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THE installation of the LORD MAYOR on Monday last as the Worshipful Master of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, is an event not to be passed over without some few words of sympathetic notice. The gathering was a very full one, and we call attention to our report elsewhere. It is a very pleasant and noteworthy fact "per se," that so many of the dignitaries of the City Corporation are members of our Masonic Order. We welcome them heartily, and rejoice to see them amongst us. We quite feel that their presence is in accordance with old tradition, that they should fill posts of honour and dignity amongst us to-day, as in those olden times of a still mysterious Guild Life in cities and provinces. The members of the Corporation of the City of London form part of the oldest and most remarkable municipality now existing, a municipality which has always discharged its important duties with a commendable anxiety to uphold the reputation of their great City, to dispense a most gracious hospitality, and to advance the comfort and convenience of their fellow citizens, as well as to safeguard public rights and interests, and promote the welfare of the community. We owe to them much in many ways, of which we should be truly sensible, for which we should be truly grateful, and we cannot but express the earnest hope that Time, which undermines and weakens most earthly institutions, will lay its destructive hand lightly on them, and that we may see them conserved many years, a striking outcome of free institutions, a gratifying evidence of municipal government.

WE speak with no official authority on this or any other subject, for the *Freemason* is a purely independent paper, but we are inclined to think that higher Craft honours yet await our esteemed and distinguished brother, the LORD MAYOR of London.

JUST now, gatherings are many and installations are rife. The government of the Craft is passing into new hands, and we can only trust that the choice of the rulers of our lodges is neither hastily made nor governed by extraneous considerations, unworthy of the principles, adverse to the Genius of Freemasonry. It sometimes happens that a dominant clique or personality affects to dictate to a lodge the selection of its rulers, and even the choice of its members. But all such things are incompatible with the true dignity and principles of Freemasonry, the interests and peace of our lodges. Merit, and merit alone, should be our test of promotion, our plea for advancement. Those merely ornamental members of ours who shine in borrowed light, and are too often the excrescences, if not the drawbacks of our lodges, should be discountenanced and ignored as much as possible, and those often busy and eager quests for rank and position amongst us should be opposed in every possible way. There is no more pitiable sight than to behold a Worshipful Master who cannot do his work, who has to be prompted at every moment, either by an amiable Immediate Past Master, or a zealous Master of the Ceremonies; who has been too apathetic or too idle to master the little work he has to do, even out of respect to the lodge he presides over, or of gratitude to those who have placed him in that much-coveted chair. We do not say that circumstances may not arise in the inner history of lodges, for they do so, when it may be advisable to take into consideration certain extraneous considerations of fortune, rank, and social position. But, as a general rule, good, sure, true, and Masonic in every sense, from which there are and ought to be very, very few exceptions, the honour and prestige of the lodge are best upheld and advanced when the brother who knows his work and does his Masonic duty most zealously, who is earnestly affected to the Craft in all things high and honourable, is duly selected by his brethren to rule over them, and enabled to obtain that well-earned promotion which, by sedulous attention and untiring energy, he has done his best to qualify himself for. Lodges, like all little republics of men, are governed often by conflicting and contradicting emotions; a wave of passing fancy, a "fad," often sways them apparently with an iron law, and nothing that loyal wisdom can dictate, or Masonic precedent can invoke, is able to turn them from the exercise of their own self-will. It is sometimes said that by our present system the best men do not go forward. We doubt the assertion. Despite some incongruities, some weaknesses, some shortcomings, our arrangements on the whole work well, and of late years there has come over all lodges, more or less, a feeling and a determination that, keeping all these friendly warnings before them, and making due allowance for lodge exigencies, promotion should come in order, and that the absolutely best worker should

obtain the Master's chair, assuming that he is otherwise properly qualified to fill it. As one of the great features of Freemasonry is education, educated brethren naturally command the adherence and gain the ear of their brethren, and just as nothing is more painful to the bright Mason, the expert Mason, than to listen to our beautiful ceremonial imperfectly, listlessly, unfeelingly, inadequately performed, so nothing is so trying to the educated Mason as those lapses in grammar, and an impossibility of realizing the QUEEN'S English, which render after-dinner speeches sometimes a penalty and a torture to ears polite. We think it may be assumed, however fairly, that the average ability and suitability of our lodge rulers are higher than they used to be 25 years ago, and that we may safely leave it to our lodges to persevere in this happy path of progressive improvement, and select those to preside over them who will not only promote the best interests of a particular body, but prove monuments and pillars of strength to the Craft at large.

ONE of the most interesting Masonic meetings which have come before us, took place at Reigate, on Saturday last, when the 30th anniversary of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, was celebrated, as well as the 50th year of our esteemed Bro. AMBROSE HALL'S, P.G.C., initiation into Freemasonry. We are pleased in being permitted to record the numerous attendance and a most successful gathering, and to congratulate our good friend the P.G.C. on this happy commemoration of his useful and valuable Masonic life. But above all we are gratified to call attention to the words which follow, as most remarkably significant and explanatory of the true spirit of English Freemasonry: "The work of Masonry, it was explained by Past Master CARTER MORRISON, the Treasurer, had been fully carried out by the lodge; and as an instance that Masonry was not a sham, he stated that a young surgeon, a member of the lodge, many years ago met with a gun accident, and as he lay on a bank at Nutfield dying, commended his wife and four children to the benevolence of the lodge. The sum of £50 was taken to the widow that night, and £2543 was raised and invested for her and the children, who are now all out in the world doing well." Well done, No. 416! A full report is in type, and will appear next week.

THE "idea" thrown out by our esteemed correspondent, Bro. LETCHWORTH, suggests many very serious considerations. It constitutes a new departure from our most ancient regulations, and seems to affect the whole principle of Grand Lodge Membership. It is very doubtful how far the Craft at large would relish the proposal of committing our entire legislative powers in Grand Lodge to Grand Officers, Masters and Past Masters, and shutting out the Wardens. We doubt the possibility of carrying such a resolution, and introducing such a very marked alteration of our most ancient customs, and as we always object to needless changes, we cannot see our way to approve of or support so grave an innovation in the "established order of things." Much may be said in favour of our Wardens, historically, constitutionally, and realistically, in the abstract and the concrete. We think the fears of overcrowding exaggerated, for, as Bro. HAVERS well put it, the old Hall can accommodate the normal attendance of brethren. When such gatherings become abnormal we must either assemble elsewhere or have "overflow meetings." What was so successfully done on the last occasion may be advantageously repeated from time to time.

WE understand that the Mastership of the London University Lodge was offered to our worthy Bro. the LORD MAYOR. His many avocations compelled him to decline the honour, but he has consented to be the first Senior Warden. He is a distinguished graduate of London University. Our esteemed Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M. Essex, will be the first Master, and Bro. Dr. MEADOWS will be the Junior Warden. The petition for the lodge is signed by Bros. Sir FARRAR HERSHELL, Solicitor-General; RALPH GOODING, G.S.D.; W. G. LEMON, P.M.; R. P. McCORNEILL, P.M.; W. J. SPRATLING, Dr. A. C. MAYBURY, and others.

WE have received the following communication, which is on all fours with a previous leaderette of ours on the question:—"A commission of the Grand Orient, one of the great Masonic bodies of France, with which most of the Continental lodges are associated, has prepared an appeal to all jurisdictions of Freemasonry asking the restoration of official relations between the Grand Orient and all Freemasonries throughout the world. The one question which has for a number of years separated the Grand Orient from other jurisdictions is the absence in their rite of all recognition of Deity; the central conception of all other rites, a Divine Architect of the Universe, is ignored by the Grand Orient. The address which the commission has drawn up relies upon a common sentiment of fraternity as the one bond of union, and still ignores the main point of difference with other Masonic bodies. It is a matter of absolute certainty that no such appeal will receive any support amongst Masons in England, America, and the Colonies."

## THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

EXACTLY one calendar month hence the first of our Anniversary Festivals for the current year, that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be held. In 1883, this Benevolent Institution received its full one-third share of the total contributions obtained from all sources by our three Charities. This total was, in round figures, £56,000, of which the R.M.B.I. netted over £18,000. But the Festival yielded only some £13,200 of this, and it is on the success of the Festival that the Institution chiefly depends for its indispensable supply of cash.

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AND what is the amount of this "indispensable supply"—the supply which must be forthcoming if we would not leave our poor old folks to starve or seek refuge in the union? The friendly "Cocker" tells us that 163 male annuities at £40 each cost £6520; 167 female annuities at £32 each £5344; and 19 half male annuities, paid to certain widows, at £20 each, £380; total required for annuities, £12,244. But even this is by no means the limit of our "indispensable supply." A large institution requires a large outlay, and the last published accounts show that, even with the strictest regard to economy, a year's disbursements for salaries, rent, rates and taxes, repairs, printing and stationery, &c., &c., amount to £3060. Thus our grand total, made up of annuities £12,240, and management £3060, figures at the large sum of £15,300.

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OF this only £3600 is permanent income, namely, from Grand Lodge, £1600; Grand Chapter, £150; interest on invested moneys £1850; so that the big balance, the "indispensable" balance, of £11,700, must be raised, or one of the two following courses must be adopted. Either the capital must be trampled upon, and Heaven knows that is little enough already; or, the number of annuitants must be reduced! But dare we venture on either alternative? To trench upon capital is a suicidal policy and means the permanent reduction of fixed income. To reduce the number of annuitants would be an act of cruelty and utterly at variance with the solemn obligations we contracted at our entrance into Freemasonry. And in this instance the cruelty would be still more censurable. There are 126 old people appealing to us for help and only 17 can be assisted. Therefore, if we do no more than raise this balance of £11,700—say, a round £12,000—109 of these indigent Masons and widows of Masons must remain in comparative or absolute penury for at least another 12 months.

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WILL the Craft turn a deaf ear to the urgent entreaties of these 109 old people for the bare necessities of life, when a levy of only a few shillings all round will give them what they want? We think not. At least we trust not. Our hope is that when Bro. Grand Treasurer Allcroft, as Chairman, rises in his place at the Festival on Tuesday, the 26th February next, and appeals to the assembled Stewards and their friends for the "indispensable supply of cash" to keep the R.M.B.I. firm on its legs, it will be forthcoming. And not only forthcoming, but that there will be a fair margin over, so that not all the remaining 109 poor and almost penniless applicants, who cannot otherwise be relieved, may be sent empty away.

## CONSECRATION OF THE TILBURY LODGE, No. 2006.

On Wednesday week, the 16th inst., a new Masonic lodge for the Province of Essex was consecrated at the Contractors' Offices on the works at the site of the New Tilbury Docks. The ceremony was to have been performed by Lord Brooke, M.P., the Grand Master of the Province of Essex, but as his lordship had received the Prince of Wales's commands to be elsewhere, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., acted in his stead. In that duty he was assisted by Bro. R. Clowes, Prov. G.S.W., as Senior Warden; Bro. W. Sowman, Prov. G.J.W., as Junior Warden; Bro. the Rev. C. H. Roberts, of Chigwell, Prov. G. Chap., as Chaplain; Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., as Secretary; Bro. A. Lucking, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers., as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. T. F. Barrett, Past Prov. G. Reg., as Inner Guard. Amongst the other brethren who attended, besides those above mentioned, were

Bros. G. Corble, P.M. 453, P. Prov. G.J.W. Essex; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., Prov. G.A.D.C.; A. Durrant, P.M., Prov. G. Treas. Essex; R. D. Poppleton, P.M. 433, P. Prov. G.S.D. Essex; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P. Prov. G.D. Essex; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; G. Berry, P.M. 1000, Prov. Grand Secretary; W. V. Willson, I.P.M. 160, S.W. 1734; G. Lambart, P.M. 1460; W. Bridgland, J.W. 933; G. D. Dawson, J.W. 1000; H. Harper, P.M. 160, P.G.S.B.; R. M. Benson, 160; R. Pickering, P.M. 483; A. Huck, P.M. 453, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Child, P.M. 453, Prov. G.S. of W. Essex; E. Davison, 1626; R. Lloyd Williams, St. John's; J. Taylor, jun., S.W. 1817; D. Bartlett, W.M. 1343; T. P. Guffin, P.M. 1; W. L. Dudgeon, 33; W. J. Noad, 237; J. J. Berry, P.M. and P.Z. 254; W. J. Cramp, W.M. 58, P.G. Steward; F. J. Wingross, S.W. 1343; J. T. Norris, J.W. 1343; J. White, P.M. 228; O. Hackford, P.M.; R. C. Prickett, J.W. 1101; G. H. Hunt; J. C. Dwyer, 1328; J. R. Jones, 5, P.G.S.; J. J. Cavill, P.M. 1312; R. Payne, P.M. 1328; Bradshaw Browne, P.G. Steward, W.M. No. 1; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The brethren who had petitioned the Grand Master for a warrant constituting the lodge were Bros. Donald S. Baynes, S.W. 1506; A. Manning, 3; A. J. Dudgeon, 33; Joseph Randall, 913 and 1328; Frank Kirk, I.P.M. 1328; J. J. Hamilton, P.M. 1506 and 1692, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; J. M. Ross; W. H. Lockey, 1000; C. R. Walker; and W. Porter.

After the lodge had been formally opened, Bro. PHILBRICK explained the cause of the absence of Lord Brooke.

Bro. the Rev. C. H. ROBERTS then delivered the oration, in which he stated the principles of Masonry, and said that the institution was not a thing of word, but a thing of the heart, and anyone entering into it in a proper and true spirit must be a better man in life. He then exhorted the brethren to show the outer world by their acts and deeds that Masonic secrets were brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The ceremony of consecration was afterwards proceeded with and completed, and on the presentation of Bro. James Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C., Bro. Philbrick installed Bro. Donald S. Baynes as Master of the lodge. The brethren invested as officers were Bros. Augustus Manning, S.W.; Alexander Dudgeon, J.W.; Frank Kirk, P.M. 1328, Treas.; J. Randall, Sec.;

J. M. Ross, S.D.; Porter, I.G.; Hamilton, P.M., D.C.; and Rowe, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was afterwards accorded to the Consecrating Officer and those who assisted him, and they were all elected honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. PHILBRICK acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other Grand Officers.

A banquet, which was splendidly prepared and served, was subsequently partaken of at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER read the following telegram he had received from Lord Brooke: "Please express my great regret at my unavoidable absence. I shall be glad to attend the new lodge first opportunity." They were all excessively sorry his lordship had not been able to attend; but they were pleased that in his absence Bro. Philbrick had officiated so admirably. Even if they had had Lord Brooke to do the work his lordship could not have done it better.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," and said that the time which was left to them to catch the train being short his speeches also would be short, and for this reason he was unable to dilate fully on the Consecrating Officer's excellence, and must therefore ask Bro. Philbrick to excuse him for saying so little as merely to express the gratitude of the brethren to him for coming down to consecrate the lodge and install the W.M.

Bro. PHILBRICK in reply said it was always a very pleasing duty for the Grand Officers of the province to stand up to reply to such a toast, but he felt under somewhat peculiar circumstances because that evening he was representing the head and chief of the province, who would have been there in person but for the command of royalty, which no subject could disregard. The kindness of the brethren and the invaluable assistance of the Grand Officers—more particularly that of the Grand Chaplain who, in addition to the performance of his sacred duties led the choir at the consecration without which the ritual would have been incomplete—had enabled him to perform the consecration properly. He might mention also the Director of Ceremonies, than whom a more energetic and efficient officer did not exist. He would thank the officers of the province for their efforts in bringing the lodge into being and bringing it into the position in which it now was. Let him refer, not merely to the personal point of the consecration, but to the increase in the ranks of Masonry. The present addition to the lodges of Essex was a healthy sign. Till to-day there were 20 lodges in Essex, there were now 21. He hoped the number would justify the granting of the warrant. He entertained no doubt of it. The work had been done very well, and if it went on as it had begun and the "personnel" of the lodge continued to be as it was it would not be long before the lodge would have its representatives standing up for the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers. And now let him say it was not the number of the lodges that entirely constituted the strength of Masonry; it was the quality of those who were adherents—the state of the brethren. Masonry 25 years ago did not take the prominent position which it now so justly held in the eyes of those who belonged to it, and those who did not. The brethren of Essex well reflected, not only the feeling, the truth, and the principles of Masonry, but they knew what their tendency was—to make men good citizens in every relation of life. The public judged of Masons very much as Masons judged of themselves. When the Prince of Wales became Grand Master the public felt that whatever Masonry might be in countries where it had lost sight of the first principles, here it was true to its origin, and Masons were able to point to the noblest in the land as willing to accept the throne of the Order. The Order had been very prosperous, but Masons had its reputation in their own hands. They had no necessity to multiply their adherents for the mere sake of numbers; the privileges they possessed ought to be confined to worthy men alone, but to worthy men they were only too glad to extend the right hand of welcome. They had nothing to do with politics. Under Bro. Baynes he was sure the Tilbury Lodge would succeed. For their election as honorary member of the lodge he (Bro. Philbrick) on behalf of himself and the other Consecrating Officers returned the best thanks, and he trusted they would feel the honour not only as individual to themselves but to the Craft. He trusted that the future progress of the lodge might be all that they could wish.

Bro. PHILBRICK next proposed "The W.M.," of whom all the brethren had seen enough in lodge, and at the banquet table, to be sure that he would be a thoroughly good and efficient Master.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in responding said that the list of initiates who were coming on in the Tilbury Lodge was a good one, and if at the end of the first year the consecrating brethren would come down to the lodge, they would find the founders had a good report to give. He trusted that although the lodge was held in an out of the way place it would be as much an ornament to the province of Essex as any other in the county.

The toast of "The Visitors," and other toasts followed, and the brethren afterwards returned to town.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President; Bro. J. Brett, Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. The other brethren present were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, F. R. Spaul, Henry Garrod, G. P. Britten, John Noble, P.M. 975; Chas. Dairy, P.M. 141; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge; D. Steinhauer, W.M. 1326; James Wade, W.M. 1604; W. P. Brown, P.M. 90; Thos. Harper, P.M. 1216; J. H. Hammond, P.M. 1765; T. W. Eastgate, W.M. 1563; A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; John Skinner, I.P.M. 538; W. B. Heath, P.M. 198; Thos. Bull, P.M. 145; George Bean, W.M. 188; Charles Wyatt Smith, P.M. 898; C. B. Smith, W.M. 1382; George Chew, P.M. 1685; T. Holleyman, I.P.M. 1326; H. E. Frances, P.M. 452; W. F. Masters, W.M. 1339; Ebenezer Skett, W.M. 1598; John Davis, I.P.M. 879; E. W. Wilson, P.M. 16; J. Mander, P.M. 1201; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

GRAND SECRETARY first read the new Constitutions as far as they affected the Board of Benevolence, and stated that one of those rules requiring certificates of enquiry from the provinces from which petitioners hailed was the cause of so few cases being on the list that evening. This list consisted of 20 cases only.

The brethren then confirmed recommendations of the former meeting to the extent of £475.

GRAND SECRETARY in answer to a question said that the new Constitutions would be ready in about three or four weeks.

The PRESIDENT said letters had been received from several of the persons relieved at the December meeting, thanking the Board for the assistance rendered.

The brethren next proceeded with the new list, out of which two cases were deferred and one case was dismissed. The remaining sixteen petitioners were relieved with a total of £535, which was made up as follows:—One £150 (£150); one £75 (£75); one £50 (£50); two £25 each (£50); eight £20 each (£160); two £15 each (£30); and two £10 each (£20).

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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As to the Widows' Fund, the annual report of the Committee for 1850 contains all essential particulars. It has already been stated that Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter had arranged to grant £100 and £35 per annum respectively, and, in consideration of these payments, it was settled that the W. Master of every lodge, and the First Principal of every chapter, should be entitled to one vote each at every election of Female Annuitants. The recommendation of Grand Lodge that, for the sake of economy, the Committee of the Annuity Fund, as hitherto constituted, should take under their care the management of the new Fund was agreed to at a meeting specially held on the 26th April. It was further settled that a brother qualifying as Vice-President of the Female Fund should "ipso facto" become a member of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, and also that the Governors and Subscribers of both of its branches should assemble together at the Annual General Meeting, and act in common in all matters, except the election of Annuitants. Two Trustees had also to be elected in respect of the Widows' Fund, and other details in connection with the rules and regulations were of necessity carried out, the Charity, as extended and with the Asylum conjoined, bearing in full the name of "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows." As to the Officers, Bro. Farnfield became the Secretary with a salary of £120, of which £20 was paid in respect of the Widows' Fund, and Bro. John Nicholls, Collector of the old Annuity Fund, occupied the same position under the new arrangements, while Bros. John Barnes and R. Gardiner Alston were elected Trustees for the Widows' Fund, the Trustees of the Asylum or Building Fund remaining as heretofore in accordance with the scheme proposed at the time of its union with the Annuity Fund. All these matters were arranged at the Annual Meeting in May, 1850, from the report of which it further appears that the funded property of the Institution amounted to £6000 and the number of Male Annuitants to 50, of whom 42 remained from the previous year, and eight were then elected, namely, seven to fill vacancies and one additional. The annuities apportioned among these 50 brethren represented a total of £973, of which £828 was distributed among the 42 old and £145 among the eight new Annuitants. At the meeting at which the latter amount was assigned, a Sub-Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. R. G. Alston, H. Faudel, W. H. White, E. H. Patten, and S. B. Wilson, for the purpose of considering the alterations that it might be necessary to make in the rules and regulations of the Society consequent upon the extension of the Fund and the amalgamation of the Asylum. In July this Committee handed in their report, a part of which, so far as the Secretary and Collector are concerned, has already been noted, the only other feature requiring to be referred to being a resolution to the effect that the Annuitants in the order of their election should be communicated with, offering them in turn, and until the suites of apartments as yet available—18 in number—were provided with occupants, the option of becoming inmates of the Asylum. The result of these communications was made known in August, when it appeared that 31 had declined the accommodation offered them, while only seven had accepted, and one other, before delivering his answer, was anxious to know if his daughter might accompany him. Time had not allowed of replies being received from the others. In the case of those who had accepted, each was allowed to retain his annuity in full, and the Secretary was directed to write advising them to hold themselves in readiness to be admitted. In these circumstances it became necessary to frame rules for the conduct of the Asylum, and this task was entrusted to a Sub-Committee, which in due course recommended among other things, that a House Committee should be appointed consisting of nine members of the Committee of Management, with power to meet either at the Asylum or in London, on whom would devolve the general superintendence of the inmates and all matters connected with their comfort and conduct and the decent maintenance of the Asylum. There were also to be a Warden and Gatekeeper appointed from among the inmates, the former to receive £1 5s. per quarter in recognition of his services, and the latter 10s. As to the rules for the conduct of the Asylum, it is unnecessary to say more than that, while allowing all reasonable latitude to the residents and ministering considerably to their comfort, they were at the same time well calculated to maintain among them due order and decorum. In September, Bros. John Barnes, H. Faudel, J. Hodgkinson, E. H. Patten, John Savage, Thomas Tomblison, John Whitmore, S. B. Wilson, and W. L. Wright were elected a House Committee, to continue in office till June, 1851. It was also arranged that the accepted inmates, eight in number, should enter on residence on the 28th of the month, after which Bro. J. Whitmore, on behalf of the Building Committee, presented a complete financial statement of the affairs of that branch of the Institution. From this it appears that the payments to date for purchase of ground from Mr. Morland and conveyance of the same, on account of building contract, architect's commission, expenses of survey, laying out grounds, and expenses of consecration ceremony, amounted in round figures to £3390, while there was a further sum of £1993 due in respect of work done. The additional liabilities to complete the Asylum were

set down at £2308, raising the total cost to over £6992, of which, as has been stated, £3390 odd had already been paid, while the cash in hand amounted to £2037, leaving the balance required to be raised at a fraction over £1550.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

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It has been stated that the Asylum at Croydon was solemnly consecrated by Bro. Dobie on the 1st August, 1850, that subsequently the Annuitants in the order of their seniority on the list were invited to become inmates, and that some eight of them accepted the offer. These brethren were received into residence towards the end of September, and it is not a little singular that in almost the earliest minutes recorded after their reception we should have mention of a death occurring—that of the wife of a brother, who, in consequence of his loss, obtained leave to quit the Asylum and take shelter with his friends in the country. This happened in October, 1850, and in May of the following year is a similar record, only it is that of the brother himself—Bro. William Povey, one of the few annuitants borne on the old Asylum fund—who entered the Asylum on the 21st April and died on 9th May following. Such painful circumstances are expected to be met with in the records of such an Institution as this, whose inmates are of necessity well advanced in years when they are elected on the fund, while equally painful are the details to be found in the petitions of applicants, and in circumstances arising out of inquiries made in consequence of such petitions or for some other reason. Thus among the first body of Annuitants who elected to become inmates of the Asylum was a brother whose subsequent conduct raised doubts in the minds of the Committee as to whether it was desirable he should be received into the house. His sanity was questioned, and at length it was resolved to institute inquiries, Bros. Dr. Bainbridge and John Whitmore very kindly undertaking to wait on the brother and judge for themselves. These gentlemen, in due course, reported that as to his mental capacity it was sound enough, but he was a man of violent temper and easily excited. His bodily health was deplorable, and no doubt the change of scene and air would benefit him; but if he were removed thither, his niece, whose attendance upon him was indispensable, would be compelled to give up the wretched pittance she was earning towards their joint support, and, therefore, as well as having regard to his irascible temperament, they considered his removal to the Asylum would not be desirable, while they deeply regretted the regulations of the Institution did not allow of his annuity (£10) being increased. The picture is sad enough, yet the following additional particulars obtained from the mistress of the house where the brother and his devoted niece resided make it still more harrowing. The latter is described as "a very worthy and exemplary young woman, who attended to her uncle's wants and contributed to his comforts out of her own miserable hard earnings of 5s. per week as a cap maker," and the landlady said that he (the annuitant) "paid a rent of 3s. per week for the room in which he and his niece lived, and that he was eight weeks in arrear; that so long as his niece continued in constant employment they managed to have a daily, although scanty, supply of food; that they never had any meat, and but rarely a bit of fish; but that when she was out of work, as was sometimes the case, then they endured great privations." And the people of whom this is recorded where once upon a time in comfortable and perhaps even in affluent circumstances!

