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THE Leeds gathering is expected to be a very large one indeed. The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, accompanied by Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE and others, will be the guest of our distinguished Bro. TEW, at Carlton Grange, while some "selections" from London will enjoy Bro. TEW's wonted hospitality at the Great Northern Hotel, Leeds. West Yorkshire is so distinguished a province, alike from the warm-heartedness of its members, their good Masonic work, and their remarkable charitable efforts, that no doubt every thing will be truly well done on so notable an occasion, and our aspirations for the perfect success of the day, and the future prosperity of the province, under Bro. T. W. TEW's able and careful régime, are many and sincere. We hope next week to furnish a special account of the proceedings.

WE understand that Bro. GOULD's fourth volume is shortly to appear, and that he deals with that very interesting portion of our Masonic Annals, namely, the seventeenth century,—in fact, pre 1717 Freemasonry. We shall await the volume with interest, as certainly, if we do not agree with all Bro. GOULD's conclusions, nor can we endorse all his theories and explanations, we feel strongly that no one can deny his work to be most original, and that he has evidenced a power of analysis, and an earnestness of investigation, as well as a power of language alike invaluable and remarkable. Mr. HALLAM's serious inculpation of Masonic writers may now fairly be dismissed for ever, that they are divided into two parties, calumniators and panygerists each equally mendacious. But when we sit down to-day calmly "to take stock," to realize what we have authenticated, how much we have established in respect of our Masonic studies critically and authentically, we see how much is wanting, even amid the gains we so often loudly proclaim. The desiderata for a full and perfect history of Freemasonry are still many and great. Much that we hoped would be clear now is still in haze and doubt; even our very advances, our actual progress, our constant discoveries, our attempts at verification of dubious extracts and questionable authorities, seem still to serve only to demonstrate how much we want to know which is yet hid from expert certainty. Therefore the far too common and free and easy assertion, that we know now all that can be known, is critically best unsaid, and scientifically absolutely untrue! For instance, who of us can explain the following "cruxes?" 1.—What is the connection of the 17th century Freemasonry with the Guilds? 2.—What is the relative bearing of the 17th century on the 18th century Freemasonry, or "vice versa?" Assuming that we can establish the identity of 18th and 17th century later English Freemasonry 3.—How much farther can we go? 4.—And then comes in that most serious problem, the English Guild Life, and its connection with German, French, Anglo-Saxon, Danish, Saxon, and Roman Guilds? And beyond all lies the link with the Mysteries, Sodalitys, Hermeticism, Cabala, Templar, Oriental Brotherhoods, Occult learning, and Societies, and the Rose Croix. All this constitutes a mass of doubt, difficulty and debate, which no dogmatic utterances or off-hand declarations, can decide or unravel. And then comes in that critical, enquiring school of modern students of ours, which recent studies have called into being and vitality, which is happily and slowly increasing, and which the good old plan of dogmatic assertion can neither silence nor satisfy! That school is asking for proof, proof, proof! Amid hopeless anachronisms and desperate sheepwalking, amid much that constitutes the delusion and the snare of so called Masonic history, it is this school and this school alone, although few in number and "mightily discouraged," confronting difficulties and hindrances alike inexplicable and unreasonable, which has sought for light in the surrounding darkness, and certainly where credulity and "old wives' tales" bear sway! But, of course, as the pendulum of truth, (says ARCHER BUTLER) is apt even to overswing itself, so in the reaction of the purely accurate element, hypercriticism has developed itself equally into a burden and a difficulty. Whereas our forefathers believed too much, or too easily, we are inclined to believe too little, and to require absolute proof where absolute proof is impossible. Much of Freemasonry being, from the very nature of the case, traditional, can only be proved by fair inference, must always remain a

moot point, and cannot be made amenable to the Canons of absolute criticism or "pure reason." If we sum up the results of Masonic investigators, since GRANDIDIER propounded his skilful theories, and the Altenburgh School, poured forth its learning, since in fact we gave up as absolutely reliable witnesses, HUTCHINSON, PRESTON, OLIVER, and a whole host of imitators and sheepwalkers, we are very little advanced in good truth. The connexion of the Roman and Grecian and Oriental sodalitys with Freemasonry is still only an unproved idea. The mediæval existence of the Masonic guilds, fraternities, and lodges, is still a mystery. The influence of Hermeticism on Freemasonry,—*"quod est probandum."* We have, indeed, tapped the source of the Compagnonage and Steinmetzen—thanks to Bros. GOULD and SPETH,—more accurately in England than their own countrymen had essayed to do or succeeded in doing, and we have had demonstrated to us, we think irrefragably by Bro. RYLANDS, the existence of a seventeenth century of Freemasonry in England akin to our own to-day. The evidences of Scotland rather point to a trade guild, with the admixture of the Speculative element. Despite the labours of a FINDEL, a HUGHAN, D. M. LYON, GOULD, FORT, RYLANDS, CARSON, C. MCCALLA, LUKIS, WHYTEHEAD, SPETH, and others, how much remains to be clearly brought out and distinctly proved. Still we may take heart. Rome was not built in a day, and the long-neglected overlaid, despised study of Masonic archæology cannot be revived or recuperated in a moment. We are on the right way now, if only we will but persevere, and, therefore, let patience, caution, loyal faith, and commonsense animate our efforts and guide our steps.

WE have been asked by Bro. WHYTEHEAD, to whom we always give heed with pleasure, our view of the Ballot question. What we intended to convey by editorial note was this. We have had long experience of the working of the ballot in various lodges, and under favourable and adverse circumstances. Absolute secrecy is so of the essence of the Masonic ballot, that in our opinion no graver offence can be committed by any member of the lodge than that of seeking or attempting to disclose it. Any such proceeding constitutes an offence against the common law of Freemasonry, its *"Lex Inscripta,"* and is forbidden by our general regulations, and really by our particular bye-laws of lodges. Indeed, any such open conduct in lodge, as seems to be alluded to by Bro. WHYTEHEAD, appears to be provided for distinctly by Law 209, Book of Constitutions. Anyone, for instance, openly saying, "I will blackball all candidates by whomsoever proposed," is clearly amenable to the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and can assuredly be dealt with accordingly. Where, however, we slightly differed from Bro. WHYTEHEAD was in this. We do not quite agree with him, (though he speaks no doubt from his own experience), that such things are openly talked of in lodges. Because if they are, the brethren so propounding such views can be dealt with under the usual lodge bye-law, in respect of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the lodge. But if there be a "caucus" formed in a lodge it generally acts with secrecy and caution, if with pertinacity. We remember a case which occurred not long back in a distinguished province, where a gang of blackballers had been formed in a particular lodge and blackballed all candidates indiscriminately. It took the W.M. and officers a long time to find out the clique. But at last they did so, we think after two or three years, and ejected them one by one under the lodge bye-laws. Since then that lodge has resumed its normal career of peace and prosperity. We doubt then if any sumptuary laws, so to say, will ever deal with such an un-Masonic and debased state of feeling in a lodge. We would, therefore punish with the utmost severity every one who attempts to disclose or discount a ballot, and though our difference with our esteemed correspondent is, as will be seen, infinitesimal in fact, we supported "C.M.M.O.'s" contention, because we thought we gathered that he took the same view actually we have sought to explain and enforce to-day.

OUR good friend and confrere JOHN SIMONS is much exercised in the *New York Dispatch* by the multiplication of Degrees and the "confusion" which, he says, is increasing—"The less we have to do with or say about these excrescences the better for ourselves and our Masonic interests, and the less we shall help on this modern confusion." He seems to be alluding more especially to the so-called Egyptian Masonry, for which some ignorant writers claim the impostor CAGLIOSTRO as the head. His Egyptian Masonry, whether Androgyne or not, was simply of his own concoction, and devised for the purpose of obtaining money from many credulous dupes. We confess we agree with our contemporary. In America there are many purely social orders, which use mysterious receptions for the purpose of innocent travesties, or symposiac attractions, perhaps the most successful and important is the Mystic Order of Mecca. Of this

Bro. SIMON thus speaks, "Mecca.—This Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine holds forth in regular session at Lyric Hall, Sixth Avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, on Monday evening, 30th inst. This will undoubtedly be the last meeting held outside of the Temple, as the Commandery Room will be completed for occupancy next month. We understand there are some 68 candidates in waiting for to-morrow evening. We know of no organization that can boast of such pronounced success as the Mystic Shrine. Its meetings are always anticipated with pleasurable feelings, and the continuous query is, 'When is the Shrine going to meet?' Rumour has it that the Prince of Wales has invited the officers of the Imperial Council to pay Old England a visit, there to exemplify the work in full form, in all its regal splendour, he to become a member." We somewhat doubt, from what we know of this influential body in New York, whether its peculiar flavour and development will suit our English palate. It may do so, but of this, as of many other facts, Time will best show us the truth. We may add, though we have no authority or hardly right to say anything on the matter, that we feel sure the statement as regards our Grand Master, is a pure "Cannard."

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE LEOPOLD MARK LODGE, No. 352.

A meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire was held on Friday, 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Ripon, for the purpose of consecrating the above lodge. The Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was opened by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, Past G. Stwd., assisted by W. Bros. W. C. Lukis, D.P.G.M.M.; John Barker, Past G. Stwd., P.P.G.W., as Prov. G.W.; T. B. Whytehead, Past G.S.O., Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorkshire, as P.G.J.W.; T. C. Smythe, D.D.P.P.G. Chap., as Prov. G.M.O.; James Bedford, as P.G.S.O.; France Smith, as Prov. G.J.O.; the Rev. Wm. Dunn, Prov. G. Chap.; G. H. Radcliff, Prov. G. Reg.; Cooke, Past G.S.O., Prov. G. Sec.; R. E. Collinson, as Prov. G.S.D.; W. R. Massie, P.G. Stwd., as P.G.J.D.; B. L. Mills, P.G.S.B. N. and E. Yorkshire, as P.G.I. of W.; W. F. Tomlinson, Prov. G.D. of C.; E. J. Crow, P.P.G.D. of C. Leicestershire and Rutland, as Prov. G. Org.; A. H. McGachen, N. and E. Yorkshire, as P.G.I.G.; Wm. Harrison and Joseph Rhodes, P.G. Stewards.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having stated the object of the meeting, called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the petition and warrant of constitution, the founders of the lodge having signified their assent in the usual form as to the officers named therein.

An address, which we hope to give our readers in full next week, was delivered by W. Bro. THOMAS CARTWRIGHT SMYTHE, D.D., Past Dep. D.G. Master of the Craft for the Eastern Archæpelego.

The Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352, was then consecrated and dedicated in ancient form.

The Provincial Grand Lodge being closed, the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352, was duly opened, and W. Bro. W. C. Lukis, P.M., Dep. Prov. G.M. West Yorks., was installed as the first Master of the lodge, who appointed and invested his officers. Nine propositions for advancement of Master Masons to the Mark Degree were made, and the lodge was duly closed, after having passed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Smythe for his address.

The brethren then proceeded to the Unicorn Hotel, where Bro. Collinson prepared for them an excellent tea, and a pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly preliminary meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Friday, the 17th inst., under the banner of the Bective Lodge, No. 1532, when, in the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 962, P.G.S.W., presided; Bro. J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M., and supported by the following officers and members of the province, viz. :—

Bros. W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, as P.G.S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. Thwaites, 1267, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 1002, P.G.A. Chap.; R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Treas.; David Reece, P.M. 962, P.G. Reg.; George J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Secretary; William Middleton, P.M. 129, P.G.A. Secretary; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, as P.G.S.D.; J. Dodd, P.M. 1390, P.G.S. of W.; James Black, P.M. 1002, P.G.D.C.; Wm. Cowman, P.M. 872, P.G. Swd. Br.; Jas. Harper, P.M. 1660, P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Glessal, P.M. 872, P.G. Purst.; J. Dickinson, P.M. 371, P.G.A. Purst.; J. Graham, Tyler 1532, P.G. Tyler; John Paterson, W.M. 962; J. Robinson, P.M. 1074; and G. G. Glen, P.M. 1400, P.G. Stwds.; Geo. Kyrie, W.M. 119, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Court, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. L. Court, P.M.; J. Bewley, P.M.; R. Nelson, W.M. 310; J. J. Graham, Secretary 310; Thomas Johnston, S.D.; J. Pearson, P.M. 327, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Bewes, P.M., P.P.G. Sword Bearer; T. Reid Denham, W.M. 227; W. H. Hoodless, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. Harris, P.M.; Wm. Ravies, W.M. 339; Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Raven, 371; H. Burns, W.M. 872; F. Hodgson, P.M.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.W.; Chas. J. Nanson, W.M. 1532; Geo. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; H. Sawyers, J.W.; Geo. White; J. J. Liddle, J.D.; M. C. Williams, S.W.; J. C. Thompson, S.W. 962; T. M. Compton, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in form, when the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held last September at Maryport, under the banner of the Perseverance Lodge, were read and confirmed. Next upon the agenda were the annual dues and fees of honour from the various lodges, and the present Provincial Grand Officers. All the lodges were represented, with the exceptions of 812, Appleby; 1073, Keswick; 1074, Kirkby-Lonsdale; and 1267, Egremont.

Bro. MCKAY, P.G.S., then called the attention of the members present to the great neglect that still existed by the officers of the lodges in the province in not being more prompt in making the annual returns of their members, and said although two months were allowed, yet several lodges failed to comply with the bye-laws. And there was another matter that required the serious attention of every brother of the province who held votes in any of the Masonic Institutions, which was confirmed by a vote some years ago in Provincial Grand Lodge, namely, "That all voting papers were to be signed and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary," for a

united action, and the good and welfare of the province in general. But if brethren will not only part with their own votes, but collect others, and without any due consideration for the wants of the province, then no success could be attained, and it was the duty of all to carefully guard against that in the future, and he hoped that the voting papers would always be sent to him as early as possible.

The provincial statement of accounts were next read and passed, showing a good balance to the credit of the province.

On the motion of Bro. COLLIN, acting Prov. Grand Master, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Benevolent Institution.

It was then moved as a recommendation by Bro. J. BLACK, P.M. 1002, P.G.D.C., supported by Bro. J. J. ROBINSON, P.M. 872, P.P.G.S.D., for the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Cockermouth, under the banner of Skiddaw Lodge.

Bro. J. PATERSON, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd., next moved, and Bro. J. C. THOMPSON, S.W., supported the motion, for Provincial Grand Lodge to assemble at Workington, under the banner of the Sun and Sector Lodge, in June or July next, and proceed to lay the foundation-stone of a new infirmary with full Masonic honours.

Bro. MCKAY, P.G.S., promised that the said petitions should be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Master for approval.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren subsequently dined at the County Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Friday, the 17th inst., in the County Hall, Carlisle, under the banner of the Union Chapter, No. 310.

