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WEDNESDAY next has been selected as the most appropriate day for presenting to Bro. HUGHAN the testimonial which, as our readers are aware, has been raised by the Craft in order to mark its sense of the invaluable services to Masonic literature which our distinguished brother has rendered. Grand Lodge meets in the evening of the same day, and consequently there will be an opportunity for our provincial brethren to take part in the simple, yet interesting proceedings. As we have referred to the subject on more than one occasion already, we need not be at the pains of saying much now. That Bro. HUGHAN is in every respect worthy of the further honour awaiting him has been admitted universally; but there is not the same consensus of opinion as to whether the honour of which it is intended he shall be made the recipient next week is worthy in a similar degree of the Craft which presents it. All England has beaten Cornwall in the friendly contest to pay honour to whom honour is due, but the defeat of the latter is the reverse of overwhelming, and it is more than doubtful if the former has put forth that amount of zeal and exertion which the circumstances might have been supposed to justify. However, the testimonial is raised and will be presented on the day we have mentioned, and we doubt not with all possible éclat. When the event is over and our account of it is published, let him that runs read and reflect whether the English brotherhood in its desire to render what is due to one of its worthiest members has not to a certain extent forgotten what is at the same time due to itself.

WE understand that more than one candidate will be proposed for the Grand Treasurership on Wednesday next. We also hear that a Provincial Brother, of considerable position in Freemasonry, will be nominated. A London Brother is also named; but we think it better to mention no names until after the formal nomination in Grand Lodge.

THE prospects of the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are, we hope, good. There is not one of our Institutions which more forcibly appeals to the sympathies of the members of our Order, whether they are old or young. If they are old, they can remember the time when some of those who are now appealing for their charitable help once consorted with them in lodge, and worked together with that amity and good-will which always characterise true Freemasons. Many of the candidates for the needful help of this excellent Charity were once zealous Freemasons and prosperous citizens of the world. Infirmity, old age, and reduced means have gradually come upon them until they have been compelled to make a forcible appeal to the kindness of that great Fraternity, whose "Largesse" never fails the deserving and the unfortunate. For our older Masons, therefore, the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are many and serious. To the younger Masons amongst us this great Charity of ours holds out equally strong and equally touching appeals. In youth we are sometimes apt to forget that old age and infirmity must one day overtake us all, and there are many instances in this Charitable Association where some who were once young, prosperous, and highly flourishing in this world's good things, have been glad to avail themselves in darker hours of the comparatively humble aid of this most needful and useful Charity. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution professes to succour inevitable old age, and increasing infirmities, and to give a shelter and decent annuities to our older brethren and their bereaved widows. It seems to have a double claim on us all, and we hope that as Christmas is again drawing near, many of our brethren will remember the peculiar claims upon them of the old, the unfortunate, and the infirm. We wish Bro. TERRY all success in his unceasing labours. We were pleased to note that Bro. MASON's effective appeal at a recent gathering at the good Earl of Carnarvon Lodge met with a ready response.

WE understand that several very important and interesting matters will be brought before next Grand Lodge, by way of communication from the GRAND MASTER.

SINCE we wrote last week in reference to the vexed question of banquets, where the principles of the abstainers were intended to dominate the arrangements, we have felt more convinced than ever of the soundness of the position we have ventured to take up in the *Freemason*. It is quite clear to us that lodges in their social circles must constitute a Liberty-hall according to their own views on the subject. It is impossible that any one as a visitor can claim, on the principles of Freemasonry, to have a right to select his own "meats" and his own "drinks." He *must* conform to the social arrangements of the lodge which he condescends to visit, and *must* accept the fare, whether he likes it or not, which is fraternally provided for him by his kindly entertainers. If he does not approve of the menu set before him by any particular lodge's social circle, he can "make tracks," and go elsewhere where the courses are more abundant, and the liquor more agreeable. But he clearly has no possible right, under any conceivable circumstances, to claim that certain favourite items of food or drink must be provided for him, if he visits a lodge-club which suit his peculiar proclivities, or accord with his undeniable vanities. There is, therefore, and can be, no "dictation" in any lodge's social circle laying down sumptuary laws as regards banquets even if they antagonize the normal usages amongst ourselves in this respect. We have sought to elaborate this point a little, as much misconception exists on the subject, and some of us cling to the fancy, that it constitutes a "dictation" to others, if by any chance the arrangements of any of our Masonic social circles differ materially from those of ancient or customary use amongst us. In all these matters of friendly and social difference we must agree not to agree, and we hope we have heard the last of any interference with that true Masonic principle of toleration which would bid us respect the opinions of others, as much or as strongly as we put forward and maintain our own.

WE rejoice greatly to learn that the draft of Bro. GEORGE FORT's Treatise on "Builders' Marks" is ready for the Press. We have never concealed our opinion that to Bro. FORT Masonic students are very greatly indebted for his many researches and his lucid remarks. Hardly any other writer we are aware of has given a more elegant, cultured, and poetic turn to the legends of Freemasonry than he has so admirably done. And though there may not be the same congruity of opinion as regards this or that subject which he has elaborated, or this or that point which he has brought out, no reasonable or fair-minded person can hesitate to admit, that the whole Masonic reading world is under the very greatest obligation to his industry, which is very great, and his abilities, which are very remarkable, and, above all, to those graces of style which adorn his larger and lesser works alike.

THE Mark Degree has just taken another step which testifies to the increasing favour with which it is viewed by Craftsmen. On Friday next will be consecrated a Grand Stewards' Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the membership of which will, as in the case of the corresponding lodge in Craft Masonry, be confined strictly to brethren who have served or hold the office of Grand Steward. The ceremony of consecration will be an imposing one, and will be conducted by Bro. the Earl of KINTORE, Grand Mark Master Mason, in person. The first W.M. will be Bro. CHARLES E. SOPPET, P.G. Stwd., than whom we think a better selection could not have been made, while Bro. C. F. HOGARD will act as Secretary. The new lodge has our best wishes for its prosperity.

JUST now, there seem to be great interest and inquisitiveness in the popular world in respect of Freemasons and Freemasonry. Persons who have read or seen extracts from so-called exposures of the Order, affect to be very merry over Masonic ceremonies, and even to be among the number of the initiated. We need hardly add that such worthy persons are in the lowest abyss of the crassest ignorance of the subject on which they chatter often so glibly and, may we not add, impertinently? Ladies often warmly discuss Mrs. ALDWORTH, the Lady Freemason, and anxiously inquire with bated breath what she went through, and how she endured it all. Even members of our Order are sometimes greatly bored in Society by the pertinacity with which some good folks of both sexes will hold forth on Free-

masonry,—a subject on which they really know nothing at all. To all such we beg to recommend the answer of HORACE WALPOLE, who, when FREDERIC, Prince of Wales, a member of our Order, asked him "If he was a Freemason," replied: "No, Sir; I never was anything." ISIS, with her veil of old, was a fitting emblem of our great Fraternity, for we are not bound to find brains for those who have none, and we are not compelled to reveal our mysteries for the amusement of the childish, the satisfaction of the credulous, or the enlightenment of the ignorant and the profane.

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THE point brought out by the election of Bro. CAMA as an honorary member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, which we reported last week, is of more importance than might at first sight appear. For it proclaims with almost untellable reality the Cosmopolitanism of English Freemasonry. Other jurisdictions, especially abroad, may avow the same truth; but, according to our view, there is always an "arrière pensée" in all they say and do on the subject. The French Grand Orient, for instance, uses those magnificent words,—whatever they may really mean,—"La Solidarité Humaine;" but in the concrete we are all perfectly aware, whatever their professions may be in the abstract, they manage to shut out all who do really believe in T.G.A.O.U. Hence their assumed Cosmopolitanism is alike one-sided and insincere. Since 1813 the English Grand Lodge has hoisted manfully the grand banner of Toleration; and, undeterred by opposition and anathema, has enrolled amongst its members all who believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. It alone rejects the Atheist, and declines to admit into its ranks the man who blindly and wilfully shuts his eyes to the eternal existence of a Supreme Being, and His ceaseless moral government of the world. If our English Freemasonry is inconsistent in this respect, as some professors of Positivism assert, on the great ground of absolute freedom and toleration of opinion, it is inconsistent, and must remain inconsistent. Sure we are of this,—that if Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry ever thought to surrender its ancient and valuable formularies of belief in the MOST HIGH to the follies, weakness, and absurdity of the cynic agnosticism of the hour, it would soon be swept away from the surface of the earth, amid the contempt and rejoicing of mankind.

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THE continued advance of English Freemasonry is well shown by the new "Cosmopolitan Calendar," by which, "up to date," so to say, the English lodges number in the gross 2064, as against 2022 at this same period last year. Indeed, it is a very wonderful totality which the "Cosmopolitan Calendar" announces so admirably and completely to the Masonic world, and may make us all think seriously on various points connected with the progress and prosperity of English Freemasonry. We may add that the "Cosmo," as it is often familiarly termed contains reliable information on all Grades which we know not where else to obtain.

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SOME time ago we took exception to certain dicta of our esteemed confrère, P.G.M. JOHN SIMONS, of New York, the Editor of the *New York Dispatch*, in respect of his approval of the law of the Grand Lodge of New York,—that all members present in lodge at a ballot *must* vote, and that non-voting constituted a Masonic offence. We also ventured to suggest "inter alia" the formation of a law of appeal, composed of all the Grand Masters of the American Grand Lodges, to decide all "dicta" on various subjects, many of which now are slightly conflicting and often very puzzling. To these humbler remarks of ours Bro. SIMONS replies as follows in the *New York Dispatch* of November 9th: "About which we desire to remark that, in the United States there are some forty odd Grand Lodges, each of which is sovereign, supreme, and independent within the lines of its jurisdiction; and therefore, each makes such regulations as may in its own judgment best suit the needs of its constituents; and hence, what is good law in one State may have no effect in another so far as local matters are concerned. While, therefore, we are all as one, so far as the general principles and requirements of the Fraternity are in question, in minor matters there are many differences of practice, none of which affect the general status as regards the Institution. The decision above noted is according to the law of New York, and is gradually becoming that of other Grand Lodges in the realm, and the reason for it is, that we hold in this State that the ballot must be secret and must be sacred; therefore, the rule that all members present must vote, in order that there may be no question as to how any particular member expressed his opinion. We fail to perceive in this any element of despotism, but only a safeguard to all, to the end that there may be no means of ascertaining the manner of any brother's vote. We will not agree to any supreme court, because we claim in each jurisdiction to be supreme in ourselves, and so far as we can see, no one jurisdiction is willing to be governed by another, or to accept principles outside of the acknowledged rule of the Fraternity not fitting its own practice. It follows that there can be no general practice, and that a convention of Grand Masters or delegates is simply an impossibility, because we should none of us be willing to accept its decisions. It is all right as it is, and while we accept the present conditions we desire that our correspondent should do the same." We shall recur to the subject (D.V.) next week.

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TESTIMONIALS are presented nowadays so frequently, and occasionally on such slight grounds of justification, that we need offer no apology for making special reference to the gathering on Friday last in the Venetian Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, and the occasion which led to it. There are probably few men who have been more worthily honoured, not only by his friends, but also by the representatives of the institutions he has so often and so largely befriended, than Bro. Captain GEORGE LAMBERT, Past Grand Sword Bearer; but it must be borne in mind likewise that there are few among us who have so richly deserved such honour. To us Masons especially the circumstances in which Bro. LAMBERT figured so prominently on the day referred to must be gratifying in the highest degree. It has been said that a brother cannot be a good Mason who is not a good man. Here, at all events, we have the case of a brother in doing honour to whom it is difficult to say whether Masons or non-Masons have shown the greater anxiety. Perhaps it will suffice if we point out that both have shown a laudable desire to recognise services which have been rendered to both, and that there is not a pin to choose in the degree of success achieved by each. The great fact we are desirous of signalling here is, that it is a member of that benighted (?) and much calumniated Masonic Brotherhood whom so many prominent persons and the representatives of so many public institutions have recently delighted to honour, and that that member is Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England.

A SIMILAR celebration was held under the same hospitable roof on the following day, when Bro. MARSHALL, our Grand Treasurer, was presented by his friends with an appropriate testimonial in recognition of his services to the Craft in particular and the public generally. Bro. MARSHALL is the junior in Masonry of Bro. LAMBERT, but he has begun his career as one of our brotherhood with the evident determination to prove that youth is no impediment to good and worthy work, while his friends and admirers made it clear on Saturday that the question of years is of little or no account with them when the occasion is held to have arisen for recognising merit of an exceptional character.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following business will be transacted on Wednesday, the 3rd December.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September, 1884, for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To read a letter, dated 3rd October, 1884, from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the subject of the three English lodges in that colony, and addressed to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, together with the reply of his Royal Highness thereto.
5. Appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
7. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 202, Devonport	50 0 0
A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, Leeds	100 0 0
A brother of the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, Topsham	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber	100 0 0
A brother of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Warden Lodge, No. 704, Sutton Coldfield	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 935, Salford	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 219, Todmorden	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 484, Ashton-in-Makerfield	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham-on-Severn	100 0 0
A brother of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, Worcester	100 0 0
A brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 141, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London	50 0 0

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret having to report that Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, has been reluctantly compelled by the very serious state of his health, to resign his position as chief clerk in the Grand Secretary's Office, after a service of 30 years.

Taking into consideration the lengthened services of Bro. Buss, the able, efficient, and courteous manner in which he has at all times discharged his duties, his advanced age, and the fact of his resignation being forced upon him by his state of health, the Board unanimously recommend to Grand Lodge that Bro. Buss be granted a retiring pension of £400 per annum, being the full amount of the salary he has been receiving for several years as chief clerk.

The Board further report that Bros. W. J. Hughan and T. B. Whytehead have each presented a book to the library, which the Board have acknowledged with thanks.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
18th November, 1884.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November inst., shewing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £1466 6s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance for annual allowance for library £9 12s. 2d.

10. REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Special Building Committee have to report to Grand Lodge the progress they have made in the work committed to their charge.

The Great Hall has now been restored on the same lines as the one recently burned, but advantage has been taken of the opportunity to re-open the old gallery at the entrance end, and to connect it with the Hall by a staircase, thereby providing about 80 additional seats; other extra seats have also been provided in various parts of the Hall, making a total increase of accommodation for over 100 brethren below the dais.

It having been found that the means of entrance and exit hitherto existing were quite inadequate for the requirements of Grand Lodge, and indeed were such as would probably not be sanctioned under the present Metropolitan Regulations, an exit for use in case of fire or other accident has had to be constructed at the back of the proper left of the dais, leading by broad stone steps to the yard in the west rear of the Hall; another exit has also been formed on the west side under the gallery leading into the main corridor, and a third from the gallery into the upper corridor, making now five separate exits which can be used in cases of urgent necessity.

A new and complete system of ventilation has been provided, which, it is hoped, may conduce to the comfort of the brethren.

The boiler flues and chimney belonging to the kitchen of Freemasons' Tavern—which have hitherto been in dangerous proximity to the Hall—have now been removed to another position.

The 10 pictures of Grand Masters having been unfortunately destroyed, authentic copies have been made by well-known artists, namely, Bros. The Chevr. Desanges, Stephen Peirce, H. S. Marks, W. M. Hay, and

Sydney Hodges, and they are ready to be placed in their respective panels.

It is proposed to commence the decoration of the hall soon after the December Quarterly Communication, and the whole of the works, decorative and otherwise, will, there is no doubt, be completed and ready by the date of the Grand Festival in April next.

So far as the actual renovation of the hall is concerned, the Committee have been enabled to keep the cost of the same within the insurance money, but as a matter of course, many items, not of mere restoration, but of necessary and substantial improvements, such as the gallery and its approaches, the new exits in case of fire, the system of ventilation, the expense incurred for the pictures above the £50 insurance on each, &c., cannot come under the above head. The Committee will, therefore, be prepared to submit to the Quarterly Communication, in March next, an exact account of the expenditure thus unavoidably and usefully incurred.

The Committee have finally to report that the rearrangement of the internal fittings of the hall has placed an additional half panel on the proper right of the dais, and over the fire door leading to the banqueting hall, at the present disposal of Grand Lodge; and the Committee have, therefore, the greatest pleasure in suggesting that this half panel should be filled with a half-length life-sized portrait of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, as a memento of the affection and respect with which his lordship is regarded by the Craft, and of the able and valuable services which he has rendered to it for many years as Pro Grand Master.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, Chairman.
Freemasons' Hall, London,
Nov. 14th, 1884.

II. APPEALS:—

1. Appeals of Bro. Joseph E. Duspuch, P.M. of the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 443, Nassau, Bahamas, against the refusal of the District Grand Master to hear and determine his complaint against that lodge for improperly excluding him therefrom; and against a decision of the District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas finding him guilty of contumacious conduct, and certain resolutions of the District Grand Lodge consequent thereon.

2. Appeal of Bros. Edward Thomas Dover and Alfred George Gleeson, of the Lodge "Victoria in Burma," No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the District Grand Master of British Burma, holding that the W.M. of the lodge had not improperly excluded them while a ballot was being taken, and directing them to apologise for charging the W.M. with having acted "willfully and maliciously" in so doing.

