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THE initiation of H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR, our "Lewis," is not only a matter of deep rejoicing to the whole Anglo-Saxon fraternity, but is a fact in itself, which suggests not a few seasonable memories and welcome reflections, not only in Great Britain, but in India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, in all our Colonies, and last, though not least, America. The reception of the eldest son of our GRAND MASTER into the ranks of our useful and benevolent and loyal Order will be hailed with heartfelt feelings of gratification and sympathy. Indeed, every rightly thinking Freemason "all the world over" will welcome this our youngest and Royal brother with all the vital loyalty of Freemasonry. We rejoice to think that the bond of union and fellowship as between our Royal Family and Freemasonry is thus perceived and perpetuated to another generation, and let us hope "generations yet unborn." Unlike other Royal Families and reigning houses, the Houses of BRUNSWICK and HOHENZOLLERN have ever shown a warm and abiding interest in the progress and prestige of Freemasonry. We can remember how FREDERICK THE GREAT set his seal on the utility and value of our Order. We can recall with pride the fact that the veteran EMPEROR of Germany, now one of the oldest Freemasons in the world, has been a most constant and attached brother, and is still the august protector of Freemasonry. His son, the CROWN PRINCE, connected closely with England by very near and dear relations, is a most enlightened Freemason. And thus once again in the progress of years, we in England have this pleasant reality before us that we have the Sovereign of our native land, the only Child of a Freemason and a Grand Master, who has now two of her sons, her grandson and her son-in-law, all at the same time members of our Fraternity. We should never forget here also our late lamented Brother the Duke of ALBANY. It would seem as if the idle charges of malign and unscrupulous libellists have not shaken the confidence of our Royal Family in the true aims and real object of Freemasonry proper, and that our Royal GRAND MASTER with his usual chivalry wishes to give another proof of his confidence and devotion to that great confraternity he cares for so much, and rules so well. One hundred and fifty years and more ago, a Prince of WALES, the great great grandfather of our present Grand Master, was initiated into Freemasonry. The Masonic Muse, loyal and fervent, hopeful and anticipatory all at the same time, then alluded to a probable event, in which her Royal Highness the then Princess of WALES was closely concerned. "May a Lewis be born" it sang—the expression of a loyal hope which deserved reward. And so for once earthly anticipation and fulfilment went hand in hand, and then it was that the Muse, triumphant and exultant, broke out into those well-known words:—

Now a Lewis is born,  
Whom the world shall admire;  
Serene as his Mother,  
August as his Sire.

That Lewis was good old King GEORGE THE THIRD. To-day we celebrate with loyal feelings of duty and gladness the reception of another Royal Lewis into the great army of Freemasonry; and we feel sure that wherever Freemasons do congregate on the face of the earth the initiation of Prince ALBERT VICTOR will be a matter of sincere and unmixed rejoicing to all loyal Freemasons. It will add to the interest of the fact that his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES performed the customary ceremony with his usual clearness of expression and grace of manner, and that that new and Royal brother was, we are assured on the best authority, deeply impressed with the ceremony. We refer to a report elsewhere.

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THE first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Girls' School Festival, May 13th, took place on Monday last, when Bro. Lieut.-Gen. RANDOLPH was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and our

esteemed Bro. CAMA, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., was elected Treas. Bro. Lt.-Gen. RANDOLPH, Prov. G.S.W., is a prominent member of the province of Sussex, and has been very fitly appointed to work in conjunction with Sir W. W. BURRELL, M.P., P.G.M., Chairman of the Festival. Bro. MATTHEWS, G. Std. Br., is appointed Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards, and we feel justified in saying no one can perform the duties better. 200 brethren have sent in their names as Stewards, this number will, we hope, be very materially increased in a short time. It is most important that all brethren should send in their names at once, as the number we believe is somewhat in defect of what is the normal number at this time of the year. We shall recur to this subject. Bro. HEDGES will be very greatly obliged to every brother, both in London and the Provinces, who will "take time by the forelock" and forward his name before the next meeting of Stewards.

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THE lists for the Girls' and Boys' Schools election present some curious features which cannot be left without notice. Of the 30 girl candidates five are the children of solicitors; one a surgeon; two licensed victuallers; six commercial travellers and agents; one a station-master; one a Trinity pilot; one an engineer; one a civil engineer; one a military tailor; one a gardener; one a surveyor and auctioneer; one a shipwright; one an accountant; one a provision merchant; one a sack merchant; one an advertising agent; one a mariner; one a watchmaker; one a railway superintendent. The highest amount of subscription in 18½ years, No. 18, and six have subscribed to the Institutions.

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THERE are, as is known, 44 candidates for the Boys' Institution, and of these three are "last chances," namely, Nos. 1, 15, and 32. Five have made five applications, 2, 4; 6, 3; 12, 2; and 21 are first applications. Of these candidates the parents are,—one in Holy Orders, one surgeon, one commander Merchant Service, two merchants, two accountants, one gas manager, one railway manager, two non-commissioned officers, one railway contractor, one ship and insurance agent, one hotel manager, one restaurant keeper, one manufacturer of aerated waters, one farmer, one rent inspector, one lawyer's clerk, two dentists, one chemist, one cook and confectioner, one licensed victualler, one draper, one traveller, one locomotive foreman, one painter, one plumber, one engineer, one law clerk, one saddler, one outfitter, one reporter, one agent, one builder, one tailor, one watchmaker, one carrier, one grocer and shipowner, one nurseryman, one shipwright, one hosier, and one railway inspector. The highest amount of individual subscriptions is 19½ years, Nos. 17 and 18; the next 17½, No. 32; and 10 have subscribed to the Charities. The perusal of this and similar returns leads us to the conclusion that lodges ought to exercise a little more discretion than they seem to do as to the "status" and occupation of candidates applying for admission. We confess it seems to us that many of the descriptions would apply more to an Odd-Fellows, or some similar useful benefit society. But, as good old Bro. JOHN HERVEY used to say, we ought not to admit those for the mere object of increasing in numbers, whose peculiar callings seem to render it certain that ere long the "admittees" must come upon our charity resources. Freemasonry is not a benefit Order, which too many entrants we fear are apt and inclined to forget, but a great, friendly, benevolent, humanitarian Fraternity, which gives and gives liberally in various ways and in many different forms to real penury, legitimate distress, and the unavoidable claims of misfortune and calamity, but nothing whatever as of bargain or claim.

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THE ninth annual report of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution is a very remarkable one indeed. Owing to the energy of its officers, the zeal of the province, and the interest displayed by the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, the amount has risen to £1590 11s., "as against £405 16s. 6d., the corresponding amount for last year, being an increase of £1184 14s. 6d." The whole income of the Institution has been £1878 9s. 5d., and the expenditure £465 11s. 3d., which includes £155 for relief, and £259 10s. 2d. for the education and clothing of 31 children. The amount of Invested Funds is now £5303, and the interest £183 os. 1d. Thus it will be seen that the East Lancashire Institution has assumed a very striking position, and promises even more remarkable features in the future. It seems to be in itself admirably managed, with all that practical common sense which distinguishes our Lancashire brethren, and will no doubt eventually assume even larger proportions. It is impossible we think to shut our eyes to the growth and even need such of Provincial Institutions. We are inclined to believe that our Metropolitan Institutions have nearly reached their utmost limit, and that it would not be prudent or reasonable to render them

too large,—overgrown establishments, unwieldy in management, a burden to keep up. But we cannot see why, by a judicious system of management, provincial institutions may not assume the place of "feeders" for the central educational institutions. The same principle of election and selection will still prevail, and all that is required will be a similar system of educational preparation, which will enable scholars from our provincial institutions, when duly elected, to "side into" the metropolitan institutions without difficulty and without a break in their usual "curriculum." Miss DAVIS and Dr. MORRIS could easily arrange a "syllabus" for girls' and boys' provincial institutions, and a system of inspection might be arranged, which would keep the entire system in harmony and uniformity. It seems to us that these institutions must grow with the growth of English Freemasonry, and their need as years run will be still more obvious and pressing. We have often heard lachrymose remarks as to the demands on our Charities; but such, let us remember, if our Freemasonry is true and real, is the inevitable outcome of our Masonic organization and our remarkable increase. Freemasonry would be productive of more harm than good if it begun and ended in ritual work and material sociality. Masonic Charity is the "leaven" which "leaveneth the whole lump," which gives life and fruit to abstract professions and eloquent declamations, and without the energetic and practical grace of Charity, in whatever form it takes, all our honours, all our gauds, all our high-sounding titles, all our costly decorations would be as before, to uncritical, and severely judging, and often unfriendly outer world, but as "sounding brass" or "tinkling cymbal." For whatever complaint the censorious or the vituperative may have against Freemasonry in its idea and in its "output," they cannot deny its "raison d'être," they cannot refuse the evidence of their own senses, when they behold how useful and beneficent it is in the world, how it advances education, extends benevolence, and demonstrates itself to be by acts, better than countless words, a benefactress to Society and mankind, explaining and illustrating its own hidden mysteries and secret organization by countless acts of genuine liberality, kindly humanity, and brotherly goodwill. Let us then make our minds up to an inevitable increase of claims before us, and while we render our great central and Metropolitan Institutions complete and perfect,—as far as anything can be perfect here,—let us sympathize with and encourage those good provincial brethren of ours who are seeking to supplement the great work of our Metropolitan Institutions, by local organizations of singular utility, value, activity, and effort.

#### THE INITIATION OF H.R.H. PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR OF WALES.

On Tuesday last the initiation of our "Lewis," Prince Albert Victor of Wales, by His Royal Highness the Grand Master, as W.M. of the lodge, took place at Willis's Rooms, before a distinguished circle of Freemasons, members of the lodge.

By the bye-laws of the Royal Alpha Lodge, which dates from 1722, visitors are not admitted, and, therefore, on Tuesday, none but members were present. Had the ceremony been of a more public nature, a large attendance of the Craft would have attested the interest and loyalty of the brethren. The Alpha is a very select lodge, and limited in numbers, and the names represent some very distinguished individualities.

Among those present were the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master in the Craft, was the Immediate Past Master; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Past Grand Warden, was Senior Warden; Lord Limerick, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, was the Junior Grand Warden; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, was Secretary; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and Sir John B. Monckton, Past Grand Warden, were the Deacons; Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*), Past Grand Warden, was the Director of Ceremonies; the Rev. J. Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, was the holder of the next office. The other members of the lodge included Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Suffield, Prov. G. Master Norfolk; Lord Henniker, P.G.W.; Lord Carrington, P.G.W.; Lord Milltown, P.G.W.; Lord Henry Thynne, P.G.W.; Sir F. Roxburgh, Q.C., P.G. Reg.; General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Captain Phillips, P.G.D.; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire; Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Montague J. Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorset; and the Rev. E. Moore, P.G. Chap. Bro. Francis Knollys and Dalton were in attendance on the Prince. Bro. Crosse, who is Prov. Grand Organist for Norfolk and the private Organist at Sandringham, officiated as Organist. The Grand Tyler, Bro. Sadler, was in attendance, and the lodge was tyled by Bro. Speight, assisted by Bro. Gilbert. The lodge was held on the first floor, and set out with the appropriate furniture and jewels of the lodge.

Prince Albert Victor was duly initiated by his Royal father in person, and H.R.H. the Grand Master proved himself to be not only our titular Grand Master, but a "bright Mason" and a "working installed W.M." The whole of the ceremony passed off with the greatest effect, and no doubt left a deep and lasting impression on the mind of the Royal Neophyte.

After "work" was over the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the loyal and Masonic toasts were effectively given and warmly received, when the Initiate returned thanks on his health being affectionately proposed by his Royal father, and warmly received, with great "verve" and effect.

Bro. the Earl of CARNARVON, proposed "The Health of the Grand Master and W.M." in his usual effective manner, and HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS made, as is his wont, a "telling" reply.

It may interest our readers to know that the "working tools" were given by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and the charge was delivered by Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon. The brethren of the lodge presented the Royal Initiate with the Royal Alpha star, or jewel of the lodge.

#### THE ROYAL ALPHA LODGE, No. 16.

It is almost unnecessary to point out that the Royal Alpha Lodge, in which H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales was initiated on Tuesday evening, is one of the most distinguished lodges on the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England. Its number sufficiently indicates its early origin, the date of its constitution belonging to the year 1722, while the occasional glimpses at its proceedings which have from time to time been vouchsafed to us bear witness to the sterling worth no less than the exalted rank in Masonry of the majority of its members. It may be we hear but little

through the ordinary channels of publicity of what passes within the precincts of the Royal Alpha, but its members certainly are known throughout the Craft as being among the most active and earnest members of our Society, and this we say, not merely because they are men of rank and substance, socially and Masonically, but because they so invariably recognise the force of the adage "Noblesse oblige." There is of course in this case, as in that of nearly every distinguished body of men, whether Masons or non-Masons, a certain reciprocity of honour between the body and its members—that is to say, the honour conferred and received is mutual; but if there be any difference of degree between the honour which is conferred and that which is received, we should say it is the lodge which is the more indebted to its members for the distinction it enjoys than are the members to the lodge. However, such niceties of determination as this are uncalled for. It is enough that the Royal Alpha and its members are mutually worthy of each other, and that their conjoint claims upon our respect have been very appreciably enhanced by their act of Tuesday, when they accepted, in the first place as a brother Mason, and in the second as a brother member, the eldest son of our illustrious Grand Master the Prince of Wales.

If in the few remarks we purpose offering as to the career of this early lodge, we venture to suggest that, notwithstanding the antiquity of its constitution, the high position enjoyed by the Royal Alpha is of comparatively modern date, we shall not thereby be detracting from its undoubted merits. A glance at the pages of Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" will show that at the outset, and for many many years afterwards, there was nothing of an exceptional character as regards either its *habitat* or its membership that could have foreshadowed its present status. The Royal Alpha, we are told, "met 1729-37 at the One Tun, Noble-street; 1738-45 Red Cross, Barr, Barbican; 1745 Mitre, within Aldersgate; 1750-4 Sun, Milk-street; 1755-61 Crown, Leadenhall-street; 1762-81 Running Horse, David-street, Grosvenor-square; 1782-98 King's Arms, Brook-street, Grosvenor-square; 1799-1804 Coach and Horses, Dover-street, Piccadilly; 1805-8, Malpas Arms, Charles-street, Grosvenor-square; 1809 Tower Coffee House, Bond-street; 1810 Malpas Arms; 1811-15 Worcester Coffee House, Oxford-street." For a long time it was, like other lodges, known only by the name of the house in which it held its meetings; and it was only in 1768 that it was styled the "Ionic" Lodge. In 1814, the year following the Union, it became the "United Lodge Ionic and Prudence," but it was not till close on ten years later that it received its present designation of the Royal Alpha Lodge, and for that, as well as for the distinction it has ever since enjoyed, it is indebted to our then Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, under whose auspices it met within the Royal Palace of Kensington. Since then its career has been one uninterrupted course of prosperity, and if its members, as such, have not figured prominently in the ordinary functions of Masonry, it is because they cannot endure themselves with two personalities, or, in other words, they cannot appear as Grand or Past Grand Officers and at the same time as simple members of the lodge. Here, as in other things, the less is absorbed in the greater. They meet in the Royal Alpha in the capacity of members practising our rites and cultivating good fellowship, like the brethren of other lodges; outside its portals they are among the very élite of Masonry. It must not be supposed, however, that the lodge in its corporate capacity is less mindful than its members individually are known to be of its obligations towards the Craft as a body. Its name figures in the roll of supporters of all our three Institutions, the votes in perpetuity to which its several contributions entitle it being vested in the Worshipful Master for the time being.

There are one or two other circumstances which may fitly be mentioned on this occasion. We believe it is pretty generally known—at all events, it was very generally stated at the time—that not so very long after the Queen's marriage with the late Prince Consort, his Royal Highness seriously contemplated becoming a member of our Society. It is even said that his intention was only frustrated by the death of the Duke of Sussex. Be this as it may, it will probably be news to the Craftsmen of the present day that in the earlier half of the year 1843 it was openly announced by the Press that their Royal Highnesses Prince Albert, Consort of the Queen, and Prince George (now Duke) of Cambridge would be initiated into Freemasonry on a certain specified day, and that, too, in the Royal Alpha Lodge, of which their uncle, the late Duke of Sussex, was Master. It is also worth recording that an initiation in this lodge is almost as rare an occurrence as the initiation of a Royal brother. We are not sufficiently posted in its history to be able to state how many brethren are entitled to speak of the Royal Alpha as their mother lodge; but it must be quite ten years since an initiation took place, and then the person so honoured was his Excellency Bro. Baron Hochschild, Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. James's of the present King of Sweden.

This, then, is the lodge which has been so fortunate as to receive Prince Albert Victor of Wales on his entrance into the ranks of Freemasonry. That it must be very proud of its newest member is certain, and we are confident the day will be very welcome when the youthful initiate of to-day shall figure as W.M., with his illustrious father and uncle at hand to aid him with their experience and counsel.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE MONTAGUE GUEST CHAPTER, No. 1900.

We have recently had the gratification of reporting the establishment of an increasing number of Royal Arch Chapters, and the opinion we expressed in these pages some time since, to the effect that every well-established and progressive lodge should have its Royal Arch Chapter attached, bids fair to become realized. The last addition to the roll is the Montague Guest Chapter. The lodge was established some three years since, and has in that short time taken a high position among London lodges. The chapter has every prospect of equal success, and starts under even better auspices. Both bear the name of the popular Prov. Grand Master for Dorset, and with this advantage in favour of the chapter that not only does it use the name of Comp. Montague Guest, but it has the additional honour of commencing its life with him as its First Principal. With this keystone and the zeal and energy of Comps. Festa and Hedges, as Second and Third Principals, success is assured.

The consecration took place at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields, on Friday, the 13th inst., and the ceremony was performed by the Grand Scribe E., Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by Comps. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Supt. of Essex, as H.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap., as J.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as S.E.;

Raffaello Costa, P.G.D.C., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, as D. of C. There were also present

Founders: Comps. John Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.N.; Giovanni P. Festa, J. 77; F. R. W. Hedges, 1319; S. Brooks, Z. 975; Harry Slyman, P.Z.; A. R. Carter; Wm. H. Gardener; E. J. Petts; and John Goddard.—Visitors: E. Grisbrook, P.Z. 414 and 771; Thos. W. C. Bush, 141; H. J. Rous, 4; A. M'Dowall, P.Z. 948; J. D. Collier, P.Z. 749 and 1366; G. Fletcher, Z. 180; Albert Fish, Z. 95; Wm. Slyman, P.Z. 753; J. S. Mutch, 13; A. Fenn, 13; T. H. Hartley, 975; N. Goodchild, Z. 749; J. B. Chancellor, 1106; W. W. Morgan, 141; Raymond Thrupp, P.G.S.B.; Robert Grey, P.G.A.S.; F. Binckes, P.Z.; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Seymour Smith, 1269; John Hodges, 19; G. T. Carter; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*), and others.

The chapter was opened at 5 p.m., and the ceremony proceeded with. In such hands as that of the Grand Scribe E. and his assistants it is needless to say that the beautiful ritual was rendered in a faultless manner. The Consecrating Officer afterwards placed the Principals in their respective chairs, viz., Comps. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.N., M.E.Z.; Giovanni P. Festa, H.; and F. R. W. Hedges, J. The other officers appointed were Comps. Brooks, Scribe E.; John Goddard, Treas.; H. Slyman, P.Z., S.N.; A. R. Carter, P. Soj.; W. H. Gardener, 1st A.S.; E. J. Petts, 2nd A.S.; and Banp, Janitor.