In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Chief of the Province, M.E. Comp. John Barr, P.Z. 119, P.G.H., presided, as Z.; M.E. Comp. J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371, as P.G.H.; M.E. Comp. W. Kirkbride, P.Z. 339, as P.G.J. There were also present Comps. R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129, P.G. Treas.; George J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.S.E.; Col. F. R. Sewell, Z. elect, P.G.S.N.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z. 371, P.G.P.S.; F. Hodgson, Z. 119, P.G. Steward; R. L. Court, Z. 310, P.G. Steward; J. Hogg, 129, P.G. Steward; J. Lowtham, 310, P.G. Janitor; J. J. Robinson, J. 119; Chas. Gowan 119; Geo. Kyrie, 119; J. C. Thompson, First Asst. Soj. 119; W. Court, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Gardiner, P.Z. 327, P.P.G. Reg.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Pearson, P.Z. 327; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Dr. T. Reid Denham, First Asst. Soj. 327; John Paterson, 119; T. M. Compton, 310; J. Dodd, 371; J. Dickinson, 371; J. H. Raven, 371; C. J. Nanson, 310; W. H. Hoodless, P.Z. 327; and others.

The minutes of the last annual convocation, held at Carlisle last April, were read and passed; also the Treasurer's statement of accounts, showing the province to be in a good financial condition, which, on the motion of Comp. Col. SEWELL, seconded by Comp. COLLIN, were adopted as read.

On the motion of Comp. WM. KIRKBRIDE, seconded by Comp. PETER E. COLLIN, Comp. R. J. Nelson was, by a unanimous vote, again elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

On the motion of Comp. MCKAY, seconded by Comp. J. NICHOLSON, Comp. J. Lowtham was again elected Provincial Grand Janitor by a unanimous vote.

The Presiding Prov. Chief then invested the following companions as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. P. de Collin, P.Z. 371	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" George Dalrymple, P.Z. 119	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" George J. McKay, P.Z. 129	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Ed. Tyson, P.Z. 119	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. L. Court, Z. 310	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Thomas McMeehan, P.Z. 327	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Titus Wilson, P.Z. 129	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" D. Reece, S.N. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. Hodgson, Z. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. R. Banks, P.Z. 371	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Wm. Bewley, H. 119	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. J. Robinson, J. 119	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Wm. Harrison, 310	...	...
" George Taylor, 129	...	...

The annual dues and fees of honour were then paid from the various chapters and companions of the province. There being nothing further the chapter was closed, and the companions dined in the County Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Cornwall was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Truro. The last Provincial Grand Chapter was held at St. Austell in 1881. The Provincial Officers present were:

Comps. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, G.S.; E. T. Carlyon, 2nd P.; C. Truscott, P.Z. 496, 3rd P.; E. D. Anderton, P.G.S.E.; Bedford Kirswell, P.Z., P.P.A.S. 1164; W. Guy and W. Mason, P.G.S., acting Sojs.; S. Mitchell, P.G.D.C.; H. Pole, P.G.S.; W. Rooks, P.G.J.; J. P. Smith, P.Z. 450; R. Carter, M.E.Z. 331, 121, and 75; G. Barnes, P.Z. 1164; J. T. Brooking, B.Z. 1071; R. W. Edwards, S.N. 557; W. Tonkin, P.Z., Z. 1151; H. M. Harvey, H. 789; Norman Gray, J. 75; J. H. Ferris, P.Z. 331; G. H. B. Reed, P.S. 75 and 61; S. T. Olver, S.E. 75; H. P. Vivian, S.S. 450; J. N. Francis, 75; J. M. Richards, 75 and 450; F. Dinnis, 75; W. H. Dunstan, S.N. 75; W. K. Baker, H. 450; J. F. Hooper, Z. 1006; S. Tresidder, jun., 75; J. M. Carne, 75; J. S. Dunn, 75; F. J. Culley, 450; T. B. Hart, J. 1006 and 75; R. Parson, S.E. 496; W. Simmons, J. 331; S. Mitchell, P.Z. 1006, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Bryant, S.E. 331; J. J. Hawken, P.Z. 351; and E. F. Whitley, S.N. 331.

Ex. Comp. ANDERTON having read the minutes, submitted communications of apology from Comps. R. Tweedy, N. West, W. J. Hughan, Rowe, P.S. 13, and G. J. Smith.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT stated that Ex. Comp. Sir Charles Sawle, Bart., had also been prevented from attending, and likewise Comp. J. Childs.

Comp. ANDERTON read the Secretary's report. He had great pleasure in reporting that the Volubian Chapter, Falmouth, which was over 100 years old, had been resuscitated during the past year, after a lapse of 19 years. (Applause.) The total number of Royal Arch Masons in the province was now 294 and 14 chapters, as against 13 last year.

In the regretted absence of Comp. Tweedy through indisposition, Comp. ANDERTON read the Treasurer's report, which showed a favourable balance of £72.

Both reports were adopted.

Comp. ANDERTON read a letter from Comp. Emra Holmes, P.P.G.S.B., in which he urged the Provincial Grand Chapter to subscribe to the Truro Cathedral Fund, and likewise pointed out how the other chapters and lodges of the province might individually materially augment the fund.

It was resolved to contribute 20 guineas to the Cathedral Fund. It was also decided to give 20 guineas to the Girls' School, and 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, on behalf of Truro Cathedral Building Committee, returned thanks for the donation to the Cathedral Fund, which he was sure would be most gratefully received.

Comp. MASON proposed, and Comp. HART seconded, the election of Comp. J. H. Ferris as Treasurer. Carried.—On the motion of Comps. R. CARTER and C. TRUSCOTT, a vote of thanks to and sympathy with Comp. Tweedy was passed.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then invested his officers as follows:

Comp. Sir Charles Sawle, Bart.	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Bedford Kerswill	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. D. Anderton	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Gilbert Pearce	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" R. Carter	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Mason	...	...	Prov. G. 1st Asst. S.
" J. P. Smith	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd Asst. S.
" H. Pole	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. Barnes	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Hooper	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Tonkin	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Whiteley	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. J. Hawken	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. T. Brooking	...	...
" W. Rooks	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

This concluded the business.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Red Lion Hotel, under the presidency of Ex. Comp. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, G.S.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ANNE'S LODGE, No. 351.

A special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, for the consecration of a Mark Lodge under the title of the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 351. Work commenced with the opening of the new lodge at half-past eight in the morning for the advancement of candidates, and during the morning 18 candidates were advanced. At half-past twelve the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge formed in procession at the Ship Hotel and proceeded to the Masonic Hall, a small but convenient and handsomely-constructed building lately erected by Bro. Crossman for the purposes of the St. Anne's Craft Lodge, No. 970. There the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by R.W. Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30°, Prov. G.M.M.M., who presided, supported by the following acting officers:

R.W. Bros. N. J. West, 30°, 87, D.P.G.M.M. pro. tem.; H. Tilly, 94, P.G.S.W.; Lieut.-Col. W. E. Michell, 31°, 206, P.G.J.W.; John Leonard, 16, P.P.G. Purst.; P.G.M.O.; James Gidley, 169, P.G.T., P.G.S.O.; H. R. Langmead, 16, P.P.G. Purst., P.G.J.O.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31°, 35, P.P.G. Chap. Devon, P.G. Chap.; W. J. Johns, 78, Prov. G. Sec.; Samuel Jew, 5066, P.P.G.M.O., P.G.D.C.; J. Lovell, P.G.O.; John Oliver, 215, P.P.G.A.D.C., Prov. G.I.G.; C. Kent, 101, P.I.G., Stwd.; John Langdon, 78, P.G. Tyler. Among the brethren present were W. Bros. E. Aitken-Davies, 96, P.P.G.J.D.; Samuel Harvey, P.G.D.C.; J. A. Collings, 325, P.G.A.D.C.; F. Crouch, Sec.; H. Shapcott, I.G.; R. Maunder, J.D.; H. Holman, S.O.; R. Brickwood, J. G. Henwood, G. W. Hancock, 16; James Gifford, S.W. 66; J. Doney, Treas.; J. M. Williams, J.D.; N. C. S. Couch, 325; F. R. Thomas, I.G. 35; H. S. Best, Sec.; C. Coombes, I.G. 64; George Kerswill, John Hill, John Crossman, W. Walters, R. H. Shapcott, V. J. Maddock, J. P. Lillicrap, and R. Oliver, 351.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY announced that certain brethren had obtained a warrant and desired to be constituted into a regular lodge. The founders of the new lodge were accordingly summoned and arranged in order in the east.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then addressed them. The R.W. Brother said it gave him great pleasure in being called upon to consecrate that, the second Mark lodge which had been founded during his term of office. The number of brethren who appeared that day to do honour to the new lodge at its consecration, notwithstanding the adverse circumstance of a provincial meeting of another branch of Masonry occurring in the province on that day, was a demonstration that Mark Masonry was well appreciated in the province. The very favourable auspices under which the lodge was opened, with 18 advancements on its day of consecration, also promised that it would be one of the largest and most prosperous of the Mark lodges in the county. To all persons who took an interest in Masonry it must be evident that the Masonic Order was greatly on the increase. It was becoming very popular. Mark Lodge Masonry throughout the kingdom was showing this progress, and for himself the progress of Masonry gave him great satisfaction, as he did not believe there was anything which would conduce more to the general goodwill and good feeling among the various classes of his countrymen than the institution of Masonry. To the experienced brethren he saw before him as founders of the new lodge it would be needless for him to dilate upon the duties they were about to undertake. The principal hope was that the new W.M., whoever he might be, would carry out all the duties in an orderly and regular manner, and he had no doubt but that the brethren had made such a selection as would fully ensure that.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then read the warrant, which was granted at the petition of Bros. Geo. Kerswill, J. G. Henwood, J. Doney, H. Shapcott, S. Jew, G. R. Barrett, J. Gidley, J. B. Gover, B. Kerswill, H. R. Langmead, J. Leonard, and F. Crouch, signed by the Earl of Kintore as W.M. Grand Mark Master Mason; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; F.

Binckes, G. Sec.; and appointed W. Bros. F. Crouch, the first W.M.; J. G. Henwood, S.W.; and J. Doney, J.W.

The brethren of the new lodge signified to the Prov. Grand Master their assent to the officers named in the warrant. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master pledged them to obey the laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, and then declared the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 351, to be a regular and duly constituted lodge.

The consecration of the new lodge by the R.W. Prov. G. Master and his officers was next proceeded with, and the whole of the imposing ceremonial carried out in a very admirable manner.

At the conclusion of the consecration the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

Bro. N. J. West, P.P.G.S.W., the acting Deputy Prov. G.M., then took the chair, and installed Bro. F. Crouch, as W.M. of the new lodge in the presence of a large Board of I.P.M.'s. At the conclusion of the installation Bro. John Crossman was elected the Treasurer of the lodge, and Bro. John Oliver the Tyler. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. H. R. Langmead, acting P.M.; J. G. Henwood, S.W.; J. Doney, J.W.; J. Hill, M.O.; Richard Olver, S.O.; T. Cook, J.O.; J. Crossman, Treas.; R. H. Shapcott, Reg. of M.; H. Shapcott, Sec.; A. T. Hunter, S.D.; J. Marshall, J.D.; V. J. Maddock, D.C.; J. R. Reid, O.; J. P. Lillicrap, I.G.; W. Walters, Stwd.; and J. Oliver, Tyler.

About 50 of the brethren afterwards lunched together at the Ship Hotel. Bro. F. Crouch presided. The usual toasts and sentiments were given and replied to. Bros. Lovell, Henwood, Gifford, Leonard, and others, entertained with instrumental and vocal music and recitations in the intervals.

THE APPROACHING ELECTION OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The voting papers for the election on Friday, the 15th May, of annuitants on the Male and Female Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has been issued, and it will be seen from the particulars they contain how necessary it was the Festival of February last should be an unprecedented success if any appreciable diminution in the numbers of candidates on the two lists was to be effected. There have been, as not unfrequently happens, certain modifications of those numbers from what they were originally, both as regards the vacancies to be filled and the candidates for election. The former, by the wise provisions of the Committee, have been increased, while the latter, owing to withdrawals or other cause, are not so formidable—though even now they are formidable enough—as they at first appeared. Moreover, it is most likely, if, indeed, we cannot make bold to say it is absolutely certain, that, before the poll opens on the day aforesaid, the annual meeting will resolve on a further increase in the number of annuitants to be elected, at all events, on the Female Fund. Thus the particulars which follow must not be looked upon as final. The lists will remain as they are, unless in the interval between now and the election death should remove any of the candidates; but there is every likelihood of more old ladies, and perhaps, too, of more old brethren, being received into the Institution. Be this as it may, the details we append in respect of each Fund are derived from the voting papers just distributed.

For the Male Fund there will have to be elected 20 annuitants—17 immediate and three deferred—from an approved list of 42 candidates. This is by no means so satisfactory a state of things as last year, when 27 annuitants—24 immediate and three deferred—were elected from a list of 38 candidates; but there is no very great difference, if we compare the present list and vacancies with those of 1882 and 1883. However, we have known very many instances in which the odds against a candidate's success were vastly more unfavourable than they will be this year. As to the list itself, it comprises the names of 42 brethren, of whom 10 are old and 32 new candidates, one of the former having been before the electors as an applicant for six years, while of the others two have been on the list for four, and three for three years. London sends up 11 candidates, and the provinces 31, four of the latter hailing from Hants and Isle of Wight; three from Devonshire; three from Warwickshire; three from North and East Yorkshire; two each from Cornwall, Jersey, Kent, and Sussex; and one in each case from Cheshire, Cumberland and Westmorland, Durham, Lancashire (East), Middlesex, Northumberland, Somersetshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and West Yorkshire. One of the candidates (No. 6) is, "by proof, 80 years of age;" a second (No. 36) is in his eightieth year, having been born in January, 1806; and a third (No. 39), born 1st May, 1808, has just entered on his seventy-eighth year. The ages of the remainder appear to range for the most part between 60 and 70.

For the Female Fund there are 76 candidates, but only 15 annuitants—12 immediate and three deferred—to be elected. As we have already pointed out, however, there is every probability that, having regard to the signal success of the Festival, the Committee will recommend an increase to the latter. Still, even as matters stand now, they show a decided improvement. Originally there were no vacancies, and the only election would have been the three deferred annuitants. But two annuitants died, and the Committee resolved on adding 10 to last year's total of 182, so that the result now is, as we have stated, that 15 will have to be balloted for from a total of 76 applicants, of whom No. 1 has been on the list 12 years, 1 eight years, 2 seven years, 7 five years, 2 four years, 11 three years, and 24 two years, the remaining 28, being fresh applicants, approved during the last 12 months. London contributes 23, and the Provinces 51 candidates, there being also one from the District of Bengal, and one from that of Canterbury, New Zealand. Kent sends up 10 candidates, Hants and the Isle of Wight, 6; Lincolnshire, 5; Devonshire, East Lancashire, Suffolk, and West Yorkshire, 3 each; Berks and Bucks, Bristol, Cumberland and Westmorland, Dorsetshire, Durham, and Somersetshire, 2 each; and Cheshire, Channel Islands, Jersey, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, and North and East Yorkshire, 1 each. Very many of the old ladies are widows of former annuitants, while all of them appear to be in a state of the most abject poverty. Indeed, it is very seriously to be deplored that the Committee cannot meet the necessities of all of them forthwith; but, as that is impossible, we trust they will find it consistent with their duty towards the Institution and its funds, of which they are the regulators as well as the dispensers, to reduce to as narrow a compass as possible the number of those whose hopes of election must unfortunately be postponed for a further twelvemonth.

