a flattering and enthusiastic character.

The Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., and the Duchess of Connaught arrived at Bombay on Wednesday afternoon. On landing, the municipal address of welcome was read by the Chairman of the Corporation. In reply, the Duke, after expressing his thanks, said he looked forward with great satisfaction to a lengthened stay in India, and was sure the experience he would gain would be of much use to him. It would afford the greatest gratification to her Majesty to know how genuine had been the reception given to him. The Duke and Duchess then drove to Government House, the streets being crowded with people, who cheered vociferously.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft presided on Thursday last at a general court of the Corporation of the sons of the Clergy, when the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Earl of Powis were re-elected respectively president and vice-president for the ensuing year. Bros. Allcroft, and Alderman Stone, and the Rev. Sir E. Graham Moon, Bart., were re-elected treasurers, and Earl Beauchamp, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Mr. Justice Pearson, Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Archdeacon Hesse, the Rev. J. Russell Stock, M.A., rector of Allhallows the Great, Upper Thames-street, and Mr. John Hanby, were elected new members of the Court of Assistants.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and sanative powers in a high degree; by the former term is understood their ability to preserve health, by the latter their capability to restore health. With these remedies at hand no invalid need be at fault to guide himself or herself safely through the many trials to which every one is subjected during our long, and oft-times inclement, winters. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, quinsy, whooping cough, can be successfully treated by well rubbing this Ointment upon the chest, and by taking the Pills. During damp, foggy weather asthmatical sufferers will experience the utmost possible relief from the inunction of the Ointment, and all tender-chested persons will save endless misery by adopting this treatment.—[ADVT.]

Bro. E. V. Goodinge will be installed W.M. of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, at the Army and Navy Hotel, Victoria-street, on Wednesday next.

The Most Hon. the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., Prov. G.M. Durham, will entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales at Wynyard Park, Durham, on the 17th inst.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft will preside at the 29th annual meeting and autumnal election of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday next.

Bro. T. Beard, chairman of the Epping Forest Committee, has issued invitations for a dinner at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, December 6th, to meet the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sheriff Clarence Smith, and Lieut.-Colonel and Sheriff Cowan.

The annual banquet of the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554, will take place on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, at 7 p.m. Bro. W. Cross, W.M. Yarborough Lodge No. 554, will preside.

Bro. Dr. Bringloe, of Brixton, was recently knocked down by a van and seriously injured. The owners of the van had paid a money compensation, and the driver of the van was on Saturday last convicted of the offence of driving to the common danger, and the full penalty of forty shillings and costs were imposed.

A meeting of the Four Kings Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees was held at 8a, Red Lion Square, on Saturday last, when Bro. Charles Driver was installed W.M. Several brethren were admitted to the Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr, the Knights of Constantinople, and the Red Cross of Babylon and Royal Grand High Priest.

The Founders' Company dined at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday evening last week, under the presidency of the Master. The company numbered upwards of 80. Bro. Colonel Dundas responded for "The Army and Navy;" Bro. Alfred Brookman, C.C., replied for "The Lord Mayor and Corporation;" Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell for "The Visitors;" and Bro. Frank Green for "The Ladies."

Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and D. of C. of St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, South Shields, has been elected mayor of that town, and on Sunday morning was accompanied by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Thompson, the Wardens, and brethren of the lodge; and the W.M., Bro. Wm. Davidson, the Wardens and brethren of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970, to St. Hilda's Church, where the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Johnson Baily, M.A., Vicar; and collections made on behalf of the Ingham Infirmary and South Shields and Westoe Dispensary.

The following banquets have been held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Thursday, 22nd inst: Friday, 16th—10th Middlesex K.V.C., Jordan Lodge, University Lodge. Saturday, 17th—St. James's Soirée, Orpheus Chapter. Monday, 19th—British Lodge, Whittington Lodge. Tuesday, 20th—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge, Wanderers Chapter. Wednesday, 21st—Grand Stewards' Lodge, Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, Novismajus, Oak Lodge, Social and Political Education League, Permanent Committee of Royal York Lodge. Thursday, 22nd—Grenadier's Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, St. George's Chapter.