The FIRST PRINCIPAL, on taking the chair, expressed his thanks to the companions for the honour they had done him, and his wishes for the prosperity of the chapter.

Letters of apology for not being able to attend were read from Viscount Holmesdale, Lord Cremorne, Sir Albert Woods, and others.

Several members were then proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

A banquet afterwards took place, under the presidency of Comp. Montague Guest. The toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" having been duly honoured,

The M.E.Z. proposed that of "The Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," remarking that his Royal Highness carried into Masonry especially all the energy and perseverance which characterised him in all his work. He was about to introduce to Masonry his eldest son, thus ensuring that when in time, which he hoped would be far remote, he would vacate the position he then held, he would leave behind him one who would carry out the duties and whom the Craft would doubtless rejoice to honour.

"The Prov. First Grand Principal, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given, and responded to by Comp. PHILBRICK, who remarked that on this occasion there were present nine Grand Officers, equal to the Muses, and competent to form a chapter, and he took that as a happy augury of the success of the one they had just assisted in constituting. The names of the Grand Officers were always received with enthusiasm. Both the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom deserved well their thanks. The establishment of a chapter in connection with a lodge, so aptly alluded to by the J. in his oration as the crowning stone of the Arch, was always an evidence of the progress and success of a lodge. The Arch was not only an institution for carrying out the ritual and ceremonies, but it had a spirit and vitality, of which this was only the outward and visible sign, which had caused Masonry to be strong and progressive, and its further development in this Degree showed that those who ranged under its banners were carrying out their duties with energy and perseverance. The lodge of which this chapter had been an outcome was a great success, and the Grand Officers must be gratified at the establishment of a chapter in so early a period of its history.

Col. CLERKE then proposed "The Health of the Three Principals." He said Comp. Montague Guest had shown in every degree of Freemasonry in which he had taken part activity and strength, and the chapter had been fortunate in securing such an able First Principal. He was ably supported by Comp. Festa, who was very well known as a Mason, full of zeal and full of energy, as he himself could testify; and J. Comp. Hedges had come forward to occupy a position in Masonry to which he had a just claim.

The M.E.Z., in reply, said it was not given to all men to speak in such eloquent language as had been used in proposing the toast. He wished he had Comp. Philbrick's gifts in saying things so gracefully, but, whatever his language was, it was intended to heartily express his thanks to the companions present. It was always an interesting thing to witness the birth and watch the life of a new institution. Like the life of a man, a lodge or a chapter had its ups and downs, but he looked forward with confidence to a successful career for their new chapter.

The M.E.Z. then gave them "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke." His name was known wherever Masonry was known, and he had personally, and in the name of the founders, to thank him most heartily for the services he had so ably rendered them on that occasion.

Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said he felt greatly obliged for the flattering terms in which his health had been proposed. It had been a great pleasure to be there to perform the ceremonies. He was very proud to be the representative of the M.E.Z. that night. He offered his best thanks to Comps. Arnold, Richardson, and the other Grand Officers who had so ably assisted him; to the Director of Ceremonies he was especially indebted, as on many other occasions.

"The Visitors" was the next toast proposed by the M.E.Z. He was pleased to see over twenty present, and he trusted their future meetings would never be wanting in that pleasant feature.

Comps. GOODCHILD and BUSH having responded on behalf of the visitors, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Officers of the Chapter," commenting on the excellence of the material they had for the future building up of the structure they had just commenced. He would couple that toast with the names of Comp. Brooks, who had carried out the duties he had undertaken most effectively, and Comp. Slyman, but he could not let that opportunity pass without mentioning how much they were indebted to the energy and perseverance of Comp. Festa. The success of the lodge was greatly due to him, and he doubted very much if it had not been for Comp. Festa whether the Montague Guest Chapter would ever have been brought into existence.

Comp. Brooks, in response, thanked the M.E.Z. for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast. As officers they could not congratulate themselves on anything that had been done; but they looked forward to what they might have to do, and trusted that, at all events, they should do credit to the name of Montague Guest.

Comps. SLYMAN and GARDENER also responded.

The next toast was that of "The Charities," coupled with the name of Comp. Frank Richardson, who was an active member of the Executive of the Girls' School and a liberal patron of the Charities.

Comp. RICHARDSON, in response, said they had reason to be proud of

the Charities. It was only a fortnight since that, in response to an appeal for the Freemasons and widows of Freemasons in need, a sum of over £17,000 had been subscribed, and about the same amount was annually collected for the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. There was no Institution which spent so much in Charity as the Freemasons. They had all been much gratified at hearing of the success of the candidates who had gone up for the Oxford and Cambridge examinations from both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. In the former 16 out of 17 had passed—several in honours; and in the Girls' School all had passed; and this remarkable success had been obtained three years in succession. All subscribers had the satisfaction of knowing that the money spent was properly applied, and that the education was such that the pupils were able to occupy any position in life, instead of being obliged to take anything that might offer.

The Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

A notable feature of the banquet table was the elegant floral decorations, an emblematic border of cinerarias and violets occupying the space in front of the Three Principals, the thoughtful gift of Madame Festa.

The musical part of the ceremony was undertaken by Comp. Seymour Smith, assisted by Comps. Hodges and Carter.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning.

### CONSECRATION OF THE SAYE AND SELE CHAPTER, No. 1973.

The above chapter was consecrated on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Belvedere, Kent, by Lord Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Superintendent, assisted by the following: M.E. Comps. J. S. Eastes, P.Z. 503 and 709, P.G.H. Kent, as H.; C. Coupland, P.Z. 913, P.P.G.S. Kent, as J.; T. S. Warne, P.Z. 20, P.G.S.E. Kent, as S.E.; A. Penfold, P.Z. 913, P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent, S.N.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., M.E.Z. 1837, Org.; Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.Z. 354, 709, 1174, P.P.G.H. Kent, P.G. 2nd Asst. S. England, as D.C.; and H. Sadler, P.Z., G. Janitor England.

The chapter being opened, and the companions admitted, his LORDSHIP addressed them, and spoke of the chapter about to be consecrated as another link to the chain of Royal Arch Masonry in Kent; and he was satisfied that it would be successful, as it was evidently necessary in that portion of the province. After some further remarks appropriate to the occasion, he gave directions for the signatories of the petition to be arranged in order, when S.E. read the petition and warrant, and they having approved of the Principals named for office, his Lordship declared the chapter constituted.

Comp. COUPLAND then delivered the oration, in the course of which he said the deeply interesting and solemn ceremony in which they bore a part that day could not do other than bring before them the aims, principles, and objects of the Sublime Degree, namely, the honour and glory of God, and the promotion of brotherly love, relief, and truth; but, while they kept those principles before them, let them remember that the worship and adoration of the Most High was their higher aim, and that the name of God is the only basis on which the Order was founded. As the ceremonies were founded on the great and mysterious name of God, so they adored him, his omnipresence, his omnipotence, and omniscience. As, then, the aim and object of the Degree was the worship of God, let them with humility and reverence carry out his behest with a cheerful obedience, and be pure and unsullied in their lives, diffusing happiness to their fellow-creatures of all souls and conditions. Might that newly-consecrated chapter be beautiful, peaceful, and a flame to promote with zeal the glory of God; might the practice of every Masonic virtue characterise every one of its members, so that finally they might hear the Master say, "Come, brother, and be admitted into the heavenly temple, there to enjoy in the presence of the Most High, light, glory, and bliss ineffable and eternal."

The ceremony was then proceeded with and finished.

M.E. Comp. Robertson then assumed the office of Z., and installed the three Principals in grand style as follows: Comps. Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.Z. 1837, as Z.; Jas. Giesman Chillingworth, P.M. 1973, as H.; and F. Wood, P.M. 1973, as J.; E. B. Bright P.Z. 778 and 1691, P.G.G.J. Middx., Treas.; A. H. Bateman, S.C. The other officers were not invested.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Lord Homesdale and the companions who assisted him in the consecration ceremony, and it was ordered that the same be recorded on the minutes of the chapter, and they were also elected honorary members by acclamation. A cordial vote of thanks was specially tendered Comp. Robinson for his splendid installation of the Principals, for which honours thanks having been severally returned, the chapter was closed in due form.

The following are the founders of the chapter: Comps. Chillingworth, Wood, Bateman, E. B. Bright, W. G. Kentish, D. Flaxman Spurrell, W. G. Lemon, and A. Penfold. Among the other companions present were Sir C. Bright, Knt., P.Z. 778 and 1691, P.P.G.H. Middx.; G. W. Loftus, P.Z. 807; H. Moore, P.Z. 20, P.P.G.R. Kent; J. West, M.E.Z. 548; T. D. Hayes, P.Z. 913, P.P.G. 2nd Asst. S. Kent; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z. 913; H. Mason, P.Z. 913; R. Edmonds, H. 913; T. R. Richardson, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The banquet was partaken of at the Belvedere Hotel, and the M.E.Z. gave the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z.," in felicitous terms.

Comp. CHILLINGWORTH was entrusted with that of "Lord Carnarvon, Pro. G.Z.," and Comp. E. B. BRIGHT with that of "The Earl of Lathom, G.H., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," coupling with it the name of Comp. ROBINSON, who referred feelingly to the great loss Grand Chapter had sustained by the death of Col. Creation, but as one fell out another took his place and carried on the work. Although there was not so much work in Grand Chapter as in Grand Lodge, yet what had to be done was done well. He regretted not being present at Grand Chapter when the warrant for the chapter was applied for, or he would have given it his most cordial support; however, he congratulated them upon obtaining it. He spoke of their G. Supt. and Comp. Eastes, and referred to the excellent work done by both for the welfare of the province, and concluded by thanking them in the name of the Grand Officers.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Supt. of Kent," and said it was not a mere formal one to be heralded in by a few sounding phrases and jingling of glasses. As an army in the field had its brigades, battalions, and companies, commanded by their several Generals, Colonels, and Captains, whom those in the ranks would follow to the death, so in that Province of Kent they had leaders, to whom they, as Masons, and especially Royal Arch Masons, were as deeply devoted as an army to its commanders. That night they had their colonel in

their midst, one who had added another depot for their columns to meet at, and gather round; one who came amongst them in their social circle, and enjoyed with them the social hour, and he asked them to give him a right good "Kentish fire." He then in eloquent terms adverted to the discrimination and tact with which his lordship presided over the province, and had no wonder that whenever or wherever the name of Lord Holmesdale was proposed, it was always received with every honour, but with none more than it deserved. He thanked his lordship for coming among them that day and consecrating the chapter, and said it was with the heartiest good will that they welcomed him to that Board, and could only hope that before long, if he could, he would again visit them.

The toast was drank most enthusiastically, and

Lord HOLMESDALE, who was received with cheers, said it had once been observed by a great statesman that "life would be tolerable if it were not for its pleasures," and he himself often thought that Masonry would be tolerable if it were not for the after-dinner speeches. (Cheers and laughter.) It would be all right if one had not to respond to them. The M.E.Z. had, however, spoken so kindly of him, that he could do no less than thank him for the toast, and the companions for their cordial reception of it. So far as the consecration of the chapter was concerned, he must say that it was one of the purposes for which he was appointed to his office by their G.Z., the Prince of Wales, so that he was only doing his duty, and that alone, in consecrating the chapter, which he hoped would be as good and strong a one as any in the province. As to the installation work, it would only be false pride on his part to say other than that he certainly could not do it so well or efficiently as Comp. Robinson, and should always slip out of the chair and let Comp. Robinson perform a ceremony for which that M.E. Companion possessed a special capacity. He again cordially thanked them for the toast, and wished the chapter strength and success among the chapters of the Province of Kent.

Comp. BATEMAN then proposed the toast of "The Second and Third Principals" who assisted at the consecration, and Comp. COUPLAND briefly responded.

Comp. WOOD followed with the toast of "The Installing Officer, Comp. Robinson."

Comp. ROBINSON, in response, said he had said so much in the chapter that he should not detain them long. The work of installing the Principals of a chapter was harder than that of installing a Master in the Craft, and required to be carried out with all due solemnity, without which it was as nothing. The Royal Arch was the culminating point of Masonry. He had been deputed by his lordship to perform the ceremony of installation, and if he had done it to their satisfaction so much the more was he pleased. He was sure the Principals installed that day would do their duty well, and he had no doubt that among the 18 chapters in the province this one would take a foremost position.

The M.E.Z., in response to a hearty reception of "The Three First Principals," said that his acceptance of the office was not for any selfish desire for aggrandizement, but simply in response to a very cordial invitation, and knowing what the members had done for the Lullingstone Chapter, and feeling that it would be the means of giving the "Saye and Sele" a start, he accepted the office. He fully expected it to be in time one of the first in the province, that it would be a source of strength, and not weakness, and that the province would be proud of it.

Comp. CHILLINGWORTH felt proud of the position he held, and would have accepted a much more humble one had he had his own way. He intended to make the chapter worthy of its name.

Comp. WOOD meant to work hard. Their choice had fallen on Comp. Cummings for the office of Z. because of his grand working in the Lullingstone Chapter, and they thought that under him their chapter would surely be a success. He spoke highly of the services of their Scribe E., on whom nine-tenths of the work of forming the chapter had fallen.

The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of "Comp. Bateman, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge," and that companion responded in a lengthy and humorous speech.

Comp. MASON responded for "The Visitors," and the proceedings shortly after terminated.

### ANCIENT YORK MASONRY.

A perusal of the first chapter of Bro. William James Hughan's new book\* suggests the idea that a timely service may be rendered to the readers of this magazine by bringing before them, in a brief compass, some information respecting the Grand Lodges that have existed in England, and about which much confusion still prevails in the minds of Craftsmen of more than average intelligence. Particularly in this country is the confusion widespread and perplexing, because some jurisdictions retain the style of "Ancient York Masons," a custom which Bro. Hughan says "is wholly unjustifiable, and has wisely been dropped by Grand Lodges who value historical accuracy beyond purely party designations."

No Grand Lodge, and no such officer as Grand Master, was known until the year 1717, yet Anderson, in his 1723 edition of the Book of Constitutions, make Prince Edwin a Grand Master, and in his 1738 edition creates a Grand Lodge under him at York, fixing the date at 926. Subsequent writers copied this stuff as fact, until it came to be generally accepted.

The Craft in a vague way associated this mythical Grand Lodge with one that subsequently existed for a time at York, and became permeated with a complacent willingness to be counted among "Ancient York Masons," identical with that which in society makes easy to convince one that he is connected with the "first families."

The "Grand Lodge of England" was constituted by members of four old lodges in London, "and some old brothers," on Saint John Baptist Day, 1717, and became "the parent, directly or indirectly, of every other Grand Lodge in the Universe." Of this body, and the impulse out of which grew the Grand Lodge at York, Bro. Hughan says:

"Until 1724 no warrants were granted outside of the Metropolis, but in that year Bath, Bristol, Norwich, and other provincial places were visited Masonically and duly honoured with charters for lodges, and then rapidly the principles of the Craft spread throughout Great Britain and the civilized world.

"The activity of the new Grand Lodge evidently produced a like spirit in the members of the old lodge, which had been quietly working in the neighbourhood of York for many years before Grand Lodges were known, and the result was, that the formation of another organization (having its

seat at York) was preceded by a procession to the Merchant's Hall, on December 27th, 1725, after which the 'Grand Lodge of all England' was inaugurated, with Charles Bathurst, Esq., as Grand Master.

"This Grand Lodge consisted for nearly half a century apparently of one lodge only, after which period warrants were issued for various parts of the north of England, and the renewal of energy led to additional degrees being started which for a time preserved its vitality, but it eventually collapsed about 1790, and left no representative of any kind to continue its ritual or organization. The York Grand Lodge never chartered any lodges out of England, neither did any of its subordinates ever do so."

It is for the reasons found in these concluding words that Bro. Hughan is warranted in saying that no lodges in America are justified in calling themselves "Ancient York Masons." He, however, indicates the chief reason for the prevalence of the custom in this country in his remarks on the formation of the principal rival of the Grand Lodge of England consequent on the great schism of the middle of the eighteenth century:

"These two branches of the Masonic Society (the 'Grand Lodge of England' and the 'Grand Lodge of all England') flourished harmoniously together for some years, the English Craft being virtually united and prosperous, until one or more disputes arose in London between some of the lodges and the Grand Lodge, which was followed by the starting of an energetic rival, in 1750-1, under the denomination of the 'Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Constitutions.' The members were known by the name of 'Ancients,' those of the Premier Grand Lodge being unfairly termed 'Moderns,' the two being a few years later described as 'Atholl Masons' and 'Regular Masons,' respectively. The junior Grand Lodge, under the Grand Masterships of the third and fourth Dukes of Atholl especially, established many lodges at home and abroad; and as the warrants recited the (modern) legend that their authority was 'according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, A.D. 926,' it is easy to comprehend how brethren not correctly informed as to the facts of the case imagined that the 'Atholl Masons' had a York origin."

Of the last of the four Grand Lodges existing at one time in England during the last century, Bro. Hughan says: "Still another competitor appeared on the field, but its career was brief, and only two lodges were warranted under its regime, which collapsed when it did. This opposition was occasioned by a disagreement between the Regular Masons and Bro. Wm. Preston and a majority of the members of the 'Lodge of Antiquity,' who withdrew from that (Regular) Grand Lodge and accepted 'a deputation' from the 'Grand Lodge of all England' (York), dated 29th March, 1779, constituting them a 'Grand Lodge of England south of the river Trent.' Happily, on 2nd May, 1790, these brethren were restored to all their Masonic privileges (after an unfortunate 10 years of independence and isolation), when resistance to the authorities ceased, and the two parties in the Lodge of Antiquity were heard of no more."

This left but two rival organizations, the "Regular" and "Atholl" Grand Lodges, and on December 27th, 1813, these bodies amicably settled their differences by joining together and forming "The United Grand Lodge of England."

It will be observed that outside of England no lodge ever sprung from the "York" Grand Lodge, and that when that body collapsed it "left no representative of any kind to continue its ritual or its organization." Hence any lodge or Grand Lodge in this country that styles itself "Ancient York" must demonstrate its claim to historical accuracy of speech on other grounds than a supposed connection, either remote or direct, with any "York" Grand Lodge.