The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:—

By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. No. 1216.

That it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and report upon the best means for the prevention of the continued impositions practised upon Metropolitan and Provincial lodges by mendicant Freemasons.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros George Pole Britten, P.M. 183; Joseph Clever, 171; Thomas Cull, 1446; Charles Dairy, 141; George P. Gillard, 657; Charles F. Hogard, 205; William Mann, 186; Henry McPherson, 890; John Noble, P.M. 975; Capt. Adolphus Nicols, 1974; William H. Perryman, 3; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaul, 1768; Edward Francis Storr, 22; and Robert J. Taylor, 141; of whom twelve are to be elected.

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence: Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice President; Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President; and none others were nominated.

LIST OF LODGES FOR WHICH WARRANTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER SINCE THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE

- No. 2065.—The Cosmopolitan Lodge, Queenscliff, Victoria.
- 2066.—The Morning Star Lodge of Stawell, Stawell, Victoria.
- 2067.—The Prince Leopold Lodge, Gympie, Queensland.
- 2068.—The Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, Portsmouth.
- 2069.—The Lodge of Prudence, Leeds, Yorks. (W.D.)
- 2070.—The Lodge of Peace, Uralla, Sydney, N.S.W.
- 2071.—The Lodge of Emulation, Sydney, N.S.W.
- 2072.—The Zelandia Lodge, Whangaroa, Auckland, N.Z.
- 2073.—The Duke of Albany Lodge, Helensville, Auckland, N.Z.
- 2074.—The St. Clair Lodge, Landport, Hants.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Salisbury on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the receiving lodge being the Lodge Elias de Derham, No. 586, of that town. The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Methuen, presided, and was supported by a large number of the Wiltshire brethren, amongst whom were Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Lord H. F. Thynne, P.G.W., G. Supt. (R.A.) Wilts; Rev. C. H. Awdry, Prov. G. Chap.; F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treas.; T. Ponting, P.G. Reg.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; J. Chandler, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D.C.; Dr. Theobald Ringer, P.G.A.D.C.; H. E. Bishop, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Merrick, P.G. Purst.; William Nott, P.P.G.J.W., Prov. Charity Sec.; Rev. F. King, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Stokes, P.P.G.S.W.; Col. Randle Ford, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Turner Payne, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, P.P.G. Chap.; T. S. Fletcher, P.P.G.J.D.; and others.

The roll of the various lodges was called, and duly responded to by representatives from every lodge in the province. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge at Chippenham, of which a printed copy had been circulated, were taken as read and duly confirmed.

The Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS, then read the minutes of the Provincial Charity Committee, which had been held that morning, from which it appeared that Bro. John Chandler, P.M. 355, P.P.G.S.W., and P.P.G.D.C., was willing to represent the province as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which Festival will be presided over by Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., the P.G.M. of the neighbouring Province of Gloucester. The Committee recommended that Bro. Chandler be adopted as Steward for the province, and that the sum of £21 be voted from the Provincial Charity Fund to be placed on his list.—These recommendations were adopted.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, read an abstract of his accounts, which had been duly audited, and which, besides the balance on the general and ordinary Charity accounts, showed a balance to the credit of the newly-established Benevolent Fund of £79 9s. 6d. cash, and £178 3s. 6d. Consols.—These accounts were duly approved.

The Prov. G. Registrar, Bro. THOS. PONTING, presented his usual report, showing that the number of members in the province was about 440, or substantially the same as in the previous year; but stating that he was again, as last year, unable to make a complete return, owing to the neglect of one lodge—the same which caused the like inconvenience in 1883—to make its return.—The report was approved.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in putting it for adoption, made some remarks as to the lodge in question, which he hoped would have the effect of preventing any recurrence of the neglect complained of.

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

BENEVOLENT FUND.—The whole of the income to the end of the year, 1882, has been invested in the sum of £178 3s. 6d. Consols, and in addition the balance in the Treasurer's hands for the current year, will, as no claim as yet has been made on the Fund, be all available for further investment. This is most encouraging, for with the small amount of income available, it would have been impossible to give assistance to any extent. This funding of the receipts has made an appreciable addition to the annual income, and, should there be no claim for the next two or three years, the Fund will be placed in a most satisfactory position.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.—Since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge there has been no case from this province at either of the elections for the Masonic Charities, the case of the boy, H. M. Jarvis, previously adopted as a candidate, having been withdrawn, he having obtained a nomination for another Institution. The votes of this province have, therefore, been applied in supporting cases from the other associated provinces, and, at the same time, reducing the liability of this province.

The Committee has adopted as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the Widow of the late Bro. Charles Feaviour, of the Corsham Lodge—Lodge of Rectitude, 335, a case which has been most strongly recommended to it as a very deserving one.

The provinces now in intimate union with Wiltshire are—Bristol, Gloucester, Leicester; Monmouth, Somerset, the Eastern Division of South Wales and Worcestershire, and the thanks of the province are due to the representatives of those provinces—more especially to Bros. Capt. S. G. Humfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset; M. Tennant, D.P.G.M., E.D. South Wales; and R. V. Vassar Smith, Gloucester, who have attended the Elections this year—for their hearty co-operation with this province.

The votes sent in to your Committee during the past three years have been as follows:—

	1882.	1883.	1884.
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys . . .	475	498	508
" " " " Girls . . .	350	370	417
" " Ben. Inst. for Aged Freemasons . . .	235	242	233
" " " " Widows . . .	153	171	338
	<u>1219</u>	<u>1281</u>	<u>1496</u>

thus showing a marked increase.

All the votes in the province (both those from lodges and private votes) are now, almost without exception, regularly placed at the disposal of your Committee, thus allowing of the necessary calculations and arrangements being made with a large amount of certainty.

The Wiltshire recipients of the Masonic Charities are nearly the same as last year. From the Benevolent Institution, three Widows are still (as they have been doing for the past eight, six, and two years respectively), receiving Annuities of £32 each.

In the Masonic Schools there are nine Wiltshire children, as to whom the school authorities report as follows, viz:—

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

- A. M. C. (Old Swindon, 355), age 15, elected 1879, leaves the School 1885, "is a good girl and making fair progress; is in the 2nd class."
- A. L. W. (New Swindon, 1295), age 15, elected 1879, leaves 1885, "is making more progress, is a good girl, and is now in the 2nd class."
- E. M. G. (Salisbury, 586), age 13, elected 1879, leaves 1886, "is now in the 3rd class and making more progress; is a good girl."
- F. J. N. (Old Swindon, 355), age, 13, elected 1880, leaves 1887, "is making good progress. She is in the 2nd class, is a good girl."
- G. E. B. (Old Swindon, 355), age 13, elected 1880, leaves 1886, "is in the 4th class, still being very slow; is a good girl."
- G. M. S. (Old Swindon, 355), age 11, admitted 1882, leaves 1889, "has passed the Senior School, where she is in the lowest class, being backward for her age; is a good girl."
- L. M. S. S. (Trowbridge, 632), age 12, admitted 1882, leaves 1892, "is making progress, is in the 5th class, and is a good girl."

BOYS' SCHOOL.

- H. V. N. B. S. (Trowbridge, 632), age 14, elected 1877, leaves 1886, "in the 3rd class (1st is the highest); conduct satisfactory, progress improved, diligence improved. Place in class of 29 boys 24th, October 1st, 1884."
- H. R. H. G. (Trowbridge, 632), age 10, elected 1883, leaves 1890, "in the 5th class, conduct satisfactory, progress fair, very backward on entering the Institution, diligence fair. Place in class of 30 boys, last."

It will thus be seen that Wiltshire is receiving a very large amount of benefit from the great Masonic Institutions, a benefit of which the money value may be reckoned at between £500 and £600 a year at the lowest.

The contributions from Wiltshire to these Charities during the past year have been made through the medium of the following

STEWARDS FOR THE MASONIC CHARITIES:		
Bro. Edwin Eyres, Benevolent Institution...	...	£157 8 0
" T. Ponting, Girls' School ...	...	85 11 6
Lodge 632, Boys' School ...	...	10 10 0
Total ...	...	<u>£253 9 6</u>

On the motion of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS, seconded by the D.P.G.M., Sir G. GOLDNEY, certain additions to the Provincial Grand bye-laws were made in consequence of the powers granted by Rule 87 of the new Book of Constitutions, the effect being that to the present list of officers which might be appointed annually by the Prov. Grand Master the following were added—a second Chaplain, a Standard Bearer, an Assistant Secretary, and an Assistant Pursuivant, to take rank according to such Rule 87.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren, recapitulating the various occurrences of the past year, and concluding by dwelling upon one which he had with the greatest regret to announce to them, namely, the fact that Bro. Henry C. Tombs had definitely expressed his inability, owing to his many engagements, to undertake the office of Provincial Grand Secretary again. Bro. Tombs had well and ably filled that office for the past 17 years, and he (the P.G.M.) felt sure that every brother in the province would unite with him in the expression of feeling of the great loss which the province had sustained, and in conveying to Bro. Tombs their best wishes on his retirement.

Bro. HENRY C. TOMBS most warmly thanked the Prov. Grand Master and other brethren for their kind expressions towards him, and their appreciation of his services, and expressed his great regret that he felt himself compelled to resign the office which he had held for so many years with great pleasure to himself, and in which he had always met with so much kindness and courtesy from everyone in the province, and congratulated the province on the great advance which it had made during that period.

It was afterwards, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, Bart., seconded by Lord H. F. THYNNE, unanimously resolved:

"That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, desiring to recognise in a special manner the good services rendered by W. Bro. Henry C. Tombs to this province during his 17 years of office as P.G. Secretary, and considering that instead of a testimonial being presented to him by private subscription, a grant from Provincial Grand Lodge would more particularly mark their esteem, hereby votes that a sum of 50 guineas out of Provincial Grand Lodge be granted for the purchase of a suitable piece of plate; and that a Committee, consisting of the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Wardens, the P.G. Treas., and the P.G. Sec., be appointed to carry this resolution into effect."

It transpired that during Bro. Tombs' Secretaryship the number of members in the province had more than doubled, whilst the number of lodges had increased from seven to ten. Bro. Tombs' connection with Freemasonry has not been limited to the Wiltshire Provincial Grand Lodge, for he has held the office of P.G.S.E. of the Wiltshire Prov. Grand Chapter from 1870 to the present time; he was appointed Grand Deacon of England in May, 1877, and Assistant Grand Soj. in the following year. He is also a P.M.W.S. of the St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter, 18°, and a member of the 30° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and a Past E.C. of the Bladud Preceptory of Knights Templar, and a member of the Mark Degree.

Bro. TOMBS stated that he had been requested by a brother who was himself unable to be present—Bro. William Morris, of Swindon—to ask the acceptance by the Provincial Grand Lodge of a framed rubbing of an ancient Masonic stone, which had recently been discovered in Newport-street, Swindon, such stone having carved upon it the old Masonic arms, and dated 1704, thus leading to the inference that Freemasonry had an existence in Wiltshire for some time previous to the date of the earliest records extant, which do not commence till some 28 years later. This rubbing had been exhibited in August last at the Masonic Exhibition at Worcester, where it had attracted very considerable interest.

Bro. Morris's offer was accepted by acclamation, and the P.G.M. directed that the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, at Swindon, have the custody of this gift on behalf of the province.

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

This was seconded by Lord H. F. THYNNE, and carried by acclamation. The P.G. Tyler was also re-elected, and the other P.G. Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, and the investments were made according to the following list:

Bro. E. T. Payne, 355	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. V. Toone, 1478	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. F. W. Macdonald, 586	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney, 626	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Merrick, 1271	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Harry Bevir, 355	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Tucker, 586	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. C. Powning, 586	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. T. Calkin, 586	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John Chandler, 355, P.P.G.S.W.	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" George Pike, 1478 and 355	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. H. Burt, 663	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" F. C. Kent, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. R. Henly, 626	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. J. Hollings, 355	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. Careless, 626	...	...	...
" T. Turner, 1295	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" John Savory...	...	...	...

This ended the business of the meeting, and after the Provincial Grand Lodge had been closed the brethren dined together at the White Hart Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this body was held at York, on the 19th inst., in the Masonic Hall, at three p.m. An invitation had been accepted from the Middlesborough Lodge, No. 276, to hold the gathering in their town, but in order to meet the convenience of the bulk of the members of the Order in the province, the Middlesbro' brethren, at the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Master, waived their right, and consented to receive the Prov. Grand Lodge at York as being more central, whilst the York brethren kindly placed their hall at the disposal of the inviting lodge. The Middlesborough Lodge was opened by Bro. I. Fidler, the W.M., and his officers, and the Prov. Grand Lodge entered as follows: Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.G.M.; Sir James Meek, as D.P.G.M.; W. H. Cowper, P.G.S.W.; T. Thompson, P.G.J.W.; G. Balmford, as P.G.M.O.; V. Fowler, P.G.S.O.; E. Bryan, P.G.J.O.; Rev. W. G. Chilman, P.G. Chap.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Sec.; M. Millington, P.G.S.D.; J. Hogg, P.G.J.D.; J. Dunn, P.G.I. of Works; J. B. Nicholls, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.D.C.; J. T. Seller, P.G.I.G.; A. T. B. Turner, P.G.O.; A. M. White, J. Townend, and H. Sherwood, P.G. Stwds. There were also present a number of Past Provincial Officers, Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of lodges, and brethren, as well as Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; W. Cooke, Prov. G. Sec.; and G. Normanton, Prov. G. Treas. West Yorkshire.

The usual formal business was transacted and the Treasurer's balance sheet was presented. One guinea was voted to the Hughan Testimonial Fund, it being considered that, the province being very young and not yet clear of debt, a larger vote would not be justified. Bro. J. W. Woodall was re-elected Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing three years, and was at once proclaimed and saluted.

In thanking the brethren for the compliment, Bro. WOODALL said it was rather more than three since he had been first elected to the position, and he more than ever felt that he would not have been able to perform the duties of the office without the most cordial co-operation of the brethren and the ever ready assistance of the Prov. Grand Secretary, to whom he begged to tender his most sincere thanks. Bro. Whytehead had informed him that he might possibly be shortly leaving the province, but he had consented to continue to hold the office of Prov. Grand Secretary until such time as he took his departure, and he (the Prov. Grand Master) felt sure the good wishes of the brethren would follow him wherever his lot might be cast, and that his Masonic ability and knowledge of Masonic lore would win him many friends. They had already to regret the loss of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was one of those who took an active part in the formation

of the province, and as he was removing his home to London he felt sure he would find his sphere of usefulness in no way diminished in that great centre. Though they were losing two such devoted Masons from their midst he knew that those brethren would still sympathise with them and be ever ready to assist them if occasion should require it. He had to recall two very pleasing events of the past year connected with the office he held. First, the holding of the moveable Grand Lodge in York, under the presidency of Lord Henniker, and the consecration of the Streonshalh Lodge. It was needless to recall the genial manner in which the G.M.M.M. had presided over the lodge, and they would join with him in wishing Lord Henniker a long and useful life. The second event was the success of the Mark Benevolent Festival at the Crystal Palace, on the 23rd July, when the sum of £812 was collected by the Stewards. As the Board of Stewards had requested him to preside over them on that occasion, he felt highly honoured by so good a result for the funds of an Institution which has already done much good in a very unpretentious manner, and would, he hoped, hereafter be further developed as the Mark Degree progressed. They were aware that during the past year he had visited Canada and the United States, and he had availed himself of the opportunity to visit some of the lodges in the States. They were probably aware that in the United States the Mark Degree, as in Scotland, was under the charge of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that each State of the Union had its own Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Thanks to the care of some of the Philadelphia brethren, amongst whom he might mention Bro. Meyer, whom some will recollect as the organiser of a band of Knights Templar who visited this city some years ago, he received a cordial reception at the hands of both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. At the meeting of the latter body he was received in his official rank as Prov. Grand M.M.M. for North and East Yorkshire, and had an opportunity afforded him of seeing much that was interesting to a Mason. He regretted, however, that he did not see a Mark lodge worked, as these lodges were not held during the hotter period of the year. It appeared, as far as he could judge from the hurried visit he had paid, that the working of the lodges in the State of Pennsylvania corresponded closely to what they believed the old York ritual to have been. Separated from the mother country at the time when the Masonic division was most accentuated in this country, they had, he ventured to think, retained many little forms and expressions which had either dropped out or were altered at the time of the Union. Just as in the study of natural history they found some older forms surviving, as it were, in a remote district, so there they might reasonably look for the survival of their antique ceremonies, which they believed were used by the old York Masons. He had also attended a most interesting Craft Lodge meeting in the Masonic Temple in New York City. In both cities the Masonic Temples were very handsome buildings, and a large number of lodges were accommodated in both. Masonry was widely spread in the United States, and it did good work. Owing, however, to the education laws of the States, it had not been deemed necessary to erect large schools as had been done in this country, but substantial assistance was often rendered to parents, and the care of orphans was by no means neglected. He had, by the kindness of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, been furnished with its report of that Grand Lodge for 1884. In that State, which, he believed, was the most populous in the Union, there were 715 lodges, having a muster roll of 71,338 brethren. As no brother was allowed to be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, they would see how wide-spread Masonry was through the State. He hoped to be pardoned the digression, but he thought the brethren would like to know his impressions of so interesting a trip. He had little to say as to Canada. Unfortunately, at present there was a difficulty as to the jurisdiction of the Grand Mark Masters Lodge of England and Wales and the body which is styled the Grand Lodge of Quebec. As he did not wish to enter into any discussion as to the merits of the case, he only mentioned it with regret, as he should have been glad if he could have met some of the Mark Masons of the Dominion. The question was complicated by the action of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, and he was very doubtful as to the best means of reconciling opposing interests. Still, he had reason to think that Masonry had some hold in that Grand Dominion of Canada, and was not without its influence, which he trusted would always be used for good purposes. Finally, he would conclude his few remarks by quoting a few words well known to all present, words which he thought should be remembered by every Mason and should be their answer to those anathemas which were indiscriminately hurled against the Masonic body. How far on the continent of Europe the Masons might have given just cause for animadversion it was not for him to discuss, but as far as lay in their power they should give the lie to all such foul aspersions by living peaceably with all men, having their conversations honest, that whenever they were spoken against as evildoers they should force the world to acknowledge, by the good works that they could show, that Masons were just, upright, and God-fearing men, not only in word, but also in deed and in truth.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his officers as follows:—

Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W.	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" W. H. Marwood, W.M. 387	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. B. Richardson, W.M. 95	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" J. Chadwick, P.M. 277 and 291	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" I. Fidler, W.M. 276	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" W. Constable, W.M. 277	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. W. G. Chilman, 277	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. M. Meek, P.M. 276 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Goulding, W.M. 281	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. B. Whytehead, P.G.O.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Dunn, W.M. 291	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. T. Seller, S.W. York	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Hudson, S.W. 277	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. H. Cowper, P.M. 276	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" B. L. Mills, P.M. York	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" A. T. B. Turner, J.W. York	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Greenwood, 95	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. W. Adams, 281	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Verity, 95	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

and requested the Fitzwilliam, Beuerlac, and Drifelt Lodges to nominate Stewards.