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ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

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Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very*
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their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will
gladly give any information required.

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FOURTH APPLICATION.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

MAY ELECTION, 1885.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ABOVE
INSTITUTION.

Your Votes and Interest are respectfully solicited on
behalf of

WILLIAM HARRISON,

who has been a Subscribing Member to Freemasonry for
fourteen years and half, and a Past Master of the West-
bourne Lodge, No. 733, is in very reduced circumstances
and incapable to earn a livelihood.

The case is strongly recommended by the following:

Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., P.M. 733, 957, 1257, P.Z. 77, 177, and 733.	Bro. BENJAMIN KERSHAW, P.M. 733.
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" JOHN WELFORD, P.M. 733.	" E. J. ALLEN, P.M. 733.
	" S. R. WALKER, Sec. 733.
	" E. G. EASTON, 733.
	" JOHN WARDEL, 733.
	" LEWIS ASCOTT, P.M. 733.

Proxies will be thankfully received by Bro. **GOODWIN**,
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I beg most respectfully and gratefully to thank those
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kindly assisted in securing the success of the Election of
my Daughter,

J. W. HUTCHINGS.

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I beg most respectfully and gratefully to thank those
Ladies and Gentlemen who, by their Votes and Interest,
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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over—
CRAFT LODGES:—Staffordshire Knot, 726; Harrogate and
Claro, 1001; St. John, 1306.
R.A. CHAPTERS:—Jerusalem, 185; St. Hilda, 240.
MARK LODGES:—Florence Nightingale, 44; Prince Leo-
pold, 238.
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION:—Corinthian, 1382.
NOTES AND QUERIES:—Cowan; French Freemasonry in
the first half of the Eighteenth Century.
CORRESPONDENCE:—"Statistics of the late Elections."

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Truth," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Le Chaine
d'Union de Paris," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mani-
toba," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," "The
British, Foreign, and Colonial Penny Postal Guide," "Loomis'
Musical and Masonic Journal," "Court Circular," "Keystone"
"Masonic Home Journal," "Die Bauhütte," "Advertisers'
Guardian," "Freemasons' Repository," "Freemasons' Journal,"
"Jewish Chronicle," "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times"
(London), "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Hull Packet," "Allen's
Indian Mail," "Brighton Daily Gazette," and "Buffalo Chro-
nicle."



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 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.]

PROPOSED NORTHERN COUNTIES' LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have noticed lately, paragraphs in some of the
Lancashire and Yorkshire papers to the effect that steps
were being taken here to form a "Northern Counties"
Lodge, to bring together North country brethren who had
settled in London.

Will you very kindly say if there is any foundation for
these statements, and, if so, who are the moving spirits in
the matter? I am prepared to join such a lodge at once,
and to propose several members. Enclosing my card, I am,
Yours fraternally,

A LANCASHIRE FREEMASON.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have found another edition of "Prestons Illustrations"
which must be added to the list contained in your
issue of the 14th ult., viz., one issued in 1841. It is com-
posed of the 1840 edition with a history of Freemasonry
down to the year 1841 by Dr. Oliver and a fresh little page.
This edition has escaped the notice of Bro. Hughan, as in
a correspondence with him on the matter he says "it is
curious I never noticed these two before."

In order to give the full particulars to those interested I
give title pages, &c., in full.

"Illustrations of Masonry by the late William Preston,
Esq., Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by
immemorial custom, with additions and copious notes by
George Oliver, vicar of Clee; P.G.C. for the county of
Lincoln, &c., 15th edition, London, Whittaker and Co.,
Ave Maria-lane, 1840," 456 pp.

"Illustrations of Masonry by the late William Preston,
Esq., Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, acting by
immemorial custom. A new edition revised with copious
notes and additions bringing down the history of Free-
masonry to 1841. By the Rev. G. Oliver, D.D., Past
D.P.G.M. for Lincolnshire, &c., author of 'The Historical
Landmarks,' 'The Antiquities of Freemasonry,' 'The
Star in the East,' &c. London, Whittaker and Co., Ave
Maria-lane, and sold by Bro. R. Spencer, 314, High
Holborn."

There is no date to this edition, but from internal
evidence there is no doubt that it is the 1840 edition with
a new title page and the "History of Freemasonry" brought
down to 1841 and added.

I beg to convey my thanks to Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre for
particulars of the 1807 and 1839 Ahiman Recons, and should
he hear of any more I trust he will let us know through
you.—Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT IN MASONRY.

Hull, April 14th.

MASONIC POETRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I quite concur with my able Bro. Whythead in his
estimate of Dr. Rob Morris as a Masonic Poet of the first
class; but even Bro. Morris has never written, in my
humble opinion, so noble a poem as "King Solomon's
Temple," by Bro. Duganne, of New York. This poem,
which is one of the finest in the language ever written about
Masonry, was, I believe, first introduced to the English
public by another veteran Masonic Poet—Bro. Tweddell,
of Stokesley, Yorkshire—and may, I believe, still be had of
him at the cost of a few pence. I have frequently read it
in public, at Masonic and other meetings, and have been
entreated afterwards to get copies for the brethren. What
has become of Bro. Tweddell's proposed volume of Masonic
sonnets? I have seen them in that clever and admirably
illustrated "Voice of Masonry," Chicago, the Sydney
Freemason, and other well-known Masonic publications, at
home and abroad; but the compilation has not as yet
appeared.

Some of them are admirably adapted for public recita-
tion, and would turn a period felicitously in many a speech
given by our Masonic orators on post-prandial occasions.
It is astonishing how a few lines of poetry help off a toast at
a Masonic banquet, and when Bro. Tweddell's volume sees
the light, I, for one, shall gladly study it for apt quotation
when opportunity affords.—Yours fraternally,
EMRA HOLMES.

A QUESTION OF MASONIC COURTESY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,
A, a Master Mason, writes to B, another Master
Mason (with whom he is slightly acquainted), using the
style common among Masons, as in this letter to you. B
returns answer in the ordinary un-Masonic style, and
using the third person. A thinks it may be an intentional
rudeness. What should A do?—I am, yours fraternally,
C. A. B.

London, April 20th.

[Take no notice of it.—ED. F.M.]

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught left
Meerut on Saturday last for Simla, where they will spend a
week, and then return to the former place. His Royal
Highness will then take four months' leave of absence and
visit England, holding himself ready, however, at a
moment's notice, to return to India, should his services with
the army be required.



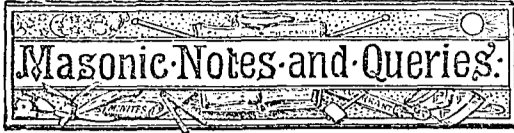
THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1885-6.
Compiled by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards, P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, P.P.G.S. of W. Oxon. Weston-Super-Mare: Printed at the Gazette Office, 1885.

Bro. Edwards is to be congratulated on the extremely successful manner in which he has done his work of compilation. The one thing needed in order to make his Calendar a complete guide is a nominal list of Prov. and Past Prov. Grand Officers in each of the various degrees which are numerous enough to have provincial organisations. In all other respects the work seems to be as nearly what a local calendar should be as possible. Great pains seem also to have been taken in ascertaining the voting strength of the province, there being in Somerset as elsewhere a local organization specially charged with all matters relating to the elections to the central Charities. As regards the style and general appearance of the Calendar, it is scarcely possible for it to be improved upon.

CHIPS FROM A ROUGH ASHLAR. By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. and P.Z. Bro. Richard Tilling, 55, Warner-street, Southwark.

Bro. James Stevens is well-known as a lecturer on Masonic ritual, and a great advocate for uniformity of ceremonial. In order to further his often-expressed views he has published the present work, which is another contribution to the same object. How far it will help him forward to the end he aims after may be a matter of some doubt. There is a strong dislike in our Craft very properly to publication, as well as a grave disinclination to ritual explanations and the like. All such matters seem far better left to the more limited "arena" of our tiled lodge rooms. There can be little doubt that great evils are accruing to Freemasonry, from this tendency to take the public into confidence, and to enact the part of the "candid friend" in unasked for explanations, and un-called for elucidations. Bro. Stevens will probably reply that he wishes to increase in others the admiration he has for our Masonic ceremonial, but again the question supervenes, is such a publication the right way of procedure? We confess to have very great doubts on the subject. It may be that we are old fashioned and behind the times; but we prefer the more ancient system, and we think the safer method of keeping all such matters for the lodge room alone. For the subjects Bro. Stevens touches upon can best, we venture to think, be handled there, and our lodges of instruction may well have their routine varied from time to time by lectures explanatory of the philology, the archaisms, and the practical teaching of our ritual. We have never concurred, we do not to-day, in Bro. James Stevens's theory of uniformity of ritual, of one established mode of working. Whatever even the "prima facie," or the abstract arguments in favour of such a course of action, of a "sealed book" in fact of Masonic lore, may be, the concrete difficulties are many and insuperable. No two minds or memories are exactly the same two nights running; and in all oral deliverances we have inevitably to contend with the deficiencies of the human intellect, and the drawbacks of an unreliable memory. The English system, peculiar and cherished, differs from nearly all Continental systems, in preserving the simpler form of traditional utterances, and wherever printed forms are in use, there is Masonry languid and apathetic, doing nothing for Masonry, qua Masonry, or Charity, and too often degenerating into a mere convivial club, or political assembly. We prefer our English, our Anglo-Saxon system on all grounds, and therefore we discountenance and disavow all public representation of Masonic ceremonial, all professed explanations of Masonic ritual, *outside the lodge*. Bro. Stevens makes one great mistake in alluding "to what is stated to be an authorised publication" (p. 75), of the Emulation working 1875, whereas we are assured on the highest authority, that there is no such authorised publication, and that the Emulation never had any such authorised explanation. Bro. James Stevens is a brother of considerable ability, and a writer of much power; and is, we understand, a very good worker, and he has a perfect right to express his opinions on a matter in which he takes evidently so deep an interest, but yet we shall be very sorry to see this class of literature, we we confess, on the increase amongst us. We love our old ritual from long association and from its inherent merits and beauties, if we utterly deny the conclusions of the sciolist and the "faineant" Mason, that it requires amendment, and calls for change. As a rule those who know it best, value it most; while those who stumble at every step, blunder at every passage until it is painful to hear them, are insensible to its admirable collocation of words, its skilful sequences, its ancient triads, those undoubted evidences of very great antiquity which it still retains, despite the alleged improvements, customary changes, and mistaken parings away of successive Generations. All such will, no doubt, like too many change seekers in all things at the present hour, suggest alterations and amendments. We, on the contrary, as faithful and appointed guardians of the ritual, who have been honoured to sit in the chair of King Solomon, will set our faces against propositions, come from what quarter they may, for altering that to us now much cherished lore, best studied and learned moreover from some faithful Preceptor, or some useful Lodge of Instruction. In one point we quite agree with Bro. Jas. Stevens that an illiterate rendering of our beautiful ritual is a grave trial, and that as Freemasonry is in itself a philosophy of lectures it demands a cultured rendering of what is calculated to impress even the most learned of men.

On Monday, both at the opening of the April sessions of the Central Criminal Court, and on taking his seat in the Mansion House Justice Room, Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., took the opportunity of expressing, both for himself and the city generally, the great sorrow which was felt at the sad and sudden death of Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage.



576] HELE.
In Skinner's very valuable "Etymologicon Linguae Anglicanae," to which I have alluded elsewhere, hele is pronounced "heil," and derived from "helan," A Saxon, and that from "celare," Lat.

577] MASONIC STUDENT.
Webster gives this word heile (obsolete). To hide, and remarks "This is the Masonic heil or hail, to conceal, which is mistaken for hail, to salute." Evidently the word hele is to hide, or conceal by covering. Of a wound, it is healed or heled, i.e. skinned over or covered. In Devonshire, potatoes instead of being earthed up or healed. Heal. Webster says (Saxon heclan, helan, ghelan), and amongst other definitions, To cover, as a roof with tiles, slate, &c. In Sussex a few weeks since a builder told me he had all his cottages healed in, i.e. covered.

B. R. BRYANT, P.Z. 720.

578] THE INVERNESS CHARTER.
My communication respecting the apocryphal statement in the *Inverness* Warrant, and its relation to the "Third Degree," had reference to the fourth decade of the last century, not the EIGHTH; so I am not at all concerned to read the remarks by "Masonic Student" respecting the use of the term "raised" in 1736-7 in Scottish Records; that fact being patent to all brethren who have made themselves familiar with Bros. Lyon's and Gould's Masonic Histories. W. J. HUGHAN.

579] FRENCH STATUTES 1755.
Through the kindness of a Dutch brother, I have not only ascertained that this document is in Klosz's collection at the Hague, but he has also sent me a transcript of it, together with a valuable catalogue of the entire collection of the vern manuscripts. I am hopeful that a sight of the ordinances will yet convert Bro. W. to the belief that they do really emanate from the Grand Lodge of France. Will our Editor find space to give them at length, either in French or English? Or both?

G. W. SPETH.

580] FRENCH MINUTES 1745.
On the 7th March Bro. "H. F. A. W." doubts whether Dr. Klosz ever saw the minute book of the Versailles Lodge, "Chambre du Roi," because his readers are referred to the *Altenburg Zeitschrift* for 1836. All doubt must be dispelled by the fact that this minute book appears in the catalogue of the Klosz MSS. preserved at the Hague. Moreover, Bro. W. has overlooked the fact that Klosz distinctly states the book was before him at the time, "in dem Borliegenden Vuche." To judge by a remark in the Hague Catalogue, the *Grande Loge Anglaise* of France was already at that time distinguished as the *Grande Loge de St. Jean*. I have given my Dutch brother so much trouble already that I hardly like to ask for a transcript of those 1743 ordinances, of which we at present only know the twentieth through Klosz' translation. I think they would be of interest. G. W. SPETH.

581] RAISING.
The word "raising" has a technical sense, which, no doubt, thus far seems to have come into use both in England and Scotland about the same time, namely, after apparently 1730. Brethren are said to have been "passed Masters" up to that date, admitted Apprentices, and passed Fellows and Masters. Of course, such terminology varies a good deal, and I doubt if much argument can be raised upon it, or drawn from it, one way or the other. Pritchard has the word, but independently of its technical meaning. It will be an amusing "paradox" if the earliest use of the word in its technical sense as "raised Masters" shall be found to be in *Scotland*, and not in England. There must have been some meaning attached to it in 1736, even assuming the use is "post hoc propter hoc." What was that meaning? A. F. A. W.