But to resume the thread of our story. In February, 1851, was held the first festival in aid of the funds of the "Institution." M.W. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, was to have presided, but his place was taken (at the last moment) by Bro. B. B. Cabbell, M.P., P.G.J.W., among the Stewards—who, all told, mustered only 25—being Bros. R. J. Spiers, W. H. White, Grand Sec.; John Hervey, and S. B. Wilson, together with the following, who happily still survive, namely, Bros. H. W. Eaton, M.P., P.G.J.W.; T. R. White, P.G.S.D.; and J. Symonds, P.G.A.D.C. The sum announced was £894 17s. In May the annual meeting was held, when the number of male annuitants, was increased by one to 51, and five widows, being the only approved applicants, were elected on the Female Fund without ballot. It was announced, that on the recommendation of the Earl of Zetland, Grand Lodge had voted £500 towards the repairs and sustentation of the Building at Croydon. Bro. Thomas L. Henley's offer to attend the inmates gratuitously was accepted and he was appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, and the ladies who had presented purses of five guineas at the consecration were admitted to the same voting privileges as subscribers of £10.

(To be continued.)

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1884.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I venture to think that the circular, or "pronuncia-  
miento," of Grand Officers and others on the subject of the  
forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer will "invoke"  
something more than the "perusal" you editorially claim  
for it. The first "attention" it will "command" will be  
that of regret to see any number of brethren call upon  
another, as the signers call upon Bro. Allcroft, to forego and  
throw on one side an honourable understanding, and I fear  
that it will "invoke" no little indignation to see the cham-  
pion of yearly election of the only office Grand Lodge has  
it in its power to bestow, by election, calmly resign himself  
to the position of a permanent holder of the office.

That there was the "understanding" of yearly election  
to the office between the present Grand Treasurer and his  
electors cannot, I think, be denied. If the election had  
been one between Bro. Allcroft and Bro. Creaton there  
would have been no doubt as to the result. Who would  
have thought of comparing Bro. Allcroft's services in the  
Craft to Bro. Creaton's? Why, in the question of services  
to the Craft Bro. Creaton was first and his last year's op-  
ponent was nowhere! It was said that Bro. Allcroft had been  
a Mason for 40 years; but during that 40 years he had  
been absolutely out of the Craft, almost as much as if he  
had never belonged to it. If it had not been that the breth-  
ren were asserting a principle, and argued, as it is well  
known they did, that Bro. Col. Creaton would receive no  
wrong by the position being passed on, year by year, to  
those whom the Craft generally might feel disposed to hon-  
our, Bro. Allcroft would never have displaced the worthy  
Past Grand Treasurer, and it must be regarded as a slight  
to Bro. Creaton, after his splendid services to the Craft, that  
he should have to see it proposed, by some Grand Officers,  
too (!); that his displacement should have been, not, as they  
told him last year, on a matter of principle, but merely to  
make way for one who was almost unknown in the Craft,  
and had certainly of his own services not achieved the  
honour to which he was elected.

The circular speaks of the "concern" with which its  
signers have heard of the proposal to elect a Treasurer  
every year, as if the matter was entirely new to them, and  
I am sure that the vast number of uncircularising brethren  
will also have "concern" at seeing the readiness with  
which some of the rulers in the Craft will assist in over-  
throwing an understanding made with the great body of the  
electors, country as well as London, in Grand Lodge  
assembled. And here it must be remarked that the circular,  
while "deprecating any splitting up of the Craft,"  
with a lack of frankness, to say the least, endeavours to  
set the town and country brethren by the ears with the in-  
sinnuation that the proposal is one made by "some London  
brethren." If this is a specimen of the desire of the  
circularisers to maintain peace and harmony, it is to be re-  
gretted that their spokesman did not write in the unknown  
tongue, for the assertion would be likely to cause misunder-  
standing, if the object of it were dim.

The brother who is proposed for election to the office of  
Grand Treasurer, Bro. Horace Marshall, is one of whom  
many can speak in clear and distinct terms. I have not  
the honour of that brother's acquaintance, and in the whole  
course of my life I have only seen him twice, and that out  
of the Craft, so that my advocacy of his election is not  
dictated by private friendship. This I can say of him,  
that he was a Mason in his heart long before he was  
initiated, for his heart was ever open to the calls of  
charity. His answer to the calls of charity were not  
made, as, alas! too many are made, for purposes of  
ostentation; but they were made in pure benevolence.  
Immediately he saw Masonic light the Masonic Charities  
benefited to an extent, in his own name, and in the name  
of his family, so greatly as to be princely, and this, too,  
being done spontaneously. I know of cases (unpub-  
lished in any way) in which he has been appealed to by  
well-credited persons whom he never saw, on behalf of the  
widow or orphan, or both, and he has sent them rejoicing  
away. No question of "London" or "country" has  
stood in the way. Last year an appeal was made to him  
on behalf of a Kentish brother's boy whom the county of  
Kent could not carry in, and he, without even knowing  
those who appealed to him, and only taking the case on its  
merits, paid at once £150 for votes, in addition to large  
sums he had already paid, and in all did ten times the  
benevolence towards a Kentish brother's widow and orphan  
than the whole county did! and this was a case which the  
Provincial Grand Lodge had voted to support. Bro.  
Horace Marshall has never sought the office at the hands  
of the Craft; but on the score of work in the Craft it will  
be seen that whatever number of years others have served,  
he at least has been a faithful worker in a direction which  
all the brethren can appreciate, and his position as a donor  
to the Craft Charities will bear comparison with what even  
some counties have given. A remark has been made in  
the circular about Bro. Allcroft being a "man of good  
means and position." The brother who will be proposed  
to succeed this brother in the position of Grand Treasurer  
will, in this respect, do honour to the purple, so that the  
signers of the circular need have no "concern" on that  
score.

Apologising, dear sir and brother, for having been  
tempted, like the circularisers, beyond the length of my  
cable, I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
JOHN WHILE, P.M. and P.Z. 228.

**THE GRAND MASTERS LODGE, No. 1.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The distinguished lodge above-named requires no  
poor words of mine to enhance its credit, or commend its  
services to Masonry. Its prestige is well known, and those  
worthy brethren who form part of it are alike warmly re-  
garded and sincerely appreciated by the Craft. What I write  
I write therefore simply as an antiquary to an antiquarian  
audience. In the *Times* of Monday last appeared a para-  
graph saying among other things that the Grand Masters  
Lodge was called the Grand Masters Lodge "for other  
antiquarian reasons."

Strictly speaking, the Grand Masters Lodge is No. 1 by  
an accident. At the Union lots were drawn for precedence,  
and the Antients winning, their leading lodge became No. 1,  
the oldest lodge of all, now Antiquity, No. 2, formerly  
Antiquity, No. 1, taking second place on the United List.  
As compared historically to No. 2 and others, No. 1  
is a comparatively modern lodge. The Lodge of Antiquity,  
No. 2, is, in one sense, the oldest lodge in the world, and  
no other really of all lodges. The only lodge that can  
possibly compete with it is a lodge probably at York,  
—from 1086 to 1090. Thanks to the labours of many  
distinguished Masonic students, and to one of the youngest  
of them—Bro. Rylands—the existence of a seventeenth  
century Freemasonry is now placed beyond a doubt. We have  
traces of a lodge at Warrington, in Chester, in Staffordshire,  
in London, York, at Swallow, and Alnwick, and the history  
of that most interesting period has yet to be "dug up"  
and developed.

Unfortunately so far no earlier evidences exist in London  
(as far as is yet ascertained) before 1722, and we are thus  
far completely ignorant of the actual facts of the revival  
in 1717, beyond the bare bald statement of Anderson, who  
has been entirely followed by Preston, and from whom all  
subsequent writers have taken their cue. But it seems to  
the writer of this letter that two sources of information  
as regards 1717 were formerly extant, both of which are  
now apparently not forthcoming, namely, that which  
Anderson used, (and which is *not* at Freemasons' Hall),  
and that which was paraphrased by the unknown author of  
"Multa Paucis." It may be well before I finish this letter  
to put these two accounts side by side, so to say.  
Anderson states that *four* lodges assembled, and some old  
brethren met together and revived Grand Lodge. The  
author of "Multa Paucis" says *six* lodges. Which is  
right? For this, and other reasons, a fresh search ought  
to be made in all lodge chests and the like, as it is more  
than probable that older documents than any yet known  
by us still exist in some "safe depository."—Fraternally  
yours,  
ANTIQUARY.

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most  
effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a  
steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage  
being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is  
supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so  
much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for  
descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and  
Co. (Limited) 228, Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists,  
who often sell an Imitation of our Moc-Main. J. White and Co.  
have not any agents.—[ADVT.]



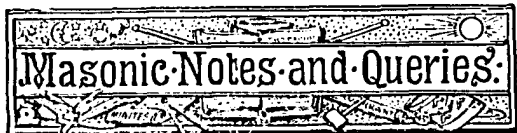
**A LEXICON OF FREEMASONRY.** By ALBERT  
MACKEY. Seventh edition, revised. With an Appen-  
dix compiled by Bro. M. C. PECK, P.M., P.Z.

This republication of Mackey's original Lexicon seems  
to us a slight anomaly in the history and interests of Ma-  
sonic archaeology, inasmuch as it is a reproduction of an  
admittedly inchoate and incomplete work, though good in  
its way and useful at the time it was first published. It  
has in fact been completely superseded by Mackey's  
"Magnum Opus," and we do not quite see the object, the  
"raison de être," of the present publication, however well  
done or ably edited. The editor states that the appendix  
is brought up to date, but as we note the name of Molart  
perpetuated when Molash is the real name, we cannot  
quite agree with the worthy editor that this is so. As  
regards "Broached Thurnel," however ingenious the  
suggested explanation, it is in our humble opinion  
neither correct or tenable. Had there been in the  
tracing board in Clavel a rough and smooth ashlar, and a  
third nondescript figure, we might have been ready to con-  
cede that there was something in Mackey's hypothesis.  
But that is not so. It is clear, whatever the said figure is  
intended to be, it is in antithesis to the rough, and we are  
inclined to think that Mackey was right in his original  
view of the smooth and perfect ashlar. At the same time,  
as is said in "Kenning's Cyclopaedia," the matter is not  
without difficulty. The figure in Clavel, whose illustrations  
are not at all reliable by the way, looks like a perfect  
ashlar into which a handle of some kind is let in. We can,  
even with the aid of a magnifying glass, discover no traces  
of a spired turret; more perfectly described it would seem  
to be a worked piece of stone with a cap of wood or metal and  
a handle. It may be a covered "Lewis." Mackey has taken  
this second explanation, contrary to his first, from Parker,  
but it is odd that Parker in his small glossary leaves out the  
word "Thurnel" altogether, as an ingenious friend of ours  
remarks. The word broach, brooch, brooch, has  
several meanings, the principal one being a spit. To  
boach is to tap. Thurnel may be a corruption of  
Tournelle, as Tournelle is undoubtedly a turret, but of a  
turreted spire or spit we can find no trace. Parker  
mentions that the term to "broach" seems to be also used  
in old building accounts, perhaps for cutting the stones in  
the form of "Voussiors." The "Voussiors" are the wedge-  
shaped stones of which an arch is constituted, the centre  
one being called the keystone. On the whole, we do not  
see that anything has been advanced to shake the expla-  
nation, though perhaps still it is not quite clear, that  
the Broached Thurnel was a term for what we call the per-  
fect, or smooth, ashlar, unless that it had a covering  
to it, pointed and fitting to it closely, so as to be lifted  
by a handle or concealed lewis or cramp. Even then we hardly  
see how the apprentices were to learn to work upon it. We  
cannot concur either with the remarks on "Tests," as these  
catechisms rest on the authority of Oliver, and Oliver cannot  
be relied on. For example, his great mistake in respect of  
those who took an active part in the revival of 1717, and who  
were only those who were present at the initiation of the  
Prince of Wales many years later, and some of whom were  
probably not Masons in 1717, shows how with him the "wish  
is father to the thought," and on what "sheep-walking" our  
Masonic assertions for the most part rest. All these varieties  
of so-called tests and catechisms are taken, moreover, from  
the "Grand Mystery," and similar catechetical forms, while  
we know of no authority since Oliver's for giving the  
names of Wren, Anderson, Clare, &c., to such assumed  
changes. There is no authoritative evidence available until  
we come to the time of Preston, and as Oliver is careful not  
to give us his authority, it is impossible to accept any such  
statements off-hand as historically correct. The remark-  
able able Sloane MS., no doubt, shows us that even in the  
seventeenth century probably some such catechetical forms  
were in existence; but we must be careful about receiving  
as real and reliable the dogmatic declarations of Oliver, which  
rest more on his own subjective sense of the eternal fitness of  
things than on anything else. As an example of his method  
he takes the Grand Mystery of 1723, and declares it to be  
Wren's Catechism of 1663. "Ex hoc disce omnia."

**THOUGHTS ON THE THRESHOLD.** By CHARLES  
WM. DUNCAN, 1883. Chester: Edward Thomas,  
Pepper-street.

This is an extremely thoughtful and well written pamphlet,  
and a very able and interesting communication by a brother  
Masonic student. It deserves careful perusal and serious  
thought, and as we do not in this column affect on any  
occasion to speak the mere words of childish compliment,  
or idle adulation, we are glad at the outset to express our  
humble opinion of the extreme ability which marks it from  
first to last. And we do so with greater satisfaction and  
more readiness, because we do not agree with all the con-  
clusions of the writer. We think for instance, he has  
"shaved too close to the wind" as regards the mysteries.  
Oliver saw and felt the difficulty when dealing with that  
classical view of which Hutchinson may be said to be the  
sponsor. He invented the term of the spurious and real  
mysteries, a hopeless way of settling an unovercomeable  
"Crux." The mysteries no doubt originally retained the  
"Primeva Religio," but being corrupted as ages run on, can  
only be safely considered in the history of Freemasonry as  
containing a portion of common truth, always overlaid,  
often misunderstood. We admit the difficulty of connecting  
Roman Collegia with Grecian "Summoria;" with Tyrian  
and Jewish sodalities, and then again with the "Magistri  
Comacenses," and still further with the earliest Christian  
Guilds of which Hope speaks so confidently. Here is the  
real dilemma of the true Guild theory, which, attractive  
and no doubt realistic, can hardly now be accepted as the  
only explanation of the perpetuation and preservation of  
Masonry. Accordingly Bro. Duncan reproduces a Templar  
theory of his own, which we fear must go the way of other  
Templar theories. At the same time we make this remark  
we clearly admit the possibility of a "secreta receptio"  
more or less Masonic among the Templars, and we think it  
not at all improbable that they attached Guilds of Masons to  
their Preceptories, and gave them a secret organization  
and mystic teaching. But any idea that the Templars  
"qua" Templars after their suppression kept up Templary  
must be given up as simple "Muthos." The northern

Templars, for we know even their names, were divided among the Monasteries, the southern were partly so, but certainly we have never heard of them in any such sense or form, until under Dunckerley about 1770-So! Bro. Duncan states, we know not on what authority, that Sir Christopher Wren was a Templar, and that Templars existed in the seventeenth century in London. While we admit that Rosicrucian fratres and Hermeticism of some kind existed,—we know nothing historically of Templary as perpetuated; we never in fact heard before, though we have heard of many curious theories, that Sir Christopher Wren was supposed to be a Templar. We should like a little authority for "it is certain" for such new and startling statements. The word "free" certainly did not come from the Templars; as applied to Freemasons, it probably arose from the privileges accorded by Charles Martel to the Masons, and hence the Masonic Guilds became Free-Masonic. Bro. Carson some time ago put forward an equally mythical proposition, that Dermott's Schism was the result of the Theistic Alterations of Anderson, and that the dissidents were Templars. It was then shown in the *Freemason* that this way of writing Masonic history in 1883 was purely unsound and unsafe, and landed us in a quagmire practically of unhistorical statements and uncritical dogmatism. But we part with the able author of "Thoughts on the Threshold," hoping soon to see some other contribution of his pen, with every feeling of goodwill and sympathy. We thank him for his very able and well written communication, and are only sorry that we cannot quite concur in all his conclusions, put forward as they are with so much commendable clearness and such agreeable freshness of style.



### 288] HISTORIES OF LODGES.

I have received as valued gifts the following histories of lodges since writing the list of such works I have, in the *Freemason* for 22nd December, 1883: "Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Hertford" (1879), Bro. T. S. Carter; "Freemasonry in Staffordshire" (1882), Bro. T. Ward Chalmers (kindly sent by Bro. J. Bodenham, of Newport, Salop); "Mother Lodge Kilwinning, No. 0" (1882), R.W. Bro. Robert Wylie; "Royal Lodge, Chester," extinct (1883), Bro. T. B. Whythead; "Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London" (1866), Bro. W. M. Bywater; "Airedale Lodge, No. 387" (1st edition, 1877, and 3rd edition, 1880), Bro. J. Ramsden Riley; and I have also obtained a copy of the "History of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, London," by Bro. W. W. Morgan. There are still others I want, which I shall be glad to purchase, so as to complete my list, or if not allowed to pay for them I will gladly reciprocate in any way possible. W. J. HUGHAN.

### 289] ROSICRUCIAN WORKS.

Two valuable little works have recently fallen into my possession. One is, "Advice to a Daughter in Opposition to the Advice to a Son." By Eugenius Theodidactus. London: printed by J. Moxon, for Francis Collins, at the Golden Anchor, in Tower-street, at Mincheon-lane end. 1658." This is said by a previous possessor to be written by the Rosicrucian, John Heydon, who wrote "The Wise Man's Crown; or the Glory of the Rosie Cross, 1661," "The Rosie Cross Uncovered, 1662," &c. Lowndes says he wrote as Eugenius Theodidactus. But I doubt if he was the author of this work, for various reasons, and above all the words of the writer in the preface, but think that rather "E. J." who signs the verses, is. It has been said that this work was written in opposition to another by Osborne called, "Advice to a Son." The only reference to Rosicrucianism is in the preface. The second is "The Fame and Confession of the Fraternity of the Community of the Rosie Cross." Translated by Eugenius Philalethes. London: printed by J. M. M. Giles Calvert, at the Black Spread Eagle, at the West-end of Paul's, 1652." This work, known to Rosicrucian collectors and writers, by Thomas Vaughan, is a great landmark in the history of Rosicrucian literature, though comparatively late, inasmuch as it seems to point without a doubt to the existence of a real confraternity, a fact doubted by some writers. It is in main a translation of the "Fama Fraternalis," &c., a German Work, written probably by one Yung. Robert Fludd had written some three works before this, all published abroad, and though other small tracts may yet turn up, this work seems to prove that no English printed Rosicrucian work appeared until 1652. Fludd's "Apologia Compendaria," 1606; his "Tractatus Apologeticus," 1617; and his "Summum Bonum," 1623; are all published in Holland and in Frankfort.

### ROSIE CROSS.

### 290] "A MASONIC UNIFORM."

On the 10th September, 1881, the well-known "Masonic Student" asked for an explanation of the statement in Hone's "Table Book" (1827, page 104), "The Duke of Cumberland, as Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of York, were in the new uniform of the Britannic Lodge," &c., at a grand Masonic ball at the "Star and Garter," in Pall Mall. I am not aware this query was answered, though "Masonic Student" said "I believe the Duke of York was initiated at Berlin." I have just come across the paragraph, and now reply "Better late than never." H.R.H. the Duke of York was initiated in the "Britannic Lodge" (now No. 33), on Nov. 21st, 1787. H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was also initiated in the same lodge. I am not aware that the other two Princes belonged to the lodge. Bro. J. H. Neilson's interesting letter on "Masonic Uniforms" in the *Freemason* for October 1st, 1881, should be carefully noted. W. J. HUGHAN.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—The sudden changes, frequent fogs, and pervading dampness sorely impede the vital functions, and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these disasters lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious vapours, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these Pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—(Adv.)