Some other formal business having been settled, the Prov. Grand Master accepted an invitation from the Fitzwilliam Lodge (Malton) to hold the next annual meeting in that town.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards dined in the banqueting-room of the hall.

GOLDSMITHS' AND JEWELLERS' ANNUITY AND ASYLUM INSTITUTION.

The seventeenth annual festival of the above institution was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday last. The company present included Bro. George Kenning (Chairman), Bro. Captain George Lambert, F.S.A. (President), Bro. F. B. Thomas (Trustee), Bro. Alderman Savory, Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch, Bro. E. J. Watherston, Sir John Robinson, Colonel Adams, Mr. S. H. Hagon, Mr. A. F. Dixie, Mr. George Wright, Mr. W. Webber (V.P.), Mr. J. L. Innocent (Secretary), and others. Grace having been sung, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen" and "The Army, Navy, and the Auxiliary Forces."

Sir JOHN ROBINSON replied for "The Army and the Navy," and Colonel ADAMS for "The Reserve Forces."

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Trustees of the Institution."

Bro. F. B. THOMAS replied in suitable terms. The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "Prosperity to the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution," drew attention to the unaccountable apathy displayed by the members of the trade. The small amount subscribed by a body so large, wealthy, and influential as the goldsmiths and jewellers were, was to him a matter of wonderment and great regret. He (the Chairman) also expressed his surprise at the more than indifferent accommodation provided for the inmates of the institution, and he suggested that an effort should be made to remove the establishment from its present confined situation at South Hackney to a more salubrious spot in the country, where, having more room in good air and in the midst of pleasant scenery, the annuitants might spend the remainder of their days in quietude, peace, and plenty.

Bro. E. J. WATHERSTON, in proposing "The Health of the President, Bro. George Lambert, most ably and cordially supported the views of the Chairman with respect to the indifference to which he had referred, as well as to the great desirability of removing the almshouses, and of providing more suitable accommodation for the old people.

Bro. Captain GEORGE LAMBERT, the President, acknowledged the toast in an able and exhaustive speech.

"The Executive of the Institution" was replied to by Mr. A. F. DIXIE.

Bro. Captain GEORGE LAMBERT next proposed "The Health of the Chairman."

Sir JOHN ROBINSON, in a humorous speech, proposed the toast of "The Ladies"; to which Bro. Alderman SAVORY replied.

Bro. Captain GEORGE LAMBERT then gave "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by GEORGE WRIGHT, Esq.

A long list of subscriptions was announced by the SECRETARY, including the following: Bro. Capt. George Lambert (President), £52 10s.; Bro. George Kenning (Chairman), £50; Bro. T. B. Thomas (Trustee), £10 10s.; Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., £10 10s.; Bro. Alderman Staples, F.S.A., £5 5s.; Bro. E. J. Watherston, £5 5s.; Bro. E. Streeter, £2 2s.; Mr. G. Henry Kenning, £5 5s.; and Mr. C. F. Corney, £2 10s.

An excellent selection of music was performed between the toasts under the direction of Mr. S. H. Hagon, assisted by Miss Marianne Fenna, Miss Louise Lyle, Mr. Harry Weir, Bro. Egbert Roberts, Mr. Cordery, and Bro. Kift.

BANQUET OF THE FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual banquet of this well-known lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Queen Anne's Mansions, under the presidentship of Bros. F. Binckes, Secretary of the R.M.I.B., as W.M.; W. H. Baker, S.W. 2030, S.W.; Bull, P.M. 145, J.W. There were also present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., Preceptor; Charles E. Soppet, P.M. 1627, G.S.; Chapman, W.M. 194; W. J. Collens, W.M. 766; Von Joel, W.M. 957; Swain, W.M. 1328; Driscoll, P.M. 30; Hunt, P.M. 194; Bassington, P.M. 205, Treas.; Cross, P.M. 1194, Sec.; Tonkin, J.D. 1328; Lovegrove, J.D. 1139; Masefield, Fincham, G. F. Edwards, and others.

After dinner the toasts were eloquently proposed by Bro. BINCKES, and duly responded to by the brethren.

The CHAIRMAN then asked the brethren to charge their glasses with a "bumper," and do full honour to the toast he was about to propose to them. He had the pleasure of having known Bro. Cottebrune for a number of years as a member of Grand Lodge, and also in other capacities connected with the Masonic Charities. He had been asked to preside on this occasion, and had thrown up other engagements in order to comply with the request conveyed to him from the Secretary, couched in such terms that he could scarcely refuse to preside on this their Festival in connection with the twenty-fifth year of Bro. Cottebrune's Preceptorship. Twenty-five years, a quarter of a century, Bro. Cottebrune had presided over the lodge. It was a wonderful record of patience and perseverance. He was glad to find Bro. Cottebrune's persistent and arduous labours had been duly appreciated by them, and that he was deservedly held in such high esteem. He had a great and special privilege and pleasure accorded to him that evening—it was to hand Bro. Cottebrune, in the name of the members of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, the enclosed cheque, as a mark of their appreciation of his services to the lodge during the past 25 years, and he was sure all the brethren would join him in wishing Bro. Cottebrune health, success, and happiness for years to come.

Bro. COTTEBRUNE responded by saying he was taken aback at the kindly expressions that had fallen from their Chairman, and at this token of their regard and appreciation of his services; in fact, he had no idea there was any intention of doing what they had done, the Secretary having kept it rather dark. There were many things in the arrangements for their annual dinner which he did not understand, but now it was all clear enough. After alluding to matters connected with the lodge during past years, he said there was one thing in particular he would mention, and that was the Masonic Charities' Association. He had it in his mind for some years, but last year Bro. Cross took the "bull by the horns," and the thing was done. It had proved very successful, and there had been 21 ballots, nine going to the Boys' Institution, eight to the Aged Masons, and one to the Girls', three being as yet undetermined. He thanked the brethren for their kindness and hoped he might be spared among them for many years.

"The Healths of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Wardens" were then proposed, duly honoured, and responded to.

Bro. Fasseheber, the manager, and Bro. Sherring were highly complimented for the way in which the dinner had been served. During the evening Bros. Tonkin, Collens, and G. F. Edwards added to the harmony of a happy evening by contributing some good songs. Bro. Driscoll also gave an amusing recitation.

"The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Bro. COTTEBRUNE, and heartily responded to by the brethren.

Thanks to the able assistance of the Chairman of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, the banquet passed off admirably.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. B. MARSHALL, GRAND TREASURER.

On Saturday last a numerous company of the friends of our respected Grand Treasurer entertained him at a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, the principal object, however, being to present him with his portrait in oils, in order to mark his sense of his services to Masonry, and especially during his tenure of the office of Grand Treasurer, as well as of the various disinterested acts of philanthropy by which his career generally has been distinguished. However brethren may have differed this time last year about the wisdom of nominating Bro. H. B. Marshall for the office of Grand Treasurer, there can be no two opinions now as to the manner in which he has upheld the dignity of the position. Bro. Marshall may have achieved greatness through his own sterling merits, or he may have had greatness thrust upon him by his friends and the supporters of a principle, but there is no doubt as to his having shown himself a very worthy and estimable Grand Officer. As to his acts done outside the magic circle of Freemasonry, though they concern us less immediately than what he has done within it, we cannot—indeed we have no wish—to shut our eyes to the fact that Bro. Marshall is constant in his endeavours to promote whatever will be of service to the cause of religion and philanthropy. Many a good work has been carried through successfully by the generous help of Bro. Marshall, and in these circumstances we must rejoice in common with all his other friends that his services have been publicly recognised in a manner so complimentary to him, and reflecting so much credit on the good taste and judgment of the contributors.

We have said the gathering was a numerous one, the chair being occupied by Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Past G. Std. Br., while amongst those present were Bros. J. Smith Eastes, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Professor E. M. Lott, Grand Organist; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; J. Terry, P.P. G. W. Herts; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Tunis; C. Belton, P.G.D. Surrey; R. Ewe, P.P.G.W. Hants; W. Lake, P.P.G.R.; C. J. Hogard, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M.; F. C. T. Keeble, P.M.; P. A. Nairne, P.M.; T. H. Miller, P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.M.; J. Willing, P.M.; G. P. Britton, P.M.; E. F. Storr, P.M.; H. Cox, P.M.; C. F. Martin, P.M.; W. J. Crutch, P.M.; W. Clark, P.G.P.; T. Hamer, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; J. S. Hawkins, P.M.; H. Baldwin, P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.; F. Adlard, P.M.; N. Bridges, P.M.; C. E. Soppet, P.M.; T. W. C. Bush, P.M.; Joyce Murray, P.M.; S. B. Wilson, P.M.; H. Hacker, P.M.; G. Clark, jun., P.M.; F. T. Isitt, H. White, B. S. Marks, T. Simpson, G. W. Blackie, C. Taylor, W. T. Rickwood, W. Kirkland, W. Greame, A. A. Kerrell, T. Underwood, A. Cox, J. E. Terry, J. Tickle, W. J. Collings, G. B. Seaton, J. Edwards, W. Baber, A. M. Philips, A. D. Kerrell, E. H. Rand, G. C. Hayes, C. J. Axford, W. Medwin, J. Lister, H. Von Joel, G. F. Edwards, E. W. Allen, George Hunt, F. Farrington, G. Rawlinson, W. E. Farrington, Charles Lee, F. J. Tyler, C. A. Scurrah, B. M. Samuel, J. Larkin, H. J. Read, C. Potter, F. Benskin, Hablett, G. Norrington, S. Webb, and A. Wildash.

The dinner was served in the Venetian room, and the CHAIRMAN having proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts,

Bro. BINCKES then proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," which was responded to by Capt. GEO. LAMBERT, of the Queen's Westminster, Capt. BOWYER (son of the Chairman), of the 1st Middlesex, and by Bros. J. S. HAWKINS and JAMES TERRY, of the Hon. Artillery Company.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of the evening, said that though he could have wished some abler brother had filled his post, he would yield to no one in paying every honour to their guest. He was quite sure they would heartily endorse every word he said, and give to their Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall a very cordial reception. (Loud cheers.) They had all known Bro. Marshall as a successful man of business; they had likewise heard of him as a prominent citizen, and, above all, many of them knew him as a kind, warm-hearted, private friend. (Applause.) They also knew what munificent support he had given to almost every institution connected with this great City. As a Freemason he had, since he had been enrolled as a member of the Craft, been a most liberal upholder of the three Charitable Institutions in Masonry. (Cheers.) He (the Chairman) very well remembered Bro. Marshall, when he had been only newly initiated, giving 100 guineas at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. (Applause.) It was not because a man chose to subscribe largely that he should be advanced to any particular office; but the circumstances in which Bro. Marshall was put forward as a candidate for the Grand Treasurership were exceptional, and they were successful in electing him by a considerable majority. (Hear, hear.) It occurred to some of them that they would like to ask his acceptance of some testimonial, not only to mark his year of office, but to mark their very great esteem and good will and appreciation of what he had done, not only for the Masonic Charities, but almost every institution connected with the metropolis. Having come to that resolution, his feelings were consulted, and he elected to be presented with his portrait, taken in his Masonic clothing as Grand Treasurer. That portrait was now to be presented to him, and he was quite sure that whenever he glanced at it it would remind him of the good will and esteem in which he was held during his year of office. (Applause.) There was also one present (Bro. Marshall's son) who would look upon the portrait in

the same spirit. (Applause.) He now, on behalf of the subscribers, asked Bro. Marshall's acceptance of his portrait, wishing him long life and happiness. (Applause.)

The portrait was then unveiled, amidst the cheering of the brethren, and Bro. Marshall's health was drunk with three times three, and one for Mr. Marshall, jun., and with musical honours.

The CHAIRMAN then read the inscription on the frame of the portrait: "Presented to Very Worshipful Brother Horace Brook Marshall, C.C., W.M. 1745, P.M. 1949, M.E.Z. 1777, Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England, 1884-5, by a few Masonic friends in testimony of their esteem and regard."

Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, on rising to respond, was received with loud and prolonged cheers. He said: Brother chairman and brethren, I receive with feelings of inexpressible pleasure this splendid testimonial, to be preserved by my dear wife and myself, and in due course handed down to my son, and I hope to his children's children, as a lasting memorial of your brotherly kindness. (Applause.) I shall never forget, brother chairman, the graceful and gracious and too flattering way—"No!"—in which you have alluded to my humble endeavours to follow your excellent example in carrying out the great principles of our Order. The enthusiastic manner in which you have received me this evening is the climax of that unfailing kindness which I have always received since I entered the regions of Masonic light. (Applause.) It is engraven on my memory that six years ago the brethren of my mother lodge, on the evening of my initiation, entrusted to me the key of their Treasurership, and I had the unprecedented honour of serving my first Stewardship at a Masonic Festival in 1879, in my white Apprentice's apron, wearing at the same time the blue collar of the Treasurership of my mother lodge. (Applause.) At each of the 18 Festivals which I have had the privilege to serve as Steward since that time, my brother Stewards have invariably conferred upon their younger brother an office of distinction. (Applause.) You veterans of the Craft, who have won your spurs by indefatigable industry, and obtained your rank by sheer hard work, will, doubtless, hear with amazement and astonishment that I have, within six years of my apprenticeship, passed through the chair of one lodge, am at present Master of another lodge, and I have reason to believe that three years in succession I shall pass through the chair of King Solomon in three separate lodges. (Applause.) My progress in the Royal Arch has been still more extraordinary, for within six months of my exaltation I find myself M.E.Z. of the chapter, and to-night, brethren, you commemorate in my unworthy self—"No!"—the signal victory obtained by the Craft, when in March last they so emphatically asserted, and so energetically maintained their rights and their privileges, by conferring upon so young a Mason as myself, only then just qualified to enter the portals of Grand Lodge, the second highest position of honour in the Craft that the brethren had it in their power to confer. (Applause.) Brother chairman and brethren, words fail me to express to you the deep sense of my obligation; but believe me, I assure you from my heart, that the one aim, the one object, the one desire of my Masonic life will be to earnestly strive to be worthy of the exalted position in which by your great generosity and your great magnanimity I have been placed. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. BINCKES next proposed "The Health of the Chairman," remarking that his long connection with Masonry, the prominent and dignified position he occupied in the Craft, and the genial regard in which he was held by his numerous friends, especially qualified him to preside upon this important occasion.

The toast was drunk with three times three.

The CHAIRMAN, after briefly acknowledging the compliment, proposed "The Health of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of the City of London," remarking that he was sure they were all proud of that old Corporation, and would be very sorry to see any of its privileges curtailed. They were favoured with the presence of Captain Lambert, the Master of the Pattenmakers' Company and one of the Wardens of the Goldsmiths' Company; and Bro. Isitt, a member of the Court of Lieutenancy; and we have our guest of the evening, a Common Councilman, and likewise on the Court of Lieutenancy. They were much pleased to see so many amongst them connected with the City, and he hoped that the Corporation might go on in their honoured course as they had done in years gone by. (Applause.)