The explanation suggested by Bro. Hughan, that the warrants granted by the "Atholl or seceding Grand Lodge, recited the apocryphal legend that their authority was according to the Old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, A.D. 926," probably sufficiently accounts for the lodgment among the Masons of this country, who derived their existence from that body, of the notion that they were "York Masons" by some sort of descent. The Regular Masons, contemporary with the "Ancients," knew that the latter claimed that they held under the "Old Constitutions" simply to throw discredit upon the former, who had accepted the work of Anderson, whom it had authorised to "digest them in a new and better method," but the Masons of this country who derived their characters from the "Ancients," after the days of schism were past, still retained as traditions, without remembering their origin, what had once been only the war cries of a faction. Those who had formerly been of the other party had no interest in combating this claim after the union had taken place and American Grand Lodges had been formed, and knew no better than their former opponents to what extent Anderson had drawn the long bow in his account of pre-existing "Grand Lodges," which he published with his Book of Constitutions, particularly in the edition of 1738, making St. Alban, the proto-martyr of England, to preside as Grand Master, about the year 293, over a general council of Masons to which he gave the name of Assembly; creating a Grand Lodge at York in 926, with Prince Edwin as Grand Master; holding a Grand Lodge at York, in 1561, with Sir Thomas Sackville as Grand Master, making the Earl of St. Albans Grand Master in 1663, and ending with Sir Christopher Wren in that office in the beginning of the eighteenth century. Anderson did not indeed invent the stories of all these gatherings, but quoted them, or some of them, from manuscripts really existing or then reported to have been recently destroyed, but he did interpolate the word "Grand," instead of *General*, before *Lodge*, and the title "Grand Master," when in truth no Grand Lodge existed until 1717, and no such office as that of Grand Master until it was created by the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in that year, and was first filled by "Mr. Antony Sayer, gentleman."

The St. Albans story seems to have drawn too heavily upon the credulity of the Craft; at all events it has not found much of a lodgment. The Prince Edwin story, with his "Grand Lodge" at York, however, has stuck with a good deal of tenacity, and has prepared many minds to entertain the notion that there is something more than sound in the expression "Ancient York Masonry," as applied to a still existent entity.

Doubtless it will be kept afloat with the apocryphal story upon which it unconsciously rests, because the latter is supported by many names that have had weight in so-called Masonic history; but gradually the Craft will get hold of the truth of Bro. Gould's remark that "an opinion may be held by a large number of persons who have been misled by some erroneous authority, and have all mechanically followed the same blind guide; so that their number has, in fact, no weight, and they are no more entitled to reckon as independent voices than the successive compilers who transcribe an historical error are entitled to reckon as independent witnesses."—Bro. JOSEPH ROBBINS in the *Voice of Masonry*.

\* Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry. 1884.

MASONIC JUBILEE PRESENTATION:

A pleasing event, unique in the annals of Freemasonry in the Preston district, was celebrated on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., when Bro. J. J. Greaves, P.M., P.P.G.O. East Lancashire, received a congratulatory address on celebrating his 50th anniversary as a Mason, was presented with a handsome jewel, and entertained at a banquet given in his honour. Bro. Greaves was initiated in the Preston Lodge of Unanimity (West Lancashire Province), on March 12th, 1835. The lodge then held its meetings at the King's Arms Hotel, but now assembles at the Bull Hotel. In the Assembly-room at the latter hotel the presentations took place, and the banquet followed in an adjoining room. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Ormandy, W.M. 113, when there were nearly 50 brethren present, including, besides Bro. Greaves, Bros. Major A. H. H. Whitehead, 113, P.P.G.J.D.; the Rev. A. B. Beaven, P.M. 314; the Rev. J. P. Shepperd, Prov. G.C. 333; E. Barber, P.M.; W. W. Cottam, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. Fryer, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Whiteside, P.M.; S. W. Sumner, P.M.; R. C. Robinson, P.M.; J. de Pennington, P.M.; and T. Nevett, P.M. 113; A. Beattie, P.M.; W. Troughton, W.M., G. W. Dawson, S.W., and E. T. Pearson, J.W. 343; W. J. Bilsbrough, P.M., and A. Squires, P.M. 333; C. Coope, and Watson, 350.

Bro. FRYER (an Ex-Mayor of Preston), as the Senior P.M. of the Lodge Unanimity, made the presentation. He alluded to the special character of the occasion, and mentioned that out of 15 members of that lodge eligible with himself for the office of Master in 1867, only four now survived. To be 50 years a Mason was then no ordinary occurrence, and he had great pleasure in handing to Bro. Greaves an address, which fittingly recited his long and honourable career and expressed the respect which was felt for him, not only by the members of that, his mother lodge, but also by all who had come in contact with him. The address, which had been beautifully engrossed and framed, read as follows:—

"To Bro. Jeremiah James Greaves, P.M. 113 and 37, P.P.G.O. East Lancashire.

"We, the brethren of your mother lodge, Unanimity, No. 113 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, desire to convey to you our most hearty good wishes and most sincere congratulations on this the 50th anniversary of your initiation into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, at the same time expressing our earnest hope that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to preserve you among us for yet many years, that so you may continue to afford in the future, as in the past, a bright example of those moral and social virtues which are the distinguishing characteristics of the true and worthy Mason who upholds in his life the genuine tenets and principles of our Mystic Order.

"In addition to the active services which you have rendered to this lodge as its Worshipful Master, and during many years its Organist, whereby you have merited the approbation and gained the respect and esteem of all your brethren, you have in another lodge and in another province displayed that zeal for the interests of Freemasonry which has been so conspicuously illustrated in this lodge, with which you have been more closely and permanently connected. As Worshipful Master of Lodge Anchor and Hope, Bolton, No. 37, and in the higher dignity of Provincial Grand Organist of East Lancashire, you have fulfilled the duties of those offices with credit to yourself and to the general benefit of our Fraternity.

"Such an anniversary as the present is naturally rare in any lodge, and has no recorded precedent in the annals of Unanimity, 113.

"We feel especial pleasure that it should occur for the first time in the case of so worthy a brother, being well assured that all with whom you have been associated in the course of your long and honourable Masonic career unite with us in recognising your sterling merit as a man and as a Mason, and in appreciating those high qualities which have so endeared you to us, the brethren of the lodge in which Masonic light was first revealed to your eyes, who now desire to testify our regard by assembling to commemorate this auspicious day, and by presenting you with this address, which may serve as a permanent record of our fraternal regard.

"Signed (on behalf of Lodge Unanimity, 113),

- "H. ORMANDY, W.M. 113.
- "C. FRYER, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.
- "W. W. COTTAM, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.
- "A. B. BEAVEN, M.A., P.M. 314.
- "T. R. JOLLY, I.P.M., Hon. Sec.

"Dated this 12th day of March, A.L. 5885, A.D. 1885."

Bro. FRYER proceeded to invest Bro. Greaves with the jewel, which he said had been subscribed for by Masons in all the four local lodges, and he hoped he would long live to wear it as a memento of his golden wedding with regard to Freemasonry. (Applause.)

Bro. GREAVES feelingly responded, and expressed heartfelt thanks for the beautiful gifts. He little thought when he became a Mason that he should live to see the 50th anniversary of his initiation, or, having seen it, that he should receive any such marks of esteem.

Bro. ORMANDY presided at the banquet, and the brethren present wore in their button-holes sprigs of acacia in flower, presented by Bro. W. Troughton. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. the Rev. A. B. BEAVEN proposed "The Health of Bro. Greaves." He referred, in happy sentences, to the condition of England fifty years ago, when only one man now prominent, the present Prime Minister, was heard of, and he through Macaulay's review of an essay, which review spoke of Mr. Gladstone as "the hope of the extreme Tories, for whom Sir Robert Peel was not Tory enough." (Laughter). He disclaimed any intention to make a political allusion, and humorously referred to the positions of other public men living at the time when Bro. Greaves was initiated, some of them being in the nursery. Speaking directly of Bro. Greaves, Bro. Beaven paid a high tribute to his consistency as a Mason, and his zeal for Masonry in the Mark and Royal Arch, as well as in the Craft Degrees. They esteemed him not for zeal alone, nor for his valuable musical services, but most of all for his honourable and respectable career, touching which he challenged the opinion of those who had known Bro. Greaves outside, and who would, he was sure, testify to his geniality and worth just as freely as his brethren in Masonry. He described Bro. Greaves as the Nestor of Freemasonry in Preston, and concluded an excellent speech by asking all present to drink Bro. Greaves's

health, with the sincerity with which they wished that he had yet many years before him, during which his faculties would be as bright and his usefulness as great as at present. (Applause.) The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Bro. GREAVES again thanked the brethren for the honour he had received, and described the feelings which animated him after he returned to his lodgings in Cannon-street, Preston, on the night when he had been made a Mason. He expressed his gratitude to Bros. Fryer and Beaven, and trusted that when called from this sublunary abode they and all the brethren would be admitted to the Grand Lodge above to reign with the world's Great Architect for ever and ever. (Applause.)

Bro. SHEPPERD read a fraternal greeting just adopted by the brethren of the Royal Preston Lodge, who were holding their meeting at the Castle Hotel. The letter was signed by Bro. Edward Payne, W.M.

Bro. E. BARBER read a letter of congratulation from Bro. Geo. Parker Brockbank, P.M. 37.

Bro. BROCKBANK alluded to the services of Bro. Greaves to that lodge, and also to his labours as Prov. G.O. of East Lancashire, 1838-43. He well remembered Bro. Greaves as Organist of St. George's Church, Bolton, for his return to Preston caused a great void in Bolton. The letter, which was full of interesting reminiscences, was handed to Bro. Greaves, who received it with deep emotion and surprise. The songs, "Many happy returns of the day" and "A Fine Old English Gentleman" were given, and, with other toasts and songs, passed a pleasant evening memorable to the Freemasons of Preston.

The menu card was printed in blue and silver. It bore a full copy of the address, and opposite Bro. Greaves' name in the toast list were the words—"You have deserved high commendation, true applause, and love."

Bro. Greaves has been Organist at the Preston parish church for over half-a-century. When the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire met in the Public Hall, Preston, in December, 1883, Bro. Greaves presided at the grand organ.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" ON FREEMASONRY.

The following from the *Daily Telegraph* of the 17th inst., apropos of the initiation of Prince Albert Victor of Wales, will doubtless both interest and edify our readers, the more especially as it may be taken to represent very fairly the views of a leading journal of the day on the beneficent influence of Freemasonry. We are afraid, however, we cannot compliment the writer on the accuracy of some of his statements, which savour of recklessness rather than of that careful research which the consideration of so mysterious a subject as Freemasonry demands. He is quite right in stating that during the earlier part of its career "the records of the Craft are occasionally vague, and not always to be relied on," and he would have done well to bear this in mind ere he ventured to assert that "undoubtedly Henry VII. and Henry VIII. were Freemasons, and Inigo Jones and Sir Christopher Wren Masters of lodges." There is absolutely nothing to show that any of these personages ever had any sort or kind of connection with the Craft, save to this extent—that Henry VII. and Henry VIII. were patrons of architecture, while Inigo Jones and Sir Christopher Wren were both distinguished architects. There is reason to believe that Wren was in some way connected with, if indeed he was not initiated into, Masonry—as we understand the expression—in our old lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, which held its meetings in the early years of last century under the very shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral. There is, as we say, some very fair circumstantial evidence in support of this view, though there is nothing positive or direct to establish his membership or initiation. Of Inigo Jones as a Freemason less still is known, and still less of the two Henries mentioned by the writer. However, this error apart, which may be attributed to a kindly excess of zeal in behalf of Masonry, the article is both just and complimentary, and will be all the more acceptable to our friends by reason of the contrast it offers to the anathemas which are every now and then flung at us from other quarters:

"Ever since the Prince of Wales was initiated into the rites of Freemasonry by the King of Sweden at Stockholm in 1868, his Royal Highness has taken a close personal interest in the welfare of the Craft. He has not been content to appear occasionally among the brethren as a mere ornamental patron of their ancient and wide-spread Society, but has worked in lodge with industry and assiduity, and is, indeed, apart from other high qualifications, an accomplished Craftsman. When, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, the Prince accepted the duties and responsibilities of Worshipful Grand Master, eight thousand officers in Masonry assembled at the Albert Hall to witness a sight which for splendour and impressiveness was probably never equalled among Free and Accepted Masons since the time of King Solomon, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. His Royal Highness has served the office of Worshipful Master in the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, in the Prince of Wales' Lodge—in which he initiated his brother, the Duke of Connaught—and in the Alpha Lodge, in which he will to-day receive his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor.

"Freemasons throughout the world—wherever brethren are known to one another by the occult mysteries which bind them together—will rejoice at the latest accession to an Order which, though founded on the principle of the equality of mankind, is yet full of veneration and respect for rank and precedence. Prince Albert Victor will be the seventeenth of the Blood Royal of Great Britain and Ireland to join the Freemasons since the year 1737, beyond which period the records of the Craft are occasionally vague, and not always to be relied on. Without going outside the confines of England, the historians of the Society claim for it an antiquity further back than the invasion of the Romans under Julius Cæsar. St. Austin, assumed to be a zealous Mason, helped to found the cathedrals of Canterbury, Rochester, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's, Westminster, all in the seventh century; and, if the records may be trusted, the Craft has continued to flourish here, with the exception of a period of comparative stagnation during the Heptarchy, from those days to these. According to Anderson's account, St. Augustine, Alfred the Great, St. Dunstan, and Edward the Confessor were all Grand Masters before the coming of the Normans. Nevertheless, the list of the holders of this exalted position among the brethren is not generally accepted without reservation until the end of

Queen Anne's reign. Undoubtedly Henry VII. and Henry VIII. were Freemasons, and Inigo Jones and Sir Christopher Wren Masters of lodges. An historic list of Grand Masters, however, accurate beyond all possibility and dispute, only begins with the Grand Mastership of Henry Sayer in 1717, followed by that of George Payne in 1718. In the year following the office was conferred on Dr. Desaguliers, who initiated Frederick Lewis, twentieth Prince of Wales, eldest son of King George II., at the Palace of Kew, on the 5th of November, 1737. If we are to place implicit reliance on the Memoirs of Lord Hervey—Pope's "Sporus"—the character of Prince Frederick Lewis was not above criticism. Certain it is that his father, a vain and selfish old man, despised him, and he was hated by his mother, the generally acute Queen Caroline. The Prince, however, was popular with the multitude, and that he must have been popular with the Craft is manifest from the fact that the Book of Constitutions for the year 1738 was dedicated to his Royal Highness.

"The uninitiated are in the habit of asking—If Freemasonry be such an admirable institution, why is it not thrown open to every one; and, furthermore, if it be good for men, why are not women also entrusted with its secrets? To this the Freemasons reply that were the privileges of the Order to be indiscriminately dispensed its mysteries, becoming familiar, would lose their value and sink into disregard; and, when pressed, they are fain to admit that on one occasion a lady was actually passed through the degrees of the Craft and emerged a full Freemason. It would appear that at some time during the second quarter of the eighteenth century the meetings of Lodge 44 used to be held at Doneraile House, the seat of Lord Doneraile, in Ireland, his lordship being then Worshipful Master. Lord Doneraile had a sister, the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger—afterwards the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth—and the young lady so managed affairs that she possessed herself of all the secrets of the lodge workings. The St. Leger, it will be remembered, were an enterprising family. "Handsome Jack Sellinger," one of the founders of the "Hell Fire Club" and the Doncaster St. Leger, a boon companion of the "First Gentleman in Europe," inherited all the curiosity and liveliness of the Doneraile blood. Some say that the Hon. Elizabeth secreted herself in a clock-case, others that she witnessed the working through a crevice in the wall of the apartment sacred to the mysteries of the Craft. What were the members of Lodge 44 to do under the circumstances? Having discovered her, had they let her go free she might have revealed secrets, close kept since the days of the building of the Temple, to all the parish, and so to society at large. We may suppose that her brother, the Worshipful Master, and the officers and brethren assembled were hard put how to act for the best. Women might not become Freemasons. Yet here was a woman who, so far as a knowledge of some of the most important secrets, never revealed to the outer or popular world, was already one. The Constitutions did not provide for such a contingency, and it became necessary to create a precedent. Thereupon the Honourable Elizabeth St. Leger, only daughter of Arthur, first Viscount Doneraile, was brought before the authorities of Lodge 44, and solemnly inducted into the secrets and mysteries, the signs and tokens of a Free and Accepted Mason. What was imparted to the lady is not likely to be made public. For, as one of the most learned of Masons had laid down, "of all the arts which Masons practise the art of secrecy particularly distinguishes them; and that it is agreeable to the Deity himself may be easily conceived from the glorious example which He gives in concealing from mankind the secrets of His providence. The wisest of men cannot pry into the Arcana of Heaven, nor can they divine to-day what to-morrow may bring forth." Indeed Harpocrates and Angerona were not more sacred to silence among the Greeks and Romans than is all that goes on in a lodge close-tiled to the discreet Freemason. Whatever was told to Miss St. Leger, under the seal of secrecy, she possessed the conscience and prudence never to let pass her lips. The Irish Masons revere her memory, and her likeness in full Masonic clothing is still preserved.

"When, at the Royal Alpha Lodge, to be held at Willis's Rooms to-day, Prince Albert Victor is received into the Craft by his father, he will become the member of a society illustrious alike for its antiquity and "respectability," and for the innumerable works of charity with which its name is associated. The word "respectability," is used advisedly. It is a word understood and applied according to its best and truest meaning—respect-worthy by the Craft at large. Freemasonry is, in this sense, before all and above all, a respectable institution. Its tenets teach the principles of honour and the practice of virtue. The Society aids and assists the sick and the poor, and the widows and orphans of its members. Fond of good fellowship and lavish in the cause of Charity, the typical British Freemason is a good man and a decent citizen. Although it is a secret Society, religion has nothing to fear from an institution based on belief. Only lately the English lodges have cut themselves adrift from the Grand Orient of France, not, as has been erroneously supposed, because the Orient favours freedom of thought, but because the Grand Commander of French Freemasonry and his officers refuse to admit that the very life of the Institution is founded on the Masonic acknowledgment of faith in the Great Architect of the Universe. For the Grand Commander of the Orient, or for any lesser Mason, native or foreign, to pretend that the Craft in its purity is possible without a profession of faith is to misunderstand the first principles of Masonry, to misinterpret its injunctions, and to misread its records. Freemasons are, or should be, brethren wherever they meet. The Craft, like Art, speaks a universal language, understood by all races of the initiated—East, West, North, and South. In the past it has left its traces upon almost every sacred Jewish and Christian fane famous in the annals of architecture. When Freemasons really handled the tools of the mason's trade they were a guild by themselves, protected by every enlightened monarch throughout the civilised world. And now that there are Speculative Masons more particularly devoted to ethics and morality, Kings and Princes equally delight to honour an institution which upholds the safety of the State and the stability of the Throne. As of other learning, so of the knowledge of Freemasonry, there is no Royal road to all that it teaches. With the aid of an instructor, however, as able and accomplished in the lessons of the Craft as his illustrious father, Prince Albert Victor enters upon his Masonic career under a most auspicious star."

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ELECTION, APRIL, 1885.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—

I venture most earnestly to request your kind and favourable consideration of the case of

ROSE ISABEL MARIAN WOODFORDE,

a Candidate for Election to the above Institution. Her father, who was a Solicitor, practising at Clevedon, Somerset, in March, 1883, died at the early age of 37 years, leaving a widow and four children (all girls), totally unprovided for. Her mother's nearest relation is a brother resident in Australia, and, having been as yet unable to obtain any employment, she is with her children entirely dependent on her husband's family and friends for the support of herself and children.

The case is strongly recommended by

Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; P.P.G.S. of W. Oxon.; V.P.

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H. W. WOODFORDE.

14, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM EDWARD TAPPENDEN,

Aged 10 years; son of the late Bro. John Tappenden, of 1, High Street, Camden Town, who was initiated in the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, in the year 1873, and was a subscribing member until his death, which took place suddenly from cerebral tumor, on the 24th February, 1884, leaving an invalid wife and three children. The mother has since died, and the children are thus left orphans.