582] DE TSCHOUDY, AND THE 4° RITE.
It is not uncommon at the present time for Masons to act in the same way as Tschoudy did in 1766, that is themselves to disparage the High Grades, and quote others who do so, whilst taking even a leading part in them; nor is this difficult to understand, for whilst the Craft is the only thing of value in a certain sense, yet the High Grades afford means and opportunities for certain discussions and investigations which would be inadmissible in Craft lodges as now composed. It is in the latter sense only that High Grades are of any value, and if Craft lodges could be so constituted as to afford the same means of investigation, and members so harmoniously selected and capable, that the various theories could be investigated without heat, there would be no necessity for High Grades. In my district such a lodge was once contemplated, to consist entirely of Past Masters, but, like many other good things, it fell through. It is, moreover, questionable whether Grand Lodge would look with favour upon any particular lodge whose members made it their business to discuss matters which seems to trench upon theories having a religious turn. No doubt this was the animating principle of *L'Etoile Flamboyant*. I do not read the views propounded as particularly those of De Tschoudy's, for in the work he gives various lectures tending in the same way; he speaks disparagingly of the Rite of 25°, and he certainly endorses with his own approval the establishment of a Rite of 4°. But for all that, it is clear that De Tschoudy took a leading position with the Adon Hiramite Rite of the East, first of 9°, and afterwards increased by the Rose Croix and the Noachite. Moreover, there is nothing improbable in the assertion that after the description of the Rite of the East, De Tschoudy came forward with a new Rite, of which the highest Degree was Knight of Palestine. There was a Valois living in the time of Pompadour, but I can give no further information, or whether he was a Mason. And to return to the question whence Tschoudy's friends obtained the idea of a Rite of 4° which excluded the Master Mason. No doubt such a Rite did exist before 1766, and is embodied by Larudan, 1747. His work mentions four degrees, besides a grade of Serving Brother, and Bro. Flindel maintains that Larudan's

4° contains the elements of the English Royal Arch. It does nothing of the kind, but Larudan's 4° is actually the 4° of Homde and the 1754 Chapter of Clermont, and was preparatory to Knights Templar. I thought my hint would have enabled "Masonic Student," so well informed as he is, to have read between the lines my meaning, but I see no impropriety in giving more fully the nature of Larudan's Master Mason. The Craftsman upon entering finds the Temple in darkness its columns overthrown, its implements broken, its beauty perished. One green branch of acacia gives hope. The brethren lament the death of their Master ("Hiram")—"dead, slain, massacred." After certain other ceremonies they all cry—"He is resuscitated, he lives, he lives, he lives," and the Temple is again restored, its columns re-created, and its implements repaired. Now with such a ceremony as this there was no need of having both M.M. and Rose Croix. So much is all that need be said as to Tschoudy's explanation of the Rite of 4°, except that for Larudan's 4° he advocated a Knight of St. Andrew. In the 1754 Chapter of Clermont the next Degree was Elect Knight of the Eagle, which on ancient evidence I believe a species of Rose Croix; then followed the Illustrious Templar, now called the Radosh, in which appears a King's Crown and a Papal Tiara, which corresponds with the alleged Templar indignities to the cross; the grate, which completed, supplied a christianized symbolism to the Master Mason, the three blows represented the three trials of Christ, and all the grade is similarly explained. What I maintain is that this change from English Masonry of 1717 was brought about by Strasburg and French Masons, who preferred the ancient symbolic and Christian ceremonies to the revival of 1717, and I therefore referred to Bro. Gould's History of the Companionship, and the action of the French priests about 1650, when the Master's grade seems to have been suppressed because they had some imitation therein of our Saviour's betrayal and passion. Compare this also with the claims of the Royal Order of Scotland. It is noteworthy that the ancients had such a ceremony upon the death of Adonis, or, as he is termed in Ezekiel, Tammuz, and the Chevalier Ramsay in his "Natural and Revealed Religion," and "Travels of Cyrus," gives a most beautiful allegorical fable of how Adonis, by his love of a beautiful goddess that he created, was lured into flesh and met his death by sacrificing everything for her and her offspring; Saturn hid himself, and the Beauty of the world perished. At a certain season the worshippers of Adonis lamented his death with the figure of a corpse laid out upon a bed, then after certain ceremonies their lamentation was changed into joy, and the priest anointed the lips of those present, saying—"Trust ye, communicants, for out of these pains salvation is come unto us." Then the whole assembly sang hymns of joy to the risen God. Nearly all the best German writers maintain, upon the evidence of certain little known documents, that the Templars had a secret system of Three Degrees; the First they say was a public and orthodox ceremonial; in the Second Degree, which was strictly secret, the candidate swore never to forsake the Order, he trampled upon the Cross, and entered upon a Deistical course; the Third Degree was conferred only upon the higher officials—a head was exhibited, supposed by some to be that of John the Baptist, and by others the Ancient of Days. A girdle, or cord, which was worn under the clothes, was touched with this head, which had the name Baphomet, and is composed of two Greek works, signifying the Baptism of Wisdom. It is alleged that this secret system was brought into the Temple about the year 1250, by certain Knights who had resided amongst the Saracens, and it is not at all difficult to discover what it is. Now, in all probability, on the evidence of the old Craft MSS., the first reception in ancient times of a Craft Apprentice was a public ceremony, given, perhaps, at 14 years of age, and consisted only of the Master reading to him the rules and swearing him to observe them, and it was only the Craftsmen and the Master who would need a secret ceremony. But in very early times the Non-Operative Secret Societies had increased their grades to 7° or 9°. Last century it was asserted that the Rosicrucians had 7°; the four first was a square representing the four elements, the three last a triangle representing the three principles; and it is curious that the ancient Gnostics put the same symbol. But if we go to the French "Little Resurrected Templars," we find a striking resemblance to Freemasonry, and it is no doubt this which gave the argument to Ramsay's speech of 1737. Prince Conti, a leading Mason, was Grand Master of the "Little Resurrection," in 1741, and it is asserted that Philip of Orleans, in 1705, tried to get the sanction of the Portuguese Knights of Christ for the Resurrection. Its first ceremony was that of Serving Brother, its second Novice Esquire of Arms, its third Chevalier, and in the consecration the Aspirant, according to Benedictine Rites, was returned from the coffin into a new Order. From the earliest times there have existed various rites of which the three first resembled Craft Masonry, and it can be proved, but it would require a large volume, and would not be of much interest to Masons generally; but I intend shortly to supply the heads of such an enquiry.

Withington. JOHN YARKER.

583] INVERNESS LODGE.
The lodge Charter to which "Masonic Student" referred in the *Freemason*, of the 4th inst., was that of Lodge St. John, Old Kilwinning, No. 6, at Inverness. The quotation was taken from its Charter, still extant; and a copy is recorded in Grand Lodge Register. The petition for the Charter was dated September 26th, 1737. It does not set forth the statement contained in the Charter, that since 1678 the lodge had "received and entered apprentices, past Fellow Crafts, and raised Master Masons," but simply that "upon the 27th of December, 1678 year There was a book given in by the Hon. William M'Intosh (Broyr German to the then Laird of M'Intosh) who was then chosen Master of the lodge, from which date all the regular meetings, and transactions of the lodge are recorded till this date (26th September, 1737)." The petition then proceeds to quote the minutes of the lodge from 1678, *inter alia*, as follows:—"Inverness, 27th December, 1678, William Mackintosh was chosen Master, Alexr. Nicolson, Senior, Andrew Ross, Junior Wardens, and David Ross, Boxm"; and it brings down the list of these officer bearers to 27th December, 1736. A Certificate by the Master and Wardens attests "the above to be a genuine duplicate of the minutes of this lodge, as the same stand recorded in the said minute book, deposited in the box." We have thus instructed the fact that in 1678 the office bearers of this lodge consisted of Master, and Senior and

Junior Wardens. I have talked over this matter with Bro. Murray Lyon, and he repudiates the statement. But I do not think that were it incorrect the petitioners would have falsely, and unnecessarily, set forth that such officers existed. They not only did so, but quoted minutes instructing their existence, and certified the quotations as correct. The petitioners were the Master and Wardens of the lodge. The former was a well-known public county gentleman of the period. The Senior Warden was the Sheriff clerk of the county of Inverness, one of its leading officials, and the Junior Warden was a solicitor in Inverness. These men were not likely either to make unfounded statements, or to pretend to quote documents having no existence. The Charter is granted by the Earl of Cromarty (the ancestor of the present Duchess of Sutherland), then Grand Master, and the other Grand Office Bearers. How they came to set forth that the lodge had received apprentices, passed Fellow Crafts, and raised Master Masons since 1678, if the statement was false, must I fear remain a mystery. It is scarcely credible that a body of public gentlemen of the highest social position should have done so, as Bro. Hughan says they did, "without the slightest evidence." And it is as unlikely that another body of gentlemen of equally good position would have received such a document, containing such a statement, if unfounded, without challenge or explanation. We find from the lodge minutes that on its receipt the lodge met, and carefully considered the Charter, and ordered it to be engrossed in the minute book. Opportunity thus occurred for consideration of its terms, which were adopted as true. Besides, the records under date 27th December, 1737, further set forth that "a list of all the brethren belonging to the lodge was enrolled in the minutes, and the arrears of quarter pennies due to the lodge, according to the old Book." This list contained 19 Masters, 10 Fellow Crafts, and 26 Apprentices. The admission of these brethren must have extended over a considerable period. There are, or at least there used to be, several boxes filled with documents of the period of the formation of Grand Lodge, lying in its cellars in Edinburgh. Were these examined much light might be thrown on the state of Masonry in Scotland, prior to 1736, and the authority on which Grand Lodge made its statement under question, discovered. In Bro. Hughan's interesting note in the *Freemason* of last week, he adopts the opinion that the working of Masonic Degrees from 1678 is apocryphal. But if they are, why should such statements have been made? They could serve, if untrue, no purpose. The Coltness Charter sets forth that the practice in that lodge existed only thirty years prior to 1737, certainly no lengthened period, and not connecting it with the practice of Masonry in ancient times. A similar observation applies to the statement in the Inverness Charter, for there the practice is said to have existed only 59 years. There could have been no object in making such allegations if apocryphal. The usual claims to Masonic antiquity could not have been strengthened by a record of facts so modern. The limited and definite periods specified incline one to believe in the accuracy of the statements. The Petition seeking the Charter further sets forth: "That preceding the year 1678, it seems by tradition of our oldest members *now living*, that the lodge kept their minutes from time to time in an irregular manner upon sheets or baffles of paper, most of which we now cannot collect, so as to make anything of them to purpose—they having been either cancelled or lost by accident." None of these "baffles of paper" now exist, and the Minute Book of 1678 has itself disappeared. But some of them were extant in 1737; and had the petitioners desired to claim an older working for their lodge than 1678, they might fairly have done so as from the date of the oldest "baffle" in their possession. They, however, did not do so, and candidly admit that these stray Minutes did not instruct the character of the lodge's working. From this circumstance may be inferred the fact that the Minute Book founded on did so.

W. O., P.M. No. 1.



Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. J. W. Harvey, W.M.; T. Hawkins, S.W.; A. W. Stead, J.W.; J. Dyte, Sec.; J. T. Ford, S.D.; W. Wingham, J.D.; T. Deaton, I.G.; E. J. Wall, Stwd.; Walkley, Tyler; Past Masters J. G. Moorcroft, I.P.M.; Lindner, Robins, Hodson, Lowenstark, and Baker; Briggs, Bygrove, Witchom, Bakewell, Cole, and Hodson. Visitors: Bros. Reynolds, I.G. 1614; and Ray, S.W. 742.

Bro. Cole was raised to the Third Degree. Unanimous votes of thanks were proposed to the donors for the handsome set of tracing boards painted in oils, the work of Bro. M. D. Lowenstark, which had been presented to the lodge at the January meeting.

Business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Sussex Rooms for the banquet. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. Moorcroft, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in very appropriate and kind terms.

The W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that he sincerely appreciated the very kind and flattering terms in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the hearty way in which they had responded. He felt a deep sense of the great responsibility attached to the chair, and it would be his earnest endeavour to carry out these duties to the utmost of his endeavours, and thereby add to the prosperity and prestige of this ancient lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in complimentary terms.

Bro. Ray, in reply, referred to the Masonic characteristics of Robert Burns, his fellow countryman, and Bro. Reynolds spoke of his long association with members of this lodge.

The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M.," and congratulated him on the very able manner in which he had conducted the lodge during his term of office under great family afflictions.

The I.P.M. responded in a few well-chosen and feeling terms.

The W.M. stated that it was with a great amount of

pleasure he proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Lodge."

Bro. Dyte responded, being the oldest member of the lodge, in a few well-chosen terse sentences.

The W.M. announced that the usual Summer Festival (or ladies' day) would be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, the first week in July, and he trusted that it would, with the joint co-operation of the brethren, be a continued success.

Bro. J. C. Hodson kindly offered his services as Secretary for this occasion, after which the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," which was duly acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a successful close. Bros. Moorcroft, Lowenstark, Robins, Mr. A. Smythson, and Miss Eugene Kemble added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening with singing and music.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY (No. 185).—The last meeting of the present session of this lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 20th inst., and, although not numerously attended, proved one of those happy gatherings at which the spirit of enjoyment and content prevail, created by the absence of the more or less noisy exhilaration which characterises large assemblies on grand occasions. Bro. G. Boas, W.M., presided, and, in consequence of the absence of some of the senior officers, several of the Past Masters acted for them. The business of the evening in the lodge consisted of the conferring the Master Mason's Degree upon Bros. J. Davis, Frisher, Lazarus, M. Marks, and Van Gelder. As was anticipated, the W.M. had thrown off his hesitating timidity, and approached his task with sufficient confidence to render his work acceptable, thus showing that it was not want of ability which made his performance appear somewhat unfinished on the former and first occasion. At the meeting of these "off nights" many of the more pompous observances are very properly dispensed with, and the toasts and responses given with delightful brevity.

The I.P.M., Bro. Sol Barnett, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," embraced the opportunity of making some favourable comments upon the ability with which the onerous task of raising five brethren to the Third Degree had been accomplished.

The Worshipful Master, in his reply, did not hesitate to cast some justly deserved blame upon several of the senior officers who were conspicuous by their absence.

Bros. W. D. Bailey, P.M. and Treas.; Harry Tipper, J.W.; Thompson, W.S.; and J. D. Barnett, P.M. and Org., contributed to the amusement of the evening by their vocal and instrumental talents.

The visitors were Bros. Bover, P.M. 306; Robinson, 1328; Moring, S.W. 948; and Oppenheim, 1306. There were also present Bros. R. Z. Bloomfield, P.M.; Harfield, P.M.; Stayley, P.M.; Croker, P.M.; N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil, P.M.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at The Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 14th inst., when Bro. James Sims was installed in the chair of K.S. by the I.P.M., Bro. H. Purdue, by whom the ceremony was very ably performed. The officers appointed for the year were Bros. Dopson, S.W.; Blake, J.W.; Butt, P.M., Treas.; Tuck, Sec.; Coplestone, S.D.; Doncaster, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; Burton, D.C.; Iredale, W.S.; and Craig, Assist. W.S.

Among the brethren present were Bros. H. Shaw, P.M.; A. Ellingford, P.M.; J. Stack, P.M.; and J. Oliver, P.M. Visitors: Bros. L. Bryat, P.M. 1828; F. Walters, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., 1309; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; C. Williams, S.D. 1585; E. B. Cox, J.D. 1563; E. Smyth, J.D. 1238; F. Earle, D.C. 1441; G. Gardiner, S.W. 2012; C. Volkman, 209; and C. Mordaunt, 263.