Captain LAMBERT, in responding, said unhesitatingly that the Lord Mayors from first to last had been well worthy of the confidence of those who elected them, and they had filled the office with fervour, fervency, and zeal. He had no doubt the gentleman who at present filled the chair would prove himself as worthy as any who went before him. (Applause.) He had a difficult task to perform, but trying moments were not feared by a virtuous man. The Corporation had done good suit and service, and had no blot on its escutcheon, and was it to be presumed for one moment that it was to be done away with? (Loud cries of "No" and "Extend.") Extend it if they would, but continue their rights and privileges, and retain their property. (Applause.) The property of the great City companies was sought to be grabbed by a hungry crowd who were anxious for place. He would advise those who interrupted him to read the Blue-books—ponderous tomes, but worthy of being well read—to see how well the City of London, the Corporation, and the companies, without fee or reward, had discharged their duties, and administered the revenues which had been placed in their hands. (Applause.) As one who held the high position of Warden in one of the great City companies and Master of another, he could say that he had never had bite or sup out of any funds that belonged to the public. (Hear, hear.) The Common Council managed their affairs with skill and dexterity, and might be compared with the House of Commons, though they were not so erratic as that honourable body. (Laughter and applause.)

Bro. F. T. ISITT also responded in appropriate terms.

The other toasts were: "The Masonic Institutions," acknowledged by Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, and Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Mr. H. B. Marshall, jun.; "The Honorary Treasurer of the Testimonial Fund, Bro. George Kenning," and "The Honorary Secretary, Bro. Binckes," and "The Painter of the Portrait, Bro. B. S. Marks."

During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. T. C. Walls, S. Webb, and other brethren. Professor E. M. Lott kindly presided at the pianoforte.

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The following reports, &c., stand over for want of space:
CRAFT LODGES—Nelson, 700; Battle Abbey, 1184; Great Northern, 1287; Israel, 1502; Evening Star, 1719; Albert Victor, 1773.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION—Prince Frederick William, 753; Burdett-Coutts, 1278; Wanderers, 1604.
Prov. Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire.

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Interesting Masonic Ceremony at Maryport.

The Red Apron Lodges, by Bro. E. L. Hawkins.
Obituary—Bro. J. R. Goepel.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.
"Jewish Chronicle," "Keystone," "New Zealand Craftsman," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Citizen," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "El Taller," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Court Circular," "Datitspan Herald and Butfontain Advertiser," "Tricycling Journal," "Masonic Record of Western India," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Recent Books, and Something About Them," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Loom's Masonic and Musical Journal," "Masonic Chronicle," "New York Dispatch."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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.]

THOMAS GRUMBOLD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the issue for November 1st, your indefatigable correspondent, Bro. W. J. Hughan, calls attention to a monumental inscription in St. Benedict's Churchyard, Cambridge, to one Thomas Grumbold, Freemason, 1657. In Stow's Surrey, 1603 (W. J. Thoms' reprint, 1876), is the following notice, p. 50: "On the east side of Bridge-ward have ye the parish church of St. Magnus, in the which church have been buried many men of good worship, whose monuments are now for the most part utterly defaced. I find John Blund, Mayor 1307, Henry Yeuele, Freemason to Edward III., Richard II., and Henry IV., who deceased 1400 his monument yet remaineth."

From remote ages handicraft trades have united themselves into Fraternities for their own protection, for the relief of their poor brethren, and for the exclusion of foreigners and of those workmen who were not members of and contributory to their several guilds. In after years these associations became a powerful element in the government of the City, and charters of incorporation were granted by Royal decree, extending their authority and enabling them to hold land, &c., in mortmain.

The company of Masons were thus established from very ancient date, and a grant of arms made to them by Clarendon, King at Arms in the year 1477, but they were not incorporated by charter until Charles II.'s reign in 1677. Maitland says "They have a small and convenient hall in Masons'-alley, Basinghall-street."

I have no doubt that Henry Yeuele in 1400, and Thomas Grumbold in 1657, were members of the society of Masons before it was incorporated into a Livery Company, for their fellowship of it showed them to be good workmen, honest citizens, and freemen of the City of London. The title Free Vintner still survives among us.—Yours fraternally,
BRACKSTONE BAKER.

November 19th.

TEMPERANCE LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to find that a brother of standing and authority like Bro. Tew, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, has spoken his mind so freely on the subject of so-called "Temperance" Lodges. It is quite refreshing to hear of some one who has the courage to avow his belief that "temperance" and teetotalism "must not be regarded as synonymous terms. The latter word may or may not presuppose 'the existence of intemperance of a particular kind, viz., immoderation in drink,' but it certainly does assume 'that the best and only way of coping successfully' with this particular form of intemperance 'is to compel every brother who enters' a so-called 'temperance' lodge 'to abstain from alcoholic beverages,' which are not intoxicating when not indulged in to excess. Bro. Tew is also emphatically right in pointing out that 'a temperance lodge on teetotal principles would place the temperate use and intemperate abuse of drink on precisely the same footing.' As he very justly says, 'a temperate Mason cannot be allowed to join or remain in such a lodge, because he is not despotically opposed to the use of alcoholic liquors. In my humble opinion, there ought to be no room in our Fraternity for any such exclusionists. Teetotalism is laudable, but to adopt it in a lodge is objectionable, and, I think, incompatible with the broad and tolerant principles of Freemasonry. This idea of temperance, and this exclusive mode of combating a particular form of intemperance, are not provided for either in the Ancient Charges or the Modern Constitutions of Freemasonry.' This is the opinion of very many other brethren, but they have not the courage to say so, or the ability to express themselves so clearly and emphatically.

Considering the address from which I have made the above quotations was delivered at the consecration of a teetotal lodge, it must have required no small amount of nerve on the part of Bro. Tew to speak out so plainly on the great temperance crotchet of the day. As an humble supporter of the views propounded by him, I will venture to lay down two propositions which I fancy all the teetotallers in creation will not succeed in upsetting:

(1.) There can be no system of morality which does not include "temperance."

(2.) There can be no total abstinence or teetotalism which does not include one of the two vices which are specially antagonistic to "temperance."

As regards the first of these, I will remark that as Freemasonry is a system of morality, and, therefore, includes "temperance," and as, moreover, it is not, and never was, intended to be used for proselytising purposes of any kind, it will be just as well to bear in mind Bro. Tew's dictum to the effect that teetotalism is not provided for either in our Ancient Charges or Modern Constitutions. With reference to the second, I would offer a few words of explanation. Your readers are no doubt sufficiently well posted in ethics to be aware that every virtue is the mean between two correspondent vices, of which one is the same moral quality carried to the extreme of excess, and the other the same quality carried to the extreme of defect. Thus the virtue of courage lies midway between that headlong intemperate daring which takes no heed of what it attacks or resists, and cowardice, which dares nothing.

May I ask our friends, the teetotallers, to furnish even a single instance of a man becoming courageous by being forced on all occasions and in all things to be a coward? Yet this is the doctrine of teetotalism as applied to temperance. Their opinion is that a man will become temperate by never having the opportunity of learning what temperance is; their alternative belief being that a man who has cultivated the intemperance of excess will be able to adjust matters, not by having recourse to temperance, but by seeking cowardly refuge in the opposite extreme—that is, in the intemperance of defect. But are we Masons such a scurvy set of poltroons that, in order to avoid one extreme it is indispensable we should adopt its opposite? What becomes of our boasted morality, if on our half-dozen or dozen nights of meeting in the twelvemonth we cannot prove ourselves temperate in the matter of drink without becoming teetotallers? Perhaps it may be suggested that our example will be of service to the rest of the community, and that if we, who are supposed to be men of substance, abstain from alcoholic beverages, others will go and do likewise. I demur entirely to this proposition. If we show to the world that we can hold our meetings and dine together without indulging to excess, we shall prove that our morality is not the sham it must be if we cannot practise what we preach in the matter of temperance as in other things. For myself, I doubt if the authorities are not violating the fundamental principles of Freemasonry when they issue warrants for the constitution of teetotal lodges.—I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

TEMPERANCE.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In speaking of the elections of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, your remarks as to the annuitants are not very happy ones; you seem to overlook "the aged Freemason." I have heard that it costs the Committee more for the education of one boy for a year than is given to the old Mason to live upon for one twelvemonth out of the Asylum, and that those in the Asylum have more than those out of it. They have the same annuity, and have the extras of rent, coals, and lighting, which are equal to £10 per annum. How is it you do not call the attention of the subscribers to the Aged Freemasons' Asylum to that fact? and the different lodges which subscribe to it do not seem to take that interest in it which they ought. I think you would do well to call attention to it.

AN OLD MASON.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been informed that a meeting of Grand Lodge Officers has been held for the purpose of selecting a brother as Grand Treasurer for the forthcoming year. It appears that the name has been mentioned to several others, but the strictest secrecy has been enjoined. Why this mysterious silence? Is it in the interest of any special brother, or in that of the whole Craft? On one thing, however, I think we may most heartily congratulate ourselves, and that is, that the rulers of the Craft have at length awakened to the fact that the Treasurership must be filled each year by a newly-elected brother. I have not the slightest doubt that the Craft will loyally accept the nominee of the Grand Officers if he be deserving and fully competent to undertake the duties of the honoured post, but should it transpire that the selection has been one of favouritism rather than merit, then I fearlessly assert that the nominators will find they have made a mistake, and that the Craft will assert its rights by choosing a brother who, by length of service and unflinching zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, has unmistakably testified that he is entitled to the suffrages of its members. I make no apology in requesting you to insert this in your columns, for, as a subscriber to and reader of the *Freemason*, I know the great interest you take in everything that pertains to the welfare of this great Brotherhood. In the hope that the best qualified candidate will fill the vacant chair,—I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

SKY BLUE.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Kindly permit me, through your pages, to inform the many brethren whose signatures are appended to a request that I should bring the question of Masonic mendicancy before the Craft in such manner as to direct greater attention to the subject than has been hitherto given to it, that the following motion will be before the Grand Lodge for approval or rejection at the ensuing Quarterly Communication on 3rd December (Wednesday next), viz.: "That it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and report upon the best means for the prevention of the combined impositions practised upon metropolitan and Provincial lodges by mendicant Freemasons."

The letter of Bro. Mason, W.M. and Almoner 1600, which appeared in your last impression, is strong confirmation of the arguments in favour of an organization to stamp out the impostures practised upon us, both in town and country. How fully his experience can be endorsed by numerous other brethren it will not be difficult to prove.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, Nov. 24.

MASONIC EMBLEMS AMONG SAVAGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following extract from my notes of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, under date of 20th Jan. 1791, may, perhaps, account for the Masonic indications among the American Indians:

"Gen. William Augustus Bowles, Chief up the Creek Nation, elected an hon. member. He expressed his intention of introducing Freemasonry among the American Indians. W. A. Bowles, an American adventurer, born 1763. When 13 years of age he ran away from home and joined the British Army in Philadelphia. He obtained a commission, but was dismissed for a breach of discipline. He soon after became connected with the Creek Indians, married a woman of the tribe, and became one of their leaders. He encouraged their excesses, and prompted them to many attacks on the Spaniards. He commanded the Creeks when they assisted the British at Pensacola in 1780. After the war he led a roving life—at one time an actor, at another a portrait painter—visiting England in 1790. On his return to America he again became Commander-in-Chief of the tribe, and, after disturbing the peace of the neighbouring States for some time, was taken prisoner by the Spaniards and sent to Madrid and afterwards to Manila, whence he escaped and returned to his old life. He was finally captured in 1804 and imprisoned in Havana until his death."

Before his return to America he was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Creek, Cherokee, Chickesaw, and Choctaw Indians, and his name appears as such in the calendar of that period.

6, Princes-street, Bank, E.C.,

THO. FENN.

London, Nov. 22.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The November meeting of this very ancient lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, under somewhat depressing circumstances. The alarming illness and absence of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton, P.G.T., and the much valued Treasurer of the lodge for many years, a brother greatly regarded by all its members alike, were deeply and sincerely felt. Bro. C. E. Rivington, W.M., presided, and the lodge was opened at the wonted time, though with a comparatively short muster of the brethren. This being the evening for the election of W.M., &c., Bro. E. Letchworth, G.D. and S.W. of the lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton was as unanimously re-elected Treasurer, amid many aspirations, warmly expressed, for his speedy return to health, and his early re-appearance at the lodge. Several formal matters of business were then disposed of; a Steward was nominated for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival, and the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which did credit alike to the worthy Steward of the lodge and Bro. Dawkins. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to very effectively, and Bro. Davison, G.D., returned thanks for the "Visitors." After an otherwise very agreeable evening the brethren separated at an early hour, as, we may remark, is the invariable and laudable custom of Old Antiquity.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. David Hughes, W.M.; John Hughes, I.P.M.; H. McClelland, S.W.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; H. Harbord, S.D.; Danl. Hughes, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; R. Pittam Stevens, I.G.; Hand, Org.; Gillard, A.D.C.; R. F. Whur, W.S.; Hoddinott and Haylock, Stewards; Lewis, P.M.; Cundy, P.M.; Rogers, Whitnall, E. W. Cundy, Ross, Gross, Dance, P.M.; Rubardt, Chivers, Watkins, Faux, Vale, Fletcher, Follett, Eade, Jno. Clarke, Dharty, Green, Harden, Fimister, Vears, Haisch, Corkhill, and G. Smith. Bro. Jas. Bating, P.M. 1801, P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Follett was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.; the W.M. rendering the ceremony in perfect manner and with great effect. The bye-laws having been read, the brethren proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the choice of the members fell unanimously upon Bro. H. McClelland, S.W. Bros. Jno. Hughes, P.M., was elected Treas.; and J. Woodstock, Tyler. The officers and P.M.s, together with Bros. Gross, Follett, Vears, and Bater, were appointed Auditors of the lodge accounts. Bro. Beaumont then proposed, Bro. Harbord seconded, and it was carried unanimously that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. David Hughes on his leaving the chair, as a mark of esteem and appreciation from the members of the lodge. The W.M. elect having notified his intention to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it was unanimously resolved that 20 guineas be given out of the lodge funds, and placed on his list as Steward. Bros. Haylock proposed, and Gross seconded, Mr. Pearce as a candidate for initiation. The W.M. proposed, Bro. Dan Hughes, J.D., seconded, Bro. Middlemas as a joining member.

The lodge was then closed, and the members adjourned to dinner, after which the W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," stated that nothing gave Masons greater pleasure than to drink to her continued good health, and, as they were all cognisant of her virtues, he did not need to dwell upon them.

In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M.," the W.M. said it gave him much pride to bring this toast before them, as H.R.H. was not only an ornament to the Craft, but Freemasons as a body appreciated and prized the great services he had, and was constantly rendering towards our ancient Institution.

The I.P.M. having kindly acted as J.W., the duty of proposing "The W.M.'s Health" fell upon the senior P.M. present, Bro. Lewis, who said he was quite convinced that of late years the W.M.s. of the City of London Lodge had quite succeeded in bringing up the working of the lodge to perfection, and that the present W.M. had quite confirmed this opinion in his beautiful rendering of the Third Degree during the evening.

The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks, said that he felt very much flattered by the kind expressions of their old P.M., and also by the way in which the brethren had received the toast of his health; and that he was sure he had the heartfelt good wishes of the brethren towards him. If he had conducted the working of the lodge to their satisfaction, then he should retire gratefully, and they might rely upon him to do everything in his power for any member in the future.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The W.M. Elect," and stated that this was the toast of the evening, and that every Mason should strive to do his utmost to reach the chair of his mother lodge. He congratulated Bro. McClelland on being selected so unanimously. He believed the choice of the brethren had never fallen upon a brother more worthy to occupy that position, and he congratulated the brethren on having such a good Mason to preside over them.

The Worshipful Master elect, in responding, said he was quite overwhelmed with the manner in which the brethren had received this toast. He need not tell them how old or how young a Mason he was; but he could tell them this—that by their suffrages that evening they had enabled him to attain that great honour which he had always looked forward to, and he assured them that he should take great pride in maintaining the dignity of the chair and furthering the interests of the City of London Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then, in a few graceful words, proposed the toast of "The Visitor," who, in returning thanks, said in all his experience of 16 years of Freemasonry he never saw such hearty good feeling as existed between the members of the City of London Lodge, and it had afforded him great pleasure to accept Bro. Ross's kind invitation. He was surprised to hear what they were doing for the Charities; and when they voted 20 guineas to one of the Masonic Institutions, it reflects great credit on the lodge, and led him to infer that the new W.M. would be liberally supported by the members of his lodge.