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The quarterly meeting was held on the 16th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Halifax, under the banner of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., presided, assisted by Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., his Deputy, and about 200 brethren were present. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Whiteley, P.M., the Grand Lodge entering at 2.30.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave an address, in which he said it was agreeable to look back upon the year now gone and to feel that the Craft had done good as well as complimentary work. The results showed how their efforts had tended to strengthen the Craft and consolidate its laws. The work of confirming the revision of the new Book of Constitutions was a labour not unworthy of their mutual congratulations; this was done at the meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 5th December, at which their well-beloved Deputy, Bro. Tew, and many of them were present, under the able and patient direction of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon. Their acknowledgments were due to this most able Master in the Craft, who, through many weary hours, did wisely, laboriously, and judiciously rule its deliberations. Many might regret some changes which had been made in the old Book of Constitutions, and there were others who would have welcomed modifications which had not been accepted. It, however, appeared to him that the characteristic features of their ancient Constitutions had not been materially modified. Bro. G. E. Webster, of Sheffield, Prov. Grand Reg., would shortly report the proceedings in Grand Lodge, in reference to the rebuilding scheme of Freemason's Hall. The opinion of West Yorkshire Masons on this proposal of the London Building Committee were generously supported by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, in Grand Lodge, as well as in his own large province, and by contingents of brethren from the two provinces of Lancashire, as well as from Northumberland, Cheshire, Cumberland, Westmorland, North and East Yorkshire, and many more. West Yorkshire mustered nearly 100 brethren, and he thanked them for the ready help displayed on this memorable occasion, and the sacrifice made of valuable time for the best part of three days to the consideration of the London scheme. The London Special Committee had doubtless acted in good faith in propounding, after the fire which injured Freemasons' Hall, their reconstruction scheme, which had one great object in view, and that seemed to be to build a large hall at an immense cost, some £40,000, to buy up worn-out leases, and then virtually to hand over the freehold premises, the property of the Craft, to a firm of refreshment contractors, by granting them a lease for 50 years. Commercial principles were apparently hardly thought of. But the most disappointing aspect of the proposal of the London Committee, when it came before the Grand Lodge, was to find them adhering to their scheme after this province had, by calling attention to their plans, aroused a feeling of protest in the minds of a large majority of the London Masons and the whole of the provincial brethren. The suggestions of the London Special Building Committee were not confirmed on the 5th December last, and the resolution so ably proposed by Bro. Webster, P.M. 139, seconded by Bro. Heelis, P. Prov. Registrar East Lancashire, was carried almost unanimously. Three names were then added to the Special Committee—Capt. Beswicke Royds, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., and our indefatigable Bro. Thomas William Tew, the Deputy of this province, and Senior Grand Deacon of England. The Rebuilding Committee thus reconstituted have since met twice in London. He hoped the conclusions ultimately arrived at might be in strict accordance with the resolution of the 5th December. Sir Henry having referred to the Royal receptions at York, Leeds, and Huddersfield, expressed satisfaction at the generous subscription lists announced for last year on behalf of their three great Masonic Charities, which were as follows: Benevolent £18,449, Girls' School £12,050, Boys' School £25,010, total £55,509; towards which sum West Yorkshire has contributed—Boys £1500, Girls £420, Benevolent £645, total £2565.

Bro. TEW, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, delivered some wholesome advice to the brethren on the carrying out of the regulations and arrangements of the Craft, especially on the prompt and accurate rendering of returns.

The roll of lodges showed that nearly all the province had representation at the meeting.

Bro. WEBSTER, Prov. Grand Reg., gave an interesting account of the Grand Lodge meeting in December last, which was received with applause. Expression was also given by the brethren to the fact that if their attendance were wanted on any future occasion the Provincial Grand Lodge might rely on a very general support.

After the lodge business a banquet was held, at which Sir Henry Edwards presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. J. Foster, of the White Swan Hotel, was the purveyor.

The following were among the Provincial Grand Officers present: Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec.; Revs. W. C. Lukis, W. L. Longsdon, J. Pearce, M.A., I. Parkinson, and J. Needham, Chaps.; Thomas Hill, J. Wordsworth, George Scarborough, C. T. Rhodes, C. Crabtree, J. W. Monckman, W. Gaukroger, W. W. Widdop, E. Walshaw, S. O. Bailey, J. Beanland, J. Booth, B. Broughton, E. M. Wavell, jun., George E. Webster, Allen Haigh, Thomas Ruddock, Robert Craig, J. Binney, W. Harrop, C. J. Schott, J. Barker, Joseph Lowenthal, W. Hall, J. G. Hutchinson, and Charles Brumm.

The next meeting will be held at Huddersfield in April.

## MASONIC SOIREE AND BALL AT SALFORD.

On Monday evening, the 14th inst., a most successful soiree took place in the Masonic Hall, Peel-crescent, Salford. The new W.M. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 852, Bro. C. H. Wheeler, and a few other popular members of the lodge formed themselves into a Committee of Management, and by the arrangements which had been made for the comfort and convenience of the company these brethren must have worked very hard. The banquet-room had for the nonce been improvised into a concert-room, at one end of which was a raised platform for the orchestra, and at the other a very tastefully-arranged grotto, in the midst of which played a fountain, whilst the subdued lights shining upon

the sprays of water and bright metal fringe had a most pleasing effect. A number of ladies and brethren arrived at 7.30, and took their seats in front of the platform, from which several brethren contributed songs and recitations for the pleasure of the company. The concert terminated with a very clever legerdemain performance by Professor Houlan, who was most successful in all his tricks, and created considerable fun and merriment. After partaking of refreshment the company repaired to the ball-room, where they danced with great zest and enjoyment until the small hours of the morning.

The following Wednesday, Bro. Wheeler, who seemed determined to inaugurate his tenure of office with harmless mirth and glee, gave a juvenile ball and party. A large number of young ladies and gentlemen, amongst the latter being several Lewises, assembled shortly before six o'clock, accompanied by their parents and guardians, and partook of tea, after which a variety of entertainments were provided for their youthful amusement, including "Punch and Judy," a magic lantern, &c., the evening's recreation terminating with dancing, which the young people entered into with great spirit, returning home at a rather late hour with their friends, apparently well satisfied with the evening's amusements.



## Craft Masonry.

**GRAND MASTERS LODGE (No. 1).**—Installation of the Lord Mayor.—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 21st inst., and as the present Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman R. N. Fowler, was the W.M. elect, a large assemblage of members and visitors was present to do honour to the choice of the lodge. There were present Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; A. J. McIntyre, G. Reg., P.G.W.; Sir J. B. Monckton, Pres. of the Board of Gen. Purposes; J. Derby Alcroft, G. Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Ghap.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; R. H. Giraud, P.G.D.; Frank Green, G.D.; J. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; J. H. Devonshire, G.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; Alderman Staples, W.M. 2020; Alderman Waterlow, J. W. Fuller, W. Ratcliffe Steel, W. A. Colls, J. Taylor Smith, Pearce Morrison, C.C., J. Rock, J. Crawford, J.P., T. Dimsdale, J. C. Dimsdale, A. B. Friend, C. J. Smith, E. Anderton, J. L. Mather, P.P.G.W. Herts; F. H. Goldney, Deputy Edmeston, George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; E. Sydney, W. Townend, T. A. Fisher, G. S. Gregory, W. Bristow, J. L. Lawes, R. C. Driver, J. Sexton Simmonds, W. Lake, P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Ex-Under-Sheriff Wragg, E. Tanner, W. Wilding, Johnson, C.C.; R. Eve, A. G. Medwin, E. Pryce Jones, Alfred Brookman, Joseph Langton, Joseph D. Langton, F. Sharp, E. H. Sharp, W. Muggerridge, T. F. Smith, J. W. Fitch, R. Belt, R. G. Hall, T. R. E. H. Stilwell, Shipp, A. Edean, T. Beard, C.C., C. Martham Rae, T. W. McAnally, W. Bennett, S. Knight, S. Hall, R. E. Williams, T. Minstrell, F. B. Williams, E. Cuffin, R. S. Archbold, T. Bland, A. G. Browning, J. G. Horsey, J. Griffin, H. L. Dixon, R. T. Kingham, Ex-Under Sheriff W. W. Crawford, W. D. Lewis, P. T. Gerard, W. C. Jackson, R. C. Ludlow, A. Roper, J. Hawes, W. Russell, W. J. Crump, H. Taylor, J. Andrews, W. J. Vivian, J. L. Cross, W. H. Saunders, G. W. G. King, H. Partridge, W. E. Stewart, G. Hake-well, W. Bateman, C. J. Shoppee, W. T. Ansen, G. Fleming, and many others, the guests who were present to do honour to the Lord Mayor numbering in all upwards of 170.

The present Lord Mayor is the third chief magistrate who, during the last five years, has presided over the No. 1 lodge, the other two Lord Mayors being Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott and Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, and in Bro. Alderman Fowler Grand Masters Lodge will have a Worshipful Master who will add additional lustre to the long roll of distinguished men who have occupied that chair. The Lord Mayor is already a Past Master and a Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Wilts.

The lodge in the absence of the W.M., was opened by Bro. Ralph Gooding, P.M., G.S.D., and a candidate being in attendance, he was duly initiated, the ceremony being very ably performed. The W.M., Bro. Bradshaw Brown, then occupied the chair and proceeded to install his successor, the prescribed ritual the addresses especially being admirably rendered. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bro. G. Martin, S.W.; R. Morland Bishop, J.W.; R. Herve Gerard, Treas. (this being the fifty-second year he has served the office); Dr. Ralph Gooding, Sec.; J. W. Fuller, S.D.; J. Holah, J.D.; and G. Ratcliffe Steel, I.G.

The banquet was served in a very admirable manner, under the personal directions of Bro. Dawkins.

The Lord Mayor, who gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, was received with enthusiastic cheering.

Bro. Bradshaw Brown, in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said there were several reasons why he should not detain them very long in submitting this important toast, and the first was that it was getting late; but the more important reason was that they had already signified, or rather discounted, the toast by their very enthusiastic reception and by the unanimous manner in which they had elected the Lord Mayor so unanimously to be Master of the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1. During the five or six years that the Lord Mayor had belonged to the lodge he had endeared himself to every individual member. When therefore the question arose as to the Mastership for the year the unanimous voice was concentrated on the Lord Mayor. That must have been very pleasing to him, as it was satisfactory and pleasing to themselves. They had the greatest satisfaction in electing him Worshipful Master, and they were glad of this opportunity of paying a tribute of respect and esteem to one who had very greatly distinguished himself in civic life. He was not going so far as the distinguished Frenchman, who, in describing the Royal Exchange, said in front might be seen the words: "The earth is the Lord Mayor's, and the fulness thereof;" but he would say this

that he was convinced that the toast he had given would be most rapturously received. They had it on the evidence of one of the highest and most illustrious—in the opinion of some men in the land—that the Lord Mayor was an honest man, and with such a graceful tribute, what need he say more, particularly when they had so unanimously chosen the Lord Mayor to fill the office of Worshipful Master.

The Lord Mayor in reply said that he had already had the honour of having occupied the chair of King Solomon in another lodge, and he was also a Grand Warden of the province in which that lodge was situated, and therefore he had some reluctance in accepting the office they had so unanimously conferred upon him. He felt that it was hardly fair that he should, as a Past Master, stand in the way of other brethren, thereby putting them back a year, and so preventing other brethren from occupying that position which was the source of ambition to every Mason. He had especially to thank the Senior Warden, who would have filled the position with honour to himself and advantage to the lodge—for having so gracefully desired to stand aside that he (the Lord Mayor) should occupy the chair. He had to say the same to the other officers, whom he thanked most heartily for having allowed him to take the position he then filled. It was a very great honour indeed to be Master of the No. 1 Lodge. The warrant he had the honour to receive that day was dated 1759, and although there might be other lodges who might claim to be older than theirs, they must feel that a lodge which had existed for a century and a quarter, when there were very few Masons in this country, until now, when Masonry was in the ascendant and when, from the Prince of Wales downwards, the noblest in the land belonged to them, was entitled to their highest respect. He should depart a little from the toast list to propose "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Bradshaw Brown," who had occupied in so distinguished a manner during the past year the position which he (the Lord Mayor) had the honour to fill. He was a very excellent Mason, and one who had presided over them with great honour and great distinction. They were all united in the earnest desire that the great Architect of the Universe would spare him for a long course of years to hold his position as a Past Master of the No. 1 Lodge, and call back with satisfaction the very pleasant year of office he had spent in that lodge.

Bro. Bradshaw Brown replied, and the Lord Mayor then gave "The Health of the Visitors," to which Capt. Sir W. Wiseman, the Rev. Canon Townsend, and Bro. Binckes responded.

"The Initiate" was next proposed by the Lord Mayor. Bro. Pryce Jones replying.

In proposing "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," the Lord Mayor again thanked them for having allowed him to occupy the position he did. He felt convinced that no lodge had a better staff of officers than the No. 1 Lodge.

Bro. George Martin responded, stating the pleasure it gave him and the other officers to stand aside, feeling sure that in the Lord Mayor they had one of the best Masons they possibly could have. In succeeding the Lord Mayor he should feel that the office of Worshipful Master had an added grace which otherwise it could not have had.

The Tyler's toast followed, and the proceedings which had been of a very enthusiastic and cordial character terminated. A choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed, under the direction of Bro. A. Hooper, by Miss Frances Hipwell, Bro. Egbert Roberts, Miss Marie Schumann, and Bro. W. Latter.

**LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).**—A very pleasant gathering of "Old Antiquity" took place on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Chas. Rivington was duly installed into the chair of that ancient and immemorial lodge by Bro. Sharon G. Turner, the outgoing Master. Bro. Turner performed the interesting ceremony with his wonted efficiency, and gave great pleasure to all. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Letchworth, P.M., S.W.; Ames, J.W.; Col. Stuart, Chancellor; Philbrick, Q.C., Orator; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Chap.; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Treas.; E. J. Barron, Sec.; J. S. Peirce, D. of C.; Tagart, jun., S.D.; J. A. Batley, J.D.; Shipp, I.G.; and Speight, Tyler.

A very successful banquet, under the direction of Bro. J. S. Peirce, the indefatigable Steward, and which did Bro. Dawkins great credit, closed the proceedings. Among those present were noticed as visitors Bros. Ambrose Hall, P.G.C.; Ernest Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; Stanger, W.M. Jerusalem Lodge; Browning, Romieu, and others. Among the members present were Bros. C. Rivington, W.M.; Sharon Turner, I.P.M.; P.Ms. Creaton, Barron, Holmes, Philbrick, Woodford, Hope, Batley, Pontifex, and Sampson Peirce; Letchworth and Ames, the Wardens; Tagart, sen., Tagart, jun., J. A. Batley, Shipp, Rylands, and Vivian. We also noticed our esteemed Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Peters, G. Swd. Br., present as now a member of Antiquity.

The speeches were not too long and much to the point, and the party broke up at a comparatively early hour deeply gratified with the evening's work and the evening's social circle. We may well say to "old Antiquity" "Esto perpetua."

**CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).**—The installation meeting of this lodge on was held on the 14th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, being attended by a very large number of the members, with many distinguished visitors. The lodge was opened by Bros. James Smith, W.M.; Wood, S.W.; Cubitt, J.W.; Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; and Shackell, P.M., Sec. With one exception, and that owing to ill health, all the P.Ms. of the lodge were present. Visitors: Bros. Mason, P.M. 309, P.P.G. S.D. Middx.; Past Masters—Probyn, 11; Darch, 72; Cattermole, 217; Groves, 749; Coltart, 749; Harvey, 705; Pierpoint, 813; Crane, W.M. 933; Wise, 1158; Holloway, 1158; Leaper, 1275; Fieldwick, 1364; Norton, 1387; and Cox, 1566; Bros. Diplock, 65; Farram, 726; Cardish, 661; Kedger, 749; Honey, 1017; Treadwell, 1076; Goggs, 1216; Edgley, 1446; Hagan, 1471; Tims, 1539; Dale, 1613; Robey, 1685; Cox, 1766; and Meriton, 1766.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Carey was raised to the Degree of Master Mason. The W.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of installing Bro. Waterwood, S.W., as his successor, carrying through the duties in a most able manner, and so consistently bringing to a close a most satisfactory though arduous year of office. Having received the salutations of the brethren, the newly-installed Master appointed and invested the officers as follows: Bros. J. Smith, I.P.M.; Cubitt, S.W.; Saint,

J.W.; Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; Shackell, P.M., Sec.; Silvester, S.D.; Nightingale, J.D.; Smither, I.G.; S. Webb, P.M., D. of C.; Freeman, A.D. of C.; H. Webb, P.M., W.S.; and Davey, A.W.S. The addresses were delivered, and after some routine work, and the tendering of "heartily good wishes," lodge was closed.

More than 80 brethren partook of the excellent fare provided at the banquet table by Bro. Clemow, and after the customary loyal and Masonic toasts,

Bro. Smith in eloquent terms gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who in reply thanked Bro. Smith for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their cordial acceptance of the toast.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was the next call upon the brethren, and the Worshipful Master, recapitulating the amount of work performed during the past year and the skilled craftsmanship shown in its execution, presented to Bro. Smith on behalf of the lodge an elegant jewel, bearing a suitable inscription.

The toast list being long, speeches in reply were brief, but they were also to the point.

Bro. J. Mason, replying to "The Masonic Charities," made an eloquent appeal on behalf of that noble Institution with which he has been so long connected.

Bro. Probyn, as representing the senior lodge, said a few words for "The Visitors;" and "The Past Masters" and "Officers of the Lodge" having received their meed of good wishes and responded, the Tyler's toast brought a long and pleasant evening to a close.

The harmony of the meeting was enhanced by the musical services of Bro. Haskins and some excellent songs by Bros. Meriton, Davey, Morley, Sylvester, and others. Bro. Wood may be congratulated upon entering on his duties as W.M. under such favourable and flattering circumstances.

**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).**—This lodge held its annual installation meeting on Tuesday evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. H. M. Harris, W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance of the members of the lodge and of visitors, among the latter being Bros. Jas. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. After the opening ceremonies Bro. H. M. Harris, W.M., installed Bro. J. A. Gartley, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge, in the presence of a large board of Installed Masters. The brethren invested as officers were Bros. E. H. Norden, S.W.; Alfred J. Henochsberg, P.M. Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, 1502, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec.; Solomon, Jacobs, S.D.; R. J. Paton, J.D.; Alex. Louis Gartley, I.G.; I. P. Cohen, P.M., D.C.; Da Silva, P.M., Stwd.; and Rawles, Tyler. The W.M., after the delivery of the addresses, immediately commenced work, and initiated the Rev. Marcus Haines and Mr. Joseph Lichtenfeld in the earliest mysteries of the Order, and performed his duties most admirably. It was resolved that a testimonial should be presented at the next meeting to Bro. H. M. Harris, I.P.M., for the services he had rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

On the motion of Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M. and Treas., seconded by Bro. M. Harris, P.M., the sum of ten guineas was voted to the Benevolent Institution to be placed on the list of Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M. and Sec., as Steward of the lodge for the next festival of that Institution.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, and honoured the usual toasts.

The loyal toasts having been disposed of, the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and other Grand Officers," was responded to by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Grand Std. Br., who said he hoped that as the Grand Officers in the past had performed their duties the Grand Officers of the present year would not fall short of those who had gone before.

Bro. M. H. Harris, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said that, speaking personally, it was a doubly thankful position for him to be in that evening, because he had escaped from the care, anxiety, and responsibility of the chair of W.M. Those who had not been in the chair would find in time that there were cares and anxieties connected with the office. He was sure, however, that the present W.M. would do justice to the position; he had done his duty that evening; and the brethren would find that he was equal to the most efficient and the oldest P.M. who had been in the chair. His delight was in Freemasonry, and by his politeness and urbanity he had won the goodwill of his brethren.

The Worshipful Master in reply said the I.P.M. was in fault in telling the brethren to expect much of him (the W.M.); but at least he would do his best, and whatever faults he had he hoped the brethren would be blind to them. He had done his work that evening to the best of his ability, but he should have failed if it had not been for the P.Ms., who were always ready to help the Master. He had said several times that Masonry was very much like the diamond; and the more they went on the more they were like the perfect stone. He had found that night that the P.Ms. were more like the finished stone, and he said this to encourage brethren to get into office. The more they worked the more beautiful they would find Masonry, and the more they would like it.

"The Health of the Initiates" followed, and Bros. Haines and Lichtenfeld replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and Bros. Jas. Lewis-Thomas, C. A. Cottebrune, Bean, and Maguire replied.

Bro. Thomas rejoiced in being again in this lodge, of which he had frequently been a guest. He rejoiced always in coming among that ancient race through which we received Masonry. It was a race which had distinguished itself by its talents in all walks—as statesmen, musicians, and artists.

Bro. Cottebrune also replied, and said that the Jewish race had also distinguished itself in the great Charities of the world.

Bros. Bean and the Rev. R. Maguire also said a few words in acknowledgment of the toast.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M.," Bro. M. H. Harris, who having replied,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel," coupling with it the name of Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M. and Treasurer.

Bro. A. M. Cohen in replying explained that no visitors were allowed to give to the fund; even if the Grand Master himself or Baron Rothschild were present they would not be allowed to contribute to it, because it was

restricted to members of the lodge. He made a powerful appeal on behalf of the fund, which he said was intended to benefit any member of the lodge who was in distress or the widows or orphans of deceased brethren.

Several large contributions to the fund, which now amounts to over £1000, were then announced.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was afterwards proposed by the W.M., and Bro. Phillips, P.M.

The other toasts were also given and the brethren separated.

The evening was enlivened with some excellent singing, pianoforte playing, and recitations by various members of the lodge.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. J. Hughes, W.M., presiding. Among the brethren present were Bros. Geo. E. A. Cundy, I.P.M.; David Hughes, S.W.; H. McClelland, J.W.; Henry Darcy, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; E. J. P. Harris, S.D.; Henry Harbord, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; David Hughes, I.G.; E. C. T. Hand, Org.; R. P. H. Stevens, R. Gillard, and R. S. Whuz, Stewards; Alfred Gruger, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. W. Thomas, 1853; J. Cooper, P.M. 55; F. J. Laughlin, Org. 1365; James Abbott, 765; Allan Evans, 338; S. Hawke, 1744; John Syer, P.M. 1017; Edwin Gilbert, P.M. 1326; C. Lewis, 1107; Geo. Harrison, 183; F. Hurdle, 548; J. Franscombe, 1287; Henry T. Fayer, S.W. 1155; J. Francom, 1623; James B. Shakespear, 1790; J. Waylesworth, 15; T. Fisher, 733; James Flood, 1642; John Beach, 1922; A. H. Smith, P.M. 56; F. C. Pascall, P.M. 1790; Henry Howe, 1391; J. W. Hiscocx, P.M. 1512; J. Magrath, P.M. 1306; Henry Tinney, J.D. 1319; G. W. Evans, J.W. 1922; W. A. Ellis, 1381; J. Mason, P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex; John French, 1642; H. Taylor, 1642; W. R. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; E. Floyd, 902; Walter J. Nichols, J.W. 463; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (Freemason).