After the business of the lodge had been concluded, and closed in perfect harmony, the brethren retired to a very sumptuous banquet, served in the Victoria Room, which was enlivened by the aid of a portion of the string band of the establishment.

After the usual loyal toasts, the I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that it seemed a lifetime since they had known each other, they having of late been so often together. Having the interest of the lodge at heart caused them to be so often together, so for what he had done he deserved the esteem of the brethren, and from what he (the I.P.M.) had seen, he had no doubt the lodge would lose none of its lustre during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he did not know how to begin. He felt so pleased and honoured in the position the lodge had placed him, and after all the good the I.P.M. had said of him, he felt too much flattered, so he thought the best thing for him to do was to say little and try to do much during his year of office. He thanked the brethren of the lodge for the honour they had done him in placing him in that proud and exalted position.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said that the brethren of the lodge could not be too grateful for the good he had done to the lodge during his year of office. They had seen him work the ceremonies in a manner that could not be surpassed by any Mason; they had seen him working for the Charities in going up as Steward for the aged brethren with a list worthy of the Ranelagh Lodge; and lastly, as Installing Master, which they would all agree was done in masterly style. For this he had much pleasure, in the name of the Ranelagh Lodge, in placing on his breast the Past Master's jewel so unanimously voted, and which no P.M. more deserved, and he only hoped that when his time came to pass down, he would go down with much credit to himself and the Craft.

The Immediate Past Master said he had passed down, but he had more confidence than this time last year. He felt more proud of his position—proud at having fulfilled the position he had longed for. He had served them, and by their mark of approbation he felt he had given them satisfaction. He had succeeded by the support he had received from the Past Masters and officers of the lodge, and for which he would take that opportunity of thanking them. He could not say too much for the pride he felt in receiving their approval for what he had done. He was proud of the strides the lodge had made during the past few years, and hoped it would go on and prosper, of which, under the guidance of so able a W.M., he had no doubt. Again thanking the brethren for their great kindness and mark of esteem, he said words could not express his gratification.

"The Initiates" toast having been responded to, and the hour being late, Bro. Bryat, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Visitors" in a very brief but able manner, expressing regret (he was there then only as a visitor, he having been a P.M. of the lodge).

The intervals between the toasts were cared for by Bro. Oliver, P.M., under whose guidance some delightful harmony was heard.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. W. Brindley, W.M.; J. Gibson, S.W.; Coleman, S.D.; Mimms, J.D.; Harvey, I.G.; Glover, W.S.; Rev. Halpin, Chap.; Young, Org.; and about 100 P.M.'s, members, and visitors, among them being the following:—Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.D.; Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., &c.; Ascott, P.M. 733; Baker, S.W. and W.M. elect 2030; A. Hayes, W.S. 1425; and Mason, P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Davies, and being unanimous in his favour, he was admitted and initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in his usual good style. Bro. Gibson, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented, and installed in the chair of K.S. in due form, Bro. Brindley performing the duties of Installing Master in a highly efficient manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. Brindley, I.P.M.; J. Coleman, S.W.; W. Mimms, J.W.; Harvey, S.D.; Luckhurst, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; Holland, D.C.; Taylor, W.S.; Tucker, A.W.S.; R. Scott, Sec.; T. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Halpin, Chap.; W. Young, Org.; and Lackland, Tyler.

The business being concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent meal was provided and had good justice done to it by the brethren.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Officers" were most heartily received.

V.W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., in responding for the Grand Officers, said: It is a very great honour to any Grand Officer to have to respond to the toast which has been so kindly given by the W.M. and so warmly responded to by the brethren of this lodge. I am one of the oldest existing of Grand Officers, and I am like our esteemed friend—who has been called the father of this lodge (Bro. Cottebrune)—as fresh as paint, and perfectly able to render, as he has rendered to-night, good service to the Craft and to the lodge. It is 43 years since I saw the light of Freemasonry in the good Lodge of Friendship at Gibraltar, and there learned those excellent principles of our Craft—loyalty to the Queen, obedience to duty, and sympathy with each other—which have done so much to bind us together in this sublunary scene. I thank you for the way in which you have received this toast, and I do trust that this lodge will have a happy career before it, and go on cementing men in one happy bond of friendship and brotherly sympathy.

Bro. Cottebrune responded as follows: After the very eloquent speech of our worthy Bro. Woodford I cannot say much; but what I do say will fall very far short of his very able speech. Still, I feel you have paid me a very high compliment in having received my name so kindly. I can only say that I have always been very pleased to do what I can for Freemasonry and for the Wanderers Lodge; and what I have done to-night as acting D.C. you are welcome to. I cannot sit down without expressing my delight at the very able manner in which Bro. Brindley has done his work this evening, especially that of Installing Master, which must have given great pleasure and satisfaction to the W.M. and members of this lodge.

The I.P.M. then rose, saying: It is a most pleasant duty I have to perform—that is, to propose "The Health of our W.M." I do it with extreme pleasure, and am proud of having the opportunity. Bro. Gibson is a very old friend of mine, and I am sure all of our brethren who know him will say that we could not have a better Mason, or a more worthy Master, than our esteemed Bro. Gibson.

The toast was received with acclamation.

The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the kind manner they had received and responded to the toast of his health, and stated that, having taken the office, he would endeavour to perform its duties to the best of his ability, and that he hoped to give satisfaction to the brethren.

The W.M. then rose and said: I have now a very pleasing duty to perform—namely, to present our I.P.M. with the P.M.'s jewel you have so generously voted to him in recognition of the very courteous and efficient manner in which he has performed his duties during the past 12 months, and I wish to add my personal testimony to the manner in which he performed the duties of Installing Officer to-day. I trust he may be spared many years to wear it. In conclusion, I will ask you to drink "The Health of our esteemed I.P.M., Bro. Brindley."

The W.M.'s remarks were received with great enthusiasm.

The I.P.M., in reply, said: W.M. and brethren, I scarcely know how to thank you for this kind mark of respect you have paid to me, and for the very handsome jewel you have presented me, and to know that I have given you satisfaction is very gratifying indeed. I have also to thank Bro. Cottebrune, P.M., for his kind expressions, and I may, I think, say, without being accused of egotism, that after what he has said I must have done my duty satisfactorily.

The "Initiate" responded to his toast, and said that the ceremony had made a great impression upon him.

The remaining Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bros. South, White, Young, and other brethren contributed vocal and instrumental music, to the delight of the brethren, the "Simon the Cellarer" of Bro. South being rendered in a most humorous manner. The brethren separated at an early hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual monthly meeting was held at The Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. John Jacobs, W.M.; W. H. Kedgley, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; C. Ralph, acting as S.D.; G. Reynolds, I.G.; Stacey, P.M., Org.;

Potter, Tyler; G. Coleman, P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; G. Foan, L. Goldsmid, A. Jacobs, E. Mills, J. Woodward, A. Bryan, E. W. Carter, D. Mordecai, E. J. Shannon, F. Gulliford, G. Howard, G. H. Reynolds, G. Bond, and W. Unwin. Visitors: Bros. Bateman, P.M. 837; J. Rowe, 1559; Wilkie Jones, J.D. 890; and Z. Mordecai, 1348. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. E. W. Carter, Arthur A. Jacobs, L. Goldsmid, T. Wilson, and E. Mills were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed with peace and harmony.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, 15th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Bro. J. A. Archer, W.M., presiding, supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. T. Fillan, S.W.; J. D. Langton, P.M., J.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; R. Clay Sudlow, Sec.; T. C. Royle, S.D.; G. Bartholomew, J.D.; and Spearing, I.G. The visitors present were Bros. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Tanqueray, W.M. 1965; Dobbing, P.M. 1673; Barrett, S.D. 1343; Wilkins, J.D. 1965; Fitz George, 708; H. P. Mathews, 569; Langton, 1139; Everett, 1201; and Royle, 1653.

Bro. Fillan, the W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. Barnett, P.M., to receive the benefit of installation, Bro. Archer proceeded to install him into the chair of K.S. This having been done, the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers during the ensuing year: Bros. J. A. Archer, I.P.M.; T. C. Royle, S.W.; G. Bartholomew, J.W.; Joseph Langton, P.M., Treas.; R. Clay Sudlow, Sec., Org.; O. Spearing, S.D.; J. Boyes, J.D.; F. Howard, I.G.; M. Wolfsky, M.C.; J. D. Langton, P.M., Stwd.; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler.

Bro. Fillan commenced his duties as W.M. by at once initiating a candidate into the mysteries of the Craft, and the perfect manner in which the ceremony was performed must have caused the members of the lodge to congratulate themselves in having so able a brother at their head.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren, numbering about 40, sat down to a very enjoyable banquet, and this having been concluded the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts. Some humorous songs from Bro. H. P. Mathews and an excellent recitation from the W.M. enhanced the pleasures of the evening.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This lodge held its last meeting of the session on Thursday, the 12th inst., and, for the first time since its consecration, the summons was devoid of business, excepting the usual formalities. There were present Bros. D. Ferguson, W.M.; W. Williams, I.P.M.; R. H. Rogers, S.W.; E. Austin, J.W.; J. J. Cattle, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Williams, S.D.; B. Cowell-Helden, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; C. R. Cross, D. of C.; A. Wolter and C. H. Bull, Stwds.; W. W. Anderson, A. J. Taylor, Wm. Russell, J. Purnell, A. B. Bradbury, F. Purnell, W. J. Spriggs, T. J. Head, J. Longden, A. Solomon, H. Ridgley, A. Love, and B. Brett. Visitors: Bros. A. Endean, P.M. 9; S. Dowsing, 167; and A. Thomas.

On the completion of the lodge business, which included reading a dispensation from the Grand Master authorising the brethren to wear their Masonic clothing and jewels at the banquet to which the ladies had been invited, according to annual custom, the brethren retired to the Holborn Restaurant, where a goodly number of the fair sex was awaiting them. They then proceeded to the Queen's Saloon, where a most sumptuous repast was served. The banquet being finished and grace sung,

The Worshipful Master gave for the first toast "The Health of the Queen," which was followed by that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" in proposing which the W.M. dilated upon the excellences of the Grand Master as a brother, Prince, and Mason; how efficient he was in his working, having just given a specimen of his ability in the initiation of his own son into the Order. His wife, he was sure, was beloved by every one, but more especially by Masons. They were now about to undertake a very serious journey; but he felt sure they would be most loyally received in Ireland, and he asked all present to join him in drinking to their health, and wishing them a safe return.

The next toast given was that of "The Masonic Charities," which it was expected Bro. Binckes would have been present to have replied to; but, owing to the centenary at Derby occurring on the same day, he was obliged to be there. In his absence, Bro. Cattle, P.M., responded, explaining how much good was done by the various Institutions, how much the Creaton Lodge had done for them, and he was sure that now Bro. Williams, I.P.M., was about to represent the lodge as Steward for the Festival of the Boys, they would not desert him; and he particularly asked the ladies to give their husbands no peace until they had made them Life Subscribers of the different Charities.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Ladies," saying how pleased he was to see so many smiling faces around him, and be able to perpetuate what had become an established custom of the lodge, and have a ladies' night during his year of office. He always appreciated the society of the ladies, and quite agreed with the Scotch poet,

"That Nature tried her 'prentice hand on man,
And then she tried the lasses, oh!"

It was usual to select a single man to respond to the toast of the ladies; but in this instance he should deviate from that course, knowing what a ladies' man Bro. Capt. Helden was, and ask him to reply.

Bro. Helden replied to this toast in a well chosen humorous speech, and concluded by saying the ladies had enjoyed themselves very much, and would like to be invited again.

Bro. Gen. W. W. Anderson then proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Success to the Creaton Lodge." He had seen the working of many lodges, but had not seen any where W.M.'s who carried out their duties equal to those of this lodge, and he was pleased to say the present one was no exception to the rule. It gave him great delight to be in the company of the members of the lodge, and he hoped for years they might meet in harmony.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the ladies and brethren for the kind manner in which they had been pleased to receive the remarks of Bro. Anderson; it had been his desire to be W.M. of the lodge, and his study to carry

out the duties of the office as well as it was possible for them to be done. He was very much obliged to the brethren for their appreciation of his services, and his endeavour would be to continue to deserve their good wishes. He then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," expressing his regret at the absence of some of them, but was sure it must be something pressing that kept them away. They were of valuable assistance to him, and he hoped they would have health and strength to be with the lodge for many years. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Williams, I.P.M.

In responding to this toast, Bro. Williams thanked them for their good wishes, and also personally thanked the brethren for the donations they had been pleased to place upon his list as Steward.

Bro. Neilson, P.M., spoke a few words, causing some laughter by his remarks.

The W.M. then gave "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge." His officers he considered excellent. The Treasurer was second to none, and the Secretary the best any lodge ever had. Bro. Cattle was never happy unless he was doing something for the good of the lodge. Their meeting that night was entirely in his hands, he having arranged everything, even to the menu and programmes. With this toast he associated the names of Bros. P. M. Cattle and Rogers.

Bro. Cattle replied by thanking the W.M. for saying so many good things of him, and although he felt he scarcely deserved them now, he would endeavour to do so in the future—his great aim was the success of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. He was pleased to again meet the ladies, and hoped he should do so for many years, and remain their obedient servant, the Secretary.

Bro. Rogers followed with a few remarks, and thanks for himself and remainder of the officers.

A most successful evening was then brought to a close. An excellent programme of music was rendered during the evening by Miss Matilda Roby, Bros. James Kift, Arthur Thomas, and J. I. Cattle.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—The annual installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held at the East Dulwich Hotel, on Thursday, the 16th inst. A numerous assemblage of officers and brethren were present, when the lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, when at the request of the W.M., Bro. Burnett, Bro. Bellis, P.M., occupied the chair, and the ceremonies of passing Bro. Hobbs and raising Bro. Briant were performed by him with his usual well-known ability.

The Auditors next gave their report, which showed the lodge to be in eminently satisfactory condition, which report was unanimously received and adopted.

An opening ode, "Hail, Eternal," was then sung by the brethren, and Bro. A. R. W. Powles was duly presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was then constituted. Bro. Powles was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren then saluted the newly-installed Master with the customary honours. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. R. E. Anderson, S.W.; L. E. Eagle, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; A. J. Bellis, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Wimple, S.D.; E. Gauntlett, J.D.; W. Rowan, I.G.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; W. Davies and W. Wills, Stwds.; B. Morgan, Org.; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

This was followed by an anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," the solos being taken by Bros. Pritchett, Pitman, Hook, and Simons.

The Immediate Past Master then addressed the W.M., officers, and brethren in a very impressive and perfect manner, which will not easily be forgotten by those who were present. A closing ode brought the ceremony to a conclusion.

The Secretary read several letters of apology for unavoidable absence from Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Hugh Sandeman, J.P.D.G.M. Bengal; James Terry, Secretary Benevolent Institution; Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.G. Chap., and others. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren and visitors, numbering about 70, sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., at the conclusion of which, grace—"Non Nobis Domine"—was sung, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts proceeded with.