"The Past Masters," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast were then given and responded to in the usual hearty manner, and the brethren dispersed after spending a pleasant evening together, several of the members having greatly enhanced that enjoyment by their musical talents.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—The installation meeting of the Rose of Denmark Lodge was held on Friday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors to witness the outgoing of one of the most popular and esteemed Masters who had had the honour to rule over this important lodge, and the incoming of the new Master, who was elected to that office from the Senior Warden's chair. There was a considerable amount of business on the agenda, including the raising of Bro. Gale, the passing of Bro. Clarke, the balloting for as a rejoining member of Bro. Alfred J. Deere, the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, the appointment and investiture of officers, and the initiation of Mr. Harry Hunt and Mr. Edwin Arthur Tilbury, and consequently the lodge was opened as early as three o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Moreton Graham, who succeeded in disposing of the portion preceding the installation ceremony by a little after four o'clock, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. William Robert Williams, the S.W., was installed by Bro. Moreton Graham into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the new Master was duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees in due form. Bro. Williams then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. Brown,

S.W.; Geo. Bugler, J.W.; James Garnar, P.M., Treas.; John Noble, P.M., Secretary; Chas. E. Goldring, Asst. Sec.; Charles M. Campbell, S.D.; John Plowman, J.D.; Sydney S. Fogden, I.G.; Chas. J. F. Shannaw, D.C.; W. H. Wilcox, W.S.; N. Courlander and W. E. Scantlebury, Asst. Stewards; and John Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses to the newly-installed Master, Wardens, and brethren of the lodge were delivered by Bro. Past Master Hinton, bringing the installation ceremony to a close; the work both of Bro. Moreton Graham and Bro. Hinton being very good. Bro. Williams, the new Master, then proceeded to initiate Mr. Hunt and Mr. Tilbury into the First Degree, showing by the manner in which he discharged this duty that he is a very able workman. In particular, the manner in which the obligation was administered was so impressive that it cannot fail to stick in the recollection of the initiates.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren to the number of about one hundred dined together in the noble banqueting room adjoining the lodge room, and when the cloths had been withdrawn, the W.M. proceeded to propose the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts.

After these to Her Majesty and the Grand Master had been duly honoured, the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Pro Grand Master; the Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers," expressed his regret that their old and esteemed friend, Bro. Buss, the Asst. Grand Secretary, was unable to be present to respond as usual for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Moreton Graham then rose and said that it had been his fortune during the past year to sound his gavel in the east, but he had that night had to resign it, and he now held it for the first time in the capacity of I.P.M. In that capacity he had now the privilege to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." Bro. Williams had worked his way up stage by stage through every office in the lodge until he had at length arrived at the dignity of a ruler in the Craft and Master of a lodge, which was, in his opinion, second to none. From experience he (Bro. Graham) knew it to be no light duty to preside over a lodge as powerful and numerous as theirs, and he viewed with complacency the prospect of taking his ease as a Past Master. They would all join with him in the hope that their W.M. might have as good, as successful, and as prosperous a year of office as any of the Past Masters had had, and that he would go out of office in twelve months time well satisfied with himself and the brethren well satisfied with him.

Bro. Williams, in a brief reply, expressed himself very much gratified with the kind manner in which Bro. Graham had proposed, and with the cordial way in which the brethren had drunk his health. He was very pleased and proud to think that the brethren had elected him to the office of Master, and he hoped to be able to fulfil its duties, and though he believed he had not made a very good commencement, he trusted to be able to do his work to the satisfaction of the brethren, and to the credit of the Rose of Denmark Lodge.

Bro. Wrigglesworth said that he had been entrusted with the gavel for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the Initiates," as he was a very old member of the lodge, who was fast going down the ladder of Past Masters. They had to congratulate themselves on their increased numbers, as an accession of forces did not mean an increased amount of difficulty for the W.M. What the initiates did recollect of the ceremony they had gone through would no doubt be so vividly impressed upon their minds that it would become their guiding star throughout their lives. If initiates only took it to heart they might become wiser, and, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, better. He humorously added that he believed in Bros. Hunt and Tilbury; there was not a more rising place that he knew of than Tilbury, and he did not know anybody who loved a hunt better than himself. He could only point out to the initiates that if they cast their eyes round that array of unchecked vice they would see brethren in a position which they themselves might hope to fill; still it was not easy, as a matter of course, that they should arrive at the Master's chair. With the increased strength in their numbers he hoped there would be increased enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry; when young Masons knew that there was no royal road to success, it might be some inducement to them to study not only the ritual but their behaviour as Masons outside the lodge. It was the sincere wish of the brethren that the initiates might never regret having learned something of what Freemasonry is, and might never regret the moment they had become Freemasons.

Bros. Hunt and Tilbury having briefly acknowledged the compliment,

The Worshipful Master said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to propose "The Health of their I.P.M." They all knew that their worthy and esteemed Past Master Graham had carried out the duties of his year of office in a manner which reflected great credit to himself, and gave very great satisfaction to the members of the lodge. During his year of office Bro. Graham had done everything in his power to secure the efficient working of the lodge, and to secure the comfort and happiness of the members of the Rose of Denmark Lodge. Therefore it gave him (Bro. Williams) very great pleasure to present Bro. Graham with a Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted by the lodge; and he was sure such a jewel had never been presented to a more worthy brother.

Bro. Hinton said he merely wished to append a few remarks to those of the W.M. The cause of his interposition was in the nature of a surprise. Many of the brethren of the lodge were aware of what he referred to; but he believed the subject had been kept with truly Masonic secrecy from the person most interested. He was now at liberty, however, to acquaint Bro. Graham with the object of their conspiracy. Several of the Past Masters and old members of the lodge, who had watched Bro. Graham's conduct in the chair, felt that exceptional qualities such as he displayed, both in the lodge and at the banquet table, demanded from the lodge some exceptional recognition. They therefore consulted together, and decided upon presenting to him a testimonial expressing the feelings which the lodge entertained for him. The testimonial was in these terms: "Rose of Denmark Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.—This testimonial, together with a gold jewel, was presented by the members of above lodge to Bro. Moreton Graham, I.P.M., on the completion of his year of office as W.M., 21st November, 1884. The jewel was unanimously voted by the brethren in open lodge assembled as a token of their hearty acknowledgment of the skilful manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. In

this testimonial the members of the lodge are desirous of placing on record their sincere appreciation not only of the great talent he displayed in the conduct of all business appertaining to his important office, but also of his great urbanity of manner, gentlemanly bearing, extreme courtesy of conduct, kindness of heart, and intense zeal in promoting every good work which conduced to the general happiness of the brethren with whom he was associated. And their hope is that he may long be spared to be an honoured member of the lodge to which he has rendered such efficient services.—Signed, on behalf of the lodge, W. R. Williams, W.M.; John Brown, S.W.; Geo. Bugler, J.W.; J. H. Taylor, W. R. Phillips, Jno. Noble, Sec.; H. O. Hinton, G. H. Wrigglesworth, Geo. F. Crane, E. W. Clarke, Jas. Garnar, Treas.; and Edwd. Ayling.”—Bro. Hinton said he was aware that in a document of that kind it was impossible to express all they felt. He was responsible for what did appear, and had endeavoured to express as concisely as possible the feelings of the lodge for their Immediate Past Master. It came from his heart, and he hoped that Bro. Graham would long be spared to look upon the testimonial with satisfaction and pleasure, and that it might be handed down to his children as an honourable heirloom.

Bro. Moreton Graham said he was overwhelmed with delight at receiving this mark of the esteem of the brethren. He was thoroughly taken by surprise. He had thought himself amply compensated for the cares of office when the W.M. presented him with that 10 guinea jewel; but when Bro. Hinton rose and presented that testimonial, he was taken aback, not having had the slightest knowledge of it previously. How to thank them all he did not know. He was not egotistical enough to imagine that it was due solely to his own merits; but as a Lewis, the son of a Mason who was one of the oldest members of that lodge, he believed that it was in sympathy with his father that they had paid him this very great mark of their esteem. He was proud to think that he was a son of an old member of that lodge. He was proud to think that his father introduced him, together with other sons of his, to that lodge; and it was still more a proud moment now to see the way in which they marked their appreciation of the father by presenting the son with two very lasting testimonials. Bro. Hinton had kindly expressed a hope that this testimonial might be handed down as an heirloom to his children; but as he was a bachelor, that was scarcely likely to be the case. He regretted that his father, who was now nearly 70, was unable to be present; he used thoroughly to enjoy the good old days when he was among them, but that when his sons were there to represent him, he was equally well pleased. When those at home heard how he had been honoured that evening, they would thoroughly appreciate it. His younger sister took a great interest in the lodge, and it was possible for a sister to be very useful in lodge matters, especially in regard to musical arrangements, in which matters his youngest sister had rendered him great assistance. He could only say for the kind manner in which they had, through Bro. Hinton, expressed their feelings towards him, and for the manner in which they had received him, that he thanked them very heartily indeed, and he would ask Bro. Hinton to be upstanding, and take from him a hearty shake of the hand as a token of the love and esteem that he (Bro. Moreton Graham) had for them all.

The toast of “The Visitors” was responded to by Bros. Poppleton, P.P.G.D.C.; Coxhead, P.P.G.S. of W.; and Rose, P.M. 72 and 1622.

For “The Past Masters,” Bros. Wrigglesworth, Garnar, and Goldring replied.

The toast of “The Officers” was answered by the Senior and Junior Wardens, and several of the assistant officers.

Among the visitors present were Bros. G. Perugin, 1744; M. J. Grain, 1984; E. Goldring, 1067; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; W. C. Smith, 1563; T. Coxhead, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Gooding, W.S. 1320; J. Weatherstone, P.M. 1656; W. Jeffery, 1622; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; J. M. Kimpster, 723; H. Hewbord, S.D. 901; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; John Mason, P.P.G.S.D.; J. C. Radford, P.M. 1420; D. Rose, P.M. 73; Edwin Storr, W.M. 167; R. R. Poppleton, P.M. 433, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. D. Beckett, W.M. 780; Beaven, 1903; E. Grayton, 1656; Tiley, 1446; J. H. Williams, 360; C. Maton, 780; C. Sims, 861; Cockburn, P.M. 1380; E. Roberts, J.D. 1623; R. Wall, 1744; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1641; T. Covill, 2032; J. H. Ford, 2032; H. Lambert, 1475; G. Wallis, 172; H. Bond, 1656; J. H. Alexander, 1563; L. Hollingsworth, 1567; T. J. Smith, 1656; F. Grant, 1656; T. Pearson; J. Aldridge, 1032; E. Floyd, 902; W. Schultz, 172; J. Kift, 1791; and E. C. Massey.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—This prosperous lodge held its installation meeting at Camberwell Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 15th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Andrew Middlemass, W.M., who, as all outgoing W.M.’s should, had undertaken to install his successor, Bro. J. J. Brinton, who had been unanimously elected for the ensuing year. Bro. Middlemass is a very efficient worker and performed his work on Saturday with his usual skill and ability, delivering the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren in a very impressive manner, and gave great satisfaction to the large number of brethren present. The officers for the current year are Bros. J. J. Brinton, W.M.; A. Middlemass, I.P.M.; G. W. Marsden, S.W.; R. J. Voisey, J.W.; P. A. Nairne, D.C.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; C. Wilson, Sec.; J. Hernaman, S.D.; S. H. Goldschmidt, J.D.; D. D. Mercer, I.G.; H. Forbes, W.S.; C. Gooding, W.S.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The W.M. having invested his officers, there being no further Masonic business, after “Hearty good wishes” from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the large banqueting hall and sat down to a very recherché banquet. After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the chairman in proposing “The Health of the Grand Officers,” said that only those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge could be aware of the numerous duties which were performed by those officers, and he felt sure they would agree with him that they deserved great credit for the manner in which they attended to these duties.

Bro. Greenwood, P.G.S.B. and P.G. Sec. Surrey, responded, and remarked that he could have wished that such a flourishing lodge as the Sphinx were a few miles further out, that it might be under the jurisdiction of the province of which he was Secretary; he hoped, however, that he might have many opportunities of visiting the lodge again.

“The Health of the W.M.” was then proposed and

heartily responded to by all the brethren. The I.P.M. in proposing the toast remarked that he was sure that in Bro. Brinton they had a Master who would and must do credit to the chair, more especially as he belonged to that great body who enlightened the public with good and sound advice, and also with all the news of the day when they could get it, which even if it were not always correct proved the great inventive power of the profession, and he concluded by wishing the W.M. a prosperous year of office.

The W.M. then proposed “The Health of Bro. Middlemass, the I.P.M.,” who, he said, had, as Installing Master that evening, shown the brethren what great interest he took in the lodge, and he congratulated him on the manner in which he had carried out the duty devolving on him as Master, and hoped that Bro. Middlemass would long be spared to be amongst them.

Bro. Middlemass thanked the W.M. for his cordial expression of feeling towards himself, and also the brethren for the manner in which they had honoured the toast. He dwelt at some length upon his connection with the Sphinx Lodge, and reminded the brethren of the benefits conferred by their working together for those great aims of the Craft, viz.—charity and education.

“The Health of the Visitors” was then proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Wells, P.M. 777; Saunders, W.M. 698; Bradley, W.M. 1216; Dunn, P.M. 72; Payne, W.M. 1669; and Bellis, P.M. 1901, who, on the part of the numerous visitors present, expressed the great gratification it had been to them to be present on that occasion, and for the cordial hospitality extended to them. They congratulated the W.M. in his having been placed in the chair of such a flourishing lodge.

The other toasts proposed from the chair included “The Past Masters,” “The Treasurer and Secretary,” and “The Officers of the Lodge,” which were duly honoured and responded to, and the Tyler’s toast brought this agreeable meeting to a close.

Not the least enjoyable part of the proceedings was the music with which the intervals between the speeches were enlivened. The music was under the direction of Bro. Pritchett, P.M. 1622, and P.G. Org. Herts, who was assisted by Bros. Voisey, W. H. Simons, and T. Wallis.

The following were among the visitors present: Bros. C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B. Eng. and P.G. Sec. Surrey; J. A. Astell, P.M. 58, P.G.S.; L. H. Saunders, W.M. 698, and P.G.S. Hants and I. of Wight; C. Dorey, P.M. 176; H. Vickery, P.M. 1475; W. W. Pritchett, P.G. Org. Herts, P.M. 1475; A. J. Bellis, I.P.M. 1901; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963; A. C. Bradley, W.M. 1216; F. Grumman, P.M. 1559; J. Addington, W.M. 217; T. Dunn, P.M. 72; W. Payne, W.M. 1669; W. Wells, P.M. 777; W. Cowley, P.M. 1559; G. Yaxley, P.M. 463; H. G. Beale, W.M. 59; C. Butler, S.W. 1196; J. F. Haden, W.M. 766; J. Hill, J.W. 1658; S. Tomkins, J.W. 1669; V. J. Murché, J.W. 1963; G. Beneditti, S.W. 1155; B. Penney, J.D. 1679; W. H. Simons, Org. 1986; E. Stinson, 15; J. S. Akerman, 1851; R. Greenwood, 1641; J. Sutton, 1558; H. C. Mackin, 1558; J. C. Kellaway, 957; O. L. Finch, 1641; M. Trewhury, 172; T. Wallis, 901; A. Stedman, 73; W. A. Allen, 1559; H. Ansell, 1559; G. Pitt, 176; and W. Jeffery, 1622.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—

The usual meeting of this progressive lodge was held at “The Criterion,” Piccadilly, on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. G. Coleman, W.M.; J. Jacobs, S.W.; W. H. Kedgley, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chap.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; T. A. Dickson, S.D.; Bowers Solomon, J.D.; G. Reynolds, acting as I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; J. Bassett, D.C., and acting as Asst. W.S.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; J. S. Goochard, A. Ralph, S. Isaacs, S. Hewitt, W. Unwin, Frank Gulliford, J. Pant, R. A. Head, W. F. Thorpe, W. H. Cousins, M. Snow, F. W. Skinner, T. A. Thompson, A. Packham, G. Howard, W. Essex, and T. Wilson. Visitors: Bros. Churchley, P.M. 615, P.P.G.S. Kent; W. Joram, 1580; W. T. Thody, S.W. 1580; S. Renaud, D.C. 1623; T. Chalton, W.M. 1259; W. J. Hayes, 1348; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; and G. Castle, 766.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Archibald Bryan, proposed by Bro. Frank Gulliford and seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, and the candidate was unanimously admitted and duly initiated in the W.M.’s usual impressive manner. Bro. Simeon Jacobs, P.M., nominated a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to the second Tuesday in December.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the banquet table in the Victoria Hall, where a most *recherché* repast was provided by Bro. Beltini, the indefatigable manager of “The Criterion.”

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured with acclamation, and then Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M. and Treasurer, proposed in glowing terms “The Health of the W.M.,” the first initiate of the lodge, a brother who had taken the liveliest interest in its welfare, and had shown his devotion to the Craft in celebrating his accession to office by becoming a Steward for the Girls’ School.

In returning thanks, the W.M. assured the brethren that he owed whatever they might be pleased to commend in him to his steady attendance at the lodge of instruction connected with the mother lodge, and that he would always make it his duty to take a lively interest in the same.

In proposing “The Health of the Initiate,” the W.M. said it was always a pleasure to see an initiate, and he felt sure the lodge had that evening initiated a good brother.

The Initiate, in reply, thanked the W.M. for giving him light, and hoped he would prove a credit to the Craft.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of “The Visitors,” wished to assure all brethren of the Craft that the Covent Garden Lodge was at all times most pleased to meet them.

Bros. H. M. Levy, P.M. 188, and Churchley, P.M. 615, P.P.G.S. Kent, duly responded.