The case is strongly recommended by the following undermentioned brethren, by whom Proxies will be thankfully received:—

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The favour of your Vote and Interest of the Governors and Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

WILLIAM FORREST MORLEY.

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**To Correspondents.**

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday Times," "Masonic Home Journal," "Hull Packet," "Citizen," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Court Circular," "Broad Arrow," "La Revista Masónica del Peru," "Freemasons' Repository," "Freemasons' Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1885.

**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.]

**MISSING JEWELS.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 For the benefit of your correspondent, Bro. Gamble, whose communication of March 10th you published in your last issue, and in justice to Grand Lodge officials, I feel it my duty to drop you a line to say that, as one of the 30 or 40 persons alluded to, I had no difficulty in regaining my lost property, for before even I had the opportunity of making known my loss to the Grand Tyler, Bro. Sadler, he, having found the number of lodge engraven, promptly wrote to our Secretary for correct address, and sent same on by parcels post; and as it is pretty well known to most people who have ever lost or left anything on the Grand Lodge premises that neither trouble nor expense is spared in the endeavour to restore it, the appearance in public print of Bro. Gamble's letter of enquiry must be my apology for trespassing on your space, and of bearing testimony to the efforts made by the Grand Tyler, with other officials, to ensure as far as possible the comfort and convenience of such a large number of provincial brethren as were at the last Grand Lodge meeting.—Fraternally yours,  
 JOHN R. WELSMAN, P.M. 600.  
 Bradford, March 14th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 My attention has been called to a letter in your last issue, in which the writer complains of having lost his jewels, at the last Grand Lodge, and wishes to know what has become of them, as well as a number of other jewels lost on that occasion; he also positively asserts that none have been found. I am at a loss to know on what grounds he makes this latter statement, and have no hesitation in saying that there is not the least shadow of foundation for it.

I must say the perusal of this letter caused me some astonishment and considerable regret, for I had no idea that such fearful havoc had been made with the decorations of the brethren as to occasion the loss of "between 30 and 40 jewels." As the resident custodian of the Grand Lodge premises I generally receive early intimation, either personally or in writing, of anything lost or mislaid in this building, in which case I endeavour to find and return the missing articles. After last Grand Lodge four names only were given me of brethren who had lost Royal Arch jewels, three of these have been found and delivered to their owners, the fourth, I regret to say, has not yet come to hand.

From the fact of your unfortunate correspondent having lost his jewels I presume it is very many years since he joined our ranks, and that he has utterly forgotten a striking and useful lesson on the importance of caution, with which most young Masons are perfectly familiar. However, if he will furnish me with the number and description of the jewels lost by him I will do my very best to find them for him, for although I may not be able to boast of so long an acquaintance with the Craft as your correspondent, I cannot yet bring myself to believe that

either the members of Grand Lodge or the brethren employed here would knowingly and wilfully retain the property of others; and, as he appears to be so well informed on the subject, he would, perhaps, not mind adding, for the benefit of his fellow sufferers, a list of the other missing jewels, or as many as he is certain about, together with the names and addresses of the owners; but I should really like to know the exact number—"between 30 and 40" appears to me somewhat vague.

As your correspondent evidently prefers the medium of the press to the usual method of communication, I will not trouble him to write to me, feeling sure that with your customary good nature you will find space for his list of "missing jewels" as early as possible.—Yours fraternally,  
 H. SADLER.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
 16th March.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 I sympathise not only with your correspondent, Bro. Arthur G. Gamble, in the loss of his "jewels," but likewise with you, Sir, in the trouble such loss seems likely to entail upon you personally. May I ask if Bro. Gamble considers the Editor of the Freemason keeps a "Lost Property Office?" or that, as Editors are generally supposed to be nearly, if not quite, omniscient, he thinks the best way to recover his lost jewels is to apply to you for information as to their whereabouts? I should have supposed the custodian of Grand Lodge premises was the proper person to apply to in such a difficulty. May I also ask Bro. Gamble how, in reason, he can expect you to give information "how it is these jewels have disappeared" when, three lines further on, he says "they"—his and some 30 or 40 other jewels—"cannot have disappeared altogether?"—Fraternally yours,  
 "Q."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 I cannot let pass the letter I have read in your last edition of the Freemason, by Bro. Arthur Gamble, on the subject of "Missing Jewels," without taking notice of it. I think that not only myself but a good many more brethren would like to know on what grounds Bro. Gamble asserts that 30 or 40 jewels were lost at last Grand Lodge, and that none had been recovered. His letter is dated March 10th.

I at once declare that it was a most unwarranted assertion, and proves to my mind that he could not have taken the right means to recover his lost jewels. I lost a Royal Arch jewel, and before leaving gave information to the hall porter, and handed him my card and address. A letter was sent me on March 7th, asking me to send description of my jewel. I did so, and duly received my Royal Arch jewel safely. You will be so good as to notice that the letter I received was dated three days previous to Bro. Gamble's letter, and I am informed, on the Grand Tyler's authority, that he had only heard of four or five jewels being lost, and that all with the exception of one had been restored.

My advice to Bro. Gamble the next time he loses his jewels is to do as I did—give information to the hall porter, and leave his address, and not write letters to papers impugning the honesty, not only of the brethren present, but that of the servants connected with the establishment. It is altogether un-Masonic and does not display much brotherly love.—I remain, yours fraternally,  
 HUGH W. H. ELWES, P.M. 1452,  
 P.G.S.D. Suffolk.

15, Wellington Esplanade, Lowestoft,  
 Suffolk, March 16th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 The letter you published in your issue of March 14th from Bro. Arthur G. Gamble might lead brethren to believe that anything lost at the last Grand Lodge, was improperly retained, or, in other words, stolen. I left my case of clothing, &c., at Freemasons' Hall after the last Grand Lodge by accident, and I received a letter from the G. Tyler the following day informing me of the fact, and courteously asking me whether he should forward the same to my address. It is difficult to reconcile this fact with the sweeping assertion made by Bro. Gamble, "that none of the jewels lost have been found."—Yours fraternally,

ALFRED E. CRAVEN, G. Stwd.  
 65, St. George's-road, S.W., March 17th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 I attended Grand Lodge on the 4th inst., and lost my R.A. jewel in the crush. My friend who accompanied me assured me that it would be all right, and so I found it next morning, when it was restored to me by the Grand Tyler. Your correspondent would, I think, have acted wisely by making further enquiries before casting such serious reflections on his brethren.—Yours fraternally,  
 W. J. JOHNS.

Truro, March 18.

**THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BALLOT.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
 I think that "Lex Scripta" has done a service to the Craft in raising the question as to what really is the law concerning the ballot when that "safeguard to our privileges" is abused, as I fear is often the case.

I have always held that if a member of a lodge expresses his intention of using the ballot box for selfish, spiteful, or other un-Masonic ends, he thereby renders himself liable to be brought before his lodge and to be reported to the Prov. Grand Master, and if the case be proved against him, to expulsion from the Order altogether. In all probability if a few examples were made of such un-Masonic Masons we should hear much less of lodge squabbles. Men who improperly black-ball candidates will usually be found to be persons who never should have been admitted into the ranks of the Craft at all, and it would be a great advantage if they could be disposed of in a summary manner. I suppose most of us know by experience or have heard of cases in which lodges have been almost, and sometimes quite, ruined by the conduct of

such black sheep, and it would be a good thing if we could have promulgated some ruling (authoritative) on the subject.

This, like many other points, in which enquiries have been made in your columns, revives a suggestion, made by me and others some years ago, that a code of decisions in points of Masonic law should be published, as is done annually in the United States, for the guidance of Masters of lodges. The records of the Board of General Purposes must contain many important legal opinions, and if these could be collected and tabulated the result would, I feel sure, be of the greatest value to us all.—Yours fraternally,  
T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

March 16th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reference to the case to which "Lex Scripta" refers, "if there are four members of a lodge persisting in blackballing every candidate proposed," the first step the W.M. and Wardens of the lodge should have taken would have been to have sought the advice of the Provincial Grand Master, and if any particular difficulties presented themselves he would doubtless have referred them to the Board of General Purposes for advice as to the course they should take, and, without divulging the secrecy of the ballot, the Board would have taken measures to put an end to the continuance of such proceedings.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

March 13th, 1885.

"IN REBUS MASONICIS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I hope the proposal more than once made, and again revived by Bro. Shackles in your last issue, will be taken up at head-quarters. A most magnificent collection could now be got together at Freemasons' Hall, and if two rooms could be devoted for a month to the purposes of an Exhibition, all Masonic collectors and students would have an opportunity of viewing the archaeological wealth of the Craft.—Yours fraternally,  
T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

"AHIMAN REZONS."

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In addition to the Ahiman Rezon mentioned by a "Student in Masonry," I have an 1807 Dublin edition, Downe's second edition, with additions, 8vo., 220 pp., and 1839 Dublin, by Underwood, "with certain lectures, charges, and a Masonic ritual."—Yours fraternally,  
J. E. LE FEUVRE.

PRESTON'S "ILLUSTRATIONS OF MASONRY."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I had recently occasion to look through some back volumes of the "Gentleman's Magazine," and in the course of my researches I lighted on an obituary notice of Bro. Wm. Preston, at p. 372, vol. 88, part 1—January to June, 1828. Towards the end of this notice occurs the following passage: "Mr. Preston published a catalogue of Mr. Ruddiman's Books, 8vo.; Illustrations of Masonry, of which twelve editions have been published since its first appearance in 12mo., 1772." This confirms the statement in "A Student in Masonry's" letter last week, wherein, on the authority of Bro. Hughan, he points to the 1812 edition as being the 12th; that of 1821, by Bro. Stephen Jones, being the 13th.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,  
G. BLIZARD ABBOTT.

THE MASTER'S LIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to a questioner in your last and penultimate issues, I send you copy of a letter addressed to a great Masonic authority, the late Bro. Peter Matthew, by a greater authority, Bro. Wm. Henry White, then Grand Secretary, which office he filled singly, or in conjunction with another, from 1810 to 1837. This copy is preserved in the archives of the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, in which lodge he was initiated in March, 1799. This settles the question so far as tradition governed the practice, for some considerable period after the Union.—Yours fraternally,  
BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.M. 21.

[COPY.]

Freemasons' Hall,  
7th December, 1839.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your questions as to the propriety of extinguishing the Master's Light, and if extinguished, of introducing a Lanthorn with a Star, &c., I feel no difficulty of stating that such extinguishing is not only improper, but positively in violation of a most maturely considered and unequivocal direction of the Grand Lodge, and that the introduction of a Lanthorn, &c., is equally against the Order.

In the Lodge of Reconciliation, the extinguishment had been proposed, and occasioned much dissatisfaction, in order, therefore, to settle that, and some other points, or, more properly speaking, to carry out the direction of the Act of Union, that there should be a uniformity of working, &c., a Special Grand Lodge was convened on the 20th May, 1816, to witness the ceremonies proposed by the Lodge of Reconciliation. These concluded, the several points were discussed; amongst others, the Lights in the Third Degree; and decisions were come to upon them. But to afford opportunities for the most mature consideration, and to leave the subject without a possibility of objection, another Special Grand Lodge was holden on the 5th June following, to approve and confirm what had been done on the 20th May.

At these Meetings, the M.W.G. Master presided, and the attendance of Members was larger than at any other I recollect (excepting the day of Union).

The decision was, that the Master's Light was never to be extinguished while the Lodge was open, nor was it by any means to be shaded or obscured, and that no Lanthorn or other device was to be admitted as a substitute.

One of the reasons is, that one of the Lights represents the Master, who is always present while the Lodge is open, if not actually in his own presence, yet by a Brother who represents him (and without the Master or his representative the Lodge cannot be open) so his Light cannot be ex-

tinguished until the Lodge is closed; the other two lights figuratively represent luminaries, which, at periods, are visible—at other times, not so.

As to the penalty with which the Grand Lodge might think fit to visit a Lodge acting in contravention of its positive orders, I venture no opinion; you are as capable as myself to decide upon that point.—I remain, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,  
(Signed) WILLIAM H. WHITE,  
Peter Matthews, Esq. G.S.



THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY, FOR LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, FOR 1885. Thirteenth year of publication, compiled by Bro. SAMUEL S. PARTRIDGE, D.P.G.M.

Bro. Partridge's compilation is, if possible, more complete and accurate than in any previous issue, and though as one calendar succeeds another, there is a kind of natural tendency to increased perfection in the care of annual publications of this character, it is most creditable to our worthy brother, that he should so carefully have overhauled his work in the past as to have reduced the possibility of present and future errors, to something very closely approximating to zero. We consider the Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar is a model of its kind, the one thing which in our opinion, would improve it being a nominal list of present and past Prov. Grand Officers for the Craft, and Arch Degrees.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF DORSET FOR 1885. Compiled by Bro. JOHN A. SHERREN, P.P.G.P. Weymouth: Sherren and Son, 79, St. Mary-street.

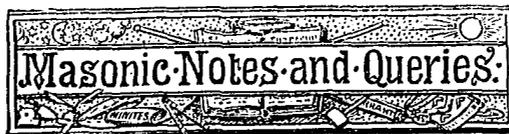
This is an old and welcome friend, not greatly altered in appearance as compared with former years, though where any alteration has taken place, it must be looked upon as an improvement. The feature of the Dorset Calendar is that it furnishes the lists of members subscribing to the various lodges in the province, those who have passed the chair, as well as those who belong to the Royal Arch chapters and Mark lodges being indicated by certain marks against their names. Further, the space hitherto allotted to the almanac has this year been curtailed, there being substituted a calendar in the most concise form possible, and a table showing the dates of meeting of the lodges, chapters, Mark lodges, and other bodies. Bro. Sherren is to be congratulated on the neatness and accuracy of his work.

THE MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOR 1885. Cambridge: W. P. Spalding, 43, Sidney-street.

The brethren of this small province have every reason to be satisfied with their Calendar. The mere fact of its being published regularly shows that our Cambridgeshire brethren interest themselves in the general doings of the Craft, while the compiler of the Calendar has taken care to let the outside world of Masonry obtain a glimpse at the doings within the province by prefixing to the Calendar proper a short sketch of the principal events connected with each lodge, or, in other words, a short sketch, in each case, of the year's work. We are glad to see there is a Provincial Charity Organisation, the subscription to which is 10s. 6d. a year, which has already done good work in behalf of our general Charities, and also that a new lodge at Newmarket will shortly be added to the provincial roll. We must compliment the unknown compiler of this Calendar on the excellence of his work.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR OXFORDSHIRE, 1885-86. Edited and published by Bro. W. R. BOWDEN, P.P.G. Organist, &c., Oxon.

We feel called upon to speak in terms of almost unqualified praise of the new issue of the Oxfordshire Calendar. As regards the Province itself, there is room left for further extension, every kind of information that is likely to be of any use being already published. What relates to its outside relations with neighbouring provinces, London, and elsewhere, has been extended with considerable advantage in this instance, and the editor is prepared to enlarge this portion of his calendar so far as Berks and Bucks are concerned if the amount of encouragement he looks for justifies him in so doing. The whole is preceded by a neat and concisely-written sketch of the late Duke of Albany's Masonic career. In fine, Bro. Bowden has done his work admirably, his calendar being a most valuable work of reference to the Masonic student.



538] KLOSS'S LIBRARY.

A suggestion has been made that Kloss's Library is not in the Royal Library, but in the Library of the Grand Orient of Holland! Can this fact be ascertained?  
MASONIC STUDENT.

539] DR. STUBBES, HECTOR ASHLEY, AND THOMAS WARD.

Can any one give me another reference to either of these names, which appear in the Privy Purse experience of Henry VIII., as those of persons having the control and payment of large building operations for the King?  
MASONIC STUDENT.

540] THE STATUTS OF 1755.

Bro. Findel seems to think that this manuscript is still at Frankfort! Can any Frankfort brother tell me where it is? Could a transcript be taken? We never have had

the original French presented to us for critical consideration. Much will depend on the French verbiage as to date, &c., which cannot be realised in Kloss's translation into German! Take for instance the word translated honourable birth. It may mean either legitimate or "gentilâtre;" if so, that would be equivalent to a declaration that they must be "gentilhommes"—"edel," "armsbearing," which would decide the question as far as the Grand Lodge of France and the Rit Ecossois are concerned! It is idle and worse than idle in 1885 to rest upon the "ipse dixit" even of Kloss, however able and trustworthy. We can judge of the meaning of the words ourselves properly used, and in some respects under more favourable conditions than Kloss himself.

MASONIC STUDENT.

541] FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 93, LEEDS.

My friend, Bro. W. Watson, P.M., of Leeds, has kindly placed in my hands his notes on the minute book of the Royal Arch chapter which was started at Leeds in 1793. Those brethren who are familiar with my new work on "The Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry" \* will have noticed a "List of Chapters" in the Appendix 1769 to 1813. It includes the one at Leeds as No. 93 under the year 1794; but, according to Bro. Watson, the charter was dated October 15th, 1793, and was granted to Comps. Robt. Sutcliffe, Dr. Boothman, and W. Brown, who were the Three Principals. The first meeting apparently was held on Sunday, November 3rd, 1793, at the "Old George Hotel." A visitor was present from No. 62, Knaresborough, and another from Darlington (possibly of No. 56, of that town). In March, 1794, Bro. McGee, of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, Lodge 335, was proposed, elected, and exalted ("by consent of the companions"), having to go abroad. Visitors attended from No. 86, Halifax, and Lodge No. 335, the name of the chapter to which the latter brother belonged not being given. The regiment referred to was a noted one, Masonically, having been granted several warrants viz., a charter by the "Atholl" Masons in 1763-75, another by the Regular Grand Lodge in 1777, and one by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Grand Chapter at York also granted it a chapter in 1770, and a similar authority for Scotland likewise did so this century. It is likely that the visitor from this regiment hailed originally from the York Chapter. On February 17th, 1796, it is stated that the "Chapter closed E past 9 in Perfect Peace." On March 9th the Scribe states that the "Chapt. Could not be Open'd on account of not Having 4 Principals." The Scribe appears to have considered a man was a poor scholar who could only spell a word in one way, for on May 5th, 1799, he declares that a brother was "Exhalted to the degree of R.A.M., and paid the sum of £1 5s. 0d., and one shilling to the Genitor." Comp. Wright proposed that larger letters on the pedestal be made, instead of the present letters, which was unanimously approved of, and ordered to be done. It was also "proposed that the Arch be thoroughly repaired, and that the steps be cleaned, and the top of the pedestal be made to slide, so as to contain the Bible, when open, to shew to the new exalted Companions." There does not seem to have been any ceremony on the installation of the Principals, as it is stated on February 1st, 1795, that "Com. Sutcliffe was unanimously elected Z., and Com. Smithson was elected H. Likewise Com. Banks, J., and immediately took their seats in their respective places (being a different trio to the preceding meetings)." Comp. Scribe N. ranked before Scribe E., both being chosen by the Z., who also selected the P.S., the two Assistants being chosen by the H. and J. respectively. As there is no mention of Scribe E. in several of the minutes, it is likely that the Scribe N. was the actual Secretary of the chapter at that time. The records end on May 5th, 1799; but the chapter was probably continued under the new régime, and holding the same name—"Fidelity"—as there is one so described in the list of chapters of the United Grand Chapter, A.D. 1723, as No. 546, now 289, being the numbers of the "Fidelity" Lodge after the "Union" of 1813-17. There were some 30 chapters in all warranted in Yorkshire from 1778 to 1813, beginning with No. 17, "Unity," York, and ending with No. 161, "Good Intent," Heptonstall, nearly double the number chartered in London from 1769 to 1813. Lancashire also largely patronised the Degree, during the last century especially. As, however, the list of these and all the other chapters are to be found in my last work, I need not give them now.  
W. J. HUGHAN.