A meeting of the Festival and Ball Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held immediately after the General Committee, on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at which it was resolved to hold the ball in aid of the funds at the Town Hall, in the early part of January, subject to the permission of the Mayor and City Council. Bro. H. S. Alpass was appointed Chairman of the Committee; and Bro. Councillor T. H. Sheen, Vice-Chairman; Bro. T. Whitehead, Treasurer; and Bro. J. C. Robinson, Secretary. A deputation consisting of Bros. H. S. Alpass, G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec. W.L.; Bro. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.G. Treas.; and Bro. Councillor T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241, waited upon his worship the Mayor on Monday last. Subject to the sanction of the Finance Committee of the City Council, his worship granted the use of the Town Hall for the ball on the 8th of January, and further promised the presence and patronage of himself and Mayoress on the occasion.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., on his recent visit to America and Canada, paid the usual penalty of possessing a distinguished reputation by having an unsought-for interview with one of those pertinacious "out-comers" of American "progress,"—a member of the "interviewing staff" of a New York newspaper, with a request that he would furnish details concerning the emigration of Welsh quarrymen to the Rocky Mountains, explaining that from his title and the circumstance that certain Welsh quarries are known as the "Carnarvonshire Quarries" it was generally supposed that he must be interested in the Welsh Rocky Mountain scheme. The reply that the coincidence was "purely accidental," and that his lordship knew nothing about the matter beyond what the newspapers had told him, does not appear to have at once removed all doubt of his connection with the Principality, since the reporter responded with the searching question, "On your trip to Quebec, was not the secretary of the Welsh Quarrymen's Union a passenger on the steamship with you?" Finally, Lord Carnarvon's assurance that this also was a mere coincidence, that he had only come to America with the Countess for "a little recreation," and that he positively "could not tell how many quarries there are in Wales, the number of people employed, or anything about their condition," seems to have convinced his pertinacious questioner that a title derived from a Welsh county does not necessarily imply either Welsh nationality or the possession of Welsh quarries.

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Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorks, has consented to dedicate the new lodge room of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, on the 14th prox.

Bro. Richard Bunyon Croft was installed W.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, at the Town Hall, Hertford, yesterday (Thursday).

Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald was on Saturday last installed W.M. of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, at the Old Town Hall, Hackney. We hope to give a report in our next.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., will take the chair at a public meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance, to be held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-st., on Tuesday, December 11th.

The annual banquet of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, under the Presidency of Bro. Cottelbrune, P.M., P.G.P., will take place on Wednesday next, at the Queen Anne's Mansions.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree, at the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366, Boston Hotel, Junction-road, on Thursday evening next, 29th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

From the *Court Circular* we gather that a marriage is arranged, and will shortly take place, between Bro. Cuthbert Peek, only son of Sir Henry W. Peek, Bart., M.P., and the Hon. Augusta Brodrick, eldest daughter of Viscount Midleton.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Simson J. Byng, 424 S.C. and P.M. 902, at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1293, held at Bro. T. Meekham's Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Friday next, the 30th inst., at 8 p.m.

Bro. Alderman and Colonel Sir R. Hanson, M.A., the Master, and the Wardens of the Shipwrights' Company, have issued invitations for a livery dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle-street, on Friday, the 7th prox., to meet Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Mr. Sheriff Clarence Smith, and Lieut.-Colonel and Sheriff Cowan.

A singular circumstance was met with in the endeavour by Bro. Warren C. Rowley to secure portraits of all the W.Ms. of the Utica Lodge, No. 47, New York, in the fact that more difficulty was experienced in obtaining portraits of some of the living P.Ms. than of those who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above. There are 29 photographs in all; these have been neatly set in a panelled oak frame, and presented to the lodge, which was constituted in 1816.

The London Music Publishing and General Agency Company (Limited), which has now been started some time for the purpose of facilitating the publication of meritorious works by young and unknown musicians, having been most successful in a number of ventures in the different branches of this art, and also originators of the ten-guinea pianoforte for students, have now, in addition to their cheap and unrivalled pianofortes, taken over the stock of Messrs. Morton and Taylor's pipe organs, whose instruments need no eulogium, and have some now on view, admirably adapted to the purposes of the Craft, and they confidently invite an inspection of the same.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of the County of Lancaster will be held at the Corn Exchange, Preston, at half-past twelve on Thursday next, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. and R.W. Prov. G.M. The chief items of business will be the election of a Charities Committee, in connection with which it is important to know that brethren nominated must be Past Masters, not more than seven of whom shall be subscribing members to a lodge meeting in the city of Liverpool, or within a radius of six miles thereof. The election will be by ballot, and the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination must be delivered in writing to the Provincial Grand Secretary ten days previous to the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The appointment and investiture of provincial grand officers for the present year; the election of five Past Masters as members of the Hamer Benevolent Fund; the court of governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution; and the consideration of the amendments to the bye-laws of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution, are the other leading items on the agenda paper. The banquet will be held at four o'clock the Corn Exchange.

The *Æolus Patent Downcast Ventilator and Waterproof shaft* is another of the admirable inventions of the *Æolus Waterspray and General Ventilating Company, Limited, 235 High Holborn, W.C.*, which merits some description. It consists of a triple-headed downcast cowl, the three heads being set back to back, and of a shaft descending from the same. In this shaft is fixed a deflecting plate, which shoots off any water that may enter the head to the opposite side of the shaft, at the point where it forms a syphon bend, the bottom of which is a hollowed basin revolving on an axle with counterpoise attached. The water having lodged in sufficient quantity in the bend to overpower the counterpoise opens the basin, which, having discharged the water, returns to its original position. The merit of this contrivance is that it occupies far less space than the ordinary double bends, while at the same time it admits the full volume of air. The ordinary downcast ventilator excludes not only the water but the wind likewise. The prices are moderate, ranging from 15s. for 2½-inch patent downcast ventilator, with a 2-inch patent waterproof downcast shaft and valve, to £17 10s. for a 24-in. ventilator, with a 24-in. shaft and valve.

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