The W.M. then asked the brethren to drink to “The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge,” to all of whom they were so greatly indebted, and especially to Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., who had so ably discharged the duties of Treasurer, and to Bro. W. Bourne, P.M., who had been the Secretary of the lodge since its foundation; and to Bro. Simeon Jacobs, who looked after their creature comforts.

The toast was received with acclamation, and, in responding,

Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., said, while acknowledging the toast on behalf of himself and the brethren named, he could not forget that a P.M. was, owing to his ill-health, absent that night, whom they would all have been glad to have seen amongst them. Bro. W. H. Gulliford, P.M., was not able to be present; but he was sure, when they remembered the great interest he had ever taken in the lodge, they would be glad to wish him such speedy restoration to health as would enable them to meet him again. He might say the same of Bro. Kedgley, P.M., whose absence, from the same cause, all deplored.

In proposing “The Health of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge” in one toast, the hour being rather advanced, the W.M. took occasion to advert to the services of Bro. G. Reynolds, who was always ready to fulfil the duties of any office he was able to undertake in the lodge, and who in connection with the lodge of instruction had proved himself, as its Secretary, a true and worthy Mason.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by the vocal efforts of various brethren and the exquisite legerdemain of Bro. Bassett. The proceedings were concluded by the Tyler’s toast.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—This

lodge met at *Anderton’s Hotel*, on the 20th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. W. C. Bush, W.M., assisted by Bro. Buckworth, I.P.M., Treas.; Bro. G. S. Recknell, S.W.; Bro. R. Kimpton, J.W.; and the assistant officers of the lodge. There was a fair attendance of lay members, and the visitors were somewhat numerous, considering that this was not an installation meeting, including Bro. Thomas Fenn, 259, President of the Board of General Purposes; Richard Belt (the Sculptor), No. 1; it was a somewhat curious coincidence that there was also a Bro. Laws present, of No. 78; Andrew McDowall, P.M. 1962, P.P.G.C.D.; Byron H. Ridge, P.M. 463, P.P.G.I.G.; F. J. Oliver, 1056; H. G. Brown, 169; Samuel G. Homfray, 683; W. R. Cooper, 1056; Charles Girding, 1329; Geo. Bury, 463; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; W. B. Newby, 463; and E. C. Massey.

The greatest credit is due to the officers of this lodge for the manner in which the ceremonies are performed, from Bro. Bush, the W.M., whose work is admirably unhurried and impressive, down to the assistant officers, whose deaconing is very good, and who take most careful precautions that no unauthorised person shall enter the lodge. The capabilities of the Master and his officers were well tested on Thursday, as there were three raisings and one initiation, Bros. J. Spurgin, W. Boldero, and H. Oclec being the brethren who were raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. James Humphrey Snow being the candidate initiated. The work was not concluded until close upon half-past seven. It may be mentioned that before the lodge was closed the W.M. gave notice of motion to vote a sum of 20 guineas to the Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed on the list of Bro. Recknell, the present S.W., on the occasion of his going up as a Steward at the next festival; and it was explained that it was considered desirable, on account of Bro. Recknell’s connection with the Institution, that the lodge should on this occasion, and as an exception, double its usual contribution to this charity; and Bro. Buckworth, P.M., the Treas., in a few remarks he made on the subject, urged the members of the lodge to do everything in their power under the circumstances, to make Bro. Recknell’s list an exceptionally heavy one.

After the dinner which followed the closing of the lodge, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

In responding for “The Grand Officers,” Bro. Fenn said that he felt quite overwhelmed with the more than complimentary way in which the toast to the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past, had been proposed by the W.M. Leaving the greater part of them to take care of themselves, he would respond more particularly for those present and past Grand Officers, with whom he had for so many years been associated on the Board of General Purposes. It was now 20 years since he first became a member of that Board, and speaking with that experience he could say truly that they were not only willing, but anxious to give their services and diligence and time for the profit of the Craft. For himself, personally, he thanked the W.M. for the opportunity Bro. Bush had given him of visiting a lodge at the consecration of which he had the honour to assist. He had not visited it since the consecration and he was pleased to find it now working well and prosperously. Not the less was he pleased to visit it as the lodge of one of his colleagues on the Board over whom he had the honour to preside. He could not help thinking that the President and members of the Board should always be on good and friendly terms, which were certainly likely to be promoted by social intercourse of this kind. Possibly the exhibitions of temper, which were too frequently found at vestry and parish meetings might cease, if the members met more frequently in social intercourse.

In proposing “The Health of the Visitors,” which he did in most genial terms, Bro. Bush coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Ridge, McDowall, and Belt who, responded on behalf of themselves and other visitors present.

Bro. Belt, in the course of his reply, said in reference to the long legal dispute in which he had been engaged, that he owed it to a Freemason of lodge No. 1, that he had been able to do what he had done. That brother had stood by him in a truly Masonic spirit; £20,000 had been lost by that brother in the speaker’s troubles. It was an act he could never forget, and one which he thought it right as he stood there to acknowledge that he owed to a brother Mason. Had it been required, he believed there were hundreds who were ready to do the same.

Several other toasts were disposed of before the proceedings of a very pleasant meeting were brought to a close.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. Walter C. Claridge, W.M.; H. F. Bing, as S.W.; A. Haig Brown, J.W.; A. McDowall, Treas.; N. Green, P.M. and Sec.; A. H. Sandle, S.D.; W. J. Tasman, J.W.; L. V. Walker, I.G.; J. W. McAlpin, M.C.; J. C. Tilt, and J. Green, Stwds.; Lackland, Tyler; also Bros. Mardell, Henton, Levey, Tazlon, Morris, Gowling, Swinson, Stein, McNish, Pearce, Wright, Cook, Gregory, Nuding, Kitchingman, Lowe, Hancock, and Rix. Bro. B. P. Jesse, P.M. 1556, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the

minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then raised Bro. Madell to the Third Degree, and passed Bros. Pearce and Cook to the Degree of F.C., both ceremonies being worked in the W.M.'s most masterly Masonic style. This being election night, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Arthur Haig Brown, J.W., was unanimously elected to the office. Bro. A. McDowall, I.P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Lackland, re-elected Tyler. After the appointment of the Audit Committee the lodge passed a vote of thanks and a P.M.'s jewel to the outgoing Master, the proposer, Bro. McDowall, speaking in a highly eulogistic manner of the W.M., Bro. Claridge, not only for his services during his year of office, but also for those rendered as Secretary during the formation of the lodge down to the time of his election to the chair last year. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

WEST COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the lodge room, when there were present Bros. Airs, P.M., I.P.M., W.M. (pro tem.); Robertson, S.W.; Mannors, J.W.; Hudson, Chap. (pro tem.); G. A. Mursell, P.M., Sec.; Hunter, S.D. (pro tem.); Sullivan, J.D. (pro tem.); Taylor, D.C. (pro tem.); Leftwich, I.G.; Mursell, Stvd.; Young, Tyler; H. H. Wheeler, P.M.; J. H. Smith, P.M.; O. Haxthausen, P.M.; E. Poland, R. James, J. Halliday, H. Halliday, S. S. Wheeler, J. Bishop, F. Dyeit, Chambers, and S. Kenzies. Visitors: Bros. C. Hudson, P.M. 315 and 1540, P.G.D.C. Sussex; Major Walsh, 41; and Lowris, 433.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. A. Perry was initiated, and Bro. Chambers passed to the Second Degree, and some minor business of the lodge having been transacted, the lodge was closed, the brethren and visitors adjourning to the usual monthly supper. Bro. Hudson responded to the toast of "The Visitors" in his usual Masonic and kind manner, and a most happy evening was spent.

CARDIFF.—Glamorgan Lodge (No. 36).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Working-street. Present: Bros. Thomas Wallace, W.M.; George B. Hughes, S.W.; Sidney Coleman, J.W.; J. Grosvenor Morris, Sec.; W. Davis, S.D.; A. Harris, J.D.; F. M. De B. Gibbons, I.G. pro tem.; A. Jenkins, Tyler; T. Garrett Horder, P.M.; S. Cooper, P.M.; T. G. Glass, P.M.; J. Weichert, P.M.; A. P. Fabian, P.M.; D. R. Roberts, Arthur H. Roberts, W. Allan, jun., J. Roberts, J. F. B. Batten, E. Dawson, S. J. Thorp, J. W. Peacock, W. Thomas Hicks, Edward Ensor, Lionel Hind, R. Price, Frederick Russell, and F. S. Locke. Visitors: Bros. P. J. Riley, 960; Charles H. Hind, jun., P.M. 471; and M. E. Donovan, 1447.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. The ballot having proved favourable for Messrs. David Edmunds and W. D. J. Morris, and Mr. Morris being in attendance, he was duly initiated. After various other items of business had been gone through the lodge was closed in due form.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel on the 20th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. Moody, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting S.W.; Jones, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Spearling, S.D.; Wheatley, J.D.; Hollands, I.G.; Eales, A.W.S.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; J. C. Jessett, P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Davies and Clark were raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. Plummer initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., both ceremonies being well performed. Bro. Fox, P.M., an ex-member of the lodge, having presented a very handsome set of tracing boards to the lodge, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to him, and subsequently a notice of motion was given to elect him an honorary member. A notice of motion was also given to elect the W. Bro. R. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx., an honorary member. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—Installation day at this lodge, which was duly celebrated on the 10th inst., was characterised by especial interest beyond that which always attaches to the anniversary festivals of this lodge, in the fact that the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year is the junior member of Parliament for the city, Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart. The popularity of the honourable baronet, and the efforts of the members of the lodge to promote hospitality, brought together a very numerous and influential assembly of Masons from Yorkshire and the adjoining counties, and the investiture was exceptionally imposing. The brethren and visitors assembled at three o'clock at the Masonic Rooms, Queen Hotel. In addition to the members of the lodge present the following visitors attended: Bros. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, P.G.C. Eng.; Rev. James Blake, Prov. G.C. N. and E. Yorks; J. Bottomley, P.P.G.R. W. Yorks; S. Wordsworth, P.P.G.W. W. Yorks; W. Fitton, P.M., W. Yorks; C. Paliser, P.P.G.S. of Works N. and E. Yorks; R. Blakeney, J.W. 734; G. Garbutt, W.M. 236; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1991; J. Barker, P.P.G.S. of Works W. Yorks; G. Kirby, P.M. 236; J. Todd, P.P.G.R. N. and E. Yorks; R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec. Durham; and a large number of members and past officers of the York, Agricola, and other lodges in Yorkshire.

The formal proceedings in connection with the business being disposed of, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. John Blenkin, the outgoing W.M., and the Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., then proceeded with the elaborate ceremony of inducting Bro. Milner into the chair. The ritual was carried out in all its details by Bro. Whythead, and the appropriate addresses to the officers and also to the Master from the west were well given by Bro. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O., addressed the Wardens, and Bro. Whythead then gave the final charge from the east. Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., acted as J.W. in the Board of Installed Masters; Bro. T. J. Seller, P.M., as D.C.; and Bro. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.P., as I.G.; and there were 21 Installed Masters present.

The Worshipful Master then invested the following officers for the year, viz.: Bros. J. Blenkin, I.P.M.; A.

T. B. Turner, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; G. Chapman, S.D.; S. J. Dalton, J.D.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; W. Lackenby, I.G.; W. S. Child, Org.; W. Stephenson, S.S.; and William Hall, Tyler. Letters of apology for their absence were read from Bros. T. Cope, P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire; C. Fendelon, Durham; J. S. Moss, P.M. Lion Lodge, Whitby; W. B. Williamson, P.G.W. Worcestershire; C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. Durham; R. W. Moore, P.P.G.S.B. West Yorkshire; H. B. Tristram; C. D. Hill, P.P.G.R. Durham; J. Bedford, P.M. 304; G. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W. Worcester, and Prov. G. Sec.; J. A. Marshall, Walsden; T. W. Tew, Dep. Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire; P. Wallis, P.G.D.C. Derbyshire; G. P. Brockbank, G. Stwd. Scotland; F. Belk, Middlesbro'; W. Watkin, London; C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap. Eng.; W. J. Hughan, P.G. Deacon Eng.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Wath; J. R. Riley, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire; W. Rowley, Leeds; and others. The fact of the anniversary falling upon Lord Mayor's Day interfered considerably with the attendance. Bro. T. B. Whythead was re-elected the Charity Representative of the lodge.

Before the lodge was closed Bro. Whythead rose and said in what he was about to say he was moved both by sorrow and pleasure—sorrow that they were so soon to part with a brother who had done so much for Freemasonry in the province and for the lodge, and pleasure that many members of the lodge had spontaneously desired to render to that brother some little tribute of their respect. He alluded to Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was soon to leave York for London. He would be a great gain to London Masonry and a great loss to them at York. He had been intimately associated with Bro. Cumberland in Yorkshire Masonry for a number of years, and regarded him personally with the greatest respect and affection, and his loss would be to him personally irreparable. He was sure that Bro. Cumberland would require nothing to remind him of the Eboracum Lodge and York Masonry, but many of the brethren would like him to take something with him that would show to him that they were sensible of his value. He then read an illuminated address, as follows:

Worshipful Bro. John S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.—Worshipful and dear Brother,—On the eve of your departure from York we desire to express to you the high esteem in which you are held by us, as well as the sincere gratitude which we feel towards you for the valuable services you have rendered to Freemasonry in this city, and to the Eboracum Lodge in particular. We assure you that we shall always cherish a most cordial and fraternal remembrance of you, and in presenting you with the accompanying Past Master's jewel we trust that you will ever regard it as a memento of many happy evenings, and a mark of the enduring love of many Masonic friends. That the Great Architect of the Universe may long preserve you and yours in health, and that he may bless and prosper you in all your undertakings, is the prayer of your faithful brothers, J. Blenkin, W.M.; M. Millington, I.P.M.; Fred. G. Milner, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; G. Balmford, Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; G. Chapman, J.D.; W. G. Penty, D.C.; S. J. Dalton, I.G.; W. Lackenby, Stvd.; P. Pearson, Tyler; Past Masters Whythead, Padel, Seller, Simpson, and Lawton; J. P. Bell, M.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire; M. C. Peek, Prov. Grand Sec.; T. W. Tew, Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire; W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon England, and other members of the lodge. Bro. Whythead concluded by presenting Bro. Cumberland to the W.M., with the request that he would attach the jewel to his breast.

In doing so, the W.M., Sir F. G. Milner, spoke of his high estimate of the Masonic virtues of Bro. Cumberland, and expressed a hope that he might long live to wear the jewel.

Bro. Cumberland rose to respond amid immense cheering, and said that under the circumstances of the presentation having been wholly unexpected he must crave indulgence, but he assured them briefly that he should never forget their kindness nor his happy associations with the lodge, of which he hoped to be a member so long as his means would enable him to do so, and he trusted that would be until his death. He hoped to be able to attend some of its meetings, and he could assure them that whenever he could do anything in its interests it would be his pleasure to do it. He was too much overcome to say what he should like, but they would understand perhaps better from his silence how deeply he felt the kind compliment.

The address was beautifully illuminated in gold and colours, and framed in oak, and was after the design of the Old York Grand Lodge Summons. The jewel was very chaste in design and workmanship, and was manufactured from fine gold by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London. It is a Past Master's jewel, and on the ribbon by which it is suspended the arms of the lodge are mounted in gold and enamel. The jewel bears a suitable inscription.

At six o'clock the brethren partook of the banquet, which was excellently served by Mr. Leavesley. The Worshipful Master presided, and was supported by Bros. Whythead, G. Milner, Cumberland, Seller, Balmford, Simpson, Millington, and upwards of 50 brethren and visitors.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Grand Lodge," were proposed in appropriate terms by the Worshipful Master, who afterwards proposed "The Earl of Zetland, R.W. Prov. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Lodge," to which Bro. Whythead, P.P.G.S.W., responded.

"The Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P.," was proposed by Bro. Whythead, and received with musical honours.

The Worshipful Master returned thanks, and in doing so alluded to the part he took in Freemasonry at the time of his initiation, and afterwards at the Apollo Lodge, Oxford University, and assured the brethren that he should during his year of office try his utmost to render himself worthy of the high honour they had that day conferred on him.

"The Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whythead; the Immediate Past Master, and the Past Masters of the Lodge," was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Whythead.

"Bro. Cumberland, P.M.," was proposed by Bro. Whythead, who deeply regretted his approaching removal from York to London, which he was certain would be a great loss to the lodge. The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Cumberland responded in feeling terms, alluding to the early history of the lodge, and to the united efforts of

the brethren, which had resulted in placing the lodge in its present prosperous condition. Bro. Cumberland then alluded to his approaching retirement from York, and concluded by proposing "Success to the Eboracum Lodge and its Officers," which was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. Turner and Brown.

The toast of "The Sister Lodges and Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. G. Milner and Willis, of the Royal Military Lodge; Bro. Allison, Coborn Lodge; and Bro. Anderson, York Lodge, who severally responded. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. J. T. Seller, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Turner.

Bro. Dyson proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. Carter, and the Tyler's toast concluded the list.

During the evening various songs were contributed by Bros. Cumberland, Dyson, Carter, Grenville Milner, and Turner, Bro. Sample, of the York Lodge, presiding at the pianoforte, in the absence of Bro. Child.