\* A few copies may still be had, but the work will doubtless soon be out of print, as my other books.  
† See Gould's "Atholl Lodges," 1879, and my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints."

#### APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 16th inst. Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., presided, and among the goodly muster of brethren present were Bros. John L. Mather, F. R. Spaul, Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; R. G. Barton, J. Gordon Langton, W. Holloway, Claud Scott, Hugh Wyatt, Edward Chatfield, Geo. V. A. Schofield, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Johnson, H. Greene, S. W. D. Williams, H. Tipper, C. R. Revington, E. L. Valeriani, W. Belchamber, W. A. Cubitt, A. F. Godson, John Sayers, Donald Glass, Joseph J. Marah, Sam. Wheeler, J. A. Wilson, J. H. Matthews, W. A. Dawson, Fred. W. Smith, A. Barfield, C. A. Woods, Rob. E. H. Griffin, Charles Barry, C. Hammerton, F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., Robert D. Cummings, Robert Grey, P.G.D.; George Graveley, Jas. Robertson, Walter H. Glazier, J. H. Champion Coles, W. A. Scurrah, and F. R. W. Hedges.

The business of the day was of the usual character, the first duty being the election of the officers, who are as follow: President, Bro. Lieut.-General Randolph, Prov. G.S.W. Sussex—the Chairman's province; Treasurer, Bro. D. P. Cama, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Patron; Chairman of Ladies' Stewards, Bro. J. H. Matthews; and Hon. Secretary, Bro. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution.

The Music and Dinner Committees were chosen, and the Stewards' fee fixed, as usual, at £2 2s. Other formal business having been transacted, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.



### Craft Masonry.

#### UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, Bro. G. H. Masters, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. R. Smith, I.P.M.; G. B. Davis, P.M.; H. Syer, P.M.; W. Akers, S.W.; A. Cleal, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Bidgood, Organist; J. Milbourne, S.D.; W. Tailby, I.G.; S. Chateaufort, W.S.; H. Mason, P.M. 913; R. Hanson, P.M. 829; J. Sanderson, J.W. 700; W. Maule, S.D. 1536; G. W. King, 1437; J. Clark, 1428; C. Bedo, 700; B. Tidy, 1926; F. Reed, 1817; G. H. Porter, 700; G. Lawrance, 913; R. A. Steed, 123; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The work consisted of balloting for Mr. W. France, which proving unanimous, he was initiated, and Bro. Tidy was elected a joining member. Bro. Barnes was passed, and Bros. Dennis and Keeble raised. Five guineas was voted for a distressed brother, and five guineas was voted to Bro. Mason's list for the "Old People."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the W.M. had a bumper when his health was proposed by the I.P.M., for which he briefly returned thanks.

In responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Smith, P.M., cautioned the younger brethren against a rank impostor, who went about with a big Masonic pin in his scarf, and told people that he was a member of that lodge, which was a deliberate lie. The fellow was a wood turner, employed in the Royal Arsenal, and he wished to warn the brethren generally against allowing him to force himself into their company.

Bro. Mason, for "The Visitors," thanked the lodge for its gift of five guineas for the "Old People." The three grand principles of Masonry were "brotherly love, relief, and truth," and having had the honour to represent the Pattison Lodge at the last festival of the "Aged Freemason's Institution," as its Steward, he was proud to say that he took up the very handsome sum of 185 guineas. The Province of Kent had come out well with £581 12s., in fact the Grand Master was so pleased that he said, "Oh, Kent always does everything well," for on an average for the last seven years Kent had sent up £653 per annum, while he felt sure that they would be pleased to know that the total received at the Festival amounted to £17,770. He spoke of the pleasure with which the old people at Croydon welcomed a brother Mason, and how satisfactory it was to see them all so comfortable and happy. He trusted the lodge would subscribe yearly to the Charities, and that none of its members might ever require assistance, for "it was more blessed to give than receive."

The other toasts were "The Initiate," "The Masonic Press," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

**VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—**The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. W. H. Bale, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. W. R. Davis, S.W., W.M. elect; Thos. Minstrell, P.M., J.W.; and Thurkle, Treas. Past Masters T. Janeway, J. Hamer, R. Whiting, R. T. Hopkins, C. Walter, A. Timothy, and a large number of visitors and brethren connected with the lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. performed the ceremony of passing in his usual efficient manner. Bro. W. R. Davis having assented to the ancient charges and regulations was installed W.M. by his predecessor in the chair. The retiring W.M. well performed the ceremony, being assisted by Bro. Whiting, P.M., who delivered the charges in a most efficient manner. Bro. Davis, who, by the way, is author of the new Masonic song, "The Initiate," then invested his officers, appointing Bro. Minstrell his Senior Warden, and Bro. Birch his Junior Warden. Bro. Thurkle, P.M., who has for many years filled the office of Treasurer, was re-invested with the collar of that office, and Bro. Stuart, P.M., who also has done good service as Secretary of that lodge, was re-appointed. Bros. Watson was appointed S.D.; Lamborne, J.D.; Chamberlain, I.G.; Irvin, D. of C.; Payne and Nichols, W. Stwds.; and Bro. Knollys receiving the collar of Organist.

The candidates were elected, and the initiation ceremony was performed, the newly-installed W.M. proving an admirable worker. The usual valuable Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Bale, whose services to the lodge during the year were warmly eulogised. As an additional token of the respect of the brethren, an emblazoned and beautifully framed address in acknowledgment of Bro. Bale's services was presented to him, it having been signed on behalf of all the officers of the lodge.

Bro. Bale suitably replied to the kind remarks of the W.M., and thanked the lodge most heartily for such pleasing tokens of their esteem.

The lodge having been closed in the usual form, the brethren and their guests adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent banquet was served. Craft and other toasts of a personal and congratulatory character were given and warmly responded to. A movement is on foot for the purpose of forming a chapter in connection with the lodge, and the suggestion has been most zealously taken up by the brethren, many of whom have stated to Bro. Minstrell, who has the arrangements in hand, their intention, should the warrant be granted, of joining.

**LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).—**An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bro. Sydney Boas, W.M. in the chair. There were present Bros. S. Barnett, I.P.M.; Stayley, as S.W.; H. Tipper, J.W.; W. D. Bayley, P.M., Treas.; and A. Myers, Sec. Several of the minor officers were absent, but there was a

goodly muster of brethren. It is the custom in many lodges for the retiring Master to clear off all his work, and not unfrequently recourse is had to an emergency meeting, generally held about a week before the night of installation, and so leave the course clear to the new Master. Such an arrangement is, however, sometimes extremely aggravating, especially when no new candidates are forthcoming and the newly-installed W.M. well up in his work, and eager to convince the members that their choice was justified. On the other hand, it is by no means pleasant to a brother tolerably efficient, but of a nervous temperament, to commence his career with three or four passings, and eventual working of the Master Mason's Degree, when, in all probability, the performance of an initiation, in which he is perhaps more at home, might have imparted to him the confidence necessary under such circumstances. Bro. Boas had to commence his duties by conferring the Second Degree upon Bros. M. Marks, Stanley, Bamberger, Van Gilder, J. Davies, Frisher, and Lazarus—no easy task for a young beginner. After the termination of the lodge business, an ample supper was served, and next the usual toasts were proposed and responded to with very commendable brevity.

The W.M., in response to the toast of his health, expressed his sincere thanks for the cordiality with which the brethren deemed proper to receive his name. He confessed a certain amount of nervousness, which everyone must have noticed during the proceedings; but assured the brethren that his future efforts would be found to be satisfactory.

Bro. Solomon Barnett, I.P.M., who replied for "The Past Masters," dilated upon the readiness of that body to render services whensoever and wheresoever they are called upon, as was the case that evening, when one of them was required to do the duties of the absent S.W., duties which he had not attempted for the last four years.

Bro. T. W. C. Bush, P.M., announced his intention to stand Steward at the next Festival, unattached and independent of any lodge of which he was a member, and requested the aid of the brethren in the matter. [Bro. Bush deserves all recognition. He is indefatigable in the cause of the Charities, towards which, through his influence, no mean amount has been contributed during the last few years, and, to judge from the number of clasps he is entitled to wear, worthy to be considered a model for imitation.]

Bro. W. D. Bayley, P.M. and Treasurer, whose name is always received with the most sincere affection, was puzzled to say anything he had not said before. He could assure the brethren that he most heartily reciprocated the kind feeling ever shown to him.

Bro. Asher Myers, the able Secretary, although young in that office, is making rapid strides in securing the esteem of the members by his unflinching courtesy and readiness to oblige, is so reticent as to allow the Treasurer, with whom his name is always associated, to speak for him, although his ability to respond for himself is well known and unquestioned.

A very pleasant and enjoyable gathering came to a close with the Tyler's toast. Bros. Bayley, Tipper, and Thompson amused the brethren by their vocal efforts. The visitors were Bros. Harris, 177; Hills, 754; Durrant, 34; Hamilton, 53; Sheffield, 1896; Skipton, 1603; Hawkes, 107; and Rexworthy, 1728. The P.M.'s were Bros. S. Barnett, I.P.M.; Stayley, Bush, J. D. Burnett, Org.; Harfeld, J. Ross, W. D. Bayley, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—**A meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Monday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. H. McClelland, W.M.; David Hughes, I.P.M.; Daniel Hughes, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; R. Pittam Stevens, S.D.; John P. Hoddinot, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; R. F. Whur, I.G.; Hand, Org.; Haylock, W.S.; Rubardt and Prince, Stwds.; Woodstock, Tyler; A. Griffith, P.M.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; Sheffield, Pearce, Gross, Diamond, Fimister, Bater, Gillard, Parsons, Newman, G. Smith, H. Smith, Eade, Barwell, Dance, P.M., Ross, Glanville, Derry, Taylor, E. W. Cundy, W. Vener, Burnell, Follett, Watkins, Fletcher, Vale, Brittain, Chivers, Vears, Green, Clarke, Little, and Corkhill. Visitors: Bros. Wyer, 780; Haller, 65; Brinkler, 765; Ayling, 861; and Thomas, 1853.

In the absence, through illness, of Bro. Harbord, Bro. J. Hughes took the S.W.'s chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Parsons was then passed to the degree of F.C., after which Bro. Pearce was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M. rendering both ceremonies in a very impressive and effective manner. A discussion took place respecting some members who had allowed their subscriptions to remain in arrear, and the Secretary received instructions accordingly. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was served in first-class style by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and afforded the members every satisfaction.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and duly honoured by the brethren, the I.P.M., Bro. David Hughes, then requested the brethren to charge their glasses, bumpers, and drink to "The Health of the W.M.," and said that there was no doubt it was a very trying ordeal for a brother to take the chair, and work the ceremonies of such a lodge as the City of London, and as the W.M. had had an opportunity on a previous occasion of proving his capabilities, so again, this evening, he had shown the members how the work could and should be done, and there was no doubt that Bro. McClelland, as a W.M., was second to none.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said: In thanking you, brethren, for the hearty manner in which you have received this toast, I hope you will always back me up, and as I know I have your good feeling, so I also know that every day has my obligation to you. It is my earnest desire to carry out the duties of the chair to the fullest extent of my power, and it affords me great gratification to have such a goodly gathering round me.

The Worshipful Master then announced that there would be the usual ladies day in the summer in connection with the lodge, and that Bro. Stevens had again kindly consented to be Hon. Secretary.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been given in felicitous terms from the chair, Bro. Haller, in responding, said: W.M. and brethren, I thank you for coupling my name with this toast, and for the kind reception it has met with at your hands. You will notice by my speech that I am a stranger in a strange land, and although a Mason of

some six or seven years' standing, it is my first visit to another lodge, and as the first ball of every young lady is the prettiest, and this my first visit to a strange lodge will, I am sure, be the best.

Bro. Thomas also responded to this toast, and said: That although I am not like the last speaker, a stranger amongst you, but as a frequent visitor that much pleasure in testifying to the genial hospitality that is always extended by the City of London Lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The P.M.'s" toast, and stated that the whole prosperity and good working of a lodge depended materially upon the assistance of the P.M.s., and they not only rendered efficient help to the chair, but were really the backbone and mainstay of the lodge generally, and he trusted that for many years to come they would maintain that efficiency.

The Past Masters having severally returned thanks, and the toast of "The Officers" given and received in the usual hearty manner, the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

#### COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—

The usual meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. J. Jacobs, W.M.; W. H. Kedgley, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; B. Solomon, S.D.; Bassett, J.D.; G. Reynolds, I.G.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Potter, Tyler; G. Coleman, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; Foan, Thorpe, S. Hewitt, Cousins, Frank Gulliford, C. Ralph, Unwin, Goldsmid, and Bryan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. E. W. Carter, A. A. Jacobs, L. Goldsmid, T. Wilson, and E. Mills were passed to the degree of F.C. In consequence of the deaths of Bros. J. Figges and R. Head, votes of condolence and sympathy to their families in their sad bereavement were unanimously carried, to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, and also that letters to that effect be sent to Mrs. Figges and Mr. E. Head by the Secretary. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The lodge was in mourning for the late brethren.

#### HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—

The installation meeting of this young but thriving lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, S.E., and the executive of the lodge and the brethren generally must be congratulated on the excellent arrangements for the convenience and comfort of the large number of members and visitors who attended the meeting. Sixty brethren were present during labour in lodge, of whom fifty-five sat down to the subsequent refreshment. Lodge was opened punctually at 4.30 p.m., by the W.M., Bro. C. H. Phillips, who was supported by the following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. H. Maunder Williams, S.W. and W.M. elect; H. Stokes, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., Treas.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Secretary; J. W. Hartley, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; G. W. Knight, I.G.; A. Darch, P.M., D. of C.; F. France, W.S.; W. H. Simons, Asst. Org.; J. Fuller, A. E. Chew, G. Mordey, T. Letchford, C. Longhurst, S. S. Young, W. Bartlett, E. Bye, sen.; T. W. Aldwinckle, N. R. McKinnon, Thos. Cox, J. H. Worstencroft, W. H. O'Reilly, D. Baird, B. Forster, A. Pitman, and G. R. Langley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were three candidates for initiation, viz.: Mr. Joseph Andrews, Dr. Robert Lockhart Lawson, and Mr. Wm. Hy. Cloake. On the ballot being taken, these gentlemen were approved, and on being admitted were initiated by the W.M. to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry; the working of the ceremony being exceedingly creditable to the W.M. and officers. The lodge being advanced, the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Maunder Williams was presented to the W.M. by Bro. John Hammond, acting as D. of C., for the benefit of installation. The ancient charges were read by Bro. Langley, acting Secretary. The ceremony proceeded and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when those below the Degree of an Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, numbering 20. Bro. Phillips, as Installing Master then duly installed his successor, Bro. H. Maunder Williams into the chair of K.S. in due form, who was saluted most cordially. The new W.M. appointed his predecessor I.P.M., and invested him with the collar of such office. On the brethren being re-admitted the newly-installed Master was greeted and saluted with full Masonic honours.

The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. H. Stokes, S.W.; J. W. Hartley, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M. (unanimously elected at the previous meeting), Treas.; John Hammond, P.P.P.D., Sec.; Herbert Hooper, S.D.; Aug. Darch, P.M., J.D.; T. W. Aldwinckle, I.G.; F. France, D.C.; J. A. Worstencroft, Asst. D.C.; W. H. Simons, Org.; W. Bartlett, W.S.; J. Fuller, C.S.; A. Pitman, Asst. Org.; G. R. Langley, Asst. Sec.; and C. Thomas (re-elected at the previous meeting), Tyler. The installation ceremony was concluded by the Installing Master, Bro. Phillips, giving the several charges most impressively; in fact, our worthy brother rendered the whole ceremony faultlessly, and thus, by installing his successor, so creditably completed his year of office to the satisfaction of the brethren, to his own credit, and to the honour of the Craft.

The W.M. then said he had a most pleasing duty to perform in the name of the lodge, namely, to present a Past Master's jewel, of gold, to Bro. Phillips as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of his valued services as one of the founders of the lodge and W.M. for the year 1884-5; and, further, to ask his acceptance of a collar and silver Past Master's jewel from some of his more personal friends in the lodge, as a token of brotherly love. The W.M. added that the brethren valued Bro. Phillips's services most highly, and trusted that he might long be spared in full vigour to them, to his lodge, and to his family, and that these jewels would be handed down from generation to generation, as showing the respect in which he was held.

Bro. Phillips thanked the brethren in suitable terms, assuring them that, though he had joined the rank of Past Masters, yet he would assure them of his continued devotion to the best interests of the lodge.

The usual complimentary resolutions were passed, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Letters of regret were read or referred to from the following: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Sec.; Rev. G. Davies, P.G.D.S. Punjab; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Girls' School; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; P. Wadsworth, Prov. G. Treas. Cheshire; J. Needham, P.M. 205; J. Stevens, P.M. 1216; T. H. Hall, P.M. 1458; Rev. J. Wilson-Hoffenden; B. de Solla, 244; G. Norrington, 1669; A. Brier, 267; Wm. Day, 295, and Treas. 1949; J. Cowel-Heldon, 1791; E. H. Langley, 1184; Merryweather; W. Bromley; and others.

The visitors present included V.W. Bro. E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Bros. J. L. Mather, P.M. 1910, P.G.S.D. Herts; R. A. Matthews, P.M. 493, P.P.G.J.D. Gloucestershire; Geo. Beavis, I.P.M. 471, P.P.G.S. of W. Monmouthshire; Hy. Baldwin, W.M. 1949, P.G.S. Middx.; P. T. Breary, P.M. 1321, P.G.S.; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104; A. R. Cranch, I.P.M. 1669; C. H. Spiller, W.M. 49; T. H. Spiller, I.P.M. 49; J. R. Johnson, W.M. 1320; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; and A. J. Bellis, I.P.M. 1901; Bros. S. Richardson, J.W. and W.M. elect 183; Sidney Hill, Org. 1216; R. Walden, 1658; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; S. R. Smith, 857; J. W. Williams, 104; E. A. Francis, 1658; A. E. Albert, I.G. 1949; James Letchford, 1658; W. T. H. Mayer, I.G. 1693; W. M. G. Cooper, 1743; R. R. Johnstone, I.G. 1777; J. H. Hudepohl, 1669; and A. Gooch, D. of C. 1445.

We must not omit to refer to the excellent way in which the ceremonies were accompanied throughout by the acting Organist, Bro. Sidney Hill, (Org. 1216), whose improvisations on the organ were extremely appropriate. The installation ceremony was interspersed with chants, anthems, and processional hymns, arranged especially for this lodge by the W.M., which added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

An excellent banquet was provided by the host, Bro. Bye, and after the cloth was removed the W.M. commenced the toast list with the usual loyal toast, "The Queen and the Craft," following this with "The M.W.G.M."