The W.M. raised Bro. Dharty to the Third Degree in splendid style, and afterwards in equally faultless style installed his brother, Bro. David Hughes, as Master for the ensuing year. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. McClelland, S.W.; E. Harris, J.W.; Darcy, P.M., Treas.; Charles Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; Harbord, S.D.; Daniel Hughes, J.D.; Hand, Org.; Stevens, I.G.; Whuz, W.S.; Robert Clinch, D.C.; Gillard, Asst. D.C.; Hoddnot, Hayloch, and Prince, Stwds.; and J. T. Woodstock, P.M., Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. John Hughes, I.P.M., the new W.M. initiated Mr. William Ross, of S. Snow-hill, into Masonry, and performed his work in a manner which promised well for the lodge during his year. Bro. Stevens afterwards proposed that £10 out of the Benevolent Fund should be invested in the names of Bros. John Hughes and Cundy, Past Masters. Bro. Daniel Hughes, J.D., seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Cundy, P.M., then proposed, and Bro. Harbord, S.D., seconded, that some new furniture for the lodge should be purchased. Bro. Charles Beaumont, P.M., Sec., thought that before that was done, Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, the proprietors of the Tavern, should be consulted, to see whether they could provide room for it. The matter stood over after a short discussion, and the lodge was then closed. A choice banquet followed, and the usual toasts were proposed and honoured.

Bro. John Hughes, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said he thought the W.M. would make no unworthy successor to those who had occupied the chair before him. It was a great point to occupy the chair of a lodge like the City of London Lodge, and he would like to see all the aspiring young Masons of this lodge bringing themselves forward to take this chair by rotation.

The Worshipful Master in replying said he felt some slight diffidence and incompetency to return thanks. He joined the lodge some five years ago, and it had been his anxious desire and wish from the time he entered the Craft to work up to the position it was his pleasure to hold that night. He had filled every office in the lodge, or near about, and he trusted he had held those offices with pleasure to himself and respect to the lodge. They all knew him, and he trusted that the position in which he was placed he would not disgrace or lessen the proud position which the City of London Lodge had attained. His heartfelt thanks were due to the lodge for the honour they had done him.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Initiate," and referred to the admirable way in which that brother had gone through the ceremony.

Bro. Ross, the initiate, thanked the brethren for his introduction into Masonry.

The Worshipful Master in giving "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. John Hughes," said of course the brethren would understand that he was to some degree restricted in his remarks because of the near relationship between him and the outgoing Master, as they were brothers in blood as well as brothers in Masonry. But, putting that on one side, he considered it his duty to bring to the brethren's notice the Immediate Past Master's efficient qualities. He considered that that brother had discharged his duties as Master of the City of London Lodge without a blemish and without a fault, and nothing could be better. The I.P.M. had set him such a task that it would take him all his time to imitate, and with this expression he could not do less than adorn Bro. John Hughes's breast with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel which the lodge had unanimously voted to him, hoping he would live many years to wear it.

Bro. John Hughes having acknowledged the toast and the gift,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M. 1326, replied, and said he felt it a great pleasure to see one brother installing another brother in the way it had been done that evening. It had also been a great pleasure to see the W.M. initiate the candidate. He would only call on that brother to carry out the duties of Freemasonry, not forgetting the Charities.

Bro. John Mason also replied. He came to the lodge with somewhat of mercenary motives. He came where he thought the loaves and fishes were to be found, and he thought there was a chance for the old folks. Last year the W.M. himself was surprised with what he took up. If every W.M. did the same the lodge would be kept up.

Several other visitors also replied. The toast of "The P.M.'s" followed, which was responded to by Bro. Cundy, P.M.; the toast of "The

Officers" was replied to by the S.W. and the J.W.; and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening some excellent music was played and some admirable songs were sung by Bros. J. Hocking, Laughlin, Shakespeare, Prince, Harborn, and W. Townsend.

**GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).**—The installation of Bro. Charles Kempton, the W.M. elect, who during the past year held the office of J.W. of this lodge, took place on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Thomas Owen, the outgoing Master. Bro. Owen opened the lodge at four o'clock, and after the minutes of last lodge meeting had been read and confirmed and the Auditors' report received, raised Bro. George to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Owen possesses the advantage of being, apparently naturally, a good elocutionist, and his earnestness in impressing upon the candidate the full meaning of all the information he had to give, and of the obligation the candidate had to take, made the ceremony unusually impressive. He was ably seconded by his principal officers, by the S.D., and the I.G., who also performed their parts of the ceremony with the greatest care, and the masterly touch of the Organist, Bro. George Morant, upon the harmonium added not a little to the solemnity of the occasion. It would be well if all Freemasons received their degrees from such skilful and earnest workers as Bro. Owen and his officers. The ceremony of installing his successor was performed by Bro. Owen with equal care in the presence of 20 Installed Masters. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. C. Kempton, W.M.; Thos. Owen, I.P.M.; T. E. Bathard, S.W.; Richard Cane, J.W.; Samuel Webb, P.M., Treas.; F. H. Stator, P.M., Sec.; Rev. John H. Rose, Chap.; J. B. Lancaster, S.D.; J. Edgar, J.D.; G. C. Morant, Org.; J. Hemming, I.G.; T. H. Read, P.M., W.S.; and Robb, Tyler.

Among the visitors present were Bros. G. W. Naylor, 377, 560, 1874, P.P.G.J.D. Worcester; W. B. Heath, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; Dick Radcliffe, I.P.M. 209, Prov. G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; Walter Downing, F.M. 20; E. Humphrey, P.M. 538; A. Allhausen, P.M. 435; S. Nowakowski, P.M. 534; W. Ball, W.M. 45; Robert Payne, P.M. 1328; C. J. Edwards, P.M. 231; W. R. Lyon, W.M. 34; R. Kelsey, 45; T. Jolley, 1269; R. Openham, 11; H. White, 1671; James Reed, 72; A. Gascoine, 1491; A. C. Stephens, 1425; H. Youens, 1857; William Lloyd, 145; F. Hatton, 1563; Henry Newton, 569; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the closing of the members and their guests, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, dined together in the Crown room in the adjoining building where they were served with a repast consisting of all the delicacies in season. When the cloth was withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Chairman, and duly honoured by all. After "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M.," Bro. Kempton said the next toast that it was his privilege to propose was that of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers." Those who had attended Grand Lodge must have some idea of the work that was done there, and those who were not yet entitled to the privilege of attending he would recommend to qualify themselves to lose no opportunity of being able to go to Grand Lodge; there they would see a very distinguished body of Masons occupying positions which proved that they must have been zealous workers to have obtained them.

Bro. Thos. Owen, I.P.M., said the next toast fell to his lot, and he had a great deal of pleasure indeed in proposing "The Health of their W.M." Those brethren who had had the privilege of seeing the W.M. work in their lodge of instruction knew his skill and his fitness for the position to which he had been elevated; and the way in which he had performed the duties of the chair that evening would convince all, as he (Bro. Owen) was convinced, that throughout his year of office he would thoroughly maintain the dignity of the Great Northern Lodge.

Bro. Kempton, in acknowledging the toast, said he stood before them an untried man, occupying the proudest position it was in the power of the lodge to bestow upon one of its members, and should he fail in maintaining that high standard of efficiency that had been set up by his predecessors it would be from want of ability, and not from lack of desire. He wished to offer a word of encouragement to his younger brethren, who when they perceived the difficulties they had to surmount might be inclined to put their hands to their heads and exclaim that there was no possibility of getting to the chair. He (Bro. Kempton) eight years ago was initiated in that lodge, and he was now in the chair, he admitted somewhat before his time, owing to the modesty of his brother S.W.; but at that particular moment when he was initiated, not even in his wildest dream did he picture himself as reaching that chair within double the time. It would be the greatest achievement of his year of office to feel that he could hand down to his successor the warrant of his mother lodge in as pure and unsullied a state as that in which he had received it from Bro. Owen, P.M.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to propose "The Health of the Joining Member, the Rev. J. B. Rose, Vicar of Clerkenwell," who had generously accepted their offer of the collar of Chaplain of the Great Northern Lodge, which had hitherto remained vacant, and he asked them to show by their manner of receiving this toast how cordially they welcomed their reverend brother amongst them.

Bro. Rice having responded, a number of other toasts, including "The Visitors;" "The Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Mason replied in an able speech which resulted in a Stewards' list from the lodge amounting to £85 collected at the table; and the various officers of the lodge were duly honoured, and enlivened by a lengthy programme of excellent vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Morant, engaged the company till a late hour.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master" the W.M. presented Bro. Owen, in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The installation meeting of this prosperous and popular lodge took place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 8th inst., and was numerously attended, there being present Bros. W. H. Gulliford, W.M.; G. Coleman, S.W.; J. Jacobs, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Browne, P.M., Sec.; H.

W. Kedgeley, S.D.; T. A. Dickson, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; Stacey, Prov. G. Org. Middlesex; S. Jacobs, I.P.M.; Kedgeley, P.M.; and nearly all the members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. J. Britton, 188; H. Higgins, 1381 and 1732; F. Harrison, P.M. 27; H. Smith, 1348; J. Reilly, 511; R. Ralph, 1348; W. Roots, 1273; E. Storr, S.W. 167; Robins, P.M. 25; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; J. Turle, 261; Mordecai, 1648; H. Hewett, 957; E. Swanborough, P.M. 1319; G. Hawkes, P.M. 1071; Pullen, 749; Groves, 901; A. Abrahams, 205; Miller, 231; H. Robins, 1681; Bond, 860; G. N. Watts, P.M. 194; Shand, 1563; H. Marks, 1349; Belsham, 733; H. M. Levey, P.M. 188, and others.

Bro. W. H. Gulliford, W.M., opened the lodge, when the formal business of reading the minutes of the previous meeting was quickly disposed of. Ballots were then taken for the admission of Mr. James Woodward and Mr. Snow as initiates, who were both unanimously elected, and the W.M. performed the ceremony of initiation in an able manner. Bro. G. Coleman, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, Bros. Mason, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., and H. M. Levey, P.M. 158, occupying the Wardens' chairs, whereupon Bro. W. H. Gulliford installed Bro. G. Coleman into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom in a faultless manner. On the readmission of the brethren the W.M. was saluted, and he proceeded to invest his officers, reciting to each his duties and a few kind words of congratulation. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. W. H. Gulliford, I.P.M.; J. Jacobs, S.W.; H. Kedgeley, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Browne, P.M., Sec.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; T. A. Dickson, S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; Stacey, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; Bassett, D.C.; Figgess, I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; G. Reynolds, A.W.S.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. remarked it was with a great amount of pleasure he reinvested Bro. Potter as Tyler, who had served the lodge so faithfully since its foundation. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Bassett, Bro. E. Jacobs acted as D. of C. in an able and kind manner.

Bro. G. Reynolds, one of the Auditors appointed, then read the report showing that the lodge was in a prosperous state, having a good sound balance of £100 7s. 2d., all liabilities having been discharged, and that during the year they received into the lodge 17 initiates. The Benevolent Fund showed that a very old and distressed brother had been well relieved. The W.M. then proceeded with the pleasant duty of presenting Bro. W. H. Gulliford with a Past Master's jewel, and spoke in eloquent terms of the able and kind manner in which Bro. W. H. Gulliford had always presided over them. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the brethren, to the number of 89, adjourned to the dining hall, where an excellent banquet was provided.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Gulliford, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," the child of the lodge, the first initiate, and now its Master. He was quite sure all the brethren would wish him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. G. Coleman replied in suitable terms, assuring the lodge that he would do all in his power to further its welfare.

"The Initiates" having been toasted and returned thanks, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," to which Bro. Gulliford made due response.

"The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. Robins, P.M. 25, Hawke, Levy, P.M., Swanborough, Thomson, and Higgins; "The P.Ms., Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought to a close a most enjoyable evening, to which the vocal abilities of Bros. C. Solomon, I. Ralph, and Frank Gulliford contributed in a great degree. The lodge is greatly indebted to Bros. Simeon Jacobs and G. Reynolds for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties of W.S. and A.W.S.

**TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 17th inst., when the following brethren among others were present: Bros. B. Buckworth, W.M.; G. S. Recknell, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Thos. W. C. Bush, P.M., Sec.; R. Kimpton, S.D.; F. James, I.G.; J. Rexworthy, Steward; and Charles Butcher, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; M. Sheppard, J.D. 1571; A. McDowall, W.M. 1962; W. Rest, P.M. 1288; Frank Matthews, S.D. 1766; J. A. Jones, P.M. 1766; W. Hicklin, S.W. 1261; Geo. W. Danker, S.D. 392; W. Burroughs, S.D. 1437; J. Terry, P.M. 228; H. Hollands, 1790; Chas. Gooding, 1329; F. W. Hancock, W.S. 548; D. J. Bridgegroome, 1364; E. A. Harris, 201; J. Harris, 201; W. R. Cooper, 1056; Henry W. Lee, 1058; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. James Terry installed Bro. Thomas W. Casburn Bush, P.M., Sec., as Master for the current year. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. B. Buckworth, I.P.M., Treas.; G. S. Recknell, S.W.; R. Kimpton, J.W.; A. G. Watkinson, Sec.; F. James, S.D.; A. R. Carter, J.D.; J. Rexworthy, I.G.; H. J. Rolls, D.C.; G. J. Garland, W.S.; J. B. Tiffin, A.W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler. Bro. James Terry was afterwards elected an honorary member in recognition of his eminent services to the lodge. The following motions were carried: By Bro. Buckworth (deferred from last meeting): "That the sum of £10 10s. be taken from the funds of the lodge, and given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." By Bro. Chapman: "That the usual testimonial be presented to the Worshipful Master on his leaving the chair." By Bro. Bush: "That the sum of £10 10s. be taken from the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, for the benefit of a member who is in distress."

The brethren subsequently banqueted together and honoured the usual toasts.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Earl of Carnarvon," &c., and in calling on the Rev. R. J. Simpson to respond, said that those who were present at the consecration of the lodge in January, 1878, would not forget the oration so eloquently delivered by that brother. It was listened to with feelings of deep sympathy, and there was but one opinion expressed—that the oration was the embodiment of the great principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The rev. brother was made an honorary member and chaplain of the lodge on that occasion, and the lodge felt honoured by his membership and his chaplaincy of the lodge.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in replying, after several preliminary observations with regard to Grand

Lodge, said that it was impossible for Grand Officers to be present at this meeting, and not to recognise in the Temple Bar Lodge what they must value above all things in Freemasonry—the harmony and brotherly love which existed among its members. He was old enough to remember the consecration of the lodge, and it gave him great pleasure to appear, as on a former day, among the brethren. The W.M. had alluded to the consecration of the lodge and to some remarks made by him; and all he could say now was that he was much delighted that his words gave so much satisfaction that they had drawn highly complimentary remarks from the W.M.; but he (Bro. Simpson) had this observation to make, that the installation ceremony this day had been admirably rendered by Bro. Terry.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br., also replied. The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Officer and the Masonic Charities." With respect to the ceremony of installation it was performed by Bro. Terry in an admirable manner, and the brethren ought to know that while it was performed with a great deal of pleasure by the accomplished brother it was also done with a certain amount of self-denial, for Bro. Terry had a previous engagement elsewhere which he must still keep, but he postponed it to a later hour. For his kindness and consideration he (the W.M.) personally thanked Bro. Terry. With reference to the Charities of the noble Order everyone who knew anything of the Craft was aware of the indefatigable endeavours of Bro. Terry to promote their success, and more especially of the Institution with which he was more intimately connected. His exertions on behalf of the Institution could never be too much recognised. Bro. Terry seldom saw his home till late at night, and then he was off again early in the morning, having but one object, the good of the Institution.

Bro. James Terry replying said he had had great pleasure in installing Bro. Bush, because, having known him and his work many years, he was sure he would do great credit to his position. If the brethren had not been sure of that they would not have elected him again. The Masonic Institutions, which had been mentioned by Bro. Bush, and with which he had so flatteringly connected his (Bro. Terry's) name, occupied a very high and important position in the history of the Craft, and without them Freemasonry would not be the living body it was at this moment. They were told the Institutions did not want large subscriptions now; but this was not the case, and the W.M. knew it, for he was again a Steward on behalf of the Benevolent Institution. He had done much before, and he (Bro. Terry) had much pleasure in informing the brethren that the result of Bro. Bush's Stewardship on behalf of the Institutions in four years had been £330. He exhorted the brethren to follow the good example that had been set them.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Buckworth, I.P.M., with a valuable and handsome P.M. jewel and proposed his health.

Bro. Buckworth thanked the brethren for their gift, and then proposed "The W.M.," wishing him a very pleasant year of office.

The Worshipful Master said some four years ago he had the honour of occupying the same position as he occupied now, and from the testimonial the brethren presented him with at the close of his year of office he had reason to believe they were satisfied with the way in which he performed his duties. He would again do his best to fulfil his duties, and with the assistance of the brethren he believed he should be enabled to bring his Mastership to a successful issue and forward those glorious principles and tenets of the Order, brotherly love, relief and truth.

Bros. McDowall, Rest, and Matthews, responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

"The toasts of "The P.Ms.," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" followed; Bro. Recknell, S.W., replying to the last toast, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

**LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).**—Among the many lodges which have come into existence of late years the London Rifle Brigade Lodge may fairly claim to be one of the most prosperous and numerous. It was consecrated only a little over two years ago under most favourable circumstances. It has possessed in its Masters and officers Masons who are well up to their work, and are in themselves genial and hospitable as hosts. Its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. W. C. Claridge, P.M. 1685, and S.W. 1598, was at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 18th inst., installed into the chair of K.S., and that under most auspicious circumstances. We have had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Claridge in the chair of the Guelph Lodge, where he acquitted himself to the perfect satisfaction of the brethren, who testified their appreciation in a handsome manner at the close of his year of office, and we have not a doubt that the name he made for himself in that lodge he will sustain with even greater éclat in the lodge of which we are about giving an account of his installation. The lodge was opened by Bro. Andrew McDowall, W.M., P.M. 948, and P.G.D. Berks and Bucks. After the reading of the minutes and reception of the Audit Committee's balance-sheet, Bro. Hiram Heaton, S.W. 1559, the well-known late bandmaster of the Horse Guards, and bandmaster of the London Rifle Brigade, was balloted for as a joining member. Bro. McDowall then proceeded to raise Bros. Rix and Chapman to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, and he performed the ceremony in a masterly Masonic style. Without a hitch was this long ceremony worked, and we could not help noticing, and we heard of others who remarked it, how impressively the W.M. gave the various addresses, and how also the two candidates seemed to be impressed with their beauty and solemnity. From this we felt another treat was in store for us when the W.M. came to install his successor, but here we were doomed to disappointment. Just at the end of the raising Bro. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Herts, entered the room, and Bro. McDowall begged him as a favour to install the W.M. elect, his own health being so bad that he did not feel himself able to carry the ceremony through, though he had come fully intending it. When we learnt later on that Bro. McDowall was suffering intense physical pain we could but join in the expressions of obligation at his coming to the lodge and doing what he had. Every Mason knows full well how the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution does his work, it has often been detailed in our columns, therefore we shall not go into particulars any further than saying that never was an installation more perfectly performed. P.M. Neville Green acted as presenting officer. The new W.M. invested his officers



as follows: Bros. G. C. Matthews, S.W.; H. Brown, J.W.; W. McDougall, Treas.; N. Green, P.M., Sec.; Sandie, S.D.; H. J. Tasman, J.D.; L. J. Walker, I.G.; J. McAlpin, D.C.; J. W. Smith, Org.; J. C. Tilt and J. Green, Stwds. The other brethren present were Bros. C. Stein, N. H. Taylor, E. Beard, D. M. Nash, G. Gregory, H. L. Thomas, H. W. Hutchingman, H. G. Lowe, H. Chapman, Felix Bell, R. J. Swinscow, G. P. Reid, H. Gowling, R. F. Bing, S. W. Morris, R. A. Hancock, and Chas. Levy, P.M. The visitors comprised Bros. G. Houlton Bishop, 1065; S. McDowall, 539; J. Thomas, 1733; J. Gordon, 148; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; R. Burrard, 1662; J. G. Prickett, 613; W. J. Nudding, 231; William Wright, 171; Sydney Clarke, P.M. 706; W. J. Rowan, 1789; J. Scully, 706; Lieut. Henry Wright, T.H.R.B., 1827; G. Mickley, P.M. 449; B. Haywood, 206; G. T. S. Warne, P.M. 193; W. Rowley, 1924; G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554; R. C. Robinson, P.M. 136; and C. E. Barrett, W.M. 1673.

Previous to the closing of the lodge the W.M. pinned a Past Master's jewel on the breast of Bro. McDowall.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The I.P.M. in assuming the gavel told the brethren they might be almost sure what was the toast he was about to propose. The W.M. installed that day was a founder and acting Secretary before founding the Rifle Brigade Lodge, and what he did at the consecration and what he had done since they all knew, and the members were fortunate in having him as Secretary. He always discharged his duties with satisfaction to the lodge and himself. He (the I.P.M.) therefore called on the brethren to drink "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master returned thanks, and then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." He had served the regiment for years and now threatened to resign, but they would not let him. Besides, all the officers of the lodge wanted all the assistance he could give them. They had had evidence that day of what he could do. From the way the brethren accepted the toast it was plain that Bro. McDowall is very popular.

The I.P.M. said he was afraid the W.M. was getting a little mixed through there being so many Macs in the corps. In the camp at Wimbledon they were nearly all Macs, for they were always next to the London Scottish. He was glad to find his services were appreciated. Had he known Bro. Terry was coming that afternoon he might not have attended, as he was so unwell. The brethren would know he had no wish to put the work on to other shoulders, as he had installed many brethren before.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was an important one, one the London Rifle Brigade Lodge was always glad to drink. He could not expect all the 20 visitors to respond, but would ask Bros. Sergt. Robinson, Dewar, and Ward Verry to reply.

Bro. Ward Verry felt almost out of place as a visitor, for he had been so often to the lodge. As an old member of the regiment it gave him much pleasure to renew his acquaintance with his old comrades.

Bro. Serjeant Robinson, in a humorous speech, said he was one of the few members left of Serjeants' Inn; but he had no wish, though over 40—he meant 40 years in Masonry—to be the next to go. He looked round the table and thought the brethren seemed as if they would not tread on a worm, they looked so gentle; yet in 10 minutes they might all be transferred into warriors and shedders of blood, but only the blood of their enemies. The members of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge gave a double allegiance—to the Queen as soldiers, and to the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and doubtless they did both well.