The toast list was, as usual at the anniversaries of this lodge, after one of Bro. Whythead's artistic designs, carried out by Bro. Beck, of Leeds. The first page bore the arms and motto of Sir F. G. Milner, heraldically emblazoned in colours. The second and third pages were filled with toasts, each of which was followed by a quotation from one of the Masonic versifiers of the last century, whilst on the fourth page was a facsimile of the entry on the old vellum scroll of minutes at York recording the initiation of the first baronet at the Star Inn in Stonegate, and the extract from the Leeds MS which records his election as Grand Master, the whole forming an interesting souvenir, both of the occasion and of a late Masonic discovery.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. Lovegrove, W.M.; Masefield, S.W.; Swain, J.W.; C. A. Cottebrune, Preceptor; Cross, Sec.; Chapman, S.D.; March, J.D.; Walters, I.G.; Hunt, Bottle, Beazley, Davis, and Cobham. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bottle being candidate. The W.M. also gave the charge most impressively. Bro. Beazley being a candidate for raising was examined and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, together with the traditional history. Bro. G. F. Davis, 172, was unanimously elected a member. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street. Present: Bros. W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139, W.M.; M. J. Green, S.W.; J. Laurence, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., Preceptor, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, S.D.; C. J. Morse, J.D.; W. Middleweck, I.G.; A. P. Lake, Stvd.; P.M.'s Bros. W. H. Chalfont, I.P.M. 1425, and H. Purdue, W.M. 834; C. S. Mote, J. Webb, J. M. Chapman, C. Horton, J. H. Wood, W. Mathews, J. R. Phillips, W. Williams, W. Death, J. French, W. E. Purdue. Visitors: Bros. W. Sevenoaks, 209; H. Dobbin, 1732; and A. P. Lake, 834.

The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Purdue candidate. The ceremony of initiation was also rehearsed, Bro. Dobbin candidate. The accounts of the lodge having been audited by Bros. W. E. Purdue, Jubal Webb, and Capt. Nicols, Bro. Jubal Webb in commenting upon the balance sheet stated that it was a most satisfactory one, that for the year ending 3rd Nov. last the lodge account showed a credit balance of £13 1s. 11d; No. 3 Benevolent Fund £7 11s.; and No. 4 Benevolent Fund £2 3s.; that there appeared to have been no less than 1082 attendances during the year, and that 46 meetings had been held. Bro. Jubal Webb spoke of the great ability displayed by the Sec., Bro. Dehane, P.M., and of the great interest he at all times took in the general welfare of this important lodge of instruction.

A vote of thanks having been recorded to the Auditors, Bro. W. E. Purdue, 834, in returning thanks, said he was frequently called upon to audit accounts of various institutions, but never before had it been his pleasure to audit accounts more creditably and admirably kept than those of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction. He had gone minutely into every item and was perfectly satisfied that the balance sheet before them that evening was not only a correct and faithful one, but one that reflected great credit and praise on their worthy Secretary.

Bros. A. P. Lake, Sevenoaks, and Dobbin were elected members. Bro. Green, P.M., was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. Fowles, W.M.; J. Jacobs, S.W.; G. Coleman, J.W.; Ford, S.D.; Vaughan, J.D.; Mullen, I.G.; and G. Reynolds, Sec.; Head, Seymour, J. Woodward, Shannon, G. H. Reynolds, and T. A. Dickson.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Head having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put and well answered. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the degree of F.C. Bro. Seymour offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Lodge closed in the Third, and then the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, in the absence of their worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, proposed "That Bro. J. Jacobs, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week," which was seconded by Bro. G. Coleman, J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form with peace and harmony, and adjourned.

Royal Arch.

LEYTONSTONE.—Ley Spring Chapter (No. 1598).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Red Lion, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. G. J. Anning, M.E.Z.; W. H. Myers, H.; Wm. McDonald, J.; P. A. Bianchi, P.Z. and Treas.; Walter C. Claridge, P.Z., S.E.; F. H. Spiller, S.N.; J. A. Robson, P.S.; J. Seigenberg, 1st A.S.; W. Sampson, H. Seymour Clarke, and S. Lewis. Visitors: Comps. Jas. Boulton, 933; A. McDowall, P.Z. 948, P.P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks; T. O. Harding, 1589; and E. Anderson, 255.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received. The installation of the Principals and officers for the ensuing year then took place, and Comp. W. H. Myers, M.E.Z. elect, was duly installed, after which Comp. W. McDonald was installed into the chair of H., and Comp. F. H. Spiller into the chair of J. The other officers invested were Comps. Bianchi, Treas.; Claridge, S.E.; Robson, S.M.; Seigenberg, P.S., who appointed Comps. C. H. Spiller and Sampson his Assistants. Comp. Anning, P.Z., was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel in recognition of his services during his year of office.

Mark Masonry.

OLD KENT LODGE (T.I.)—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Bro. J. L. Mather, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. Ramsey, S.W.; T. Keene, J.W.; E. C. Mather, P.M., Treas.; H. Dicketts, P.M., Sec.; H. Venn, P.M.; J. Moon, P.M.; and visitors Bros. W. A. Scurrah, C. F. Hogard, C. F. Matier, A. Millar, A. G. Beale, and J. M. Piper.

After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. James Willing, jun., W.M. 1987, and W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1744, having been successively balloted for and elected, were advanced to the degree in a most careful and painstaking manner by the W.M. The usual banquet followed, and everything passed off most enjoyably.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The installation meeting was held on the 4th inst. Present: Bros. E. L. Shepherd, W.M.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, I.P.M.; Major Williams, S.W.; Peter L. Simmonds, J.W.; Thomas Cohu, S.O.; Major Dunbar, J.O.; George Powell, Treas.; H. Sirley, Reg.; E. H. Thiellay, Sec.; J. J. Thomas, S.D.; J. Cutbush, J.D.; S. J. Humfress, I.G.; J. Lacklan, acting Tyler; also Bros. T. Cubitt, H. A. Reeves, G. V. Schofield, H. Lovegrove, Geo. Kenning, J. Rowe, Wm. Bohm, R. B. Croft, Rev. C. Harvey, Joseph Hunt. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, W. Weiss, J. Tomkins, Wm. Causton, and Dr. R. Gooding.

The Auditors' report having been read and approved, a ballot took place for Bro. Richard Benyon Croft as a joining member, after which Bro. Major Williams was installed W.M., the officers in rotation receiving a step of promotion, Bros. Reeves and Bohm being appointed I.G. and Steward respectively. A jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, was presented to Bro. Shepherd, I.P.M., and £2 2s. voted to "The Mrs. Dewar Fund." The Secretary read a communication from Grand Mark Secretary respecting the approaching Mark Festival, and Bro. Major Williams was engaged to represent the St. Mark's as Steward.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The installation meeting of this excellent lodge took place on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the supervision of its W.M., Bro. George James Dunckly, supported by his Wardens and Overseers. There were present Bros. J. F. Holliday, W.M. elect; C. J. Axford, J.W.; Johnston, M.O.; Cotterson, S.O.; Storr, J.O.; Geo. Clark, jun., I.P.M.; also Bros. C. Kipperly, P.M.; J. Carr, Treas.; J. Baldwin, Sec., P.M. 139; J. Wyatt, G. Smith, R. H. Coulton, T. Crook, and Thomas Poore, P.M., &c.; J. Steve, A. Wotton, M. Larham, P.M.; E. Clark and J. H. Hawkins, 169; Bridges Kinton, and Cusworth, 236.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed and other preliminary matters completed, the W.M. wishing before vacating the honoured position he had held during his year of office to thank the brethren in goodly terms for the excellent support they had given him, and assured one and all that his endeavours to promote the interest of the lodge as I.P.M. should be, if possible, more strenuous than before.

Our worthy and indefatigable Installing Master, Bro. George Clark, jun., I.P.M., P.G.S.B., &c., then proceeded to install the incoming W.M., Bro. J. T. Holliday, assisted by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.G.J.O., as Dir. of Cers., and supported by our most excellent and ever dear paternal Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G.; Bros. Chas. P. McKay, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Mark Larham, and Keppely, P.M., thus forming a goodly Board of Installing Masters. Bro. James T. Holliday was duly installed into the chair of A.J., in a most masterly and impressive manner, and invested Bro. George James Dunckly, I.P.M., with the collar of his office. The usual salutations of the Installing Masters having been given, the brethren below the chair were admitted, and under the able direction of Bro. James Stevens saluted the W.M. in true Masonic Mark Master's style. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Charles J. Axford, S.W.; Johnston, J.W.; Cotterson, M.O.; E. Storr, S.O.; G. F. Smith, J.O.; Charles P. McKay, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; J. C. Carr, Treas.; Ed. Clark, R.M.; W. Potter, J.D.; and A. Scaine, I.G.

After "hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, the W.M., Bro. James S. Holliday, presiding, having on his right our time-honoured Bro. James Stevens, P.M., and on his left Bro. George Dunckly, I.P.M.; Thomas Poore, P.M.; C. P. McKay, P.M.; and George Clark, jun. The brethren one and all seemed to be well pleased with the good things provided for them and the excellent manner in which the new W.M. handled the reins of government of the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., contributed materially

to the edification of the brethren with his descriptive eulogy of Masonic rites, and Bro. P.M. Thomas Poore's recitation was received with much enthusiasm.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. Dunckly, I.P.M., who spoke in high terms of his dear old friend and brother.

Bro. Holliday in responding asked for the earnest help and regular attendance of all his officers, Past Masters, and brethren, so as to make the ensuing year one of great success.

Other toasts were duly responded to, and after spending a very pleasant evening the brethren dispersed in love and harmony.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge held a meeting on the 19th inst. at the Albany Hotel. Among those present were Bros. Handel, W.M.; Fisher, S.W.; Briggs, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., P.M., and Sec.; Briggs, M.O.; H. Higgins, J.O.; Köhler, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Simmonds, I.G.; Porter, Org.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. Middx., I.P.M., and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Thomas, who had been previously balloted for, was then duly advanced to the degree of a M.M.M. by Bro. Walls. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Bros. Fisher, W.M.; W. Taylor, Treasurer; and Harrison, Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed, and the bye-laws read, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Handel. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed.

Cryptic Masonry.

A meeting of the Grand Council of this degree was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 21st inst. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.I.M., in the chair; T. Poore, P.G.C.W., as S.W.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., acting Recorder; F. Richardson, Raymond Thrupp, Loveland-Loveland; T. Cubitt, Major Dunbar, Hawkins, W. Lynes, J. L. Mather, Bryant, H. J. Lardner, W. B. Williamson, E. F. Storr, Cama, H. H. Shirley, the Rev. S. Maude, and others.

The Grand Council having been opened in due form, Bro. Matier announced that the M.P.G.M., the Rev. Canon Portal, had appointed Bro. Walls his Deputy for the year ensuing, and, having assumed the chair, he duly installed Bro. Walls. Bro. Frederick Davison having been re-elected Treasurer the following appointments and investments were then made: Bros. Raymond Thrupp, G.I.M.; Frank Richardson, G.P.C. of W.; the Rev. F. W. Lemon and the Rev. S. Maude, G. Chaps.; F. Davison, G. Treas.; C. F. Matier, G. Recorder; R. Berridge, G.M. of C.; W. Williamson, G.C. of G.; W. Glynes, G.C. of C.; B. R. Bryant, G. Lecturer; W. J. Cunliffe, E. F. Storr, and H. Halker, G. Marshals; A. McDowall and H. H. Shirley, Stwds.; and H. J. Lardner, G. Sentinel.

The Grand Recorder then reported the progress of the Rite in this country, which, on the whole, is in a satisfactory condition. The sum of five guineas was voted to the list of Bro. C. F. Matier, as Steward at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent. Bros. J. L. Mather and Major Dunbar having been appointed Auditors, the Grand Council was closed and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

FOUR KINGS COUNCIL (No. 7).—A meeting of the above council was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square. Among those present were Bros. Charles H. Driver, G.S.W., W.M.; James Moon, G. Treas., S.W.; John Ramsey, J.W.; J. L. Mather, G.S.W., P.M.; A. F. Godson, A. M. Brodley, Henry Venn, George Kenning, C. Fitzgerald Matier, P.D.G.M., Grand Sec., Hon. Sec., J. S. Hawkins, W. A. Scurrah, Harris, Frederick Binckes, and F. W. Driver, M.A.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. S. Hawkins was received into the holy order of Grand High Priest. Bros. Scurrah, Harris, and Tehan were admitted to the Orders of St. Lawrence and Knights of Constantinople. Bro. James Moon, Grand Treas., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Moon then appointed Bros. Ramsey, S.W.; Stephen Barton Wilson, J.W.; C. F. Matier, Treas. and Sec. The Auditors' report was received and adopted.

The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an enjoyable evening was spent under the gavel of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. James Moon.

PRESENTATION BANQUET TO BRO. CAPTAIN GEORGE LAMBERT, F.S.A., P.G. Swd. B.

On Friday, the 21st inst., a goodly number of the friends of our respected Bro. Capt. George Lambert, as well as of those institutions of which he has shown himself to be so constant and munificent a supporter, assembled in the Venetian Room of the Holborn Restaurant for the purpose of entertaining him at banquet, and presenting to him some slight token of the respect and affection in which they hold him. It is given to few men to enjoy the means and opportunities of doing service to others which have fallen to Captain Lambert during his long and brilliant career; and it is given to fewer still to turn those means and opportunities to such admirable account. As regards our worthy brother in his private capacity, we have nothing further to say than that he is a noble exemplar in whose footsteps it will do well for others to follow. As regards his connection with many of our public institutions, we may remark that his munificence toward the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution, the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution, the French Hospital, and the Brompton Hospital, and, considering whom we are addressing, we may well be pardoned for saying, above all, our three great Masonic Charitable Institutions, is so generally known, that even to allude to it is almost, if not quite, unnecessary. No wonder, then, that the friends and well-wishers of our brother should have resolved on making the opportunity, as they did on Friday

last, of evincing for him their deep sense not only of his generous kindness to all in need of sympathy and assistance, but likewise of that personal geniality and warmth of heart, which has so endeared him to them all. No wonder also that they should have selected the banquet, and a simple form of a testimonial, as being the best calculated to effect their object. There is nothing like a good dinner to bring out the kindlier feelings of our nature, and a testimonial is never so acceptable as when its simplicity, next to the genuineness of feeling which prompted its bestowal, is its most conspicuous feature, and the manner in which it is presented is uninfluenced by mere flattery, and devoid of all ostentation.

In entertaining so worthy a guest, we may be sure the company was as representative as it was numerous, and that no effort was spared in order to ensure the perfect appropriateness of all the surroundings. The hall was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and after dinner the presence of ladies added greatly to the pleasure of the meeting. Bro. Alderman Savory presided, and among those present were the following brethren and other gentlemen: Alderman De Keyser, Lieut.-Col. Sir J. Robinson, Bart., H. Graves, the Rev. T. Huntingdon, Barrow Emanuel, M.A., Col. G. Adams, H. Lambert, J. M. Garrard, H. Lee, G. W. Adams, Brand (the Comptroller), F. B. Thomas, A. F. Godson, J. Messent, E. Tidswell, J. Lee, J. F. Meston, H. J. Adams, N. Sherwood, H. Webb, C. Sharpe, Col. Scriyener, R. Clout, H. Parsons, C. Lambert, S. Smith, Col. Bramble, Dr. Cross, C. J. Shoppee, A. White, E. G. Johnson, Capt. Ritchie, R.A., E. Morris, G. Mead, Hunter, N. J. Ryle, C. S. Burton, J. Terry, W. H. Brougham, T. C. Probert, J. Edmonds, Magnus Ohren, F. Norton, J. Hooper, E. Maas, J. Challis, R. Hodd, jun., B. Maskell, J. Swinson, J. Troup, C. Whelpton, E. Baxter, F. Adlard, A. G. Browning, F. J. Nash, J. R. Cassell, C. G. Smithers, W. Summers, J. Cutbush, B. S. Williams, C. Sleight, D. Nicholson, P. Jackson, W. M. Bywater, A. J. Beer, Major Joseph, C.C., J. Hubbard, J. Pearson, W. Eckstein, T. H. Hill, T. Barringer, M.D.; R. Hovenden, B. Starling, Martin Palmer, R. Clowes, H. B. Tidswell, W. B. Tidswell, J. Archer, E. J. Tidswell, F. J. Freeman, T. Simpson, H. J. Lardner, J. W. Mather, H. Melton, H. Dobbin, W. Johnson, T. H. May, George Kenning, H. Ovey, W. H. Addis, W. H. Newson, Addis, jun., G. Stagg, R. B. Lewis, E. Lambert, A. H. Jones, Shipway, M. Goldstein, R. P. Spice, C.E., P. Tocher, Edgar Bowyer, J. M. Faulkner, C. F. Matier, H. Western, S. Hill, G. Cowell, M.R.C.S., R. W. Williams, G. Cooper, F. W. Brind, J. C. Carr, H. H. Bartlett, Fred. Binckes, A. J. Cross, T. Johnson, E. J. Thompson, J. L. Reeve, H. M. Collier, F. Orchard, A. Painter, C. E. Keyser, C. Painter, W. H. Rowe, R. Rowell, R. W. Rogers, G. N. Watts, G. B. Smallpiece, W. Goodwin, T. Rowe, J. Winter, T. F. Peacock, the Rev. T. Hatch, E. R. Cutler (hon. secretary), and Wm. Lake (Freemason).