The first toast—"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen"—was responded to in that earnest manner known to the Order, the National Anthem being sung by Bro. Pitman and chorus.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," was next given, the W.M. alluding to the proof of the personal interest the Prince took in the Craft by initiating his own son into the mysteries. This was responded to with musical honours.

The toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," was also well received, and followed by a part song, "Evening."

The next toast—"The Worshipful Master"—was received with enthusiasm, and very suitably acknowledged, the W.M. assuring the brethren that nothing would be wanting on his part to ensure a proper discharge of the duties entrusted to him.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master and Past Masters," and, in referring to the able manner in which his predecessor, Bro. Burnett, had fulfilled his year of office, took the opportunity of presenting him, in the name of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel and also a Past Master's collar and jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

After a duet, by Bros. Wallis and Simons, "The moon has raised her lamp,"

Bro. Burnett, P.M., rose and expressed his thanks for the very valuable present which had been made to him. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties faithfully, and the consciousness of this made him fully appreciate the handsome testimonial. He would never forget the year of grace 1885.

Bro. Stock, P.M., said he was proud as a mover in obtaining the warrant for the lodge, and also of being a founder. He had faith from the first of the success that had been achieved by the lodge, and he had no doubt of its becoming one of the best lodges on the south side of the Thames.

Bro. Bellis, P.M., said that he had worked with equal interest in founding this lodge, and although his name did not appear on the warrant, and he did not possess the

founder's jewel, he had a jewel in his heart, viz., that of the interest of the brethren.

The toast of "The Visitors," accompanying "The Masonic Charities," was well received.

Bro. Binckes, P.M., Sec. R.M.I.B., in responding, said he was delighted to be at the hospitable board of the Selwyn Lodge. There were some beautiful attributes in Masonry—"Hospitality" and "Charity," and he would associate with them "Mercy." Mercy blesses him who gives as well as him who receives; and is not that Charity? He wished the W.M. a successful year of office, and, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, he thanked them again for their donations at the last Festival, when Bro. Bellis was their Steward, which nearly approached £200, a service never to be forgotten; also for their other gifts to Charities, and said the foundation the lodge had laid gave him the surest hope for the future of their success. He should not easily forget his first visit to the Selwyn Lodge.

Bro. Klenck, P.M., also thanked the brethren for being at their festive board, and expressed the pleasure of knowing how the lodge had contributed to the Masonic Charities and the principles of benevolence that they had adopted.

Bro. Taffs, P.M., in thanking the brethren, said that he had the pleasure of belonging to a lodge nearly 100 years old, but he never saw work done better and with more exactitude than at the Selwyn Lodge that evening.

The toasts of "The Treasurer," "Secretary," and "Officers" were given and severally responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

There were several excellent songs, &c., the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. Sidney Hill. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1339, 1686; J. W. Dudley, P.M. 1173; W. W. Pritchett, P.M. 1622, P.G. Org. Herts; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; R. Barleam, P.M. 144; J. J. Taffs, P.M. 186; F. A. Powell, J.D. 457; J. Penney, J.D. 1679; S. Hollidge, J.D. 1602; S. Hill, Org. 1216; R. J. Garland, I.G. 1728; W. H. Simons, Org. 1986; T. Wallis, 901; H. S. Tipton, 206; A. Ramsden, 1744; W. Kirkland, 1949; W. Cheese, 869; C. H. Stone, 1641; T. M. Greenwood, P.M. 749; A. Pitman, 1986; R. McNaughton, 291 (S.C.); I. Bygrave, 1658; J. Watson, 1310; R. Bridger, 72; and G. C. Searle, 1572.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Copstick, supported by the following brethren: Bros. C. Webster, I.P.M.; Edgar Horne, S.W.; A. Woodiwis, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; J. Bland, P.M., as S.D.; S. Taylor, J.D.; John Walker, D. of C.; G. Sutherland, I.G.; J. Jones, Stwd.; T. Day, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M.; H. Burn, P.M.; T. R. Gee, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; J. C. Merry, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; A. Frazer, P.M.; W. Forman, D. W. Wright, and A. Smith. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; Robinson, W.M. 625; and Murrow, 1269.

The minutes of the anniversary meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. began his year of office by initiating Mr. James Edwin Kaye, the work being most ably done; the charge afterwards being delivered very impressively by the J.W. The next business was to pass Bro. Alfred Smith to the Second Degree, this also being taken by the W.M. Afterwards the lodge voted the sum of 20 guineas, on the motion of Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., to be placed on the list of Bro. C. Webster, I.P.M., who represents the lodge at the Boys' School Festival. The Secretary presented sundry accounts, in the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., and they were ordered to be paid. The W.M. having made the usual enquiries, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Lower Hall for refreshment after labour.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Grand Master," made a happy allusion to the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Ireland.

To the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers" was coupled the name of Bro. J. Bland, P.M., Prov. G.J.D., who thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they always received this toast.

The S.W. having left, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the Secretary, Bro. J. W. Brigg, who wished him a very happy and prosperous year.

The W.M. thanked them for the cordial support given to him on his first night in the chair, and in proposing at the same time the toast of "The Past Masters," said he was greatly indebted to them for coming always in such goodly numbers, and being willing at all times to render any assistance when required. To this Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., responded, heartily congratulating the W.M. on the position he had attained, and complimenting him highly on the manner in which he had worked his first ceremonies.

Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., proposed "The new Initiate, Bro. J. E. Kaye," in most eloquent terms, welcoming him in the name of the brethren. To this an able reply was made.

Bro. A. Frazer, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., proposed "The Visitors," alluding particularly to the presence of Bro. Robinson, W.M. of the Devonshire Lodge, Glossop, whom he had the pleasure of installing but a few weeks ago. The hospitality shown by the Glossop brethren was highly extolled, and Bro. Robinson made a most feeling speech in reply.

The Tyler's toast, at an early hour, brought a very successful gathering to a close.

GREAT DRIFFIELD.—Sykes Lodge (No. 1040).—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Harland-lane, when W. Bro. W. H. Porritt, P.M., P.P.G.W., W.M., installed Bro. James Boodass, J.W., W.M. elect, W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, who appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. H. Porritt, I.P.M.; John Baynes, P.S.W., S.W.; H. O. Piercy, P.M., P.P.G.W., J.W.; James Elgey, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; James S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; Thomas House, Chap.; W. Highmoor, S.D.; Henry Watson, J.D.; W. Overend, D. of Cers.; James Elgey, P.M., P.G.P., Almoner; J. H. Pulman, Org.; A. W. Stanley, I.G.; John Dunn, P.M., P.P.G.P., S.S.; Thos. Bell, J.S.; and G. H. Potts, Tyler.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Keys Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured by the assembly.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The installation meeting of this prosperous and popular lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and was numerously attended by members of the lodge and visitors. Bro. E. J. Callow, W.M., whose year of office has been a singularly successful one, presided, and he was ably supported by the following officers of the lodge: Bros. Richard R. Martin, P.M.; Richard Washington, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; H. B. Jones, P.M.; Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; John Alexander, P.M.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; H. Horspool, P.M.; R. Bethell, S.W.; E. W. Boulding, J.W.; R. C. Yelland, Treas.; F. E. Boustead, S.D.; M. Alexander, I.G.; George Bell and William Pye, Stwds.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. Thomas Wood, J.D. 203; L. Delaville, 348; Walter Latham, 249; C. A. Luker, J.W. 241; William Blake, 1473; Thomas Hutton, S.W. 2042; J. Davies, S.W. 1325; Charles Pilkington, W.M. 580; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Cumming, 1609; Thos. Lawrence, 241; Walter C. Erwin, P.G.A.S.; J. Tickle, S.W. 1264; James Galloway, 203; W. Warburton, 1013; and J. Snell, 1013.

Two candidates having been duly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree in Freemasonry, Bro. Robert Bethell, the Worshipful Master elect, was presented by Bros. Dr. Kellett Smith and R. R. Martin for installation, the ceremony being impressively and effectively performed by Bro. Callow, the retiring W.M. Subsequently, Bro. Bethell invested his officers as follows: Bros. Evan J. Callow, I.P.M.; F. W. Boulding, S.W.; F. E. Boustead, J.W.; R. Washington, P.M., Treas.; M. Alexander, S.D.; William Pye, J.D.; George Alexander, I.G.; W. H. Wess, S.S.; S. F. Wensley, J.S. and Org.; H. B. Jones, P.M., D.C.; and P. Ball, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony, an exceedingly artistic jewel was presented to Bro. Evan J. Callow, as a substantial token of the esteem in which he was held by the whole of the brethren. Dinner was subsequently served by Bro. Casey, and in the course of the evening, songs and recitations were given by Bros. Dr. Johnson, T. Hatton, Doyle, and others.

ELLAND.—Savile Lodge (No. 1231).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. Farnell, W.M., there being present Bros. Emsley, S.W.; J. Smithies, J.W.; Dr. Hoyle, S.D.; J. Mills, J.D.; S. W. North, I.G.; Dr. Whalley, D.C.; S. Dyson, Sec.; L. North, Buckland, Feather, Rhodes, Sutton, Maude, Battye, Hallas, Walker, P.M.; Savile, P.M.; and Dodgson, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Sutton was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being beautifully performed by Bro. Savile, P.M., the working tools and N.E. corner by Bro. Emsley, S.W., the charge by Bro. Hallas, and the historical part and tracing board by Bro. Dr. Whalley, D. of C. Mr. Pyke was duly initiated by Bro. Farnell, W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Dodgson, P.M., and the tracing board by Bro. Hallas.

Before closing the lodge, a very interesting ceremony of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Dodgson was gone through. Bro. Dr. Whalley, D.C., said: I rise, Worshipful Sir, to ask your kind indulgence for a few moments in order that I may call upon our worthy Secretary to perform a very pleasing duty which has been placed in his hands—a duty which I feel assured will meet with the unqualified assent of all brethren present. We are taught in our various charges to encourage industry and reward merit; this ceremony will prove to you that true work has not passed unrewarded, and it will, I feel sure, encourage the industry of those younger brethren who are slowly plodding their way from the golden sunset towards that bright star in the far East, which every Mason keeps his eye fixed upon. I am not wishful to take any part of our worthy Secretary's speech out of his mouth; I would only add to whatever he may say that I wish to append my warmest and most heartfelt thanks to the worthy recipient of this presentation for the many kindnesses and gentlemanly courtesies received at his hands during the year 1883. I feel sure he will receive it in the same spirit it is given, and may the G.A.O.T.U. bless him with health and strength, and that he may feel it now his duty to come regularly amongst us, thus cementing more closely in the bonds of brotherhood with those brethren whose actions this day prove the high esteem and respect in which a late Past Master is held by those around him.

Bro. Dyson, Sec., said: Our worthy Director of Ceremonies, I think, has taken all the words out of my mouth, so much so that I feel almost at a loss what to say. I can fully endorse what he has said, and speak in the highest terms of that worthy brother to whom I make this presentation. I am sure he fully merits the great respect and esteem in which he is held by the whole lodge, and I have great pleasure in presenting this beautiful jewel—the exquisite workmanship of Bro. George Kenning, of London—to you, Bro. Dodgson; and, as I place it on your breast, may you have long life to wear it, and may you come amongst us regularly, so that we may often see it sparkle upon your Masonic clothing.

Bro. Dodgson, P.M., acknowledged the gift in a few well chosen words; but his heart was too full to enable him to say more.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

At an extraordinary meeting, held a fortnight previously, Bros. S. Radcliffe, J. Radcliffe, and A. Radcliffe, along with Bro. Taylor, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed by Bros. Farnell, W.M., Savile, and Walker. Bro. Emsley gave the working tools, Bro. Hallas the charge, and Bro. Walker the tracing board.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Among those present were Bros. Geo. L. Wingate, W.M.; G. S. Elliott, P.M.; S.W.; F. P. Jenkins, J.W. and W.M. elect; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx.; Treas.; Edward Wm. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Matthews, S.D.; Dr. Wm. Faulkner, J.D.; Wm. Beaton, I.G.; John Gilbert, Tyler;

J. T. Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. Middx.; Dr. Beresford Ryley, P.M.; John Faulkner, P.M., and Installing Master; H. B. Hassel, E. Neison, and the following visitors: Bros. Raymond Thrupp, P.M., D.P.G.M. Middx.; A. W. Brown, W.M. 1962; and C. W. Gribble, P.M. 174.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The audit report was received and adopted. The sum of five pounds was voted to the widow of a late member of the lodge. Proposals were received for initiation of three candidates at the next meeting. Bro. F. P. Jenkins, J.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master, Bro. John Faulkner, P.M., Prov. G.D. Middx., for the benefit of installation, and was with the usual ceremony placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in due form. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. L. Wingate, I.P.M.; G. S. Elliott, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Matthews, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., Prov. G.P. Middx.; Edward Wm. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Wm. Faulkner, S.D.; Wm. Beaton, J.D.; C. Neison, I.G.; and H. B. Hassel, D.C. Bro. J. Faulkner then delivered the charge most impressively, and the ceremony was concluded, and well-earned applause followed.

A handsome 12 guineas P.M. jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. G. L. Wingate, I.P.M., in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and he returned thanks.

A cordial vote of thanks was proposed and seconded, and carried, and ordered to be entered upon the lodge minutes, to Bro. John Faulkner for his services as Installing Officer.

Bro. Faulkner returned thanks in a very feeling speech.

Letters expressing regret in not being able to attend were received from Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Wm. Hammond, P.M.; B. Bryant, P.M.; and J. F. H. Woodward, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. Middx.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, admirably served. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated with "Hearty good wishes" for their mutual happiness and prosperity.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; Jos. Lichterfeld, J.W.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap. Eng., Chap.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; F. Chandler, S.D.; A. Hardy, J.D.; C. J. Morse, I.G.; W. Middleweek, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Browne Kidder, P.M. 12; A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; D. Cama, P.M. 258, P.G.D.C. Middx.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; C. Higgins, P.M. 1381; James Stevens, P.M. 720; E. Gregory, P.M. 1538; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; C. Craig, W.M. elect 1223; W. Harris, E. Coleman, R. P. J. Laundry, C. Coleman, A. P. Lake, A. Le Clair, J. Greenway, D. Stroud, H. J. Phillips, G. A. Laundry, J. Lawrence, C. Bellerby, jun., J. C. Cliburn, W. R. Hutton, C. Breitbart, M. D. Cama, N. D. Francis, Rev. M. Haines, C. S. Mote, J. H. Wood, T. C. Edmunds, R. E. Cousins, E. Bossell, and W. Death. Visitors: Bros. J. Carter, 212; C. P. Langley, 2045; E. Lange, 141; A. Steng, 141; Capt. H. S. Andrews, 1974; J. E. Sheffield; A. Cornwall, 969; and Owen Hills, 755.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Woodford, Cornwall, Capt. Andrews, Langley, Lange, Steng, and Owen Hills, were elected members.