Bros. Barnett, Capt. Sculley, and Warne having each said a few words,

Bro. Dewar responding said he was reading in that day's issue of the *Freemason* an account of the Scotch lodges, and how they sent out deputations to visit other lodges, who went from one lodge to another throughout the night. Here they did not keep quite such late hours, but it was interesting to know what other lodges did.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters," "The Installing Master," "The Charities" (the W.M. remarking in proposing the latter toast that he purposed to act as Steward for next year's festival of the Benevolent Institution), acknowledged by Bro. Terry; "The S.A.V., J.W., and other Officers," the Tyler's toast bringing the list to a close.

**HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, when the W.M., Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M., was supported by the following officers and brethren: R.W. Bro. Col. M. Ramsay, P.D. G.M. Punjaub, I.P.M.; V.W. Bro. John Hammond, P.P. G.D. Middx., S.W.; Bros. C. H. Phillips, J.W.; E. Bye, sen., Treas.; H. Maunder Williams, Sec.; Jos. W. Hartley, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; G. W. Knight, W.S.; Aug. Darclh, P.M., A.W.S.; R. R. Johnston, Org.; A. F. Crofts, jun., F. France, Thos. Cox, W. H. Simons, F. Wootton, J. A. Gilbert, T. W. Aldwinckle, and James Worstencroft. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Letchford, 1638; and Bartlett.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed; after which the ballot was taken for three candidates, Messrs. Jas. Fuller, Thos. Letchford, and Robt. Neilans, and proving unanimous they were initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Gilbert was raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Lodge being resumed in the First Degree, and this meeting being the last of the current year, the elections for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler were proceeded with, when Bro. John Hammond, the S.W., who had already filled the chair several times, and other brethren who were similarly eligible, having withdrawn their claims, the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. C. H. Phillips, J.W., who acknowledged with a few earnest words the honour done him. Bro. Hopekirk, W.M., for many years Treasurer of the Manchester Lodge, No. 177, was elected Treasurer; and Bro. C. Thomas, P.G. Tyler Herts., was re-elected Tyler, with every token of approval from the brethren. It was unanimously decided to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Hopekirk, the W.M., on the completion of his year of office, as a mark of esteem of the brethren, and in appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge, firstly as a founder, and

secondly as its first W.M. Bros. Bartlett and Cullen were proposed as joining members, and other routine business being transacted, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned in perfect harmony.

An excellent repast was afterwards partaken of, supplied by the worthy host, Bro. Bye. Time did not permit of many speeches, but the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received most heartily. Bros. Crofts, Simons, and other brethren favoured the brethren with several songs and pieces of much beauty. Bro. Williams, the Secretary, officiated as pianist, and Bro. R. Ralli Johnston proved a most efficient director of music.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—The installation meeting of the above flourishing old-established lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by Bro. John Pearce, W.M., supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, I.P.M.; Councillor W. H. Russell, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Plowman, J.W.; the Rev. J. Puttick, Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas. and D.C.; G. F. Wood, Sec.; F. H. Hallett, S.D. and Org.; H. F. Crossthwaite, J.D.; T. W. Markwick, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1820, 1842; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184; T. H. Cole, M.A., P.P.G. A.D.C., P.M.; C. M. Norris, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; Rev. E. F. Cave Browne-Cave, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., P.M.; J. Hirst, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire, P.M. 338; C. J. Lewns, J. C. Kenwood, C. Hallett, G. Gaze, S. T. Weston, John Bray, R. E. Wilson, Fred. Duke, G. Roddis, A. G. Gush, H. Gloyns, S. Chandler, J. D. Hunter, W.S. Allen, J. B. Foord, 1184; A. Bray, and H. Kimm, I.G. 1184 (*Freemason*). Amongst the visitors were Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., P.M. 732, &c.; J. Campbell, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, 1842; Major F. de B. Cooper, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M. 1842; W. Dawes, P.P.G.R., P.M. 341, &c.; H. G. Shorter, 757, Bombay; Richard Pidcock, P.M. 916; C. W. Tomes, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M. 1110; J. Bond, P.M. 101; T. H. Wadd, W.M. 1842; A. R. Lye, W.M. 1110; Edward Histed, W.M. 732; J. Cole, W.M. 341; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184; J. B. Sargent, P.M. 1184; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. 38, Chap. and S.O. 1184; T. W. Jordan, 1184; Peter Robinson, P.M. 201; W. Beaton, 1423; W. Leauman, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, a successful ballot was taken for Bro. Peter Robinson, 201, as a joining member, after which the Auditors' report was read and approved. The W.M. in consequence of indisposition, then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hennah, I.P.M., who had kindly undertaken the onerous duties of Installing Master, and installed the W.M. elect, Councillor Russell, into the chair of K.S. with full rite and ceremony. After the customary salutations the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows for the ensuing year, delivering a short but most appropriate address to each on the nature of his office: Bros. J. Pearce, I.P.M.; F. Plowman, S.W.; F. H. Hallett, J.W.; the Rev. J. Puttick, Chap.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, Sec.; C. J. Lewns, S.D.; T. W. Markwick, J.D.; F. H. Hallett, Org.; C. W. Duke, D.C.; F. Rossiter, A.D.C.; H. Gloyns, I.G.; H. F. Crossthwaite and S. Chandler, Stwds.; and Leslie, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were ably given by Bro. F. Rossiter, P.M., D. of C., after which a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. Russell to the retiring Master, in accordance with a vote of the lodge on the occasion of the last regular meeting. The jewel, which was greatly admired, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M., was then elected to represent the lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee. It was unanimously resolved that some suitable acknowledgment be made to Bro. G. F. Wood on his retirement from the office of Secretary, and in consideration of his valuable services for several years past. "Heartly good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and a candidate having been proposed for initiation the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, the brethren adjourning to the banqueting-room, which was elegantly and appropriately arranged with banners, devices, &c. The various courses were served up in Bro. Eaton's best style, and gave universal satisfaction to the numerous company.

After the toasts in honour of the "Queen and the Craft," the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, had been briefly given, "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. H. Scott; and officers of Prov. G. Lodge, present and past," was proposed from the chair, and was responded to by the Prov. G. Sec., and the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Dean of Battle, Prov. G. Chap., the latter brother in a very trite and effective address defending the Order from the ignorant and vulgar attacks it is at times subjected to. We regret the pressure on our space will not admit of our giving the speech in full.

Other toasts followed and were duly honoured including "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Stewards," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast. The meeting was a most successful one, whilst the speeches were agreeably interspersed by an excellent programme of music and songs, carried out under the direction of Bro. F. H. Hallett, L. Mus. T.C.L., assisted by Bro. Lewns, Markwick, Hunter, Rossiter, and Gloyns.

**SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).**—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors from other lodges. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. John C. Moor, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. C. McNamara, I.P.M.; J. R. Pattison, S.W.; R. Singleton, J.W.; H. Tonkinson, P.M., Treas.; G. C. Watson, P.M., Prov. G.J.D., Sec.; W. Birch, acting S.D.; Christopher M. Wake, J.D.; John Geo. Nasbet, I.G.; John J. Clay, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Dir. of Cer.; Wm. A. O. Sutcliffe, Steward; and J. Brown, Tyler. There were present the following visitors: Bros. R. Simpson, 949; H. H. Pinkney, J.D. 1389; T. H. Curry, 80; R. de Clare Yeld, P.M. 80; Geo. Hardy, W.M. 1643, Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. E. Nelson, W.M. 80; R. Harrison, 1643; A. T. Munroe, P.M. 949, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wetherell, Sec. 531; R. Murray, 1643; Henry Parker, 1643; J. McCulloch, P.M. 1643, P.P.G.J.W.; J. J. Wilson, S.D. 80; J. Dixon, W.M. 94; T. G. Garrick, J. W. 94; James Hudson, 80; H. Christp, 94; L. R. Davies, 949; R. C. Robinson, 949;

Mark Frampton, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; John Deans, J.W. 80; M. Douglas, P.M. 80; Wm. Carr, 1643; and P. Maddison, 1389.

The ballot was taken for Bro. James Henderson, 949, as a joining member, and Messrs. Robert Lee, Henry Lee, John Craighead, and Philip Williams Atkins Pearcy, as candidates for initiation, and all were duly elected. Mr. R. Lee was proposed and initiated into Masonry by Bro. J. J. Clay, P.M., D. of C.; Mr. H. Lee was afterwards initiated by Bro. G. Hardy, W.M. 1643, P.G.A.D. of C., and Mr. Pearcy was initiated by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Moor, the N.E. address being given by Bro. G. C. Watson, P.M., P.G.J.D., Sec., to the three newly initiated brethren. Bro. Anderson was afterwards passed to the Second Degree by Bro. C. McNamara, I.P.M., and the lodge was then reduced by the W.M., who proposed Bro. R. de Clare Yeld, I.P.M., as a joining member. The W.M. next spoke upon the special Prov. Grand Lodge to be held at Durham on the 30th inst., to receive a visit from H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., and gave a thorough statement regarding the arrangements for the attendance of Prov. G. Lodge members and brethren. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form with peace and harmony.

**BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Bros. John Isherwood, W.M.; Jabez Boothroyd, I.P.M.; Edwin Melrose, S.W.; Beter Bradburn, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Charles Crompton, S.D.; Jas. Walker, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, D.C.; W. F. Chambers, I.G.; H. J. Briscoe, Org.; Wm. Siddorn and Richard Cuerdo, Stwds.; Thomas Higson, Tyler; Thomas Morris, P.M.; George Ferguson, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Rutter, P.M., P.P.G. Stwds.; Thomas Whittaker, P.M.; also Bros. R. J. Chirnside, John Swarbrick, J. R. Haslam, J. F. Elliston, H. B. Truman, Jonas Fletcher, William Forrest, and William Crompton. Visitors: Bros. John Booth, W.M. 39; Henry Broughton, W.M. 146; J. F. Skelton, S.W. 146; Thomas Nightingale, 146; R. H. Swindlehurst, P.M. 320; A. E. Chambers, I.G. 430; Ebenezer Melrose, S.W. 1144; Robert Latham, W.M. 1723; John Barrett, S.W. 1723; E. G. Harwood, J.W. 1723; Nathaniel Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; Alexander Cosgrave, S.D. 1723; and James Parkinson, 1723.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Proceeded to the Second Degree when the chair was taken by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Senior Past Master, and a Board of Installed Masters formed. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edwin Melrose, was presented by Bro. Isherwood, the retiring W.M., and was forthwith installed, proclaimed, and saluted in ancient form as Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Thomas Morris, P.M., was re-appointed Charity Representative, and Bro. Thos. Higson re-elected Tyler. Bro. Boothroyd, P.M., invested for the W.M. the following brethren as the officers for 1884, and instructed them severally as to the nature of their duties: Bros. Peter Bradburn, S.W.; Charles Crompton, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Thomas Mitchell, Sec.; James Walker, S.D.; W. H. Chambers, J.D.; William Siddorn, I.G.; J. W. Taylor, P.M., D. of C.; J. R. Haslam, Org.; R. Cuerdo and H. J. Briscoe, Stewards. The final addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Brockbank.

"Heartly good Wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren. The S.W. read a portion of the ancient charges, after which the lodge was closed.

**LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Bro. T. Bayley, W.M., in the chair. After the lodge had been opened in due form, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. E. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.P., seconded by Bro. Thistlethwaite, J.D., that the sum of £10 to be voted from the lodge funds for the purpose of presenting a suitable testimonial to Bro. John Hatch, P.M., on his resignation as Secretary of the lodge, after a period of nine years. A committee was afterwards formed for the purpose of taking steps to augment the above amount, and decide what form the testimonial should take. After transacting other business, the usual proclamations were made eliciting hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Sincerity (No. 292).**—The members of this good old lodge met for installation purposes at the Adelphi Hotel, on Monday evening, the 14th inst. Though nearly approaching its centenary, the retiring W.M. has conducted the lodge through a prosperous year Masonically and financially, and there is every reason to suppose that under the guidance of the new W.M., who is highly popular in the lodge, its progress will continue. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. W. Constable, supported by Bros. Reginald Young, P.P.G. S.D., P.M.; W. O. Jones, P.M.; Robert Wylie, P.P. G.S.D., P.M.; W. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G.T., P.M., and others. The chair was afterwards taken by Bro. Wylie, who gave an admirable rendering of the ceremony as performed a quarter of a century ago, the W.M. elect, Bro. Christopher Wadsworth, being presented by Bros. Reginald Young and J. Armstrong. Among the visitors were Bros. J. White, P.M. 1384; R. Armitage, S.W. 1620; J. T. Ingham, D.C. 1620; J. D. Davies, J.W. 1325; W. E. Coxon, W.M. 1675; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; and Ald. E. Grindley, 1547. After the usual honours the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Constable, I.P.M.; R. Crockett, S.W. (by proxy); F. J. Foulkes, J.W.; W. Hughes, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. W. Page, Sec.; J. W. Wensley, S.D.; J. R. Evans, J.D.; C. H. Jones, I.G.; G. S. Shenton, Org.; H. E. A. Playford, S.S.; and W. C. Briggs, J.S. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

Dinner was afterwards served in his usual excellent style by Bro. Ludlow, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and heartily honoured. During the evening a beautiful drawing-room timepiece, with accompanying vases, were presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, as a mark of their esteem and in recognition of his services during the past year.

**LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall on the 10th inst., when Bro. Bridges was installed in

the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. W. D. Stone, I.P.M.; G. E. Chapman, S.W.; J. H. Every, J.W.; S. Peters, D.C.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; G. Holman, Sec.; G. J. Lenny, S.D.; S. Stone, J.D.; J. W. Broad, I.G.; Starnes, Org.; and H. Hall, Tyler. The retiring W.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. In acknowledging the gift he said that although he had been a member of the lodge for over 40 years he had only just passed the chair.

Business ended the brethren dined at the Bear Hotel, Bro. Whitcomb fully sustaining his reputation as caterer. The brethren and visitors present, in addition to the above, were Bros. J. C. Lucas, W.M. 1303, Prov. G.S.W.; W. H. Gibson, W.M. 1636, Prov. G.J.W.; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Sec.; Farncombe, 1100, P.M. 311, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Stone, P.M. 311, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Tanner, P.M. 311, P.P.G.S.B.; T. R. White, P.M. 311, Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Eberall, 315, P.P.G. Purst.; A. King, W.M. 271, P.P.G. Org.; S. Peters, W.M. 1821; E. Histed, W.M. 732; E. Broadbridge, 1797; J. Harrison, W.M. 1829; B. Lomax, W.M. 811; W. Sanders, P.M. 464; J. Pearce, P.M. 40; H. E. Turner, S.D. 1149; S. Denman, S.D. 732; G. P. Godfree, J.D. 315; R. Paige, 315; M. Grinberg, 1821; R. H. Ellman, P.M. 1303; W. D. Stone, P.M.; R. Blaker, P.M.; C. Briscoe, P.M.; A. Holman, P.M.; J. Stedman, W. C. Leaver, R. Hayler, J. H. Bull, R. W. Kingswood, G. P. Hazelgrove, E. Hawkins, N. C. Bull, C. Kite, and W. Tickner. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**YEOVIL.**—Lodge of Brotherly Love (No. 329).—The installation of Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, S.W., P.M., P.P.G.O. Somerset, as W.M. of this lodge took place at Chough's Hotel on the 16th inst., when there was a large attendance, including brethren from the adjoining provinces of Dorset and Devon. Amongst those present, in addition to the members, were Bros. Hughes, P.M. 1197, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hunt, P.M. 135, Prov. G. Sec.; E. W. Coombs, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Purst.; W. S. Gillard, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. W. Good, W.M. 437; Geo. Rugg, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; G. H. Masters, P.M. 1168, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; W. A. Todd Naylor, 1168; W. Roberts, J. Stuart Boyd, P.M. 104, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Harold, P.M. 976, Prov. G.S.B.; J. P. Green, J.W. 976; A. Butler, J.W. 1367; E. Targett, P.M. 170; R. Phillips Hartington, 1021; J. Wheatley, W.M. 814; J. Summers, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Tompsett, P.M. 814, P.P.G.J.D.; and others.

The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. After the W.M. had been placed in the chair he proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Cobb, I.P.M.; J. A. Milborne, S.W.; J. Crocker, J.W.; F. Cox, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Stanton, Sec.; S. R. Baskett, S.D.; J. E. Roebler, J.D.; H. F. Edgar, P.M., D. of C.; H. T. Harwood, Org.; H. F. Raymond, I.G.; T. I. Denman, Stwd.; and S. Watts, Tyler. At the closing of the lodge the brethren partook of a banquet, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**BANGOR.**—St. David's Lodge (No. 384).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge took place last week, the Installing Master being Bro. D. Wynn Williams, who inducted the W.M. elect, Bro. John Hughes, into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were invested: Bros. Mesbach Roberts, I.P.M.; D. G. Davies, S.W.; Wm. Allen, J.W.; Rev. John Morgan, Chap.; W. E. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; D. Wynn Williams, P.M., Sec.; A. Evans, Org.; John Morgan, S.D.; Thomas Mills, J.D.; T. H. Owen, I.G.; Wm. Edwards, S.S.; Robert Dougal, J.S.; and H. P. Stubbington, Tyler. Bro. W. E. Thomas was presented with a Past Master's jewel. The members and a large number of visitors from neighbouring lodges partook of an excellent banquet at the Castle Hotel in the evening.

**HALIFAX.**—Lodge of St. James (No. 448).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., for the purpose of installing the newly elected W.M., Bro. Walter Walshaw, and the investment of his officers during the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Lee, and there were present Bros. Henry Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Geo. Normanton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Walshaw, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Austin Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; T. Whitaker, P.M.; R. Jessop, P.M.; W. Swale, P.M.; George E. Radcliffe, P.M.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M.; F. Whitley, P.M.; C. T. Kaye, P.M.; S. Midgley, P.M.; Whitehead, W.M. 1302; Law, W.M. 1736; Savile, W.M. 1231; and a numerous attendance of members and visiting brethren. The installation of Bro. Walter Walshaw then took place, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D., who was ably assisted by Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. G. Lee, I.P.M.; John Drake, S.W.; John T. Simpson, J.W.; George H. Radcliffe, Treas.; Jonathan Jessop, Sec.; William D. Shoebright, S.D.; Charles Greenwood, J.D.; Arthur Mallinson, I.G.; Henry Sutcliffe, D.C.; Allan Haigh, Org.; Walter Hanson and Alfred Robertshaw, Stwds.; and John Green, P.M., Tyler. Previous to the lodge being closed, the newly-installed Master presented to Bro. J. G. Lee, the I.P.M., a beautiful P.M. jewel which bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. G. Lee, P.M., by the Lodge of St. James, No. 448, as a mark of esteem and appreciation to the efficient manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. during the year 1883."

The annual banquet afterwards took place, the W.M. presiding, surrounded by nearly 60 brethren, amongst whom were visitors from Eland, Brighouse, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Holmfirth, Todmorden, Bradford, Scarborough, &c. The customary toasts were honoured in addition to some special ones, altogether making a very lengthy list. The willing and hearty manner in which the brethren complied with the request of the W.M. for songs, recitations, &c., conducted very much to the harmony of the proceedings, which were greatly enjoyed by all present.

**LISKEARD.**—Saint Martin's Lodge (No. 510).—The forty-ninth annual meeting and festival of this lodge was held on the 15th inst. The brethren assembled at their commodious rooms, Masonic Hall, Parade, when the lodge was opened in the First Degree, the W.M. presiding. The business commenced with the installation of the W.M.

elect, Bro. William Hacken, S.W., the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. William Sargent, P.M. The following brethren constituted the Board of Past Masters: Bros. William Ough, P.G.P.; John Ough, P.P.G.S.D.; R. A. Courtney, P.P.G.S.D.; John W. Chegwidan, P.P.G.D.C.; William Nettle; Thomas White; John Beaglehole, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Coath, P.G. Steward; Oliver Colmer; and John U. Hill. After the installation the W.M. appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year the following brethren: Bros. John U. Hill, I.P.M.; E. Mallett, S.W.; George P. N. Glencross, J.W.; the Rev. Wm. Fookes, Chaplain; Thomas White, Treasurer; Richard A. Courtney, Secretary; W. H. Huddy, S.D.; P. B. Henwood, J.D.; J. Lobb, D. of C.; George Hallett, I.G.; W. H. Stanton and R. H. Williams, Stewards; and Richard Penwarden, P.P.G.T., Tyler.

Bro. George Glencross was unanimously elected as Steward to represent the lodge on the Cornwall M.B. and A. Fund. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were received and adopted, and the sum of ten guineas voted to the R.M.B.I. The W.M., at the request of an old P.M., presented Bro. Sargent with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his zeal for Masonry, and lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned for dinner to Webb's Hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, served in a style maintaining the reputation of this old established hostelry, and of which Bro. John Chegwidan is the respected manager.

**ORMSKIRK.**—Lodge of Harmony (No. 580).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was recently held at Ormskirk. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Jackson, P.M.; J. E. Fisher, P.M.; R. Ing, P.M. 504; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Lea, 1403; J. Winnard, P.M. 1403; P. Draper, P.M. 1403; H. Catterell, P.M. 986; C. W. Ing, 594; T. Turner, 580; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; and J. Bolton, 580. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. R. Walker was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. Balmer, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Pilkington, S.W.; D. C. Cooper, J.W.; J. Thomas, Sec.; J. Balmer, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; J. E. Fisher, P.M., D.C.; A. Waterhouse, S.D.; H. Kirk, J.D.; T. W. M. Horsburgh, I.G.; Harry Archer, S.S.; J. Makinson, J.S.; James Watts, Org.; and W. Martindale, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, well catered for by the hostess, Mrs. Young. The usual Masonic and other toasts were proposed and responded to. During the evening Bro. J. Balmer, I.P.M. (for the second time), was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which the recipient acknowledged in suitable terms.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The members of this lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., for the purpose of celebrating the annual festival of St. John, and the numerical strength of the gathering and success of the proceedings clearly indicated continued prosperity. Bro. A. Bucknall, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following official brethren: Bros. D. Lloyd, P.M.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; J. H. Gregory, P.M.; Thomas Peake, P.M.; W. P. Phillips, P.M.; R. Foulds, S.W.; James Bailey, J.W.; J. Ellis, P.M. and Treas.; G. Willings, P.M.; Thomas Ockleshaw, P.M.; James Lees, Sec.; R. J. Hudson, S.D.; Thomas Mason, J.D.; J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; and J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O., Org. There was a numerous attendance of visitors, including Bros. Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. B. McKenzie, P.G.S.D., P.M. and Treas. 1609; Thomas Clark, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M. 673; W. Newsome, P.G.S.B., P.M. 86; W. Longbottom, P.M. 1013, P.G.S.; J. Leatherbarrow, J.D. 86; A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182; J. M. King, 823; J. O. Rea, W.M. 1182; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; E. George, W.M. 1356; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; G. Godfrey, W.M. 673; R. Ripley, W.M. 1547; J. Pendleton, W.M. 241; Thomas Hatton, P.M. 203; W. H. Jewitt, W.M. 1393; W. E. Coxon, W.M. 1675; W. H. Vevers, P.M. 594; J. Kitchingman, I.G. 1547; R. Burgess, S.W. 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; Morris Davies, W.M. 249; P. Thomas W.M. 1505; and B. Preston, P.M. 333 and 1380.