To the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., responded in a most happy and genial speech, expressing the pleasure the Grand Officers had in visiting lodges, especially when the working was as excellent as they had witnessed that evening.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they had worked shoulder to shoulder in Masonry for several years, especially the past two years in that lodge. No more worthy brother than the W.M. nor one who had worked more zealously for his lodge and the interests of the Craft generally could be found, and he predicted a most successful year of office. The W.M. had already given them a sample of his work in the appropriate remarks to each of his officers as he invested them. The W.M. was most popular among a very large circle of brethren, and the large attendance of members of the lodge and the visitors, was a convincing proof.

The W.M., in responding, thanked them for their flattering reception of his name, and assured the brethren he would do all in his power to maintain the credit of the lodge. He only desired the cordial co-operation of each officer and member of the lodge, of which, however, he had no doubt.

To the toast of "The Initiates," Bros. Andrews, Dr. Lawson, and Clarke suitably and modestly replied.

"The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., who welcomed them to the lodge, stating that several personal friends had come long distances, from north, east, south, and west, to support him that evening, and to favour the lodge with their presence. On such occasion they were especially welcome. Many other brethren from Cheshire and Lancashire with whom he spent the early days of his Masonic career had written their congratulations and best wishes to the lodge. His father was present that evening, a P.M. of nearly 20 years, had unconsciously led him into Masonry, for which he would assure them gave the greatest happiness and comfort to his life, apart, of course, from family and business duties.

Bros. W. H. Williams, George Beavis, R. A. Matthews, J. L. Mather, P. T. Breary, Hy. Baldwin, and A. J. Bellis responded.

Bro. F. Binckes, responding for "The Masonic Institutions," made a powerful appeal to the brethren to practise that great Masonic virtue—Charity—and especially to support the list of Bro. C. N. Phillips, their I.P.M., who had promised to represent the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The brethren of the lodge, too, had an especial, though painful interest in the approaching election, as the son of their late Bro. Ambrose would be a candidate.

The other usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated at a somewhat late hour, but in time to catch the last train to town, after a most pleasant evening. Vocal music between the toasts by Bros. Simons, Cranch, Johnstone, Pitman, and S. S. Young. Bro. Sidney Hill, as pianiste.

We understand in consequence of Bro. Binckes's appeal a considerable sum was added to the I.P.M.'s list. The jewels previously referred to were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**HASTINGS.**—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The usual monthly meeting of this old established lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst., Bro. Plowman, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, I.P.M.; F. H. Hallett, S.W.; T. W. Markwick, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., Sec.; H. Gloyns, S.D.; S. Chandler, J.D.; H. Muscatt, Org.; F. Duke, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 1184, P.M.; John Pearce, G. Gaze, G. Roddis, J. Huist, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire, P.M. 338; Peter Robinson, P.M.; J. B. Foord, J.D. 1184; J. Stace, F. C. Edwards, W. A. Beck, R. Dengate, Randall, C. G. Baines, Henry Kimm, S.D. 1184, (Freemason). The visitors were Bros. C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P. Sussex, P.M. 1184; Robert Hughes, Sec. 1184; Rev. Saunders, B. Wood, P.M. 784; and others.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and communications read. A ballot as joining member was then taken for Bro. Richard Jones, 1044, after which Bro. C. G. Barnes was raised to the Sublime Degree, the entire ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. F. Plowman. The lodge was then worked down, and Mr. R.

Walmesley duly initiated by the W.M. in a very efficient manner. Bro. Councillor Russell, secretary of the ball committee, to be held April 8th, then gave his report. A candidate proposed for initiation and "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren concluded the business.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served supper, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and heartily accepted, the intervals being interspersed with songs from Bros. F. Plowman, W. H. Russell, C. W. Duke, E. W. J. Hennah, F. H. Hallett, H. Gloyns, and others. The brethren then dispersed about 11 o'clock, having spent a most pleasant evening.

**SEAHAM HARBOUR.**—Fawcett Lodge (No. 661).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Among the brethren present were Bros. E. Atkinson, W.M.; J. Scorsfield, I.P.M.; W. Forster, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.G.D.D. of C.; J. C. Moor, I.P.M. 97, P.G.J.D.; H. W. Emerson, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; the Rev. D. W. James, P.G. Chap.; John Richardson, P.M.; T. Shepherd, P.M.; S. J. Cockburn, P.M.; J. B. Wells, P.M.; J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97; D. G. Smith, S.W.; T. C. Beatty, J.W.; H. Wright, Sec.; T. Richardson, B. Wells, J. Smith, J. D. Lonsdale, L. S. Henry, W. Bowey, Alnwick, and others.

After some preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. D. G. Smith, was presented by Bro. W. Forster, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. J. J. Clay, P.G. Dep. D. of C., by whom the installation ceremony was impressively performed. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. Atkinson, I.P.M.; T. C. Beatty, jun., S.W.; H. Wright, J.W.; J. Richardson, P.M., Treas.; T. Richardson, S.D.; Barrett Wells, J.D.; T. R. Mitchell, Sec.; H. W. Emerson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; the Rev. D. W. James, P.G.C., Chaplain; J. Smith, I.G.; T. Taylor, Tyler; G. Steele and G. Musther, Stwds.; R. Candlish, P.M.; and W. Forster, P.M., Auditor. The lodge proceedings shortly afterwards terminated. The annual festival of the lodge was held in the evening at the Lord Seaham Inn, at which the W.M., Bro. D. G. Smith, presided, and was supported by most of the above named brethren, and by Bro. T. R. Mitchell, J. Candlish, S. Vary, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

**DERBY.**—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The annual festival and installation of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. Webster, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Bland, I.P.M.; J. Copstick, S.W., W.M. elect; Edgar Home, J.W.; Rev. T. Owell, Chaplain; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Brigg, Secretary; A. Woodiess, S.D.; J. Chadwick, J.D.; Severn Taylor, D. of C.; G. Sutherland, Org.; J. Walker, I.G.; W. Stone, as Tyler; W. Forman and J. Melrose, Stwds.; Past Masters Bros. G. T. Wright, John Smith, H. Burn, J. C. Merry, T. R. Gee, John Brown, W. Cooper, A. Frazer, J. Taylor, Dr. Carter Wigg, James Worsnop, T. E. Yeomans, F. G. Sanderson; also Bros. W. Todd, F. Sale, H. Horne, W. Knight, A. Smith, A. Tyler, and others. The visitors were Bros. T. Cox, W.M. 253, P.G. Treas.; W. Naylor, 253, P.G. Sec.; F. Campion, 253, P.P.G.S.W.; Percy Wallis, 253, P.G.D. of C.; A. J. Waller, W.M. 802; Holden, 802; Hunt, 802; B. Cooper, P.M. 787; N. Carr, S.W. 1085; F. Bennett, P.M. 787; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; J. R. Russell, W.M. 1085; T. Parker, P.M., M. Hill, P.M.; V. J. Greenhough, W.M., N. B. Boar, all of 1495; T. Stacey, I.G. 1739; S. Morley, Stwd. 1739; R. Roberts, W.M. 353; and many others, the gathering being one of the largest known.

Mr. J. E. Raye, was balloted for and elected. Bro. Thomas Day, who had recently been appointed hall keeper, was unanimously elected Tyler. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Copstick, was presented by Bros. J. Bland, P.M., and T. R. Gee, P.M., when the ceremony of installation was worked in a most admirable manner by Bro. C. Webster, the retiring W.M., and W. Whittaker, P.M., acting as D. of C. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. C. Webster, I.P.M.; Edgar Home, S.W.; A. Woodiess, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chaplain; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; J. Chadwick, S.D.; S. Taylor, J.D.; J. Walker, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; G. Sutherland, I.G.; J. Melrose, J. Jones, and W. Todd, Stwds.; and T. Day, Tyler.

Lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, the W.M. in a few well-chosen words presented a beautiful P.M.'s jewel in the name of the lodge to the retiring W.M., who cordially thanked the brethren.

Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., gave notice to vote at next lodge the sum of 20 guineas to Bro. Webster's list as Steward to the Boys' School Festival.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Russell, of the County Club, to which ample justice was done by the 70 brethren who sat down. Thanks having been returned by the Chaplain, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. T. Cox, P.M., W.M. 253, responded for "The Prov. Grand Lodge," taking occasion to compliment the new W.M. on the successful meeting, making happy allusions also to the old days at the Arboretum Hotel, from whence the lodge was named.

Bro. E. Horne, S.W., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he ventured to say was the toast of the evening. The applause with which the toast was received showed, he said, how highly the brethren esteemed him, which was also evinced by the great number of brethren who had come from various parts of the province to attend the meeting.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he was sure he was very grateful to the S.W. for the kind remarks he had been pleased to make, also to the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him. He attributed the prosperity of the lodge to the peace, love, and harmony which always existed amongst the brethren, and assured all that he would do his very utmost to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

The W.M., in proposing "The Installing Master, Bro. C. Webster," said that after the pleasing ceremony upstairs, so ably performed, it was unnecessary to say more. His manner was always genial and kind, and he was most

glad to see that so many had attended to witness the ceremony.

The I.P.M., in responding, said he could hardly find words to express his thanks. He believed the brethren were of opinion he had tried to do his best, and he was proud of having been W.M. of the lodge. He especially wished they would not forget him in his Stewardship to the Boys' School Festival.

Bro. J. Bland, P.M., P.G.J.D., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," thanking those who had come from a distance for attending in such goodly numbers, as the Arboretum Lodge were always glad to see visitors.

Bros. B. Cooper, P.M. 787; R. Roberts, W.M. 353; and S. Morley, 1739, severally responded, expressing the great pleasure it had given them to be present.

The toast of "The Past Masters" having been proposed by the W.M.,

Bro. A. Frazer, P.P.G.S.D., in response, alluded to the attack against the Order recently made by the Pope and others of the Catholic religion.

Bro. John Brown, P.P.G.J.D., said it was a toast always well received, and the Past Masters were always glad to be present and do all they could to promote the interests of the lodge.

Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., proposed "The Sister Lodges."

Bros. A. J. Waller, W.M. 802; J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; and T. R. Gee, 253, warmly responded.

The other toasts were "The Charities," by the I.P.M.; "The Officers," to which the S.W. and Secretary responded; and the Tyler's toast closed a gathering long to be remembered.

**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The retiring W.M. opened the lodge, and after raising three candidates proceeded to install Bro. Wm. Swan Armstrong, W.M. elect, there being present a full attendance of officers and brethren, with 16 Past Masters on the dais. The ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner throughout, and it is seldom that this all-important and pleasing Masonic duty is gone through by a retiring Master, with more care, attention, and credit, and it must have been very gratifying to Bro. J. Brown to have been complimented as he was by most of the Past Masters present on his efficient working.

The W.M. having invested the Installing Master as his I.P.M., proceeded with appropriate remarks to invest the following brethren as his officers: Bros. H. Spittle, S.W.; J. W. Matthews, J.W.; A. Barker, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; F. Graham, Org.; M. Bark, as Sec.; J. T. Schollar, S.D.; J. Patterson, J.D.; J. W. Robson, I.G.; Isaac Taylor, S.S.; Geo. Brown, J.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. The ancient charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given by the Installing Master.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., P.G.D.C., on behalf of the Prov. G. Lodge, and by several other visiting brethren.

The names of three candidates were put forward for election at the next regular meeting.

The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to the Central Station Hotel, where over 80 partook of a recherche dinner. The usual loyal toasts were given and responded to with exceptional fervour and enthusiasm.

The toasts of "The P.G.M." and "Officers of the P.G. Lodge," was suitably responded to by Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., P.G.D.C.

Bro. J. Brown, I.P.M., proposed in neat well-set terms the toast of "The W.M.," expressing his conviction that under his rule the lodge would continue to prosper.

The W.M. suitably replied, assuring the brethren that he should endeavour to emulate the previous Masters, and energetically strive to maintain the high position to which the lodge had attained under their guidance, and to best of his ability forward its interests. In concluding he gave the toast of "The Installing and Immediate Past Master," paying him a just tribute of praise for his able and efficient work and management.

The I.P.M. having responded, the W.M. requested Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M., P.G.D.C., to give the toast of the "Masonic Charities."

In April next, Bro. Davis will have completed his 50th Masonic year, and since he joined the Craft he has been untiring in his efforts to put forward the claims of these Charities. No one could possibly have made a more earnest or eloquent appeal on their behalf, and it was an exceptional treat to hear him plead the case of the children of deceased Masons with his usual dramatic force and pathos, his appeal cannot have failed favourably to impress his hearers with a sense of their duty.

Bro. Jas. Sedcole, W.M. 1119, responded, intimating his intention of forming a tontine in connection with his lodge in aid of the Charities.

Other usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

During the evening the pleasures of this most successful gathering were materially enhanced by Bro. A. Barker, P.M., giving one his characteristic and humorous songs, and by the fine rendering of several songs and glees by Bros. Graham, Gibbon, Ferry, Dewar, Richardson, Davis, Rauhart, Gourley, Thompson, Cooper, Sturgess, Robson, and others.

Amongst the brethren present at the banquet were Bros. R. W. Cummings, P.M. 1676; Wm. Cooper, P.M. 1342; J. H. Leech, P.M. 97; Jno. Duckett, P.M. 481; Jos. Cook, P.M. 1342; Wm. Smith, P.M. 1342; J. T. Taylor, P.M. 1676; T. M. Sturgess, W.M. 541; E. J. Gibbon, P.M. 541; J. D. Annan, P.M. 1342; E. D. Davis, P.M.; Jas. Sedcole, W.M. 1119; and A. Barker, P.M. 1342.

**LEIGH.**—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. J. Jackson, P.M., acting W.M.; Thos. Banks, S.W.; Davies, acting J.W.; William Bryce, Treas.; Wm. Chas. Freeman, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Pennington, S.D.; T. Yarwood, J.D.; R. J. Martin, Org.; Jas. Dickinson, I.G.; Wm. Smith and Joseph Jackson, Stwds.; T. Coupe, Tyler; R. Starkie, P.M.; W. Griffith, John Walshaw, R. S. Hall, Richd. Greenough, and Robert Ditchfield.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having received confirmation, the ballot was taken for Mr. Frederic Edward

Williams, and, being duly elected, Mr. Williams was initiated into Freemasonry in the customary manner by Bro. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., the working tools being explained by Bro. Banks, S.W. Bro. Jackson afterwards raised Bro. W. Griffith to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and presented the working tools of that degree. The Charity box received substantial support, and the lodge was closed in due form, and in peace and harmony.

**ILKLEY.**—Olicana Lodge (No. 1522).—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge has been held. The members present being Bros. Joseph Pollard, W.M.; C. Watson, P.M.; John Gaunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Margerison, P.M.; Thomas Woodhead, P.M.; Dr. Johnson, P.M.; J. Cooper, P.M.; H. Morton, S.W.; W. Wedgwood, J.W.; T. J. Critchley, Treas.; A. B. Balfour, Sec.; A. E. Kershaw, S.D.; W. J. Kaye, J.D.; Dr. Bates, I.G.; A. Sykes, Tyler; Scott, Adams, and Brotherton. The visitors were Bros. W. C. Lupton, P.M.; C. M. Wilson, P.M. 974; M. Mullen, P.M. 600; H. Firth, T. P. Brown, J. H. Rooks, and J. Swithenbank, all of 1648; C. B. Scott, P.M. 289; J. H. Carter, Philanthropic; Jas. Arnold, P.M. 1034; F. W. Fox, 1034; F. Carr, 1542; and W. J. Waugh, P.M. 1545.

Bro. J. Gaunt, P.P.G.D., presented Bro. Henry Morton, who was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months by Bro. W. C. Lupton, P.M., in accordance with the ancient rites and customs of the Order, after which the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Wedgwood, S.W.; A. E. Kershaw, J.W.; T. J. Critchley, Treas.; W. N. Adams, Sec.; W. J. Kaye, S.D.; A. B. Balfour, J.D.; Brotherton, I.G.; and A. Sykes, Tyler. Bro. Thos. Woodhead, P.M., was elected Charity Steward, and the W.M. was appointed almoner of the lodge.

The brethren adjourned to the Crescent Hotel to celebrate their annual festival, where a dinner had been provided by Mr. and Mrs. Mercer. The usual loyal toasts were given, then followed the usual Masonic toasts and "Success to the W.M.," "The Masonic Charities," and "Our Visiting Brethren."

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous lodge met at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst. Among the brethren present were Bros. R. W. Forge, P.G.D.C. Middx., W.M.; J. Piller, P.M., S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, P.P.G. Chap., Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; F. L. Chandler, S.D.; W. T. Peat, Org.; Jobbins, D. of C.; Featherstone, P.A.G.P. Middx., I.P.M.; Richer, H. Handel, C. Bonell, R. Drummond, H. Gerhold, E. Dare, Sapsworth, Grant, T. J. Smith, J. J. Smith, Planbök, Gentle, and many others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Gentle was duly and impressively raised to the Third Degree. W. Bro. R. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. of Middx., having been announced, was received in due form, and at once proceeded to install Bro. Piller as W.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. T. C. Walls, S.W.; Chandler, J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespiigny, Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, Sec.; Jobbins, S.D.; Handel, J.D.; Bonell, I.G.; Peat, Org.; Drummond, D. of C.; Gerhold, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Upon the conclusion of the addresses which were earnestly delivered, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Forge, in recognition of his services as W.M. Previously to the lodge being closed, a notice of motion was given to call a special meeting to consider the advisability of removing the lodge. A vote of thanks having been given to the Installing Officer for his services, which he duly acknowledged, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual toasts followed.

**RUGELEY.**—St. Augustus's Lodge (No. 1941).—On Tuesday evening the regular monthly meeting was held at the Lodge Room, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Ormsom, P.M., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. the Rev. Prebendary Grier, George Buttery, I.P.M.; E. Marshall, S.W.; J. Burns, J.W.; G. Gee, T. James, H. Gilbert, J. H. Beard, J. Davenport, C. Brownell, C. Gee, W. Macgregor, Watkins, Sec.; Taylor, Sandford, W. M. Foggo, W. R. Sanderson, Watson, Foggo, and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and also the bye-laws of the lodge. The brethren next proceeded to vote, by ballot, for the election of a W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. George Buttery, I.P.M., was declared to be unanimously elected. Bro. Thomas James was also unanimously re-elected as Treasurer, and Bro. W. Turner as Tyler.

Other business having been transacted the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the supper room, and after enjoying themselves, contributions were made to the Charity box, which was next examined, and the contents made up to a sum of £5 5s.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. There were present Bros. J. Laurence, W.M.; F. Chandler, S.W.; S. J. Humfress, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; Jos. Lichtenfeld, S.D.; E. F. Ferris, J.D.; P. Monson, I.G.; C. Coleman, Stwd.; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; G. Davis, P.M. 167; W. J. Mason, H. J. Wood, W. Harris, D. Stroud, R. E. Cursons, G. Dickenson, D. Hart, C. J. Morse, H. Robinson, and C. S. Mote.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Calling off and on was practised. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Harris as candidate. Bro. Stroud gave the lecture on the first tracing board, for which he received a vote of thanks. Bro. Chandler was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**WANDERERS LODGE** (No. 1604).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Bowen, W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Hume,

J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; G. Musson, Sec.; Fraser, S.D.; Dotterill, J.D.; Wynn, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Evans, Salter, Saunders, Coughlan, Dexter, Brindley, Whitehead, Morgan, and Clarkson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Brindley was duly passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, and Bro. Dexter was duly raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then closed. It was unanimously resolved that the ceremony of installation be rehearsed on the first Wednesday in next month, and that Bro. W. Brindley, the W.M. of the mother lodge, be the Installing Officer. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—At the meeting held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maidenlane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 12th inst., there were present Bros. G. Coleman, W.M.; Cumming, S.W.; Stroud, J.W.; B. Solomon, S.D.; Kedge, J.D.; Laundry, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Fowles, Z. Mordecai, A. Clark, P.M.; Wetherill, and Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the First Section of this Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. Z. Mordecai having offered himself as a candidate to be raised, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the Second Section of this Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cumming, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Stroud, J.W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation.