Bro. Woodford then proceeded to deliver his lecture before a very attentive audience. He called attention to a recent discussion about the antiquity of the Third Degree, and intimated his opinion that it was far older than 1717, alike in verbiage (of which he gave examples), and in general arrangement. That there was a seventeenth century English Freemasonry was now incontestable, and we probably had in the Sloane MS. which might date from 1680, and must date before 1717, a representation of the symbolical and actual teaching of the lodges then. Bro. Woodford then proceeded to explain that in 1813 the two main workings were those of the Moderns and the Antients, though there were certain subsidiary or local workings also in existence, such as the York, the Prestonian, and workings, which were probably a mixture of all workings. For it must not be forgotten, the lecturer continued, that in time workings, in themselves separate and distinct, got "mixed up," and even at this hour the various workings extant—such as the Emulation, the Stability, the Prestonian, what remained of any of the York, and what endured, if at all, of the Ancient—had got interwoven by repetition, and were, in fact, difficult to separate and distinguish. Bro. Woodford then proceeded to point out, in a way not reproducible here, certain changes which had taken place during the present generation, and commended the wisdom and moderation of Grand Lodge, which had never sought to draw the line too taut, or to interfere with non-essentials so long as the true essence was preserved. Bro. Woodford doubted greatly the reality of the idea or need of any material change in our ceremonial, advocated, he understood, by a few inexperienced workmen. The enforcement of a "sealed book" of Masonic lore must inevitably lead ere long to a printed ritual, which would be the weakening and destruction of English Freemasonry, while, in his opinion, as faithful depositories of the work of the chair, they were bound to hand on to others, unimpaired and unaltered, what they had received from loyal workers before them. Bro. Woodford also impressed on his hearers the duty of attending lodges of instruction, and learning true Masonic work from faithful Preceptors. He deprecated all side ways of obtaining Masonic knowledge. Bro. Woodford enforced the value and beauty of the ritual, amid the applause of his hearers.

A very pleasant hour was spent by a most attentive audience, who at the close of Bro. Woodford's address greeted him most cordially. At the request of the W.M., W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., moved that the thanks of the lodge be accorded to the V.W. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., &c., for his very instructive lecture, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. In the course of his speech Bro. Stevens, remarking upon the evident desire of the lodges and lodges of instruction to vary the monotony of continued rehearsals of ceremonial, by availing themselves of opportunities such as Bro. Woodford

had that evening afforded, maintained that it could not now be said that Masonic lecturers were not forthcoming or that the brethren generally could not be interested and instructed in a manner different from that which obtained but a few years since. Bros. Hughan, Whythead, Cumberland, and others, were equally with Bro. Woodford, and he hoped he might add himself, ever ready when called upon to devote that ability they might respectively possess, to the advancement of the literature of the Craft. The worthy lecturer on this occasion gave by his position in the Order a countenance of no slight importance to these lectures, and therefore such service should be recognised in the manner which his motion indicated. W. Bro. C. Andrews very eloquently seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Woodford having thanked the brethren the lodge, which had been duly closed down, received several of the visitors as members, and was subsequently closed in peace and harmony.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. H. Fraser, W.M.; J. Gibson, Treas. and S.W.; A. Hayes, J.W.; F. J. Wray, P.M., Preceptor; G. Musson, Sec.; Dotterill, S.D.; Adams, J.D.; J. Wynn, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; Cross, 1194; Barker, Giddings, Bowen, Brindley, I.P.M. 1604; Coughlan, Salter, J. Ray, Edmunds, and Morgan.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Salter being the candidate. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Edmunds answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Edmunds raised to the Degree of a M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Gibson, S.W., was unanimously W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Bro. Brindley, W.M. of the mother lodge, was unanimously elected an honorary member of this lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the usual weekly meeting of this lodge, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 16th inst., there were present: Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; Henry, J.W.; Wilkie Jones, S.D.; J. B. Cumming, J.D.; G. A. Laundry, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Frank Gulliford, J. Rhodes, John Skinner, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, D. Stroud, G. Gardner, and Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. J. Rhodes having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. Frank Gulliford offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put and well answered. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Gardner, of the Chiswick Lodge, 2012, was unanimously elected a joining member of this Lodge of Instruction, being proposed by Bro. D. Stroud, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor. Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. F. Kedge be W.M. for the ensuing week, seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Bro. Henry proposed that at the next meeting he would give another short lecture on the Ritual, as practised in America. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

Bro. G. Reynolds gave notice that four ballots would be drawn in connection with the Charitable Association on Thursday evening, the 30th April.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Glover, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Green, jun., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Green, sen., S.D.; Gibson, Treas., J.D.; Hayes, I.G.; Nice, C. White, P.M.; and Chilcott.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Nice being the candidate. Bro. Nice, an Entered Apprentice, answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. C. White being the candidate. Bro. Taylor having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—Concord Chapter (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this ancient chapter was held on Monday, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel. Present: Comps. James Newton, P.P.G.S.N., Z.; Jas. Walker, P.P.G. Std. Br., as H.; Edward M. Garstang, J.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.N., E.; James Brown, P.Z., as N.; John Booth, P.S.; John Hardcastle, 1st A.S.; James Naylor, 2nd A.S.; J. W. Roiley, Janitor; Thomas Higson, Assist. Janitor; also visiting companions J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.J.; James Richardson, P.Z. 221; E. G. Harwood, S.N. 221; and J. Rawlinson, 345.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. Forrest, 37, as a candidate for exaltation, and being unanimously in his favour, he was admitted and exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. Sillitoe. The following companions were duly installed as officers by Comp. Sillitoe, viz.: Comps. James Newton, Z.; Johnson Mills, H.; E. M. Garstang, J.; G. P. Brockbank, E.; Rooke Pennington, N.; John Booth, P.S.; John Hardcastle, 1st A.S.; James Naylor, 2nd A.S.; J. W. Roiley, Janitor; and Thos. Higson, Assist. Janitor.

"Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting companions, and a vote of thanks was given to Comp. Sillitoe for his kindness in attending the chapter. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter took place on the 16th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, under the presidency of Ex. Comp. H. Mason, M.E.Z. The other officers and companions present were Comps. R. Edmonds, H.; W. Rees, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z.; P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z.; P.P.G.P.S. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z.; P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent, Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z.; P.P.G.P.S. Kent, Scribe E.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z.; P.P.G. 2nd Asst. S. Kent; Capt. Eugene Sweeney, I.P.Z.; E. B. Hobson, S.N.; R. Cook, P.S.; J. H. Roberts, 1st Asst. S.; E. Palmer, 2nd Asst. S.; W. Lardner, Janitor; Dr. H. Bernays, C. Ellis, J. Topp, G. H. Letton, G. Nichols, W. G. Lloyd, H. Ough, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*), all of the chapter; E. F. A. White, P.Z. 907; J. Wilkins, M.E.Z. 13; and G. Kennedy, H. 13.

The candidates on the agenda, Bros. Dr. Botterell and Musto, were not present, but Comp. Ough not having heard the lectures on the occasion of his exaltation at the last meeting, they were delivered in splendid style, and fully, by the Three Principals. The election of officers for the ensuing year followed, and Comp. Edmonds was unanimously elected M.E.Z.; Comp. Penfold, Treas.; and Comp. Butter, Scribe E. All the junior officers went up a step, and the Janitor was re-elected. A candidate was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, and then the chapter was closed.

After partaking of refreshments the usual loyal and R.A. toasts were honoured, and Comps. Lloyd, Hobson, Edmonds, and Ellis sang a few ballads most effectively.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present Comps. W. George, Z.; J. Carter, H.; F. Brasted, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; H. E. Dehane, N.; W. Radcliffe, P.S.; T. Edmonds, Preceptor; G. Gregory, P.Z. 153S; and G. W. Knight.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Knight being candidate. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. George for the able manner he had performed the duties of Z. for the first time. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

WIGAN.—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158). The annual meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Milner, W.M., assisted by his officers, and, punctual to the minute, the brethren assembled in strong force. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. D. Murray took the chair, when Bro. H. T. Byrom, the S.W. and W.M. elect, was formally presented, and installed by Bro. Murray.

The following brethren were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: A. H. Crossley, S.W.; W. Johnson, J.W.; J. Marsden, M.O.; J. Browne, S.O.; W. Horrocks, I.O.; J. Dawber, Org.; R. B. Siddon, Sec.; J. Wilson, S.D.; W. Holt, J.D.; R. Knowles, Reg. of Mks.; R. Layland, I.G.; H. Riddlesworth, S.S.; J. H. Smith, J.S.; and W. Patterson, Tyler.

The Installing Master having delivered the addresses to the newly-appointed officers, W.M., and the brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the members, with the visitors, Bros. W. Newsome and Hartley, adjourned to the ante-room, where the evening was passed agreeably to all. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to during the evening.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—

The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, a dispensation having been granted for its removal pro tem. from the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. The death of the late W.M., Bro. Holleyman, made a vacancy in the chair, which was most ably filled by Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Kent, who, immediately after the lodge was opened, dwelt eloquently on the great loss the lodge had sustained, and of the many amiable and excellent qualities and earnest Masonry of the deceased. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Horace P. Bonner, of 1601 (Craft), and proving unanimous, that brother was advanced in grand style by the W.M. and his officers. Bro. G. Spinks, S.W., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, was unanimously elected W.M. for the following 12 months, and Bro. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent, was re-elected Treasurer. It was then unanimously resolved that five guineas, the cost of a Past Master's jewel, supplemented by the contents of the broken column, should be given to Mrs. Holleyman, and the contents producing two guineas, the seven were ordered to be handed over to her forthwith. Bro. J. Aillud, of the lodge, and W.M. 615 (Craft), informed the brethren that he stands Steward for that lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School, and was awarded two guineas for his list. Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, also reminded the brethren that he stands Steward for the Excelsior at the next Mark Benevolent Education Fund Festival, and was promised hearty support. Bro. Wray's son was nominated a candidate for the fund at the next election, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

The usual toasts were given and responded to, but there was no singing, and the lodge was in full mourning, the brethren having craped on their aprons and jewels. The following other brethren were also present: Bros. Capt. Eugene Sweeney, P.M. 44, P.G.J.W. Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec., P.P.G. Assist. Sec. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent, J.W.; E. Palmer, M.O.; W. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G. Kent, S.O.; T. Ovenden, P.P.G. Stwd. Kent, J.O.; J. Whiteheart, P.G. Stwd. Kent, acting S.D.; W. Popplestone, acting J.D.; C. Jolly, I.G., P.P.G.O. Kent (*Freemason*); E. West, W.M. elect 173; J. Savage, G. Nichols, and C. Canning, all of the lodge; A. Willmott, J.W. 223; W. Doddrell, J.D. 199; and A. Walkley, Tyler 176, who acted as Tyler in a most efficient and courteous manner.

MALTON.—Fitzwilliam Lodge (No. 277).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when the installation of

the W.M. elect, Bro. John Hudson, P.G. Supt. of Wks., was performed in an impressive manner, according to ancient custom, by Bro. S. Chadwick, P.P.G., M.O. The following officers were then duly invested for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Constable, P.G.J.O., I.P.M.; J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O., S.W.; A. W. Walker, J.W.; J. B. Nicholls, P.P.G.S.B., M.O.; T. M. Goldie, S.O.; R. J. Smithson, J.O.; Rev. W. G. Chilman, P.G. Chap., Chap.; A. W. Walker, Treas.; James Buckle, Sec.; A. J. Taylor, Reg. of Mks.; W. J. Marshall, Org.; S. Chadwick, P.P.G.M.O., D. of C.; M. F. W. Williamson, S.D.; W. R. Metcalfe, J.D.; E. K. Spiegelhalter, I.G.; J. R. Cox, Stwd.; and W. Stockdale, Tyler.

The annual banquet took place at the Talbot Hotel in the evening.

Knights Templar.

WIGAN.—Faith Preceptory (No. 41).—The installation meeting of the knights of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The preceptory was opened in due form by the E.C., Sir Knight A. H. Crossley, and the muster roll having been called, the ballot was taken for Comps. G. B. Cliff and T. P. Simpson, of the Harmony Chapter, No. 178, and being favourable both were elected. Sir Knight J. D. Murray, P.E.C., then assumed the bâton, and Sir Knight Simpson was duly installed and saluted. Sir Knight S. A. Oliver then presented the E.C. elect, Sir Knight W. Johnson, who was by Sir Knight Murray installed as E.C. for the ensuing year, and saluted as such. The officers appointed for the year are Sir Knights R. B. Seddon, Constable; W. M. Wyld, Marshal; J. M. Kerr, Sub-Marshal; J. D. Murray, Prelate and Registrar; S. A. Oliver, Treas.; R. Irving, Capt. of Guard; T. P. Simpson, Almoner; and W. Patterson, Equerry.

The alms having been collected, the preceptory was closed in due form, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Victoria Restaurant. After justice had been done to the good things of this life, the usual toasts of this Degree were given and responded to, and especially that of "The Newly-Installed E.C., Sir Knight W. Johnson."

DR. MORRIS, THE MASONIC POET LAUREATE.

On December 17th, 1884, my dear old friend and brother Dr. Rob. Morris was elected the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, and received the "Laurel Wreath," at the hands of the Grand Master of New York. Many distinguished brethren were present on the interesting and unique occasion, and still more members of the "mystic tie" sent letters expressive of their keen appreciation of the event, and their loving sympathy with the recipient of the honour. A sketch of the proceedings, and copies of the communications from celebrated Craftsmen of both Hemispheres, have been published in a neat pamphlet of some 60 pages, the origin of the movement being I believe due to one of the widely known Freemasons in America, R. W. Bro. Robert Macoy of New York. Of course a reference is made to the "Coronation" of Robert Burns as Poet Laureate, by the Lodge Canongate, Kilwinning, Edinburgh, in 1787, but it does not seem to have been known by those who took part in the intensely interesting proceedings that many other poets received the same title as Bro Robert Burns, in the same Lodge as time rolled on, not forgetting Bro. Hogg, the "Ettrick Shepherd." Doubtless the office of Grand Bard of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has made Poetry all the more acceptable in relation to the Craft, at all events so in Scotland, the office being held by Dr. James Cranston at the present time, in succession to the late Bro. James Ballantine. A few brethren have written what are worthy of being called poems, but they are indeed few. Of these Dr. Morris is beyond question the acknowledged chief, and all admit he is fully entitled to the honour. Early in 1883, in my Directory for the Province of Cornwall, I styled "my esteemed friend and M.W. Bro. Dr. Morris, the Poet Laureate of Universal Freemasonry," and it is a source of much delight for his old friends in this, especially Bro. D. Murray Lyon and myself, to find he has been so honoured. Our good brother T. B. Whythead has done well to direct attention to the veteran Masonic author in a racy article on "The Poetry of Freemasonry," and therefore I shall content myself with but a brief notice of the big volume of poems to which he has so appreciatively referred. To fitly commemorate the Masonic Laureation, Dr. Morris has consented to publish the whole of his Masonic Poems in a grand volume of nearly four hundred pages. I need not say that typographically it is quite on a par with the excellence of the many varied compositions—over 300—which are to be found in its handsome pages. Practically all the possible wants Masonically are supplied in the volume for lodges, chapters, and preceptories, a full repertory of passages appropriate to funeral occasions, epitaphs, &c., pieces in rich profession for banquets, installations, &c., and in the language of the prospectus, finally, a broad survey of the Masonic theory in its exoteric feature for the instruction of many Masons, ladies of refined taste, and the general public." All the copies of this Laureate Edition will be registered, the price being five dollars. I have consented to receive subscriptions of one Guinea for each copy, to be sent to this country, carriage free, and for the sake of the Author and the Craft, I trust that the response will be hearty and prompt. I feel I have only to say, that after payment for the printing, the whole of the proceeds, will be given, without any deductions, whatever, to Dr. Rob. Morris, the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC CONCERT AT COOKSTOWN.