The lodge having been duly opened the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert Foulds, was presented by Bros. A. Bucknall and D. Lloyd, the ceremony of installation being well performed by Bro. Thomas Peake, P.M. The following officers for the year were then invested: Bros. A. Bucknall, I.P.M.; J. Bailey, S.W.; J. Lees, J.W.; J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. H. Gregory, Treas.; R. J. Hudson, Sec.; Thomas Mason, S.D.; E. Carter, J.D.; T. J. Luya, I.G.; J. Skeaf, Org.; Robert Stewart and James Bowyer, J.Ss.; and P. Ball, Tyler.

After the installation proceedings the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where an excellent banquet was supplied by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. Subsequent to the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, and during the proceedings Bro. A. Bucknall, the I.P.M., was presented on behalf of the lodge with a valuable Past Master's jewel, accompanied by a handsome silver tea urn for Mrs. Bucknall, in recognition of Bro. Bucknall's services in the chair during the year. Bro. J. Ellis, P.M., was also presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel as a token of the brethren's appreciation of his services as Treasurer of the lodge during the last three years. The musical programme was provided by Bros. J. Busfield, A. Child, G. Evans, H. J. Nicholls, T. Hatton, D. Keith, W. E. Stone, J. A. Muir, R. J. Lloyd, J. M. Roberts, and A. Ramage, under the supervision of Bro. J. Skeaf, P.P.G. Org.

**DERBY.**—Aboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. J. Bland, W.M.; C. Webster, S.W.; J. Copstick, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; W. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; A. Woodiwiss, J.D.; J. Chadwick, D. of C.; J. Walker, S. Taylor, Stwds.; Rev. F. Orrell, Chap.; E. Holden, Tyler; J. Melrose, S. Hall, T. Day, J. Jones, C. Field, W. Forman, Thos. Jordan, T. E. Yeomans, W.M. 506; W. W. Haywood, J. Ascott, G. Sutherland, J. W. Briggs, F. Sale, and Past Masters Bros. G. T. Wright, H. Burn, J. Cox, J. Brown, A. Frazer, J. Worsnop, J. Taylor, G. Cay. Visitors: Bros. H. Jordan, 1310; J. Monck, 802; C. D. Hart, S.W. 1085, W.M. elect; S. Steele, P.M. 802; J. B. Coulson, P.M. 253.

The W.M. opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Jones was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. Field was raised to the sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who most ably worked the whole of both ceremonies, being admirably assisted by his officers. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and the W.M. informed the brethren that a Masonic Ball would take place on the 23rd inst., and trusted all who could would be present. The W.M. also announced that he had returned the circular respecting the stewardship for the Girls' School Festival, having undertaken to himself represent the lodge on that occasion. Hearty good wishes having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the W.M. proposed briefly the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

**DARTMOUTH.**—Hauley Lodge (No. 797).—Masonic Procession and Sermon.—The annual meeting was held in the Hauley Hall, Dartmouth, on the 14th inst. As it was understood that Bro. the Rev. E. C. Britton, vicar of St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, was to be installed W.M. for the ensuing year there was a large attendance of brethren from all parts of the province. Lodge was opened at noon by Captain W. M. Husband, W.M., supported by the Rev. E. C. Britton, S.W., and W.M. elect; C. Emmett, J.W.; W. H. Goodridge, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Hurrell, P.M., Treas.; E. Chappell, S.D.; Mark Whittle, J.D.; W. Ralph, Org.; F. A. Dawson, I.G.; W. J. Williams, Stwd.; Constable T. Probert, P.M.; Bovey, P.M.; Ellis, P.M.; Owens, P.M.; J. F. Baldwin, R. Turpin, J. Griffiths, H. Squire, A. Phillips, R. Benson, J. R. Tolman, M. H. Michaelmore, W. White, T. Coulton, J. Oldrieve, J. Putt, Tyler; and Prior. Among the visiting brethren were the following: Bros. W. J. Hughan, Past G. Deacon, and P.P.G. Sec. Cornwall; S. B. Colston, P.P.G.S.D.; J. H. Square, P.P.G.J.D.; E. R. Hurst, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Chapman, P.P.G.J.D.; W. E. Warren, P.P.G. Org.; C. Atkins, P.M. 27, M.B.G.P.; J. Lane, I.P.M. 1402; G. J. Peperell, W.M. 1402; B. Knight, S.W. 1402; M. T. Wicks, S.D. 1402; J. W. McKellar, S. Sandison, T. Prust, the Ven. Archdeacon Earle, 340; J. Cole, T. W. Atherton, J. Westaway, and W. H. Edmonds, 707; R. Rowe, G. W. Von Tugelmann, J. T. James, J. Wheaton, and J. Spark, 248; W. F. Devens, 103; W. Worden, 797; C. Lewis, 159; G. Hendon, 944; A. Taylor and E. Clements, 954; A. Kendrick and G. Cole, 248; R. H. Reed, 173; W. Taylor, W.M. 328; J. W. Grant, 328; A. Trout, F. Holland and R. Shaddock, 1215; W. C. Gregory, P.M.; C. James, W.M. 248; J. F. Grove, S.D.; G. F. Dugdale, 710; H. Marley, 1358; S. Clarke, P.M. 248; B. Sutherland, P.M. 710; Rev. E. F. Elrington, P.M. 710; and H. J. Amphlett, 1510.

At the commencement of the business Bro. the Rev. E. C. Britton, who was unanimously elected W.M. at the last meeting, was called upon, and in due form was installed in a masterly manner, amid much enthusiasm, afterwards investing the following brethren as his officers: Bros. C. Emmett, S.W.; E. Chappell, J.W.; J. Hurrell, Treas.; W. H. Goodridge, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; Lidston, Chap.; W. Ralph, Org.; M. Whittle, S.D.; F. A. Dawson, J.D.; C. Baldwin, I.G.; Bovey, D.C.; Tolman and Cummings, Stwds.; and J. Putt, Tyler. At half-past two the brethren dressed in full regalia, attended divine service at St. Saviour's. They marched in procession, accompanied by the Dartmouth Subscription Band, under the conductorship of Bro. Lamzed, through the principal streets to the church. The sacred edifice was crowded, and the service commenced by the singing the 35th hymn, "Father, before Thy throne of light." The lesson was read by Dr. Dawson, and the prayers by the Rev. E. Elrington, vicar of Brixham.

The Ven. Archdeacon Earle preached a very powerful and eloquent sermon, taking for his text the 4th chapter of Genesis, and part of the 9th verse, "Am I my brother's keeper?" In the course of his remarks he made especial reference to the great poverty and privation existing at the present moment in the great Metropolis, where, he said, there were no less than 40,000 souls who, when they rose in the morning, did not know where they would lay down their heads at night, and where, moreover, there were at least 200,000 who might be regarded as ignorant of the Gospel and who were nothing short than the children of war. After drawing sad pictures of misery that existed in that great city amid so much wealth and luxury, he went on to ask if their Craft could not do something to lessen it. He suggested that a movement should be set on foot among the Masons themselves whereby a township might be erected by them in connection with London, which would tend to abate much of the poverty that unhappily existed, and thus erect what would be a temple to the Order in like manner as the Temple when the Order was first established.

At the close a collection was made in aid of the Educational Fund.

**DERBY.**—Lodge of Repose (No. 802).—One of the most successful anniversary gatherings ever held in connection with the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on the 17th inst. The attendance was exceptionally large and influential, including many Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers present and past, and the proceedings were throughout conducted in excellent spirit. The W.M. elect was Bro. Tom Smith, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Belfield, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. W. L. Ball, P.G.J.D., and Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year in the following order: Bros. Walter J. Piper, S.W.; A. J. Waller, J.W.; S. Steel, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Owen, Sec.; Wm. Parker, S.D.; George Pipes, P.M., J.D.; W. Butterfield, W.M. 1085, D.C.; A. H. Chartres, Org.; Raymond Slater, I.G.; Bryant and Monk, Stewards. Before the business of the lodge terminated, Bro. Thomas Cox moved that the lodge should go into mourning for a period of three months, as a token of respect to the memory of their late Bro. John Gadsby, and that an expression of sympathy and condolence be sent in the name of the brethren to the family of the deceased. Bro. Cox feelingly alluded to the long connection of Bro. Gadsby with the Lodge of Repose, and remarked that some years ago, when his health and strength admitted it, their departed brother was one of the most active and distinguished Masons in Derbyshire. Not only was he energetic in the discharge of his work, but in the many personal virtues of Masonry he has shown conspicuously.

This resolution was seconded by Bro. Ball, and carried unanimously.

Subsequently the brethren dined together. The banquet, which was of the choicest description, and admirably served under the supervision of Bro. William Russell, manager of the Derby Club, was heartily enjoyed. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially honoured, "The Health of the new W.M." being received with much enthusiasm.

**SALFORD.**—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The installation meeting was held and St. John's festival celebrated in the Masonic Hall, Peel Crescent, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. G. W. Bingham, W.M.; James Corney, I.P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, S.W.; J. Young, J.W.; Thos. Pike, Sec.; Thos. Hulme, Org.; W. H. Fulford; T. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Robt. Holland, P.M.; Wm. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; T. Williams, J. R. Wagstaffe, Jno. Robinson, L. Hughes, Peter H. Aikin, C. H. Stone, T. W. Porter, Jno. Knott, Thos. Cooke, Seymour B. Smith, Wm. Egan, Jno. Blackwell, Robt. Watkinson, J. Woolley, W. Rawlinson, W. Booth, W. Barrington, E. B. Ovens, W. Briggs, J. W. Porter, Mark Baxter, J. Barnes, James Smith, and George Sidebotham. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Hooper, P.M. 1009, P.P.G.T.; Peter Royle, 44, 64, 1359, P.P.G.S.D.; S. Harrison; C. Hargreaves, S.W. 1219; H. Metcalf, 1219; John Church, 319; Henry Holder, P.M. 935; J. W. Nichols, W.M. 1134; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Samuel Harrison, of Lodge No. 10, Canada, and being in his favour, he was declared duly elected. The ballot was next taken for Band-Serget. Daniel Lorden, 1st North Staffordshire Regiment, and Mess-Serget. George Raynham, of the same regiment, and was successful in both instances. Bro. Uriah Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., acting as Installing Master, next assumed the chair, when, after being duly presented and the usual preliminaries gone through, the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles H. Wheeler, was with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted by the brethren. The officers for the year were then invested as follows: Bros. J. Young, S.W.; Ballantyne, J.W.; Robt. Holland, Treas.; J. Woolley, Sec.; Lee, S.D.; Thos. Pike, J.D.; G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Thomas Hulme, Organist; W. H. Fulford, I.G.; L. Hughes, Chap.; J. Knott and W. Booth, Stewards; and William Reddell, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Packwood addressed the W.M., Bro. R. Holland the Wardens, and Bro. Uriah Nicholls the brethren. Before the lodge closed letters of apology for inability to be present at the meeting were read from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Col. Starkie; Bro. Leresche, P.M.; and others, the latter brother, who was first W.M. of this lodge, expressing great regret at his enforced absence, urgent law business needing his presence in London. The letter also alluded to his son's wish to join the Craft, and expressed his (Bro. Leresche's) desire that his son should ere long become a member of the Zetland Lodge.

There being no further business "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards celebrating the festival of St. John at a banquet, which drew forth all the resources of this admirably self-managed establishment, but which, however, proved equal to the occasion. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of "The Provincial Grand Officers" being replied to by Bro. Dr. Royle, P.P.G.D., who made a most telling and humorous speech, in the course of which he expressed his regret at the absence of his old schoolfellow, Bro. Leresche.

Bro. Uriah Nicholls, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." and in so doing referred to the great interest Bro. Wheeler had always taken in the lodge, to his regular attendance, and his always being thoroughly up to his work. He had experienced pleasure in installing Bro. Wheeler into the chair of K.S. that day, and also in seeing present amongst them another brother whom he installed 19 years ago. He thought their present W.M. would compare favourably with any that had gone before him, and that he possessed all the goodness and qualities necessary for the position he occupied.

When the enthusiasm with which the toast had been received had subsided, and Bro. Wheeler had returned thanks,

"The Health of the I.F.M. by Bro. G. Bingham," was given in eulogistic terms, and a Past Master's gold jewel presented to him for his services during the past year, and for which Bro. Bingham returned thanks. The jewel, which was a handsomely chased square and problem, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and after spending a very pleasant evening the brethren separated.

**SHIRLEY.**—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—The installation of Bro. J. R. P. Sharp as W.M. of this lodge took place last week in the presence of a numerous gathering. The visitors included the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. Hickman, who conducted the ceremonies; Bros. Payne, W.M. 130; D. O. Hobbs, W.M. 1461; T. Walton, W.M. 1780; Major G. Douglas, P.M. 1331, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Edginton, S.W. 757; and others. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. F. Mayoss, I.P.M.; G. F. W. Mortimer, S.W.; Dr. J. H. Alden, J.W.; W. Pearce, D.C.; W. Rolfe, Treas.; Rev. A. J. Willson, Chap.; G. Greenslade, Sec.; Dr. C. G. Beaumont, S.D.; J. Simpson, J.D.; E. T. Chamberlain, I.G.; F. Gricourt, Steward; and W. Vare and T. Godden Tylers.

**WITHINGTON.**—Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The installation meeting was held and the St. John's Festival celebrated in the Local Board Offices, on Friday, the 4th inst. Most of the officers and members were present, and the following visitors: Bros. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C.; George Fallows, P.M. 1052; Joseph Wood, 1140; Oswald, 1140; and David Reed, 78.

The lodge was opened at 1.30, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. Framjee Dorabjee Panday was balloted for and elected to become a member of the lodge; he was afterwards initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. The installation of the W.M. elect was then proceeded with and most successfully and impressively

performed by the Installing Master, Bro. Samuel Studd, P.M., who inducted Bro. George Whitehead into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. After being proclaimed and saluted as W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Whitehead appointed his officers, who were invested as follows by Bro. G. D. Pochin, P.M.: Bros. W. F. Howell, S.W.; Peter Fulton, J.W.; James Laidlaw, P.M., Treas.; Arthur Moss, Sec.; W. D. Phillips, S.D.; Frank Buckley, J.D.; Philip McLachlan, D.C.; Alexander Harvey, Org.; Henry Swindells, I.G.; and Henry Heap, Tyler. Bro. Samuel Studd delivered addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. Philip McLachlan, P.M., to the brethren. There being no further business "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed.

The brethren celebrated the Festival of St. John by dining together, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to and a pleasant evening spent.

**PLUMSTEAD.**—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Bursage-road, Bro. G. Kennedy, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; G. Spinks, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; R. Saunders, P.M.; A. Saunders, S.W.; W. Moulds, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; A. Fisher, Sec.; J. Purnell, J.D.; R. Gooding, D.C.; W. Maule, I.G.; A. McQueen, 13; J. Grigg, 13; W. Redhead, 706; J. Matthey, 13; H. De Gray, 13; H. Vallum, 1472; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The following brethren were admitted as joining members: Bros. R. O. Roberts, 393; E. W. Breaver, 488; and J. Woods, 158. The work done consisted of the initiating of Serget. F. W. Cooksley, R.H.A., the passing of Bro. Wheeler, and the raising of Bros. Spackman and Hunter, all of which was admirably performed by the W.M. and his officers. The petition of the widow of a deceased brother was then considered, and the sum of £5 5s. voted for her immediate relief, and then the lodge was closed.

After supper the brethren reassembled round the social board and drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Weston responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and then in glowing terms proposed "The Health of the W.M.," paying him a high compliment for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the ceremonies, especially the Third Degree.

Bro. Kennedy suitably responded. The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Press," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which was enlivened by some capital songs and recitations.

**CLARE.**—Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 1823).—Installation of Major-General Ives as Deputy W. Master to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.—Our worthy brethren of this lodge are now to be congratulated upon the distinguished honour of having H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to preside over them, his Royal Highness having graciously signified his acceptance of the office of W.M., and appointed Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, S.W., to act as his deputy. The Royal Clarence Lodge takes its name from the Earl of Clarence, a title which the Duke of Albany derives from the Clare family, from which house the ancient and interesting town of Clare obtains its name, and it will therefore be seen that there was a fitness in the choice which the lodge made, as well as a graciousness in the acceptance of the office of W.M. by his Royal Highness. Though comparatively a new lodge, the Royal Clarence has upon its books many old and valued members of the Craft who have done good service not only for their lodge, but also for the Province of Suffolk and for Freemasonry in general, amongst whom we may mention Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., the highly-esteemed Deputy P.G.M. of the province; Bro. the Rev. J. Sedgwick, P.G.C.; and Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, P.P.G.S. Oxon, together with many other prominent Masons.

The installation of Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives as Deputy Master took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, and was largely attended, the presence book being signed by Bros. Charles Henry Vincent, W.M.; Major-General Cecil Ives, S.W.; T. Stokoe, J.W.; Rev. C. M. Powell, Chap.; John E. Barnes, Treas.; F. C. Wayman, Sec.; Rev. B. B. Syer, S.D.; C. S. Goodchild, J.D.; W. L. Fenner, I.G.; Rev. J. Sedgwick, P.M., P.G.C.; C. Cooke, P.M.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.M. 1224, P.G.C., Dep. Prov. G.M., &c.; Rev. L. Klam-borowski, W. J. Ward, Geo. Cowles, Andrew Boa, F. Buckney, W. Wheeler, P.M. and Sec. 1224, P.P.G.R.; F. C. Dawson, and B. L. Tandy, S.W. 1280. The visitors included Bros. Hugh W. H. Elwes, W.M. 1452; F. W. Jennings, W.M.; Thomas B. Ardley, P.M.; C. W. Grimwood, S.W.; Rev. J. Wilkinson, Chap.; Henry C. Pratt, C. J. N. Row, W. G. Walford, B. H. Hurst, Org.; Dr. W. I. Mason, I.G.; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W.; W. L. Lewis, and C. Emmerson, Prov. G.A.D.C., all of 1224; Fred. C. Atkinson, 376; G. White Cooper, 10; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and other routine business disposed of, the retiring W.M. thanked the officers and the members of the lodge for the manner in which they had supported him during the past year. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to install Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives as Deputy Master under a warrant from H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, W.M., which was read to the lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed with marked and characteristic ability. The Deputy Master having been duly installed and saluted, proceeded in the name of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, W.M., to invest the officers as follows: Bros. J. E. Barnes, S.W.; Rev. B. B. Syer, J.W.; Rev. J. Sedgwick, D.D., P.G.C., P.P.G.C. Oxford, Chap.; C. H. Vincent, I.P.M., Sec.; Thomas Stokoe, J.W., D.C.; C. S. Goodchild, S.D.; W. L. Fenner, J.D.; A. Boa, I.G.; F. C. Wayman and Rev. B. B. Syer, Stwds.; and D. F. Glazin, Tyler. Bros. C. Goodchild and T. Buckney were elected auditors.

The Deputy Master then said he had been instructed to convey to the I.P.M., Bro. C. H. Vincent, the thanks of the lodge for the manner in which he had presided over it during the past year, and to present him with the lodge jewel as some small recognition of the admirable way in which he had conducted the business during that period.

Bro. C. H. Vincent, I.P.M., thanked the brethren very heartily for the presentation, which he received most gratefully.

The Installing Master, on behalf of Bro. Fisher, one of the original members of the old lodge formerly held at Clare, presented to the W.M., in trust for the lodge, two jewels that once belonged to a Clare lodge of olden days.

A proposition was carried on the motion of the Deputy W. Master that the jewels be accepted, and that a resolution conveying the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Fisher be drawn up and entered upon the minutes. A letter was read from the Prov. G.M., Lord Waveney, expressing his regret at his inability to be present, and similar communications were received from numerous Worshipful Masters in the province. The Deputy W. Master received "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, and in acknowledging them said he felt the proud position he then occupied was not due to any merit of his own but to the kindness of the members of the lodge. His Royal Highness had kindly promised to present his portrait to the lodge. He was in hopes he should have received it that evening, but he had a letter in his hand to say that it would be sent as soon as it could be conveniently dispatched. It was resolved that the thanks of the lodge be presented to his Royal Highness, not only for the great favour he had done them in presenting his portrait, but also for having graciously accepted the office of Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge. The D.W. Master expressed the hope that in the course of the summer his Royal Highness would be pleased to visit the lodge, and in that event he was sure he would receive a hearty welcome, not only from the Royal Clarence Lodge, but from the whole Province of Suffolk. The lodge was then closed, the brethren proceeding to banquet at the Half-Moon Hotel. The Deputy Master, Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, presided, and was supported on the right by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the I.P.M., and most of the brethren mentioned above.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and met with a very cordial reception. Bros. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G.C., and Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., responded for "The Officers of Grand Lodge." Prov. Grand Lodge and Officers having been honoured and acknowledged,

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn said he felt it a great honour to be asked to propose "The Health of the W.M. of the lodge, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany." He had had the pleasure of knowing his Royal Highness for several years—he had met him many times, and on every occasion had received from him the greatest amount of kindness and courtesy. He considered it was a very distinguished honour for the Royal Clarence Lodge to be able to say that the Duke of Albany was their Worshipful Master, and as he had tried to explain to them it was entirely due to their Deputy Worshipful Master. Having expressed the hope that during the coming summer his Royal Highness would be able to visit the lodge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master said he was quite sure, if he did come, not only would the Royal Clarence Lodge give him the warmest welcome in their power, but the whole province of Suffolk would try to show how much they appreciated his kindness in having consented to preside over one of their lodges. They all knew what a lively interest his Royal Highness took in everything that was for the advancement and intellectual welfare of the people of England. He hoped it would please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him for many years, and that he would never regret having accepted the post of Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge.

The toast was drunk with the greatest possible enthusiasm.

The Chairman said it would be his pleasing duty to convey to his Royal Highness not only the substance of the remarks of the Deputy P.G.M., but also to tell him of the exceedingly cordial way in which they had received the mention of his name.

Bro. C. H. Vincent, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Deputy Worshipful Master, Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives," and having spoken of his long connection with Masonry, said the Royal Clarence Lodge was never Royal until now, but it was now Royal indeed. Their Worshipful Deputy Master had the good of the lodge thoroughly at heart, and they all knew what he had done for the good of that lodge in particular, and Freemasonry in general. He gave them with all honours the health of the Deputy Worshipful Master, Major-General Cecil Ives.

The Chairman in response said he felt the kind words and the reception they had given him were quite unmerited, but he assured them that whenever he could do anything for the good of Freemasonry he should be most happy to do it. He acknowledged the great kindness he had received from every member of the lodge, and said he trusted he should be able in some degree to merit it during the coming year.