Bro. Kedge proposed that the Fifteen Sections be worked in this lodge of instruction on Thursday evening, the 9th of April; seconded by Bro. Z. Mordecai, whereupon Bro. A. Clark, P.M., proposed that Bro. Smith be asked to take the chair on that evening, and also to appoint his officers; seconded by Bro. Stroud.

Bro. Smith replied, and said he should be most happy to do so, and trusted that brethren would give in their names to Bro. Reynolds who were willing to work a Section on that evening.

Bro. Stroud then made motion that Bro. Reynolds have cards printed as soon as possible with the names of the brethren who would assist Bro. Smith; seconded by Bro. A. Clark, P.M.

Bro. A. Clark, P.M., proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. Reynolds for the able and efficient manner he had worked to make their annual supper such a success on Thursday, the 5th inst.

This was seconded by Bro. Stroud, who said it was a great credit to their worthy Secretary, and trusted he should see many more such suppers.

Bro. Reynolds, in replying, said it was a gratification to see such a good assemblage at their supper—it quite repaid him for all trouble. All went well, and he thought there would be a small balance to hand to the lodge of instruction. He thanked the Stewards and brethren for their kind co-operation, and trusted that next year, all going well, they would get the number of brethren to 100.

The brethren gave their hearty congratulations to Bro. Smith on his recovery from his late illness, and were pleased to see him again with them. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE** (No. 1789).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Gibson, Treas., W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Ray, S.D.; Chilcott, J.D.; Hume, I.G.; Wade P.M.; Green, Sen., McCullagh, Glover, Gilbert, Grist, C. White, P.M.; and W. J. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Gilbert, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gilbert being the candidate. Bro. Glover, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Glover being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that Bro. W. C. Smith, 1503, be elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Smith having replied, the W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

## Royal Arch.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—Old Globe Chapter (No. 200).—The annual meeting of this chapter took place on the 4th inst. in the new Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas Cliff, when a large number of companions were present. The following were duly invested and installed in their respective offices for the ensuing year: Comps. W. Fraser, M.E.Z.; J. Knaggs, H.; W. Garbutt, J.; J. H. Hackett, S.N.; D. Fletcher, P.Z., P.P.G.H. N. and E. Yorks, Treas. and Scribe E.; E. Harland, P.S.; T. H. Dunn, 1st A.S.; J. E. Lupton, 2nd A.S.; and J. Verity, Janitor.

**ORMSKIRK.**—Unity and Perseverance Chapter (No. 580).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Wheatheaf Inn, when Comps. Eastham, was installed as M.E.Z.; Ball, H.; and Walker, J., by Comps. H. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wells, P.P.G.D. of C.; and J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B.; in a most impressive manner. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Comps. Penlington, W.M. 580, E.; J. Horrock, N.; J. Wyld, P.P.G.S., Treas. (re-elected); J. Watts, Org.; T. Waterhouse, P.S., who invested J. M. King, H. 1094, and J. Winrow as his

assistants; and J. Salisbury, Janitor. The companions afterwards dined, an excellent repast being provided by Mrs. Young.

**LANCASTER.**—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The regular, and also the annual installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Monday evening, the 16th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, when Ex.-Comps. Garnett and Stanton were installed into the First and Third Chairs respectively. Ex.-Comp. Bayley, the Second Principal elect, being absent through indisposition. The following companions were afterwards invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Gregson, S.E.; Stanley, S.N.; Dewhurst, P.S.; H. C. Moore, A.S.; E. Simpson, Treas.; and A. K. Allinson, Janitor. Amongst the P.Z.'s present were Comps. Longman, P.P.G.P.S.; Hall, Duff, and Wilde.

The chapter passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing officers, Comps. Hall, and Longman, and also to the I.P.Z., for the efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of M.E.Z. during his year of office.

The chapter was then closed in accordance with antient custom, after which the companions adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This chapter held its convocation at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Among those present were Comps. J. B. Ryley, M.D., M.E.Z.; T. Goodchild, H.; E. H. Thellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., Treas., acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; Wingate, S.N.; and others. Comp. C. Stevens, 569, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comp. Charles Stevens, 569, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. Apologies for non-attendance having been received from Comps. J. Faulkner, P.Z., Matthews, and others.

The chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to refreshment. The only toasts given were "The Queen," "The M.E.Z.," and "The Joining Member."

## Mark Masonry.

**KINTORE LODGE** (No. 333).—The last regular meeting of the session was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Newington Bridges, W.M.; Edmondston, S.W.; C. Fountain, M.O.; B. R. Bryant, G. Std. Br.; J. O. C. H. Nevill, Sec.; G. Norrington, S.D.; H. C. Ingram, J.D.; G. J. Verables, I.G.; J. W. Routledge, P.M.; R. A. Marshall, D.C.; Sidney F. Hill, Org.; J. S. Terry, Stwd.; J. E. Tidd, and W. S. Payne. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Voisey, W.M. 22; J. Holliday, W.M. 234; and H. F. Prost, No. 1.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. W. Lucas, S.W. 1660, and J. H. Cureton, 1530, were advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. Bro. T. Edmondston, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Bridges, W.M., was similarly elected Treasurer. On the motion of V.W. Bro. B. R. Bryant, seconded by the Secretary, it was unanimously voted that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Bridges for his valuable services as the first Master, to which the great success of the lodge is mainly due. The bye-laws submitted at the last meeting were finally settled and confirmed, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

## Knights Templar.

**MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY** (D).—This old encampment held a meeting at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Amongst those in attendance were Sir Knights F. W. Driver, E.C.; Alfred Williams, P.E.C., acting Prelate; Graveley, 1st Captain; Glenn, 2nd Captain; Captain Stohwasser, 1st Std. Bearer; Wood, 2nd Herald; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Almoner; T. C. Walls, G.C. of Gds., P.E.C., Reg.; W. Roebuck, P.G.H., P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Saunders, M.D., P.E.C.; and others. Sir Knight Captain Hunter, P.E.P. (Scotland), was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. T. D. L. Jones-Parry, M.P., who had been previously balloted for, was duly and impressively installed as a knight of the Order by the E.C. It was unanimously resolved that the summer banquet of the encampment be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court Bridge, on the 24th day of June next. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights C. Driver, Fredk. Binckes, R. Berridge, H. J. Lardner, Kelly, Richardson, J. D. Harris, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and a priory of the Order of Malta opened by Sir Knight Loveland-Loveland, P.G.S.B., P.E.P., &c., assisted by Sir Knights A. Williams, F. W. Driver, W. Roebuck, E. Baxter, T. C. Walls, Graveley, Stohwasser, Wood, Hunter, Glenn, Wood, and Paas.

Sir Knights Jas. W. Spence and Jones-Parry were then introduced, and most ably inducted into the Order by Sir Knight Loveland-Loveland. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, in recognition of the valuable and efficient services of Sir Knight Loveland-Loveland.

The priory was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the long array of toasts were given from the chair briefly but pertinently. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**YORK.**—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—This body held its installation meeting on the 10th inst., when there were present Frates J. Marshall, E.P.; A. T. B. Turner, Const.; C. Palliser, Mars.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.; T. B. Whythead, P.; M. Millington, P.; W. Brown, Sub. M.; J. T. Seller, C. of Gds.; Major McGachan, and M. F. W. Williamson. Visitors: Frates J. W. Woodall, Prov. Sub. Prior, of North and

East Yorkshire; Walter Reynolds, Prov. Treas., Hull; M. C. Peck, P., Hull; T. W. Tew, Prov. Prior West Yorkshire; J. Quarterman, Banner Bearer, W. Yorks; J. Deacon, Trumpeter, W. Yorks; and other members and visitors.

A number of apologies for absence were read, including letters from Fratres W. Lawton, P.; J. S. Cumberland, P.; C. J. Banister, Prov. Prior Northumberland and Durham; C. Fendelow, Prov. Prior Staffordshire; Rev. W. C. Lukis, W. Rowley, and others. The usual honours were paid to the Sub-Prior and the visiting brethren, and Fra. Turner, the E.P. elect, having been presented, was duly placed on the throne by Fra. T. B. Whythead, and afterwards proclaimed and saluted. The officers were invested as follows: Fratres C. Palliser, Const.; W. Brown, Marsh; T. B. Whythead, P., Reg. and Treas.; W. H. Cowper, Sub-Marshal; J. T. Sellar, 1st Herald; M. M. Reynard, 2nd Herald; W. B. Dyson, 1st Std. Br.; J. T. Bell, 2nd Std. Br.; M. F. W. Williamson, Swd. Br.; and A. H. H. McGachen, Capt. of Gds. On the motion of the Registrar, Fra. Sir James Meek, who has left York, was elected an honorary member. The alms were collected, and after the usual courtesies had been interchanged the preceptory was closed, and the fratres entertained their visitors at dinner at the Queen's Hotel.

#### ST. ANNE'S LODGE, ALDERNEY.

The brethren of the above lodge, No. 503, have just moved back into their old lodge room at the Marais, which has been taken on lease from Bro. H. Le Faby, by Bro. Herbert Wyon, D.A.C.G. of Ordnance, as W.M. of the lodge, for a term of years. The old premises were low and incommensurate to a degree, and quite unfit for the use of the brethren of this now flourishing lodge; and, thanks to the energetic Master, the Marais Masonic Temple has been beautifully decorated, and rendered fit for the impressive ceremonies connected with the Craft. The lodge was first used recently on the occasion of the public Masonic funeral of Bro. Mesny, a jurat of the Island. Bro. Wyon, much to the regret of the brethren, has just been ordered off to Egypt.

#### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE COVENT GARDEN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1614.

The annual supper took place in the Victoria Hall of the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 5th inst., when there were present upwards of 74 brethren. Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, occupied the chair, and Bro. G. Coleman, P.M. 1614, acted as Vice-Chairman, the Stewards being Bros. A. Clark, P.M. 1227; W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; and G. Fowles, I.G. 1348. There were also present Bros. E. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; Wm. Bourne, P.M. 1614; S. Jacobs, P.M. 1614; W. B. Henery, of N. York A.C.; J. W. Ray, 1614; G. Gardner, 2012; R. Pierpont, W.M. 1757; Holditch, Hyams, H. Carman, 548; J. Woodward, Fendick, W.M. 1321; F. Kedge, 749; Raymer, 1681; R. P. J. Laundry, W. H. Smith, G. Mullin, F. J. Ingram, E. C. Allen, F. Landau, P. C. Fort, 25; F. A. Anaut, W. J. Mason, W. Briley, H. Kedgley, W. Briley, jun.; Renaud, W. Roots, W. Steel, Ponsford, 25; G. H. Reynolds, Frank Gulliford, Laundry, Rowe, L. Corner, Gurr, F. Green, Wilkie, Jones, Cumming, W. Deaton, Ralph Recknell, Cublight, W. J. Kent, Ripley, Harris, Z. Mordecai, S. Jacobs, Stroud, 55; T. Butt, J. Smith, P.M. 1559; J. Lucas, D. Mordecai, William Gulliford, jun.; G. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. E. JACOBS, P.M. of the parent lodge, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," alluded to the custom of this lodge of instruction to ask the Master of the parent lodge for the time being to preside, and he thought the Chairman ought to be proud of having such an assemblage to support him on this occasion, for which the Chairman returned his hearty thanks, at the same time acknowledging the great benefit he had derived from this lodge of instruction.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said he was pleased to see so many around him, and would call upon Bros. Henery, of New York, and E. E. Smith to respond.

Bro. HENERY said: Brethren, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I, as a visitor to your meeting this evening, have the privilege of thanking you for the hearty manner in which the health of the Visitors have been drunk, and also as this gives me an opportunity of expressing the gratification I have felt during my short stay in England. No matter where I have been, or what I have done, I have never felt more at home or experienced more kindness than in the body of the Freemasons' lodges which I have visited. In conclusion, I hope that if any of you at any time visit New York, you will not fail to give me a call at our Temple in that city, and may the mantle of Freemasonry spread itself over us to the end of our mortal existence.

Bro. E. E. SMITH said that, as Secretary to the New Cross Lodge, he felt like his preceding brother the honour conferred upon him in replying for the Visitors. This was the first time he had the honour of being amongst them, and from the good feeling and fellowship existing, he could assure them he highly appreciated the privilege, and would endeavour to support them in every possible way in the lodge of instruction.

Bro. G. COLEMAN, Vice-Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Preceptor and Secretary," pointed out how much depended on the ability of these two officers, and thought the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction were to be congratulated in having such a Preceptor as Bro. Smith, who had not yet filled the Master's chair, but fully showed his capacity for doing so by the able instruction he gave the brethren attending that lodge of instruction. In Bro. G. J. Reynolds they had a hard working Secretary, and one that took a great interest in any particular ceremony the lodge desired to work, or in advocating the cause of Masonic Charities, also in assisting to make the annual supper a success, as was evident on this occasion. He knew the brethren would give them a bumper.

Bro. W. C. SMITH, in reply, said he thanked them for the confidence reposed in him, and hoped for many years to come he would still be enabled to continue his Preceptorship, which was a labour of love. He also expressed gratitude to them for their sympathy shown during his

late illness, and trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. would be pleased to spare him for many years of usefulness. He also thanked the brethren who had acted for him in his absence.

Bro. G. REYNOLDS, in acknowledging the appreciation of his services, said it had given him sincere pleasure to be their Secretary, as he felt that at the lodge of instruction the brethren attending received most beautiful teaching from the lectures. His exertions were fully repaid by seeing so many happy faces around him that evening, as, by their smiles, he could tell they were having a pleasant time. The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction was progressing quietly. During the past year 48 meetings had been held, and were well attended. A Charitable Association in connection with the lodge of instruction had been established; 42 new members had joined. The lodge had only been called off six times, showing that they met together for work. At the present time there were several brethren in the chair of their mother lodges who had benefited by the instruction received at the Covent Garden Lodge, and that evening 22 more brethren were present at the supper than last year, all of which was most encouraging. He thanked the brethren most heartily for their good fellowship, which he hoped to retain, and trusted that the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction would still continue to prosper.

The toast of "The Stewards" was responded to by Bro. G. FOWLES, who afterwards proposed "Success to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction." He pointed out the good work that was transacted in the lodges of instruction, and the high influence they exercised in carrying out the principles of the Craft.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Health of the Vice-Chairman," acknowledged Bro. G. Coleman had been a constant member of the lodge of instruction since its commencement.

In reply, Bro. G. COLEMAN said it was gratifying to know the flourishing condition of the lodge of instruction. He knew it had required a large amount of perseverance to obtain the present success. In its earlier days they had often met and had not sufficient members to form a meeting. He sincerely hoped the present satisfactory state would continue and its members increase.

The programme of songs and recitations—which were printed by Bro. George Kenning—was an improvement in the arrangement of last year. The following brethren contributed to the enjoyment of the evening: Bros. C. Ralph, E. Jacobs, Frank Gulliford, Carman, Fowles, B. Solomon, Renaud, and T. Butt. Bro. C. Solomon presided at the piano.

The brethren expressed themselves as having spent a most enjoyable evening, and the supper supplied by Bro. Bertini gave every satisfaction.

#### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE PERCY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The tenth annual supper in connection with the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, was held on Tuesday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205, President; Bro. Powell, S.W. 186, Vice-President. An excellent spread was provided by Bro. Langdale, which was duly appreciated by the brethren present, numbering about 30.

After the cloth was cleared the usual loyal toasts were put and drunk to with much enthusiasm, and none more so than when Bro. Cohen rose with "Our Royal Initiate, Prince Albert Victor," and said he was sorry indeed that he was not here with us, for had he been he felt assured it would have further encouraged his Royal Highness in the cause and furtherance of Freemasonry, in which his Royal father had taken such unabated interest. This was followed by "Percy fire," the fire of the evening.

The thanks of the brethren were accorded to Bro. Mullord for providing such excellent talent during the evening, and also the following brethren for their services of song: Bros. Mullord, Baynes, A. Money, Gifford, Woodman, Snook, and Langdale, who, by the way, as host, sang "By the river dale he strayed," thus coming within the meaning of the "Act," not too much river, but just river enough. Bro. Woodman was very funny in divulging the pass-word to his better half, "Rattlesnake," and got out of his difficulties very well by catching the "Putney Bus."

Bros. GALER, Sec., and FENNER, Treas., replied for "The Officers," thanking specially Bro. Powell for his indefatigable labours in recussitating the lodge and his excellent working generally.

Bro. POWELL, with his usual eloquence, replied, stating whatever humble efforts he had used had been done from a pure love for Masonry, hence could not be constituted labour.

The thanks of the brethren were also accorded to Bro. Cohen, Preceptor, for the very able manner he at all times conducted himself towards the lodge.

After a very pleasant and enjoyable evening the brethren left in perfect harmony, being more than satisfied with the general manner in which the arrangements had been carried out.

#### BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair of that officer; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., took his chair as Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master Warwickshire; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Neville Green, Henry Garrod, A.G.P.; F. R. Spaul, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; George Read, P.M. 511; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; George P. Gillard, P.M. 205; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; W. P. Brown, P.M. 10; Richard Croydon, P.M. 254; C. Schmidt, P.M. 9671; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; C. D. Hoblyn, P.M. 231; John T. C. Winkfield, P.M. 8; John O. Surtees, P.M. 1248; John Carline, W.M. 1601; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; Bruce M. Seton, W.M. 6; David Crombie, P.M. 28; John Nixon, P.M. 217; Charles Kempton, I.P.M. 1287; Robert E. B. Goffin, W.M. 1572; Gerald Liddell, P.M. 437; Augustus F. Leech, P.M. 749; H. Brock, W.M. 145; Alexander L. A. Higerty, W.M. 1714; Léon A. Mesrouze, P.M. 1238, 1892, 2060; Arthur J. Grimwade, P.M. 332; John

N. Frye, W.M. 1694; J. W. V. C. Chapman, W.M. 1922; R. Lonsdale, P.M. 382, 1238; D. Ferguson, W.M. 1791; G. J. Fines, W.M. 1563; W. A. S. Humphries, P.M. 45; J. Mawe, P.M. 1567; T. Weeks, W.M. 1641; C. W. Peters, P.M. 507; George S. Elliott, P.M. 1275; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at the last meeting to the extent of £265, and then proceeded with the new list, on which there were 44 cases. These cases came from Bradford, Hobart, Newport, I. of Wight, Plumstead, Whitehaven, Jersey, Wolverhampton, Malta, Chester, Ramsgate, Hadleigh, Sheerness, Sunderland, Liverpool, Scarborough, Leamington, Zante, Dinapore, Ipswich, Coventry, Bermuda, Tottenham, Tredegar, Preston, Twickenham, France, Kew Bridge, Wollongong, N.S.W., Portugal, Wincanton, Scotland, and London. The total amount granted was £755, which was made up of one £75, four £40, seven £30, one £25, six £20, five £15, eight £10, and two £5. The Board sat four hours.