After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Our Honoured Guest and Friend, Bro. G. Lambert, F.S.A.," said he would have to detain them a long time if he were to relate the distinguished biography of their friend. He was born in the same house which he now occupied, and, in fact, in the room in which he now slept. (Laughter.) In every path of life Bro. Lambert had distinguished himself, and his efforts had been crowned with success. His attention to business had, as was always the case, commanded success. "He that is diligent in his business shall stand before kings." Not only in the path of business had Bro. George Lambert won a wreath of laurel, but in other paths also. For 24 years he had been a gallant officer of "the Queen's" Westminster. He was a Freemason, and had been a Master of no less than six lodges, being now a Grand Officer of England. (Cheers.) He (the chairman) was present the previous night at the Girls' Orphan School at Clapham, and the name of Bro. George Lambert was a well-known name there. (Hear, hear.) He felt with the poet, that "affliction's sons are brothers in distress," and to relieve a brother in distress how exquisite was the bliss. One special reason why they had met that evening was to express their deep sense of the munificent liberality of Bro. George Lambert to the various institutions with which he was connected—(cheers)—and also to express their deep sense of the kindness, good feeling, and courtesy which he had always shown to those with whom he was brought in contact. (Hear, hear.) The Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution he had been connected with for no less a period than 87 years, and by his munificent liberality he had immensely contributed to its permanent success. (Hear, hear.) Assisted by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Smith, he had been mainly instrumental in securing for the Society the use of the Goldsmiths' Hall. Bro. Capt. Lambert had also been president of the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Annuity Institution for a period of 19 years, and he had greatly promoted the prosperity of the Society. On a recent occasion his friend took the chair at the dinner of a very meritorious institution—the City Waiters' Provident—and on that occasion he gave them a donation of 100 guineas. (Applause.) The treasurer and several representatives of the Society were present as a deputation to express their gratitude for the munificence and kindness of their excellent friend. The poet said—

"We live in deeds, not words;
In thoughts, not breaths;
We should count time by heart throbs.
He lives most who thinks most,
Acts the noblest, thinks the best."

(Cheers.) He was sure he only expressed the feelings which animated his excellent friend when he said Captain Lambert

"Counts that day lost whose slow descending sun
Sees from his hand no worthy action done."

(Cheers.) It was now his pleasing duty to present to Captain Lambert an illuminated address. It bore the following inscription: "This address, together with a gold snuffbox, was presented to Geo. Lambert, Esq., F.S.A., by many friends, at a banquet given in his honour on Friday, November 21st, 1884, to express their sense of the personal interest and noble support he has so long bestowed upon the various charities of London, and in recognition of the unvarying kindness and courtesy he has always shown to those with whom he has been associated." (Loud cheers.) He asked Captain Lambert to accept the address and snuffbox as a token of their esteem and gratitude, and observed that many letters had been received from gentlemen expressing regret at being unable to be present. Lord Kinnaird said he hardly dare look back to the year when he first became acquainted with Bro. G. Lambert.

He had ever known him to be an honest and a generous man, and would have wished to be present that night.

Captain LAMBERT, who on rising was greeted with prolonged applause, said he was absolutely in want of words to return his most sincere and grateful thanks for the very kind manner in which the Chairman had been pleased to state what he (Captain Lambert) had done, and for the manner in which they had been pleased to receive the Chairman's observations. From the very earliest period he felt that his hand had been put to the plough to do some good suit and service in the world, and he had never felt tired in doing so. (Cheers.) He held that they were but the stewards of that which they possessed, and although he saw around him men of the highest rank in mercantile affairs who doubtless had bigger hearts than him—"No, no,"—yet they had other concerns at home—they had wives and children to clothe and educate, which deprived them of the pleasure which he had so many years enjoyed of dispensing pecuniary aid. It had pleased the Almighty to rob him of all he possessed in that way, and he bowed to that decision. [The speaker seemed much affected at this point, but after a short interval he proceeded with his remarks.] That, he said, had enabled him to dispense with a lavish hand wherever he felt he could do good for suffering humanity in every state. (Cheers and "Bravo.") It was a great pleasure to feel that one could do something. (Hear, hear.) Referring to his connection with the Volunteer force, he said he had had the honour to present a report stating that he had 111 men all efficient, and only some three or four were not efficient. (Hear, hear.) If the St. James's Company was not a good one, they had a right to blame the captain because it was a poorish company. He had acted upon the principle that the captain should always be at his post, and as a result his company had rallied round him. He believed there was only one company to beat his. His work as Treasurer of the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution had been to him a labour of love. (Hear, hear.) He thought it was especially the duty of those connected with a trade to take an active part in the work of the trade societies, as he could help them by his sympathy and knowledge. Some time ago there was a strike amongst the jewellers of Clerkenwell. They confided the matter to him. He met them in a neighbouring public-house, and the result was they got over the difficulty in a very pleasant manner. (Laughter and applause.) The trade society had been very ably supported by the working men, and from one factory alone they had 100 guineas in 5s. subscriptions. (Hear, hear.) As to the other Society, they were going on very well, and last year the Goldsmiths' Company presented them with £5000, and gave them an annual subscription of 400 guineas. (Hear, hear.) He thanked the Leather Trades and Dressing Case Makers' Society very kindly for the vellum they sent to him the other day, and had much pleasure in accepting, at their request, the office of Trustee. If he could do anything to further the interests of the Society his services would be at their command. (Applause.) They were very much dependent on these occasions, and when they met in the City halls, for their comfort and pleasure on the waiters who added so much to the elegance and style of the dinner. (Hear, hear.) These men were men of undoubted respectability, honesty, and straightforwardness. He believed he had himself been enrolled a waiter at the Holborn Restaurant, and he would be very happy to do what he could for his fellow waiters. (Hear, hear.) He was enrolled amongst them just as much as Lord Shaftesbury was enrolled amongst the costermongers. (Laughter.) He expressed his obligations to the Chairman, who had so kindly proposed the toast, and to Mr. Cutler, the Hon. Secretary. That gentleman, he said, had asked him to preside at the annual festival of the Gardeners' Benevolent Institution, and a more elegant banquet he had never sat down to. The subscriptions on that occasion were as large as those raised by any prince or potentate with a handle to his name. (Cheers.) He wished to return his thanks to the Prince of Wales for the office he had now vacated, that of being His Royal Highness's Grand Sword Bearer. He had laid the sword down with the greatest pleasure, knowing the duty would be admirably discharged by his friend Bro. John Messent. He again thanked them for their great kindness, and assured them that it would never be obliterated from his memory. (Loud cheers.)

The toast of "The Lord Mayor and Corporation" was proposed by Bro. A. F. GODSON, D.P.G.M. Worcester-shire, and responded for by Bro. Alderman DE KEYSER.

Other toasts, including that of "The Ladies," followed, each in turn being greeted with loud applause and suitably acknowledged, while the intervals between the speeches were filled in by an excellent programme of music, of which the direction was in the hands of Miss Mary Belval, and the artists who assisted her, Miss M. Cockburn, Mr. A. Kenningham, and Mr. Horscroft. Mr. Cooper was toastmaster.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF TURNERS.

The Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the above Company, and a number of gentlemen invited by them to meet the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, dined together at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday last. There were present Bros. Brackstone Baker, Master; Deputy Controller Bake, Upper Warden; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff James Whitehead, Alderman P. DeKeyser, Capt. George Lambert, F.S.A., Master of the Pattenmakers' Company; Capt. Nathaniel George Phillips, Queen's Household; Horace Jones, the City Architect; Sir Charles Hutton Gregory, K.C.M.G.; Rev. Dr. Cox, Chaplain; Griffith Smith, Dr. R. Turtle Pigott, George Kenning, I.P.M., Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company; the Master of the Leather Sellers' Company; the Prime Warden of the Dyers' Company; and the Master of the Horners' Company.

The company present numbered nearly 150. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, there were successively proposed those of "The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of the City of London;" "The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex;" "The Master and Prosperity to the Turners' Company," "May it flourish root and branch;" "The Livery Companies;" and "The Visitors," the Clerk's toast bringing the list to a close.

In the course of the evening a selection of vocal music was given under the direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, assisted by Edward Dalzell, Geo. Davies, and J. W. Dutton.



The Winter Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for England, Wales, &c., will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday next, the 2nd prox., when the Earl of Kintore will be again nominated for the office of G.M.M.M. After the regular business of the meeting his lordship will consecrate the newly-warranted Grand Stewards' Lodge of M.M.M.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., completed the 60th year of his age on Sunday last.

Bro. the Marquis of Headfort, G.S.W. Ireland, the Marchioness of Headfort, Lady Adelaide Taylor, and Miss Wilson Patten have left town for Killybegs, Ireland.

Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., has almost recovered from his recent illness, and has arrived from London at his seat, Brantinghamthorpe, East Yorkshire.

Bro. John G. Horsey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., the present W.M. of the Industry Lodge, No. 186, was on Tuesday last re-elected Worshipful Master for another year.

Bro. Alderman Staples, W.M. 2020, was one of the guests at the dinner on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, of the Court and Livery of the Pewterers' Company.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has kindly consented to allow his name to be placed on the committee for raising a testimonial to the late Lieut. Waghorn, originator of the Overland Route to India.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., M.P., occupied the chair on Friday, the 21st inst., at the usual weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, Bro. Alderman Staples being among the members present.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen presided at a conference held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday last, of Representatives of Trades Unions and Members of the Artisans' Technical Association, the object being to bring the work of the latter under the notice of working men.

The Officers and Clerks' Committee, City of London, gave a dinner at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday evening, at which among the principal guests were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Alderman Savory, the Recorder, the Common Serjeant, the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, Past Pres. of B. of G.P., the Remembrancer (Bro. G. P. Goldney), and others.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. G. S. Graham's 19th Annual Evening Concert will take place at St. Andrew's Hall, Balham, on Thursday next, the 4th December. It will be held under the patronage of H.R.H. the Duchess of Teck, Bro. the Lord Mayor, and other distinguished personages, and to judge from the array of vocal and instrumental talent which Bro. Graham will have to support him, there can be no question as to the completeness of the success in store for him.

Bro. Sir J. Macdonald, K.C.B., P.G.S.W. of England, arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, and, having been introduced into the Queen's presence by the Lord in Waiting, had the honour of Knighthood conferred upon him, and was afterwards invested by her Majesty with the riband and star of the 1st class (G.C.B.) of the Order of the Bath. Bro. Sir A. W. Woods, G.D. of C., Garter King at Arms and Registrar of the Order of the Bath, was present. Sir J. Macdonald afterwards had the honour of dining with her Majesty.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending November 29th: Monday—Old King's Arms Lodge; De Grey and Ripon Lodge; Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Tuscan Lodge; Royal Savoy Lodge; Lodge of Prudent Brethren; St. James's Union Chapter. Wednesday—Lodge of Antiquity; Evening Star Lodge; Lodge of Progress. Thursday—Grenadiers Lodge; Mount Moriah Lodge; St. George's Chapter; Vane Chapter. Friday—Emulation Lodge; Jerusalem Lodge. Saturday—Tottenham House Amalgamated Club.

It is announced that on Monday next "The Swans," a new and original ballet divertissement, invented and arranged by Mons. J. Hansen, will be produced at the Alhambra Theatre of Varieties for the first time. The music has been specially composed by Mons. G. Jacobi, and Mr. Charles Brew has painted the scenery. The scene will represent a beautiful, shady forest, with a lake on which swans are to float. Middle. Palladino is the premiere danseuse. On the same night the Orsani Troupe, Musical Eccentrics, will make their first appearance in England.

A meeting of the National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and St. John of Jerusalem will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at 4 p.m. on Friday, the 12th December. When the business is over, in the event of a sufficiency of applications having reached the Marshal by the 9th prox., a Priory of the Order of Malta will be held under the banner of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory for the purpose of installing knights into the Order of Malta. The banquet will follow at 5.30 p.m., under the presidency of the Great Prior, tickets for which must be applied for not later than Tuesday, the 9th December.

£20 to £200.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4, —1/., 14 stamps. [ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Sure Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affection when storms or electric disturbances agitate the atmosphere. Neuralgia, gouty pains, and flying pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected part after it has been fomented with warm water. The Pills taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials resulting from thoroughly assimilated food, wanting which the strongest must inevitably sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Lord Mayor dined with the Turners' Company on Wednesday evening.

Bro. Recknell, S.W. Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, has undertaken to serve as Steward at the Benevolent Festival in February next.

The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will meet at the Institution, Croydon, on Saturday, the 29th inst., at 3 p.m.

The General Committee of the Girls' School held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall at 4 p.m. on Thursday. Particulars next week.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday next, the 6th prox.

The newly-installed Principals of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, are Comps. Darley, M.E.Z.; H. Lambert, H.; and Peacock, J. Comp. George Lambert, P.Z., will represent the chapter as a Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

On Wednesday afternoon, in assisting an aged and lame man to cross Piccadilly at a time when the street was crowded with vehicular traffic, Mr. Gladstone had a narrow escape of being run down by a cab. Fortunately, the driver was just able to pull up in time.

The following were installed as Principals of the Joppa Chapter, No. 188, on Monday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, namely, Comps. Henochsberg, M.E.Z.; Littaur, H.; and J. D. A. Silva, J. A.P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Z., Comp. L. Lazarus.

We have been requested to state that on and after Monday next, the 1st December, the regular weekly meetings of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585, will be held at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, instead of, as heretofore, at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, in the same suburb.

An Ark Mariners' Lodge, to be attached to the Newstead, T.I. Lodge of Mark Master Masons, will be consecrated at Nottingham, on Thursday, the 11th December. The ceremony will take place in Freemasons' Hall, Goldsmith-street, and the officiating brother will be Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., who will be assisted in his important duties by Bros. R. Berridge, G.D. of C., and Henry Gruge, P.G. Stwd.

The opinion has been expressed in more than one quarter that of the innumerable portraits which have appeared from time to time of the Prince of Wales, that which has just been issued by Downey, and represents his Royal Highness in his full Masonic clothing as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England, is decidedly among the best. In this opinion we share unreservedly. The portrait is an excellent one and pleasing into the bargain.

The Fifteen Sections were worked in the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, at the Royal Edward Tavern, Triangle, Hackney, at the usual weekly meeting on Wednesday. Bro. J. T. K. Job, P.M. 1076, presided as W.M., and Bros. Musto, P.M. 1349, and W. Gray, W.M. 1489, occupied the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden respectively. The working was very satisfactory, and the usual votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

The installation meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, a full report of which we are compelled to hold over till next week. We may state, however, here that Bro. J. W. Sugg was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by his cousin, Bro. W. Sugg, and that a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D. of C., on his retirement from the chair. The new Master undertook the office of Steward for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, and a strong appeal was made in behalf of the Institutions in general by Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D.

The Mayor of Lancaster, Bro. Edward Clark, has agreed to allow the Freemasons of the town the use of the Town Hall for their ball, which will be held early in January. The proceeds of the ball will be handed over to one of the Masonic Charities. His worship has also accepted the office of President of the General Committee; Bro. Capt. Garnett, P.P.G.S.W. of Lancashire, that of Vice-President; and Bro. Fenton, P.M., has consented to act as Chairman of the Committee entrusted with carrying out the arrangements. The Earl and Countess of Derby, Lord Hamilton, M.P., and Lady Hamilton, and others have assented to the use of their names in the list of patrons and patronesses of the ball.

There must be a mistake somewhere. Our attention has just been called to a report in the *Alliance News*, of Manchester, in which it is stated that our old and worthy friend, Bro. Richard Carter, was elected Mayor of Falmouth on the 9th inst. But the 9th inst fell on a Sunday. Therefore, either the corporation of Falmouth met and elected their new Mayor on a "dies non," or there has been a misapprehension on the part of some member of the editorial staff of our contemporary as to the day of the week on which the election took place. One thing, however, is clear, namely, that Bro. Carter is now the Mayor of Falmouth; and if we have not already offered him our felicitations on his attainment of this honour, we do so now with a fervour which has grown greater by the delay and the mystery with which our Manchester contemporary has surrounded his election.

Among the R.A. companions on whom the P.G. Superintendent of Essex was pleased to confer honours at the annual meeting we described last week of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex, there was probably not one who so fairly deserved that his long and faithful services to Freemasonry should so be recognised as Comp. Adlard. Not only is our worthy and long-esteemed brother and companion a veteran even among veterans, having been received into Freemasonry as far back as the year 1832, but during the whole of that period he has been known to take a most active part in our doings. Even now his active interest in the Craft is as sustained as ever, and there are few occasions of moment at which his familiar figure may not be seen, and his well-known voice heard. May the day be yet far distant when Bro. and Comp. Adlard's place shall know him no more.