Other toasts followed, the brethren separating at midnight, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-st., Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. H. Purdue, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; H. P. Gilbert, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; J. Lawrence, J.D.; W. Middleweek, I.G.; F. Chandler, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1074; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; W. Honeyball, W.M. 1681; F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426; W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139; R. S. Walker, W.M. elect 733; W. C. Williams, F. Wilson, F. Swain, C. Dopson, H. Robinson, C. W. Hunt, G. Dickinson, E. J. Brown, R. E. Cursons, C. J. Fox, J. Cruttenden, C. R. Wickens, and A. Hardy.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on, and the ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Hardy being the candidate. The W.M. invested the officers, and Bro. Capt. Nicols gave the three addresses. The Second Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**RAVENSBORNE LODGE** (No. 1601).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Walter Smith's, the George Inn, Lewisham, on the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. Walter Smith, W.M.; Charles Lamb, S.W.; Hughes, J.W.; Williams, S.D.; Robson, J.D.; Atkins, I.G.; Shaw, P.M., Preceptor; Batty, Sec.; &c.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Shaw, by whom the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed. The W.M. resumed the chair and closed the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the following brethren for the very handsome presents made to the lodge: Bros. Wadsworth, 1790, tracing boards; Brown, 1601, Warden's columns; Ovenden, 700, tripod and rough and perfect ashlar; Smith, 902, gavels; Shaw, 834, officer's collars; Lucroft, 871, pedestals; Wright, 1601, and Carline, S.W. 1601, officer's collar jewels; West, 548, sounding boards; Atkins, 1790, ancient dirk; Tuck, 834, plated square and compasses for V.S.L.; Batty, 902, V.S.L.; Broadbridge, 1720, 24-inch gauge and compasses. All the above articles are of superior quality and workmanship, nearly all having been made especially for the lodge. The labours of the evening being ended the lodge was closed.

#### EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).

The above lodge, which was started last winter by several members of the mother lodge, reopened their session on the 16th inst. at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-rd., when the W.M., Bros. J. S. Erdmans, was supported by Bros. J. R. Johnson, I.P.M.; Smith, S.W.; Thompson, J.W.; R. J. Paton, Sec.; E. H. Norden, S.D.; C. Sims, I.G.; Johnson, P.M.; Forster, P.M.; Gardner, Triactor, and Temple.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson worked the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Temple acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, when seven brethren were proposed as members of the lodge. Bro. Paton, J.D. 205, was appointed Secretary. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and all Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).

The first meeting for the year in connection with this lodge was held on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. Ashworth, S.D., acting W.M., a full complement of officers and brethren being present, including J. S. Warden, W.M.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Preceptor; and A. Cotter, P.M. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed the lodge proceeded to elect the officers for the next 12 months. Bro. Gee, P.M., stated that he had now held the post of Preceptor for seven years and he thought that he had shewn his appreciation of the honour by his constant attendance, having been present upon every occasion of their meeting. At the same time he considered that while the lodge had so many members equally capable of filling the post of Preceptor as himself he would now like to retire, and therefore had great pleasure in proposing Bro. Cotter, P.M., as Preceptor. This was seconded by Bro. Warden, W.M., who said that while they all regretted losing the valuable services of Bro. Gee, the choice of the lodge could not fall upon a brother who had the best interests of Masonry more at heart than Bro. Cotter. The proposition upon being put to the vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Warden then proposed that Bro. Crute, S.W., should be their Treas. and Sec. for 1884. Bro. Crute had held those offices for some years with credit to himself and the lodge, and had earned the esteem of every brother. This was seconded by Bro. Fish and carried. Bro. Cotter and Crute having thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon them the lodge was then closed in due and solemn form.

Subsequently the brethren dined together, the catering being entrusted to Bro. Casey, the House Steward.

#### Royal Arch.

WIGAN.—Chapter of Harmony (No. 178).—The usual meeting of the members of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, King-st., on the 9th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. G. L. Campbell, Z.; T. Milligan, H.; H. D. Croft, J.; J. M. Ashurst, P.S.; J. D. Murray, S.E.; Wm. M. Wyld, S.N.; C. B. Holmes, P.Z.; Jno. Browne and R. B. Seddon, Asst. Sojs.; J. Kidmore, Marsh, J. W. Holmes, Forrester, Milner, and Ainsworth.

The chapter was opened in due form and the minutes of the last regular convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the following candidates: Bros. F. Bullock, J. W. E. Fletcher, R. N. Banks, T. Sharples, G. B. Cliff, and Jno. Bradshaw, and being in attendance they were exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. C. B. Holmes, P.Z. The following companions were then elected as officers for the ensuing year, to be installed at the meeting in March next: Comps. Thos. Milligan, Z.; H. D. Croft, H.; J. D. Murray, J.; A. H. Crossley, P.S.; T. Milner, S.E.; and C. B. Holmes, Treas.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the ante-room and sat down to a substantial supper. After the cloth was removed the M.E.Z. took the chair, and presided over the companions with that heartiness which at all times is so habitual to him.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—This chapter met on Monday last, and among those present we noticed Comps. Capt. Croisdale, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; Hall, H.; Clissham, J.; Lewis, Robertson, Hitching, Taylor, Russell, Campbell, Weibkin, Hill, McCloud, and Williams.

In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Major Douglas, Z., P.G.P.S., the First Principal's chair was occupied by Comp. Capt. Croisdale, who took the opportunity in the absence of any candidate for exaltation to carefully instruct the officers in their various duties, and it is needless to say that our worthy companion's efforts in that direction were much appreciated. A great deal may be effected with regard to helping all the officers of a chapter to become efficient by utilising in this way the many spare moments that offer to those whose hearts are in the work and who may be willing and qualified from past experience to act as Preceptors.

A candidate for exaltation at the next regular convocation was then proposed, and the business of the evening being ended the chapter was closed, and a pleasant hour at the festive board was afterwards spent.

#### Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when in spite of several other local events of importance, including the first state banquet at the Mansion House, there was a good muster of members. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. and Grand Steward, presided in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, and was supported by Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., D.P.G.M. West Yorks; M. Millington, J.W.; F. Smith, J. T. Seller, A. T. B. Turner, A. M. White, R. Ware, H. C. Pickersgill, Capt. J. A. Banks, W. Lackenby, Capt. A. Baldrey, Geo. Simpson, T. Barnes, G. Lamb, C. A. C. Jones, 112; and others. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Atlay, 312, who was duly advanced. The W.M. elect, Bro. M. Millington, was then presented for installation, and the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, after which Bro. Millington appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. G. Padel, I.P.M.; J. T. Seller, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., Chap.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; Capt. J. A. Banks, Reg. of Mk.; F. Smith, M.O.; G. Simpson, S.O.; W. B. Dyson, J.O.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; H. C. Pickersgill, J.D.; G. Lamb, I.G.; G. Balmford, P.M., Org.; P. Pearson, Tyler. The report of the Auditors was adopted showing a balance in hand of £14 3s. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. C. G. Padel, W.M.; T. B. Whythead, Sec.; J. W. Woodall, Prov. G.M.; J. Todd, P.M.; and E. Bryan, W.M. 251. Bros. L. Mills, 56 (S.C.); and W. Brown, 111, were proposed as joining members, and Bros. J. Blenkin, W.M. 1611; Major A. H. H. MacGachen, P.M. 1991; S. J. Dalton, 1611; and W. Stephenson, 1611, were proposed as candidates. After the close of the lodge, the brethren supped together at the Exhibition Hotel, under the presidency of the newly installed Master.

#### SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams Lodge (No. 6).

The brethren of this lodge met at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., to perform the very pleasing duty of installing Bro. George Thomas Green, the W.M. elect. The lodge being opened in due and ancient form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Among the brethren present were Bros. H. A. Johnson, P.P.G. I. of W., W.M.; G. T. Green, P.P.G. Org., S.W.; R. J. E. Brown, P.P.G.A. D. of C., J.W.; M. J. Sullivan, P.P.G.D. of C., I.P.M.; A. Spears, P.M., Past Grand Junior Deacon, Treas.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., P.P.G. Asst. Sec.; T. H. Smith, M.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G.S.B., S.O.; R. H. Platin, P.P.G. Std. Br., J.O.; M. Pierson, S.D.; and C. E. Beck, P.P.G. Stwd., J.D. Bro. A. Spears officiated as Installing Officer, and in an impressive manner performed the beautiful ceremony of installing Bro. G. T. Green as W.M. for the ensuing year into the chair of A. The newly-elected W.M. said he felt great pleasure in investing Bro. H. A. Johnson as I.P.M., being assured he would have his kind assistance during his year of office. The board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the following brethren invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. J. E. Brown, S.W.; T. H. Smith, J.W.; W. T. Carpenter, M.O.; R. H. Platin, S.O.; M. Pierson, J.O.; A. Spears, Treasurer; J. Bagshaw, Sec.; E. J. Penny, D.C.; C. E. Beck, S.D.; J. Tower, J.D.; J. Sullivan, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. A vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Spears for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the beautiful ceremony of installation, and that brother having returned thanks, "hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then assembled in the banquet room and sat down to an excellent dinner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the removal of the cloth.

The Worshipful Master having given "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said he should now propose a toast that had never been given in connection with the Adams Lodge before, "The Health of the Senior Past Grand Mark Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was heartily and loyally responded to.

The Worshipful Master responding to the toast given on his behalf thanked the brethren sincerely for placing him in such an honourable position as W.M. of this old lodge, an office which his relatives had so ably filled before him; and observed there should be nothing on his part left undone to make the lodge successful during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast brought the happy gathering to a close, and the brethren dispersed with many expressions of gratification at the pleasant evening they had spent.

#### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Chapter (No. 19).

The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on the 11th inst. The chapter was opened in due form by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. T. C. Thorburn, 30<sup>o</sup>, assisted by his officers. A candidate and a joining member were balloted for and unanimously accepted, and Bro. Sinclair, 1st General, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and Ill. Bro. H. S. Alpass, 32<sup>o</sup>, as Treasurer. Other business of the chapter concluded, the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. T. C. Thorburn, 30<sup>o</sup>, by the wish of the members of the chapter, presented Ill. Bro. Charles J. Banister, 33<sup>o</sup>, S.G.I.G. of the North-Eastern District, with a very beautifully-executed illuminated address; and in doing so expressed his great pleasure in seeing their old friend looking so well. They had so often received kind advice and instruction from him that his presence gave them all confidence.

Acting Registrar, Ill. Bro. Edward Pierpoint, 32<sup>o</sup>, having read the address, it was handed up to the M.P.S., who, in most appropriate and kindly terms in the name of the chapter presented it to Bro. Banister, who in most feeling terms thanked the M.W.S. and the brethren of the chapter for this further expression of their goodwill towards him. It was now within three months of 20 years since the chapter was consecrated, and during that long time he had thoroughly enjoyed their confidence and esteem, and although not now their Superintendent, he should as often as possible come to their meetings. Having referred to the regrettable absence, through illness, of their worthy Treasurer and Recorder, Ill. Bro. H. S. Alpass, 32<sup>o</sup>, Bro. Banister entered into a history of the chapter from its commencement, concluding by wishing the M.W.S. and all the members every blessing.

After the chapter was closed the brethren adjourned to the Adelphi Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to, and a truly happy evening was spent.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister has also received an illuminated address from the Palatine Chapter, expressing kindred sentiments to those contained in their address.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

#### LANCASTER.—Red Rose Conclave (No. 12).

The installation meeting took place on the 14th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Eminent and Perfect Sir Knight Aldous, M.P.S., in the chair. The minutes of the last conclave having been read and confirmed and other routine business concluded, the V.E. and M.P.S. elect Sir Knight Hannah was duly presented by E.P. Sir Knight H. Longman, 30<sup>o</sup>, P.M.P.S., and regularly enthroned as M.P.S. by E.P. Sir Knight Richard Stanton, P.M.P.S., after which Sir Knight Capt. Gannoth, 31<sup>o</sup>, was inducted into the chair of V.E. The newly-enthroned Sovereign then appointed his officers as follows: E.P. Sir Knights J. Aldous, High Prelate; H. Longman, Treas.; R. Stanton, Recorder; Armitage, S. General; and Frater Allinson, Sentinel.

After a few remarks on the working of the degrees by E.P. Sir Knight Bagnell, P.M.P.S., the conclave was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet room, where a very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the M.P.S.

#### Rosicrucian Society.

#### METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly

convocation of this college was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Frater W. J. Ferguson, Master of the Temple; J. R. Foulger, 2nd Asst.; E. H. Thiellay, 3rd Asst.; T. C. Walls, 7th Asst.; Westcott, C. of N.; G. Mickley, G. of T.; Mathers, M. Dodd, acting S.G.; Lemon, Collinson, Bull, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, it was moved by Frater Walls, seconded by Frater Lemon and carried unanimously "That a banquet should be held after the next obligatory meeting in April, and that a part of the expenses should be defrayed by the college and the remainder by the fratres." A resolution upon the motion of Frater Thiellay was also carried nem. con. "That a congratulatory address be presented to Frater Cuthbert E. Peck, I.N., &c., upon his recent marriage, and wishing him every possible happiness." Previously to the conclave being closed numerous apologies for non-attendance were read. There was no banquet.

#### Cryptic Masonry.

#### GRAND MASTERS COUNCIL (No. 1).

A meeting of this prosperous council was held on the 9th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.R.P.G.I.M., T.I.M.; T. Poore, P.I.P.C. of W., &c.; Alfred Williams, Loveland, Bryant, Rev. Ambrose Hall, R.P.G. Chap., &c.; D. M. Dewar, G. Recorder, and others. Bro. Capt. Hunter was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. G. W. Verry, 104; J. H. Hawkins, 139; W. E. Stewart, 224; Rev. S. Maude, 144; J. J. Perkins, 173; R. Sturtevant, 173; H. S. Rustomicer, P.M. S.C.; and E. B. Woodhouse, 25, and it proving to be unanimous they were duly admitted and received into the degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four ceremonies being performed and the historical lectures delivered by the T.I.M. The executive—Bros. Dewar, Poore, and Bryant—rendered great assistance to the presiding officer. Previously to the council being closed numerous letters of apology were read. The majority of the brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. The usual toasts followed.

#### Scotland.

#### EDINBURGH.—Mother Lodge Kilwinning.

At the anniversary meeting of this ancient lodge the R.W. Bro. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., the R.W.M., who is also the Prov. G. Master of Ayrshire from being the Master of this time-immemorial lodge, presided, and was supported by a large number of brethren, members and visitors. The Treasurer's report was satisfactory, exhibiting a credit balance of £40, and 34 "entrants" added to the roll. The report of the Secretary (R.W. Bro. Robert Wylie), however, was the chief feature of the proceedings, as it had to do with the new hall about to be built for Mother Lodge Kilwinning. The present building is not only unsuitable, but its condition is such as to be a "reproach to the Order." To meet the wants, therefore, of the Craft in Kilwinning, and for the comfort of the many visitors who are pilgrims to this ancient Masonic shrine, the managers have wisely determined to appeal to the Craft for aid, the members of the lodge locally not being strong enough to pay the cost wholly themselves. The estimate of £2000 is a very reasonable one, for the plans adopted provide for a handsome building externally, and internally it will meet all the probable requirements of the body. All brethren who would like to have a "stone in the building" should at once remit their gifts to Bro. Robert Wylie, Castle Pen, Kilwinning, Scotland, who will gladly acknowledge their contributions, and send a drawing of the design. The Kilwinning Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in Cincinnati, U.S.A., has voted £5 as a present to this object, and the Kilwinning Council of Royal and Select Masters remitted a donation for the same purpose a year ago. It is confidently expected that other Masonic bodies who have adopted Kilwinning's honoured name will gladly respond to the appeal now made; and certainly, if the anniversary is a fair index of the spirit animating the friends of the dear old lodge, the amount will soon be subscribed. Many lodges sent deputations to the annual meeting, as of yore, a large number of brethren attending from the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh, which was warranted

by the mother lodge so far back as A.D. 1677, and is the "eldest daughter" of this prolific Masonic parent. We wish every success to the undertaking, because it deserves to succeed.

**West Indies.**

**TRINIDAD.**—Hervey Lodge (No. 1788).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge rooms on the evening of the 6th ult. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a very fair attendance of brethren was registered, though many residing in the country districts and at a distance from the lodge rooms were unable to attend, and some disappointment has been expressed by those who were thus unable to take part in a fraternal gathering of more than ordinary interest. The ostensible purpose was for the selection of a W.M. for the ensuing year. Before proceeding to the election, the S.W., Bro. Gray, presented an address to the W.M., W. Bro. C. H. Phillips, expressive of the high appreciation of the members of the lodge of his Masonic abilities and the very able manner in which he had discharged the onerous and important duties of his office as W.M. of the lodge, and further expressing the desire of all the members that Bro. Phillips for the benefit of the lodge would accept re-election as W.M. Accompanying this address, which was very tastily inscribed on parchment with Masonic emblems, by Bro. Eversley, was an antique massive silver tankard presented on behalf of the members by the S.W., with an inscription as follows:—"Presented to W. Bro. Chas. H. Phillips, by his brethren of Lodge 1788, as a token of esteem and as a permanent record of his valuable services rendered to the lodge. December 6th, 1883."

W. Bro. Phillips might be said to be the founder of the Hervey Lodge, as it was at his suggestion and under his auspices the warrant was applied for, and to give an impetus to the working of the new lodge he consented to accept the first year the office of S.W., when W. Bro. Prizgar was installed as the first W.M., and Bro. Phillips' energy greatly contributed to place the lodge in a high position of Masonic intelligence.

Bro. Phillips having consented to accept the chief office, to the joy of all the brethren, he was unanimously re-elected W.M., and Bro. Mills was re-elected Treasurer.

A few most pleasant hours were afterwards passed with fraternal feelings and in a true Masonic spirit.

**THE LATE BRO. CARL BERGMANN.**

**COMMEMORATION CEREMONY.**

The Pilgrim Lodge, No. 238, held an emergency meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 18th inst., in commemoration of the death of Bro. Carl Bergmann, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge. There was a good assemblage of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Sec. for German Correspondence, representing the Grand Lodge of England; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., &c. Bro. F. Wagner had very tastefully decorated the lodge. The walls were draped in black, as well as wands and other working tools, &c. In the centre stood the catafalque, and upon it was resting a wreath of laurel and camellias, with the apron, jewels, scarves, and insignias of the many lodges of which he was honorary member.

The brethren assembled in an adjoining room, and were summoned by Bro. Orator Gliser and the two Deacons to the lodge, where the officers were in their places to receive the procession. The lodge was then opened by Bro. C. Kupferschmidt, W.M., with the ritual in use in German lodges, after which

Bro. Dr. Charles Harrer addressed the lodge as follows: "The days of our age are three score years and ten, and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet in their strength it is but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone."—Psalm xc., verse x. The life of the man and the beloved brother, in whose memory we are assembled to-day to commemorate his demise, has not been so long as threescore years and ten; much shorter indeed was the space of time which an inexorable destiny measured out to him; not indeed twoscore years and ten was allotted to him to walk upon earth, and a life full of trouble and work it has been in truth, even in that span of time. The high mission which the Almighty in His inexhaustible Grace laid in his heart, required the strength and unbending will of an entire man. It was not for himself, indeed, but for the welfare of the community he toiled and laboured, and how unselfish must be the mind to do justice to such a gigantic task. In the prime of life he had to leave us in the fullest possession of his strength as Man, and only partly was it vouchsafed to him to see the results of his labours, branching off in many ways. The seed was sown, but he did not live to see it grow, expand, and bear fruit. He may have taken the hope full of blessings into his lonely grave, that his doing and striving may not have been in vain; and it must have proved soothing and consolatory in his last hour. Not unprepared, he entered into the realms of Eternity; his teaching, thoughts, and feelings gleaned of the transitory passing away of all things of this earth; with a view of a better world to come he left us for the Realms of the East. We who knew him, and so highly esteemed his noble qualities, may be proud to have called him one of us. To see retrospectively gliding before our mind's eye the life of him we mourn, must nevertheless fill us with the purest joy and admiration. Let us see at the same time an admonition to go and do likewise with all our strength. Carl Bergmann, born at Hanover, Germany, January 8th, 1835, one of a family of seven children, the father a highly educated man of cultivated mind and learning and a magistrate, and a mother of truly excellent head and heart, under whose watchful eye he passed his childhood. He went to school at the College Lyceum, at Hanover, and in his 16th year, in consequence of delicate health, he was placed in the country at the house of a clergyman to continue his studies. The Rev. Mr. Thotle was a good man acting on broad principles of a loving heart, deep learning, and a wise and conscientious teacher. He impressed his pupil greatly with a high moral courage and laid, no doubt by his training, the foundation-stone for high mental capacities. His open and impressionable heart was impregnated with thoughts and highly idealistic feelings, and his enthusiastic expressions at times can all be traced back from the source they sprang. The reverend gentleman had a marked and lasting influence upon the young man's career and after life. His

new surroundings stormed upon him overpoweringly, at times so much so that he almost decided to study theology with a view of entering the church. Not long afterwards, however, he went to Bremen and chose a mercantile career, remaining a considerable length of time; and later changed to Hamburg to take up his residence there in the same occupation. In the year 1857 he came to London in his 23rd year, finding an engagement at the well known firm of Frederick Huth and Co. Here he unfolded his powerful mental capacities for the benefit and blessing of all who came in contact with him. He found to his chagrin the Teutonic order very defective, and his energetic mind soon found ways and means to raise its development to the benefit of his countrymen, leading them onwards to higher and better aims. Soon after his arrival in London he became a member of the Tollington Musical Society, and as he made his presence felt wherever he showed himself, with his rare qualities and capabilities, he shortly became a leading member of the society. His love of learning and burning desire for improvement made him dissatisfied with orations only, and he was anxious to make himself useful by writing. A few members of the Gesang Verein joined in an undertaking to start the first German newspaper ever published here, namely, the Brennessel (Stinging Nettle). Herein the faults and foibles of their countrymen were whipped with scorpions, but their virtues and pre-eminence also placed in the strongest light, and by these means he tried to raise the German community in London, to strengthen them and give them a firmer basis of alliance in a strange country. After this he joined "The Liederkranz," remaining one of its working members till the day of his demise, enhancing and ever doing for its welfare. Again he benefited the German Legal Society of Protection by becoming a member, also the German Gymnasium, and becoming the Secretary of the German (Society of Art and Science) Athenæum for a period of four years, a most laborious and trying task. The German Benevolent Society he assisted, and the youngest creation, the German Orphanage, enjoyed the benefit of having him for a correspondent. It is not my object to give you the statistics of the services this excellent man gave to the different societies, as only a few hours ago it was minutely and ably given elsewhere. I have a distinct task before me, a task indeed which appeals to my heart in these sanctioned walls. A man so gifted, and with so keen an appreciation of all the higher faculties of mind and heart, found amidst all these occupations a void and an emptiness at heart, although success crowned his endeavours, until the doors of the Temple of Humanity and Love of Mankind were opened to him. The son of a distinguished Mason, brother to two men initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, he longed to unite himself with those into the yet dimly shrouded assurance, and of revealing the treasures of his inmost being. Not knowing that a German lodge was in existence, founded long ago, he applied to the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, where he took his First Degree, December 16th, 1867; soon followed that of Fellow Craft, January 20th, 1868; and he became Worshipful Master February 17th, 1868. But soon he longed to hear Freemasonry expounded in his own language, his soul and mind thirsting for that brotherly love which he felt to be the core of his being. Particularly was this the case in the years 1870-71, when sudden events shook the civilised world to its foundations, and a lodge of instruction was founded under the warrant of the Pilgrim Lodge at the German Gymnasium, which he soon joined, and became one of its principal supporters. At this time the "Pilger Loge" was counting 12 members and prolonging a miserable existence. With a sense of divination peculiar to himself, he cast the regard of his longing eyes to this lodge; that here he would find a resting place, and here he would find a blissful field for ideal flights of his fancy, and became affiliated April 15th, 1870. As if a bright meteor had suddenly descended, illuminating surrounding clouds with a brilliant and unusual light, he appeared among his German brethren, and delivered on the first night "Statistics on the Laws of Freemasonry," composed by his own father, worthy of imitation. And now began in reality the work of love, casting all else into the background, which we can testify with joyfully beating hearts. This lodge, which is mourning in the deepest sorrow for the loss of him who elevated it to its exalted position, with the help of the Almighty, can be called in the fullest sense of the word its reformer. Deeply versed in the teachings of the Craft, he showered the horn of plenty with the innermost feelings of his soul over his brethren. The description of festivity of the centenary of the founding of the "Pilger Loge," with many more of his works, will make his name immortal in the annals of Freemasonry. He gave us new energy by his foremost example; he strengthened and raised the institution to a height it had not previously risen to, so that we may now look into the future with assurance. He tendered help whenever it was required; he was the strong man at the helm to guide our wants and our endeavours safely into the haven. He took the envied position of a counsellor, and was the sympathising and helping friend to every one. No one left his presence without tokens of admiration for the advice given; and of the protocols of our meetings he made truly gems of high and exalted sentiment and poetical value. He possessed a deep veneration for the muse of harmony, and introduced music into the lodge; neither would he spare trouble or expense in writing or procuring suitable arrangements. His researches for manuscripts and works on Masonic lore lasted for many years, and he endured heavy sacrifices, not only in giving his time to laborious examinations, but also incurring heavy expenses to procure for our lodge a library in a comparatively short space of time. This courageous and energetic man laid before us with sublime satisfaction a catalogue written by himself of a valuable collection. But enough of words, you all knew him, and his kind and amiable disposition, his wisdom and nobility of heart, who could not bear illwill towards any man who had gone astray, as it is only human to fail. He saw at a glance where the fault lay, and was ever ready to forget and forgive, or to acknowledge his own faults and stretch forth his hand in good fellowship. His charitable mind saw a brother in the poor, suffering, and needy, and he not only gave freely, but tried to befriend them, advise, and console. Him we have lost was great in his manhood, true in friendship, exalted as a Mason, the true type of a brave and valiant German. And now I will speak to you who stood so near to my heart, who personally gave me your earnest and truly great example in many vital questions. In this

heartrending hour in which we mourn for you I will repeat to you the words of the poet—

"Und ist es Wahrheit was der Glaube lehrt  
Und was erhaffend du als mensch begehrst  
Das deinen nach des Daseins Gegenwart  
Ein andres Sein noch, eine Zukunft harret?  
Dann wird weil freien Willen du gewollt  
Was du nach dem Gebet der Pflicht gesollt  
Dir auch der Weltenmeister gnadig sein,  
Und was du menschlich fehltest dir verzeihn."