#### The Craft Abroad.

##### GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held its stated communication at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the 30th December last, the presiding Grand Officer being Bro. Frederick D. Ely, D.G.M. At this meeting Bro. Abraham H. Howland, jun., was installed by Bro. Samuel C. Lawrence, Past G.M., as Grand Master for the second time. The following were the principal Grand Officers for the year, namely: Bros. F. D. Ely, D.G.M.; Charles S. McClellan, G.S.W.; Albert H. Sweetser, G.I.W.; H. Wells, G. Treas.; and Serens D. Nickerson, Recording G. Secretary. The brethren afterwards moved in procession to the banquet hall, for the purpose of celebrating the feast of St. John the Evangelist. In the after-dinner proceedings the Grand Master, with P.G. Masters W. Parkman, W. Sewell Gardner, S. D. Nickerson, S. C. Lawrence, and other distinguished members took a leading part, a succession of songs by the Temple Quartette filling in the intervals between the speeches.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. SIR W. W. KNIGHTON, BART.

We announce with regret the death on Friday, the 13th inst., at Blendworth Lodge, near Horndean, Hants, of Bro. Sir William Wellesley Knighton, Bart., aged 74. The deceased was the only son of Sir W. Knighton, Bart., for many years Keeper of the Privy Purse. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, and during his career there was in 1831 initiated into Masonry, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford. In default of issue the baronetcy becomes extinct.

#### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

##### BIRTHS.

GARDNER.—On the 15th inst., at Crowmarsh, Wallingford, the wife of Major S. H. Gardner, of a son.

TALBOT.—On the 14th inst., at Henley Park, Guildford, the wife of Capt. J. S. Talbot, of a daughter.

WRIGHT.—On the 15th inst., at St. Winifred's, Bromley, Kent, the wife of H. G. Wright, of a daughter.

##### MARRIAGE.

HUGHES—DEVER.—On the 3rd ult., at Hong Kong, Thomas Francis Hughes, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Canton, to Margaret Eugenie, daughter of the Hon. J. Dever, of St. John, New Brunswick.

##### DEATHS.

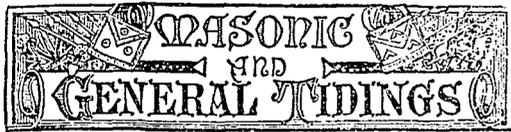
DOUGLAS.—On the 17th inst., at Woodside, Surrey, Wm. Douglas, in his 79th year.

PARKER.—On the 15th inst., at Castle Malwood, near Lyndhurst, Gen. Richard Parker, in his 82nd year.

RICHARDSON.—On the 16th inst., at Kennington Park-road, S.E., Robert Richardson, aged 67.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., his Royal Highness Prince George of Wales visited the Painted Hall, at Greenwich, for the purpose of inspecting Bro. W. Darley's copy of the north end of the ceiling, and the large copy, now in an advanced condition of Sir James Thornhill's great masterpiece, the centre section of the ceiling. On the occasion of his previous visit copies of "King George III. presenting a sword to Earl Howe," and the "Destruction of the French Fleet at La Hague," elicited expressions of approval, and on this occasion his Royal Highness again expressed himself very much pleased. Indeed, we shall not be surprised to hear that the only copy in existence now being completed by Bro. Darley—of these most magnificent works of art—will at no distant period adorn the walls of one of the Royal Palaces. It is also interesting to hear that Bro. Darley has offered to dispose of copies of the great battle pieces for the benefit of the Masonic Charities.

Mr. Douglas Chester, of the Secretary's Department of Her Majesty's Customs, has now in the press a work which cannot fail to be of interest to our archaeological friends and lovers of the quaint and interesting records of the past. "Chronicles of the Customs" is the title of the book, and Mr. Chester is of opinion that the first customs were collected in the times of the Romans. No trace however exists of the actual rates imposed until the reign of Ethelred, A.D. 979, when by his Witanagemote, held at Wantage, it was enacted that every smaller boat arriving at Billingsgate should pay for toll or custom one half penny, a larger boat with sails one penny, a keel or hulk four pennies, a vessel with wood, one piece of wood; a boat with fish coming to the bridge, one halfpenny or a penny according to size. Mr. Chester who is one of the ablest men in the Customs Department, will discourse on "Tricks of Smugglers," "Notes on the Men connected with the Service," from Chaucer downwards, who was controller of the Customs in London, "Departmental Curiosities," and other subjects connected with this eldest branch of the Civil Service, and his book will be read no doubt with interest, profit, and amusement.



The Directors of the Bank of England have altered the rate of discount to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

The report of the Earl of Carnarvon meeting coming in rather late, will appear next week.

Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., has been elected President of the Tewkesbury Cricket Club for the ensuing year.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided on Monday at the annual General Court of Governors of the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead will open a Bazaar on Tuesday next, in aid of the funds of the Wesleyan Chapel, Liverpool-street, King's Cross.

Bro. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., will preside at the annual meeting of the Press Club, to be held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday next, the 28th instant.

Bros. the Duke of Portland and Baron de Worms, M.P., are members of the Committee for raising funds for a memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral to the late Bro. Col. Burnaby.

Bro. Prince Albert Victor of Wales was present at a meeting held at Cambridge, on Saturday, the 14th inst., with a view to establishing in that town a branch of the Imperial Federation League.

Bro. Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Bro. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., and Lady Watkin, and Bro. Sir J. McGarel and Lady Hogg were present at the second evening party this season of Mrs. Peel.

The Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace on Saturday last on behalf of the Queen, Prince George of Wales, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and the Princes Louis and Henry of Battenberg being present.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince George of Wales dined with R.W. Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, and Duchess of St. Albans, at their residence in Grosvenor Square, on Monday, the 16th instant.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday next, the 24th inst., at the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, by Bro. A. G. Dodson, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock punctually. Brethren are invited to attend.

At the very successful concert given in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Saturday, the 14th inst., by the Guildhall School of Music, there were present, among others, the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight and Lady Knight, Bros. J. Cox, E. C. Beedell, Deputy East, and others.

Comp. H. Baldwin, J. elect 720, Scribe E., of the Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777, asks us to state that the convocation for election of officers will take place at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at 2 o'clock. Ex. Comp. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, is the retiring First Principal.

The ceremonies of installation of Principals and exaltation will be rehearsed by E. Comp. E. J. B. Bumstead, P.Z. chapters No. 79 and 548, on Friday, the 27th inst., at the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79, at the Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. The meeting is called for seven o'clock p.m. punctually.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting on Monday evening of the Royal Colonial Institute, when a paper on "Western Australia" was read by Sir Fred. Napier Broome, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Colony. Prince Albert Victor, the Marquis of Lorne, and Bros. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen and Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., were present.

On the afternoon of Friday, the 13th inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, attended in state at the opening of the new Workhouse extension of St. Pancras, among those present being Bros. Under-Sheriff Crawford, Bridgman, Rose-Innes, and Altman, with Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Allen, and others.

The sixth annual Buildings Exhibition has been held this week at the Agricultural Hall, and, as usual, thanks to the excellent arrangements of Bro. J. H. Rafferty, the Managing Director, has proved a great attraction. There is one exhibit to which we would call particular attention, namely, a staircase at Bro. Ransom's stand, which is said to have been erected by Sir Christopher Wren, and to have once occupied a place in Kennan's Hotel, Cheapside, E.C.

LADY FREEMASONS.—With reference to a statement in the *Daily Telegraph's* article on Freemasonry of the 17th inst., to the effect that "on one occasion a lady was actually passed through the Degrees of the Craft and emerged a full Freemason," a Past Master states that no less than four of the gentler sex have been initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, namely: the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, in Lodge 44, about 1735; Mrs. Beaton, a native of Norfolk; a certain landlady of a Devonshire Hotel; and Madame de Xantrailles, in France. We have also heard of a Hungarian Countess who not so very many years since passed successfully through the ordeal.

On Thursday evening, the 12th inst., a concert was given under the auspices of the officers and brethren of the Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, in the Bijou Opera House, Bold-street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance. The artistes were Madame Emilie Young, Misses Lily Lloyd and Jennie Sargent, Messrs. W. Percy Whyte, W. Lewis, Graham Williams, David Williams, and Richard Holland. Madame Young, to whom was accorded a hearty welcome, gave admirable renderings of several songs. Mr. Graham Williams sang Mr. W. Claude Ridley's new song, "The Wrecker," and had the great advantage of being accompanied on the pianoforte by the composer. For most of the vocalists Mr. W. A. Hollis acted as accompanist; and the musical director was Mr. R. Holland.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., has become a patron of the Curfew Cricket Club.

Bro. Charles Gowan, S.W., Stirling Lodge, No. 1989, Cleator Moor, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year on Wednesday, the 11th instant.

Bro. Under-Sheriff Crawford, Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, has been elected to the City Solicitorship, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Nelson.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the International Inventions Exhibition, has fixed on Monday, the 4th of May, for the opening of the Exhibition.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the 27th annual meeting of the London Dental Hospital, Leicester-square.

Bro. Captain Lord Headley retires into the Veteran Company of the Honourable Artillery Company, with permission to retain his rank and wear his uniform.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, and the Countess of Bective arrived in London last week from Underley Hall, Westmorland.

Bro. Henry Irving has been invited to deliver an address at Harvard University, U.S.A., and has fixed on Monday, the 30th inst., for the purpose. The invitation is without precedent.

It is in contemplation to give a dinner at the Criterion to Bro. Henry Irving on his return from America, and the 20th April has been fixed for the occasion. Bro. the Earl of Dunraven will preside.

Bro. Sir Edward Malet, H.B.M.'s Ambassador at Berlin, was married to the Lady Ermytrude Russell on Thursday afternoon, the 12th inst., the ceremony taking place at Westminster Abbey, at 4 p.m.

The Prince of Wales and Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., attended the 58th meeting, on Friday, the 13th inst., of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Classes.

A portrait by Mr. Herkomer of Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop, was presented on Saturday last to his only daughter, Mrs. Williams Wynn, by the members of the Wynnstay Hunt.

Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, F. P. Alliston, E. C. Beedell, J. A. Mallett, A. J. Altman, and G. Rose-Innes, were present at the dinner given by the City of London Music Committee, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday evening, the 16th instant.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and the Right Hon. J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., attended the Cabinet Councils in Downing-street on Thursday and Friday, the 12th and 13th inst.

Lady Monckton will take part in an amateur dramatic performance at the Criterion on Wednesday next, the 25th inst., on behalf of the National Aid Society. The entertainment will take place under the special patronage of the Princess of Wales, who is President of the Ladies' Committee of the Society.

The Prince of Wales and the Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge attended a meeting at the Mansion House on Saturday last of the Committee of the National Memorial to the late General Gordon. Bro. the Lord Mayor presided, and among those present were Bros. Earl Granville and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead.

Bro. H. Doring was installed W.M. of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Bro. J. Delves ably officiated, and was supported by the following Installed Masters in his arduous duties: Bros. G. T. Limn, S.W.; Fisher, J.W.; W. J. Millington, I.G.; and G. H. Stephens, Dir. of Cers.

Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B.—as will be seen in our advertisement columns—has very kindly consented to preside at the 22nd Annual Festival of the United Waiters' Benevolent Association. The dinner is fixed for Wednesday next, the 25th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, and we trust our respected brother's eloquence will succeed in obtaining from the guests a handsome contribution to the funds of this deserving Charity.

So many invitations have been addressed from Sheffield, Huddersfield, Pontefract, and elsewhere, to Bro. T. W. Tew, requesting him to be installed P.G.M. of West Yorkshire in one or other of those towns, that our respected brother will probably experience some difficulty in satisfying them all. No doubt, however, the selection of the place which will be ultimately made will satisfy the majority, if not the whole, of our West Yorkshire brethren.

By command of the Queen, a Drawing Room was held at Buckingham Palace by the Princess of Wales on behalf of her Majesty, on the 12th inst., presentations to her Royal Highness being considered equivalent to presentations to the Queen. The corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty under the command of Bro. Captain Lord Carrington, P.G.W., and the Yeoman of the Guard under Bro. Captain Lord Monson.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that on Tuesday, the 14th April, Mr. C. E. Rowley's burlesque opera, "The Dragon of Wantley," will be performed by the members of that gentleman's musical union. The performance will take place in the Concert Hall, Manchester, and will be in aid of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. We trust the occasion will be a successful one.

220.—Tobacconists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be long or seriously disordered without the derangement being perceptible on the countenance. These Pills prevent both unpleasant consequences; they improve the appetite, and with the increase of the desire for food, they augment the powers of digestion and assimilation in the stomach. Holloway's Pills deal most satisfactorily with deranged or diseased conditions of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diets—as the liver, stomach, and bowels, over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By resorting at an early stage of this malady to these purifying and laxative Pills, the dyspeptic is speedily retored to health and strength, and his sallowness gradually vanishes.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Bookbinders' Pension and Asylum Society, established in 1830.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, was presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at the Levée on Saturday last.

Bro. Under-Sheriff Crawford, notwithstanding his election to the post of City Solicitor, will, it is believed, retain the office of Under-Sheriff until its expiry at Michaelmas.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir J. Bennett, J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., and Dr. Brette were present at the supping in public at Christ's Hospital on Thursday evening, the 12th inst.

Bro. Sir E. W. Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at a special meeting, on the 11th inst., of the Metropolitan Railway Company, when a Bill of the South-Eastern Railway Company was approved.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, G. Std., was among the guests at the annual supper of the D Company London Rifle Brigade, held at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday evening, the 12th inst.

In acknowledging copy of Bro. Leonard Barnes's new Primrose League song, the "Crown, Cornet, and Crozier," we take the opportunity of congratulating our worthy brother on the excellence of his composition.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., has suggested to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the desirability of proposing a vote for the erection of a national monument to General Gordon, in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. Walter Meredyth Thomas, the youngest son of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C., was gazetted on Friday, the 13th inst., to a lieutenancy in the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire) Regiment, now stationed at Lichfield Barracks.

Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, was one of the suite in attendance on their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Louise, and Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales at the Queen's Drawing Room on Wednesday.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Albert Victor, left London for Berlin on Wednesday, in order that they might personally offer their congratulations to Bro. the Emperor William of Germany on his 88th birthday.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, F. Green, Major Joseph, G. Rose-Innes, J. Judd, G. Shaw, Augustus Hams, and H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., were at the dinner given at the Guildhall on Friday, the 13th inst., by the Bridge House Estates Committee.

On Tuesday last the removal of the Portal Mark Lodge from Dewsbury to Barnsley was effected, and the new W.M., Bro. Edward J. Massie, was installed by Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., Past Grand Inspector of Works, in the presence of the Prov. G.M.M. and his officers. A report will appear.

The Prince of Wales has fixed Tuesday, the 19th May, as the date for the costume ball to be given by the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, his Royal Highness having expressed his intention of being present, and will be accompanied by the Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor.

Bros. Earl Percy, P.G.M. Northumberland; Sir John Mowbray, Bart., Sir Thomas Acland, Bart., Sir John Ramsden, Bart., Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorsetshire; Akers-Douglas, and Macartney were present at the Speaker's third full-dress Parliamentary dinner on Wednesday.

The consecration of the Mozart Chapter, 1929, is to be performed at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames to-morrow (Saturday). Comp. E. M. Lott, Grand Organist, is to be the First Principal, Comp. T. T. Phillips, Second Principal, and Comp. H. J. Lardner, Third Principal. General Brownrigg, C.B., the Grand Superintendent of Surrey, will perform the ceremony.

The great officers and suite in attendance on her Majesty at the Drawing Room on Wednesday included Bros. the Earl of Breadalbane (Treasurer of the Household), P.G.M. East Perthshire; Lord Kensington, M.P. (Comptroller of the Household), P.G.M. South Wales (West); the Earl of Cork (Master of the Buckhounds), and Lord Methuen (Lord-in-Waiting), P.G.M. Wilts.

At the Lady Mayoress's "At Home" on Tuesday, the company present included Bro. Puleston, M.P., and Mrs. and Miss Puleston, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., and Mrs. Allcroft, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, G. Std., and Lady Hanson, Bro. Hyde Clarke, Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., and Mrs. Simpson, Bro. Major, Mrs., and the Misses Joseph, Bro. Horton Smith, Q.C., and Mrs. and Miss Smith, and Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Staples.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the first Corinthian Lodge (1382) Masonic Charitable Association, recently formed at the George Hotel, Millwall Dock, is progressing favourably, and that a ballot for a Life Subscribership to one of our three Masonic Institutions will shortly take place. Brethren who desire to acknowledge the undoubted claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that for Boys cannot do better than communicate with Bro. S. G. Bonner, Hon. Sec., at the George Hotel, Millwall Dock. The meetings are held on Tuesday evenings.

At the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor presided, and among the Aldermen and Councillors present were Bros. Alderman Staples, De Keyser, Savory, and Waterlow, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Bros. F. P. Alliston, A. J. Altman, S. da Costa Andrade, T. Beard, Sir John Bennett, G. C. Boor, A. Brookman, E. C. Beedell, Deputy East, F. Green, G. R. Innes, H. A. Joseph, J. Judd, T. Love-ridge, H. B. Marshall, G. Treas.; W. H. Pannell, R. E. Pixley, E. Dresser Rogers, G. Shaw, and others. In the course of the meeting Bro. Under Sheriff Crawford was elected by a small majority City Solicitor, in succession to the late Sir J. Nelson.

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**

For the week ending Saturday, March 28th, 1885.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**MONDAY, MARCH 23.**

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
- 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Godolphin-rd., W.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
- Mark 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
- Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. Marl's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
- Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
- Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
- Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
- Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
- West Smithfield, City Boundary Tav., 109, Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
- St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
- Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak, at 8.
- Premier Conclave Red Cross.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24.**

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- 239, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
- 1348, Ebury, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
- 1141, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-rd.
- 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30.
- Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
- Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
- Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
- West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
- Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
- Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.**

- Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.
- 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
- 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
- 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
- 1017, Montefiore, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
- 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1818, Clapham, Army & Navy Hot., Victoria-st., S.W.
- 1820, Sir Thomas White, White Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 1624, Eccleston, Freemasons' Hall.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
- United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
- Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
- United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
- La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
- Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.
- Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
- Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
- Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26.**

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
- 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-place.
- 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
- 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
- 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford.
- 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
- Chap. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall.
- 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, Surrey.
- 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall Tav., Basinghall-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge, at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
- Belgrave, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., 6.30.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., 6.30.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
- Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
- Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
- Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
- Burdett Courts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27.**

- Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
- 197, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall.
- 569, Fitz Roy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.
- 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.
- 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
- K.T. Precept. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.
- R. and S.M. No. 1, Grand Masters, S.A., Red Lion-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Robert Burns, North Pole, 387, Oxford-st., W., at 8.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
- Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
- Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

- Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
- Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 2nd and 4th, at 6.45.
- Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
- Pannure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
- Old Kent Mark, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7 to 9.
- Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28.**

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
- 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
- 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
- 1910, Shadwell Clerke, S.A., Red Lion-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
- King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Eccleston, Crown and Anchor 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
- Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King-st. W., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
- Lilly Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.

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