And now while these softly sounding chords are yet ringing I bid you, my dearly beloved brother, the last farewell within this solemn hour and these sanctioned walls. Your immortal soul hovers around us and is with us; may your pure spirit look down upon us from those ethereal heights, from those plains of the immortals, in this holy hour; consolingly and friendly from the Eternal East, and obtain the blessing from the Almighty for us. We mourn to part from you, but make a solemn vow that we will keep and testify to your will, and try to emulate you in purity, love, nobility of heart, relief, and truth. Herewith I lay the jewels of everlasting peace upon your grave; sleep gently, Carl Bergmann, noblest of men and true brother. Our honest love and reverence, our warm and heartfelt thanks, for all you have done and been to us upon earth follows you to the grave. Peace be to your ashes. Amen.

A choral "Wie sie so sanft ruhn" followed, and the Worshipful Master asked the Orator, Bro. F. A. Glaeser, to make his Masonic charge, which he did in the following words:—"As soon as a great life ends unexpectedly, the first impression is that of sorrow, a pain which is greater and more lasting when the loss suffered is a great one. We have been bereaved of a true and faithful friend, a dear link of the chain of brotherly love. Our loss is irreparable, but our affliction receives a glorifying consecration when we contemplate his life and his virtues. We may here say "his works do follow him." Mourning for our deceased brother gathered us here to-day and in this hour every one of us is reminded of his own death hour to which he is brought closer by each minute part of time. There is no fear of death in us, for we know death, but nevertheless the point which borders our life on this earth will always be a serious contemplation for us. Until very lately we saw our beloved brother who now rests from his labours amongst us; we heard his friendly voice, he shared our joy and sorrow, his brotherly advice and beneficial comfort went straight to our hearts. Now everything is changed. A Heavenly Father has led him to beatitude, which is also promised to all who live and toil like he did. The hour of farewell from this life will strike for any one of us sooner or later, when we will have to take our judgment. This solemn warning take close to your hearts in this sublime hour. Make good use of time in fulfilment of duties, work for your own welfare and for that of your fellow-man. Our laments cannot express the sorrow we feel in losing our beloved brother, but we look up to the eternal love and wisdom of the Great Architect, who sends into our hearts a ray of his Heavenly glory which makes it beat higher for all elevating sentiments, for love and friendship, for truth and justice. Let the earnest thought of this hour be as germs for future ripening. At the tomb of the deceased let us firmer connect the chain of brotherhood and renew the vow of love, the immutable brotherly love, which unites us for ever and ever. Amen.

The choral "Es ist bestimmt in Gottes Rath" was given in the most solemn manner, and the lodge was closed.

Bro. Ganz, P.G.O., officiated at the organ and Bro. M. Muller conducted the chorals.

The whole ceremony went off in the most impressive manner, and not a few of those present were deeply touched. The Dead March in "Saul" brought the ceremony to a close.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. J. W. J. FOWLER, P.P.G.D.C.**

On the morning of Saturday week Bro. James William Joseph Fowler, for many years connected with the Lancashire constabulary, died at his residence, 24, Shakespeare-street, Southport. The deceased, who was 70 years of age, entered the metropolitan police force when young, and subsequently became one of the members of the Lancashire constabulary on its formation in 1842. He was gradually promoted, and previous to his retirement on a pension, eight years ago, he was for twenty years superintendent of the county police in the Prescott division. In that capacity he conducted the police cases at Woolton sessions, and was highly respected by the magistrates, the local practitioners, and the general public, and during his term as superintendent he received several presentations. Deceased was P.M. of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, and held the office of P.G.D.C. at one time in the Province of West Lancashire, being highly-respected and esteemed by many members of the Craft.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

**BIRTHS.**

**FERRY.**—On the 16th inst., at 49, Linton-street, New North-road, London, N., the wife of Richard Ferry (formerly of Truro), of a daughter.

**GRIBBLE.**—On the 21st inst., at Ivy Lodge, Sevenoaks, the wife of T. G. Gribble, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGE.**

**SIGEL—THORNTON.**—On the 19th inst., at St. Luke's, Chelsea, Ashford Henry, son of the late C. G. Sigel, of Ashford Ford, Middlesex, and Kensington, to Laurie Louise, daughter of the late H. Thornton, of Chelsea.

**WHITE—SPRECKLEY.**—On the 10th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Eltham, by the Rev. T. Norman Rowsell, Vicar, William, second son of Bro. Samuel White, of Highbury New-park and Cannon-street, to Fanny, daughter of Mr. Thomas Spreckley, of Clayton House, Eltham, and Cannon-street.

**DEATHS.**

**ABBOTT.**—On the 16th inst., at 33, Melrose-gardens, Shepherd's Bush-road, W., Mary Ann Margaret, widow of Charles Abbott, of Fairlight, Hastings.

**STYLES.**—On the 17th inst., at 1, St. Faith's-road, Lower Norwood, Emily, the beloved wife of Alfred Styles, and second daughter of the late Henry Pope, of New-road, Brighton, and Preston.



Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore has sent to the Lord Mayor a cheque for £99 for the funds of the Mansion House poor-box.

The Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will meet on Friday, the 1st prox., at the Masonic Hall, 110, High-st., Portsmouth, at 2.30 p.m.

The Godson Mark Lodge, named in honour of W. Bro. A. F. Godson, the Craft D.P.G.M. for Worcestershire, will be consecrated at Kidderminster in February next.

Bro. the Duke of Portland celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday at Welbeck Abbey on the 11th inst. by a merry gathering. Nearly three hundred persons were present.

Bro. W. B. Fendick was installed W.M. of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, on Thursday, the 17th inst. A report will appear next week.

Bro. Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., has offered the important and valuable rectory of Bingham to the Rev. Henry White, chaplain to the Chapel Royal, Savoy, and chaplain in ordinary to the Queen, but the appointment has been declined.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, R.W. Prov. G.M. Nottinghamshire, presided on Saturday last at a banquet of agricultural societies in Nottingham, Lord Galway, Lord Belper, and several members of parliament being also present.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley has been offered, and has accepted, the Senior Wardenship of the Wolseley Lodge, No. 1993, Manchester, which was named in honour of our distinguished brother, and was consecrated in March last year. Lord Wolseley will visit the city during the spring to be invested.

Hornblotton, a little village in the county of Somerset—the parish only numbering 113 people—has the honour of possessing the first electric clock in the kingdom that has been made with a striking apparatus. The pendulum, with the batteries which give the motion, are situated in the rectory, about 130 yards distant from the church, in the tower of which the main works are placed.

A Masonic ball will take place on the 7th prox., at Sayes Court, Deptford, under the patronage of Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., Bro. W. G. Evelyn, F.R.G.S., and many other gentlemen of influence. By special permission of the M.W.G.M., Masonic Craft clothing and jewels will be worn. The proceeds are to be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The *Keystone* says there will soon be no distinction, in location, between the corner-stone and the cap-stone, corner-stones being sometimes laid in very curious places. The Grand Master of Missouri says he granted a dispensation to lay a corner-stone "upon the top of a second story." Our contemporary believes the corner-stone of Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge was laid "up there somewhere."

Our Portsmouth correspondent informs us, relative to a paragraph which appeared in the *Freemason* of last week announcing that the Governors of the Portsmouth Grammar School had accepted a legacy of £2,000 from a solicitor for a scholarship, with the condition attached that no Jew or son of a Freemason should be eligible for the same, is not correct. The Governors, a large number of whom we are glad to say are Masons, will not accept the bequest on such conditions, but are endeavouring to obtain it on different terms.

On Monday afternoon the Prince and Princess of Wales opened the newly-erected triumphal arch at the top of Constitution-hill, Hyde Park Corner. His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, as Ranger; the Right Hon. George Shaw Lefevre, M.P., First Commissioner of Works; and others, were present to meet their Royal Highnesses. Precisely at a quarter to two the gates were thrown open, and the Prince and Princess of Wales drove through in an open carriage, and passed down Grosvenor-place to Nine Elms Station, where a special train was in waiting to convey them to Criche House, their Royal Highnesses having arranged to spend the week with Lord and Lady Alington.

At the annual meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Club, held at head-quarters, in Hope-street, on Friday evening, the 18th inst., under the chairmanship of Bro. Colonel Turner, P.P.G. Treas., President, the sums of 20 guineas were voted to the Latham Testimonial Portrait Fund, 20 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and £20 to the Hamer Benevolent Fund. Bro. Colonel Turner was re-elected President for the ensuing year; Bro. G. Morgan, P.M. 1,035, Vice-President; Bro. J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; and Bro. Dr. J. Kellett-Smith, P.P.G.R., H. H. Smith, P.M. 1,505, and J. Beesley, P.M. 823, were chosen members of the Club Committee.

We are glad to note that a more liberal rendering is given by many leaders in the Craft to the so-called physical qualification test. The thing is really a remnant of barbarism. The idea that a man deprived of an eye is unfit to participate in our mysteries, or that a Brother who has broken his nose or lost a tooth cannot proceed, is a little "too-too." Actually one brother writes that somebody worked well although he only had one arm. Mother of mysteries! why shouldn't he? Is a man to turn fool, have softening of the brain, or lose his intellect because a cannonball carries off a leg or an arm? To hear these "strict iron-clad physical disqualificationists" discant, one would suppose that the chopping off of a toe instantaneously produced paralysis of the intellect. The sooner Masons learn to test their work by the square of virtue, and less by the perfections of the physical man, the better will it be for Freemasonry. We fancy the Supreme Grand Master will never keep a man out of His Grand Lodge because he is minus a finger or an ear. Those who are fit for Him should not be rejected by us.—*Masonic Chronicle, U.S.A.*

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight has forwarded a donation of twenty guineas to the new building fund of the City of London College.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany last week paid a visit to the City to inspect Bro. Sir John Bennett's collection of clocks, from which he was pleased to make a selection for her Majesty the Queen.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, R.W.P.G.M.M.M. Cheshire, consecrated a new Mark Lodge called the Sincerity Lodge, at Northwich, last week, and Bro. T. E. Skidmore was afterwards installed W.M. A report will appear in our next.

Mr. Bancroft presided at the second annual meeting of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, which was held on the stage of the Lyceum Theatre. It was reported that the number of applications last year increased to 612. The subscriptions reached £1608, and £555 was derived from a benefit at Drury-lane Theatre.

At the installation meeting of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, Bro. Reid was installed as Master by his predecessor, Bro. W. D. Kerrell. Relief was granted to a distressed brother, and a gold Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master.

We call the attention of our readers who are seeking a good source of investment to an announcement in another column of the issue of £200,000 Debenture Stock by the Corporation of the flourishing Yorkshire town of Middlesbrough. The lists will be shortly closed, and we understand the Stock is being rapidly taken up.

A "smart" scoundrel tried recently to lighten his sentence in a Philadelphia court by making an ostentatious display of a Masonic emblem, but the judge was equal to the emergency, and gave the culprit the full benefit of the law, together with a wholesome rebuke for disgracing the emblem, saying, "If you were a good Mason you would not be here to-day."—*Keystone.*

A Masonic ball in aid of the Charities will take place at Southport on Friday next, the 1st February, under the distinguished patronage of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; Col. Stanley, W. Deputy P.G.M. West Lancashire; and other brethren of high Masonic rank.

At a meeting of the council of the Hospital Sunday Fund held at the Mansion House on Monday, the Distribution Committee, consisting of Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart., M.P., and J. D. Allcroft, and Sir W. McArthur, M.P., Mr. Thomson Hankey, M.P., Mr. S. Morley, M.P., Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, Mr. Jervoise Smith, and Mr. A. Willett was appointed. Vacancies on the Central Purposes Committee were filled by the appointment of Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Major Ross, and the Rev. Dr. Sadler.

Mr. Henry Hucks Gibbs, of Aldenham House Watford, has signified his intention of undertaking at his sole expense the costly work of restoring the high altar screen at St. Albans Abbey, which has for a long time been in a defective condition. Sir Edmund Becket has displayed an even greater munificence in regard to the restoration of the nave and west front. After his restoration of the south front, which is now in progress, it is the intention of the hon. baronet to proceed with the removal of the roof of the north aisle, and to restore it to its original high pitch. After that the condition of the roof of the south transept will receive attention.

The following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, Jan. 21st—Rose Lodge (Ball), Grand Masters Lodge (Installation), Royal Albert Lodge, Caledonian Society's Stewards, Mount Moriah Lodge Audit, Furniture Brokers' Festival. Tuesday, 22nd—Royal Savoy Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Lodge of Industry, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Urban Lodge Audit. Wednesday, 23rd—Lodge of Antiquity. Thursday, 24th—London Ross-shire (Ball), St. George's Chapter, Grenadiers' Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, Polish Chapter. Friday, 25th—Caledonian Society Festival, Jerusalem Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge. Saturday, 26th—Stella Cricket Club (Ball).

A meeting of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, will be held in Bro. Myers's Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel Road, on Monday next, the 28th inst., at 7.0 p.m. punctually, on which occasion the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Wm. Musto, P.M. 1349, W.M.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; W. McDonald, W.M. 1445, J.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, I.P.M. First Lecture—1st Section, Bros. Seymour-Clarke, S.D. 1445; 2nd, Kinbell, J.W. 1445; 3rd, Hirst, 1306; 4th, C. Robson, 960; 5th, West, J.D. 933; 6th, Pavitt, S.W. 860; 7th, McDonald, W.M. 1445. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bros. Dale, 933; 2nd, B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; 3rd, Musto, jun., S.D. 1349; 4th, Richardson, 174; 5th, Myers, P.M. 1445. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bros. Hopkins, 749; 2nd, Job, P.M. 1076; 3rd, Stephens, S.W. 1023. Bro. Toombs, 1445, is Steward, and Bro. J. Robson, S.W. 1445, Secretary.

Experts in chemistry have estimated that the cost of London's winter smoke and fog is 25,000,000 dollars annually; that is to say, constituents of heat to this value escape unconsumed, and assist in forming the sooty vapour. Now, 25,000,000 dollars, say £5,000,000 sterling, represents, at ten shillings per ton, say 10,000,000 tons of coal, which would give to every one of the 5,000,000 inhabitants of London two tons per annum, and to each family of five persons ten tons per annum—a pretty liberal supply of itself, merely for domestic purposes. Of the two valuable ingredients of coal for producing heat, carbon and hydrogen, the latter can never escape complete combustion in any ordinary grate or furnace. The result of its combustion is water, which at the temperature of the fire is in the form of steam, and at the chimney-top, or at a very short distance above, watery vapour. A very small quantity of carbon, in the form of an insipid powder, goes off with the mixture of carbon dioxide, nitrogen, watery vapour, and atmospheric air, called smoke, and gives to this mixture, by diffusion throughout its volume, a dingy colour, quite dark, in masses of considerable thickness. The proportion which this unburned carbon bears to the coal from which it is derived is, however, very small. It would appear that not far from one-sixth of one per cent. of the carbon of the coal consumed escapes unburned.—*Sanitary Engineer.*

The Prince of Wales has given a donation of 50 guineas towards the funds of the School of Dramatic Art.

The debt on the Masonic Temple in Boston has been nearly extinguished. In New York it was the Temple that was in danger of being extinguished.—*Utica Herald.*

From the replies received from volunteer commanding officers to the suggestion of the Duke of Cambridge that, instead of the usual Easter Monday Review at Brighton the volunteers should be brigaded with the regular troops at Aldershot, Portsmouth, and Dover, the general opinion appears to favour a continuance of the old form of one large review.

The *Standard's* New York correspondent is responsible for the statement that the remains of Bro. Captain Webb, Neptune Lodge, No. 22, were found to be so decomposed when an attempt was made to remove them from their temporary grave, that their final interment at Oakwood Cemetery, near the Niagara Suspension Bridge, was resolved upon; the funeral taking place with Masonic ceremonies.

The *Citizen* states that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is interesting himself in a movement under which Sir Edmund Johnson and other gentlemen have taken a large site in Limehouse, near the West India Docks, for the purpose of assisting the poor in that district. The idea is to establish a kitchen on a large scale, cook dinners for the labouring classes, and send out the food in carts to the homes and places of work of those it is intended to help.

The will of the late Sir William Siemens has been proved, the gross value of the personal estate in the United Kingdom being sworn at £382,423. Amongst other bequests are £2000 to the German Hospital, Dalston; and £1000 each to the German Society for Benevolence, the Tunbridge Wells Infirmary, the Scientific Relief Fund of the Royal Society, the Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and the Pension Fund of Siemens Brothers and Co. (Limited).

The Secretary of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, informs us that W. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be present at the regular meeting of the lodge, on Tuesday evening next, the 29th inst., at the Prince Regent Hotel, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Bro. Terry has kindly promised to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m. prompt, and the early attendance of the brethren is solicited. Masonic clothing will be worn.

Speaking of the late Bro. Dr. Eduard Lasker, the *Jewish Chronicle* says "One fact connected with Lasker's stay in England will be specially interesting to Freemasons. On the register of the "Tranquillity" Lodge (one of the so-called Jewish Lodges of London) there is an entry, under date of February 18th, 1856, of the initiation of "Eduard Lasker, Merchant, 33, Cloudsley Street, Islington, proposed by Maximilian Lasker." He was "passed" in the following month. All the officers of the Lodge at the time were Jews."

A handsome headstone has just been erected in Nunhead Cemetery over the grave stone of the late Bro. John Allen P.M. 1706, 1928. The inscription, which is as follows, is surmounted by a circle wreathed with acacia sprigs, and containing the square and compasses:—"In Memoriam John Allen, many years Sub-editor of *The Morning Post*. Departed this life on the 4th January, 1883, in his sixtieth year. This stone was erected as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by his brother Freemasons, members of the Orpheus Lodge No. 1706 and of the Gallery Lodge No. 1928. He was one of the founders of the former and first I.P.M. of the latter. The sweet remembrance of the just shall flourish when he sleeps in dust."

Some consternation has been felt amongst those interested gentlemen who cry for the destruction of old Dukes that they may profit by the construction of new Dukes, from the fact that the Queen has been impressed with the scandal that the statue of the Duke of Wellington is left as lumber near Hyde Park Corner. A correspondence, by Her Majesty's command, is proceeding with the Board of Works, intimating a desire that Mr. Lefevre and Mr. Bertie Mitford will either remove it or set it up near where it now remains, on a proper pedestal. Public opinion will fully support Her Majesty's protest against the conspiracy of which our greatest modern general has been the subject.—*Broad Arrow.*

There is on view at the Canadian Government Offices a vertical section, 5 feet 2 inches thick, of a seam of coal that is being worked on the Belly River by the North-Western Coal and Navigation Company. It is what is known as hard, dry, bituminous coal, very much resembles Welsh anthracite, makes little smoke, and leaves but a small quantity of cinder. The coal from this district is undoubtedly the best that has yet been discovered in the Canadian North-West; it stands exposure, travels well, and is suitable both for domestic and steam purposes. Upon the opening of the North-West Territory, fears were expressed that the settlement of the country would be difficult, owing to the limited supply of wood in the fertile belt, but the discovery of this immense coal-field has entirely disposed of the matter, and it is quite expected that next year coal will be supplied to Winnipeg and the towns along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at as cheap a rate as that which prevails in Toronto and in the other eastern cities of the Dominion. It is intended to connect the mines by a branch line with the Canadian Pacific Railway at Medicine Hat, and the necessary powers will be applied for in the next Session of the Canadian Parliament. The line when made must, in addition to the coal traffic, do a considerable local traffic, as it will open up the district now becoming so well known in connection with cattle ranching. The railway is likely also to be used largely for the transport of cattle raised in the neighbouring portions of the United States to the Atlantic ports.

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