A most admirable concert was given in the Assembly Rooms, Cookstown, Tyrone, on Thursday, the 26th ult., under the auspices of Lodge No. 470, on the roll of Grand Lodge, Ireland, and from the success which attended this meeting and a similar one held in the same locality last year, it is to be hoped; that, as the object of holding the concert is to promote the charitable funds of the Order, it will be looked upon in future as a regular annual feature. A capital programme had been prepared, there was a numerous and select audience, and the artists, both vocal and instrumental, acquitted themselves well.

The following were among the brethren who were present

at the concert, namely: Bros. R. Lowry, D.L., J.P.; J. McDowell, P.P.G.S.W.; Robt. Stevenson, P.M. 9; H. Murray, 9; J. Anderson, R.A. 9; T. H. Aikin, K.T. 9 and 122; W. Smith, W.M. 122; F. D. Reed, R.A. 122; J. H. Black, J.W. 185; John Galway, I.G. 185; T. Dempsey, 185; George Elliot, 185; W. J. Moorhead, 185; Hugh Harris, W.M. 479; J. Porter Harris, P.M., R.A. 479; Dr. Magill, R.A., Sec. 479; J. Wilson, 479; W. J. Orr, 479; J. Crofton, 479; A. T. Moody, 479; A. W. S. Boor, 479; T. McKay, 479; Joseph Dudgeon, 479; J. Brennan, 479; W. J. Colman, P.M. 28; R. J. Stewart, 121; Andrew Charles, 211; Major Ellis, 387; Col. J. E. C. C. Lindsay, R.A. 491; R. R. Porter, R.A. 431; Edgar Haines, 240; Chippington, 640; Travers Ratcliff, 409; E. V. Forshall, 409; J. H. Fullerton, 409; Capt. Brown, P.M., R.A. 22 and 122; E. M. Allen, W.M., R.A. 470; H. A. Mann, P.M., R.A., Sec. 470; S. C. Gunning, R.A., Treas. 470; Rev. H. B. Carter, D.D., R.A. Chap. 470; J. G. Donaldson, S.W., R.A. 470; T. Derby, J.W., R.A. 470; Graham Browne, S.D., R.A. Reg. 470; Thomas Adair, J.D., R.A. 470; J. Robinson, P.M. 470; Dr. R. Burgess, P.M., R.A. 470; G. D. Gunning, P.M., R.A. 470; John Sinclair, P.M., R.A. 470; H. N. Raphael, 470; Dr. R. Crossitt, 470; J. MacKenzie, M.A., 470; John Henderson, 470; Dr. Henry Graves, R.A. 470; Dr. C. H. P. D. Graves, R.A. 470; Joseph Anderson, 470; W. Craig, 470; W. Leeper, R.A. 470; Col. Sir W. F. Lennox-Conyngham, R.A. 470; R. Cluff, R.A. 470; J. Douglass, P.M., R.A. 122; Dr. D. Allen Charles, I.G. 470; and G. Moore, 470.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of Benevolence met 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, took his chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Junior Vice-President's chair.

The other brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury; W. Dodd; W. H. Lee; S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master China; George Read, P.M. 511; F. R. Spaul, P.M.; G. P. Britten, P.M.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; George F. Gillard, P.M. 657; W. Mann, P.M. 186; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; Edward F. Storr, P.M. and Treas. 22; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1446; Sir Edmund H. Lechmere, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Worcestershire; James H. Hawkins, P.M. 65; William Cubitt, W.M. 193; W. J. Spratling, W.M. 1924; R. H. Gibbons, P.M. 209; Charles Kempton, I.P.M. 1287; Robert James Vincent, I.P.M. 1903; E. Ghervis, P.M. 754; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; G. Ward Verry, W.M. 1421; G. Newall, W.M. 548; Sir Bruce M. Seton, W.M. 6; H. Whitten, W.M. 765; John Nixon, P.M. and Sec. 217; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; Alexander Forsyth, P.M. 140; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; H. Massey, P.M. 1928 and 619; G. J. Grace, P.M. 73; A. G. Creaque, P.M. 157; Frederick Wagner, P.M. 238; H. G. Stranger, W.M. 1381; John Chadwick, P.M. 44, Prov. Grand Secretary East Lancashire; J. W. T. Chapman, P.M. 1922; J. H. Watts, P.M. 63; J. L. Taylor, P.M. 554; W. Nevins, W.M. 1076; R. G. Webster, P.M. 569; W. T. Lover, P.M. 1178; William Simpson, W.M. 201; Chas. Lacey, P.M. 174; Charles T. Barham, P.M. 1766; Frederick Green, W.M. 1687; George Powell, W.M. 1185; George Guterböck, W.M. 173; J. J. Berry, W.M. 1278; W. H. Hubbert, W.M. 1625; Thomas W. Allen, P.M. 733; A. F. Godson, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Worcestershire; Joseph Harling, W.M. 30; F. G. Spencer, W.M. 73; W. Stiles, P.M. 1507; J. R. Jones, W.M. 1768; W. Williams, P.M. 1791; R. J. Stringer, W.M. 571; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The PRESIDENT, after the opening of the Board, stated that several letters had been received from persons relieved on the last occasion, expressing their thanks for the relief extended. The Board then confirmed the recommendations made at the March meeting to the amount of £395, and then proceeded with the new cases, of which there was as many as 48 on the list. The localities from which these came were Hobart, Whitehaven, Wolverhampton, Tottenham, Liverpool, Falmouth, Lowestoft, Goole, Jersey, Ilford, Folkestone, Bolton, Bridport, Norwich, Harrogate, Portsmouth, Gloucester, St. Austell, Deptford, Plumstead, New York, Windsor, the Netherlands, Spain, Worcester, Cambridge, Padiham, California, Hull, Weston, Switzerland, and London. Out of the 48 cases four were deferred being incomplete, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £983. This was composed of the following grants, viz.: one, £60; one, £50; six, £40; ten, £30; two, £25; six, £20; three, £15; ten, £10; three, £5; and one, £3.

The Board sat four hours.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

NANKIVELL.—On the 28th ult., at 37, Chesholm-road, Stoke Newington, N., the wife of Mr. W. O. Nankivell, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

RINGER—RICH.—At Hardwicke, Aylesbury, on the 16th inst., by the Rector, the Rev. W. Bigg Wither, assisted by the Rev. Newton B. Young, Rector of Tillbrook and Rural Dean, Deputy Surgeon-General Theobald Ringer, late 7th Bengal Cavalry, son of the late William Ringer, Esq., of Langharne, Carmarthen-shire, to Frederica Adela, eldest daughter of the Rev. Henry Rich, Great Ane, Alcester, Warwickshire, and formerly curate of Hardwicke-cum-Weedon, P.M. Light of the North, No. 1308; P.H. Egerton Chapter, 1368; I.P.Z. Methuen Chapter, 1533; P.P.G. Swd. Br. Wilts; Steward and Charity Representative Lodge of Loyalty, 1533; P.P.G.A.D.C. Wilts.

DEATH.

KARSLAKE.—On the 19th inst., at Victoria-terrace, Mount Radford, Exeter, Emily Maria Comyns, daughter of the late Rev. J. W. Karslake, B.A., Vicar of Culmstock, Devon, aged 31 years.



Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., was present as one of the guests at the annual Primrose dinner on Monday of the City Conservative Club.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Northesk and Bro. the Earl of Arran, with the ladies Mabel and Alice Gore, have arrived in town for the season.

A Drawing Room will be held at Buckingham Palace some time during the week ending the 17th May; but the precise day has not as yet been fixed.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., has contributed the sum of 25 guineas to the funds of the Hackney Mission Ragged School.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans presided on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the distribution of prizes to the successful students of the Nottingham High School.

Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke and Miss Maynard were expected to arrive in Carlton Gardens from the south of France sometime towards the close of the present week.

Bro. Henry Irving with Miss Ellen Terry, and the rest of the Lyceum Company, reached London, after their visit to the United States, on Thursday, the 16th inst.

The Royal Commission for Housing the Working Classes, of which Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., is the Chairman, will hold several sittings in Ireland during the Whitsun Holidays.

A recent number of the *Richmond and Twickenham Times* contains an excellent portrait, accompanied by a biographical account, of Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening, at the 78th anniversary festival of the City of London Truss Society. The subscriptions amounted to £534.

Bro. Sir John Bennett presided at the 59th annual dinner held on Monday evening, at the Holborn Restaurant, in aid of the funds of the Original Society of Cooks and Confectioners.

Bro. Henry Irving will commence his season at the Lyceum, Saturday, the 2nd prox., with "Hamlet," which will be followed in quick succession by "The Merchant of Venice," "Louis XI," and "The Bells."

The Marquis of Salisbury reached Wynnstay on Monday on his long-intended visit to R.W. Bro. Sir W. Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., whose health, however, did not permit of his personally welcoming his distinguished guest.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Lathom were among the guests invited by Lord and Lady Wimborne to meet the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at dinner at Hamilton House, Arlington-street, on Saturday evening last.

Sheriff Faudel Phillips, and Bros. Ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith and Ex-Sheriff Col. Cowan are among the candidates for the position of Alderman of the Ward of Cordwainer, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage.

Bro. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin (Lord Plunkett) presided on Tuesday over a meeting of the Synod of the Church of Ireland in Dublin, to prepare an address of welcome to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

A Bazaar and Art Institution in aid of the Hampstead Home Hospital and Nursery Institute was to be opened at the Hampstead Vestry Hall, Haverstock Hill, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., by Bro. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Sheriff Phillips.

We have received an urgent appeal on behalf of Mrs. Helen Shays, a candidate (No. 64 on list) at the next election of aged widows. This case is one of great distress, and it is earnestly hoped will secure the kind assistance of all who can spare their votes and interest for a case of more than ordinary necessity.

At the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter meeting held in Truro last week, Comp. Arderton, Prov. Gd. Scribe E., read a letter from Comp. Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Soj., urging the chapter to contribute to the Cathedral Building Fund, and Prov. Grand Chapter subsequently agreed to give twenty guineas. The Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, the P.G. Supt., is also chairman of the Cathedral Committee. It has been asked, Why has the Grand Lodge of England never contributed? Probably, because it has never been asked.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., Bro. Alderman J. Farncombe, P.M. 311, P.Z. 311, P.G. Swd. Br. Sussex, and proprietor of the *East Sussex News*, was presented by his employes with a handsome marble mounted clock, as a mark of their respect and esteem, and good wishes for future prosperity, on the occasion of his silver wedding. The gift (thoroughly unexpected on the part of the recipient) was made in the "work house," i.e., the new composing room, by Mr. E. Kemp, who for over twenty years has been one of Bro. Farncombe's staff, and it can be readily imagined that the occasion was one of sincere congratulation. Bro. Farncombe expressed to his men the sincere pleasure he felt at such an unexpected present, which he said he was sure would be duly appreciated by Mrs. Farncombe. The clock, which was a very handsome one, bore a suitable inscription, and the record which accompanied it bore the names of about sixty of the employes.

3,000,000 tins of CHAMPION'S MUSTARD was sold in London alone during the past year. Why was this so? Because the public, having satisfied themselves it was the best and cheapest, gave it a preference over all others.—ADVT.

220.—Tobaccoists 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.]

Bro. Alderman Evans entered upon his 37th year on Wednesday.

Bro. Richard Eve, of Aldershot, has been chosen as the Liberal candidate for the Northern Division of Hampshire, at the next General Election.

Bro. R. B. Martin, M.P., presided, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at a meeting at Cannon-street Hotel of the North Brazilian Sugar Factories Company.

Bro. the Attorney General, Sir Hy. James, Mr. Pitt Lewis, and Mr. R. S. Wright, "Attorney's Devil," are retained by Lord Coleridge for his defence in *Adams v. Coleridge*.

A bust, just executed by Mr. Sheldon, of Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., will be on view at the approaching exhibition of the Incorporated Society of British Artists.

The Chancery Lane Safe Deposit Company will be inaugurated on Thursday, the 7th prox., by Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., who will occupy the chair at the banquet given in honour of the occasion.

Bro. P. T. Duffy, Chess Editor of the *Illustrated London News*, was among the guests at the 33rd anniversary dinner, at the Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, of the City of London Chess Club.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., will preside at the second annual dinner of the City of London College Parliamentary Debating Society, which will be held on Tuesday next, the 28th inst.

Bros. Rylands, Baron H. De Worms, and Lord Mayor Fowler are among the members of the House of Commons who have been nominated as a select committee to inquire into Civil Service Expenditure.

Bros. E. C. Beedell, J. Cox, H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., G. Shaw, J. C. Dwarber, and G. R. Innes, were among those present at the weekly meeting on Tuesday of the Guardians of the City of London Union.

The *New Zealand Freemason* and the *Masonic Herald*, of Calcutta, are both re-publishing Bro. Emra Holmes' story, "The Worshipful Master," in addition to the list of papers noted in the *Freemason*.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., accompanied by Lord Bramwell and several other gentlemen, paid a visit of inspection to the Channel Tunnel works near the Shakespeare Cliff, at Dover, on Saturday morning last.

Bro. G. C. Boor, C.C., was so seriously ill last week that he was prevented attending the Special Court of Common Council, and his other official duties as well, at the Lord Mayor's funeral at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W., on Saturday, May 2nd, commencing at 6.45 p.m. Bros. E. Ayling, P.M. 975, W.M.; Geo. Read, I.P.M. 2099, S.W.; W. Mann, P.M. 186, J.W.

Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., presided on Thursday, the 16th inst., at a meeting held at the Cannon Street Hotel, for the purpose of giving expression to the general feeling that the strength of our navy is not adequate to the requirements of the State. The meeting was composed of men of all shades of political opinion, among those present being Bro. Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided on Tuesday at the distribution in the great hall of the Polytechnic Institution of the medals and certificates won by the successful candidates of the Polytechnic St. John's Ambulance Class for Ladies. The distribution was made by H.R.H. the Princess Christian, and amongst those present was R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire.

Bro. William Holland brought his circus season at Covent Garden Theatre to a close on Saturday last with a most successful benefit. At both the morning and evening performances the house was crowded in every part, and at the close of each Bro. Holland entered the ring and expressed his thanks to the public for their hearty patronage and support. The pleasure of the benefit was still further enhanced by the gift to Bro. Holland by the members of the establishment of a valuable gold watch and chain, in token of their appreciation of his kindness during the season.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, the 25th inst.: Monday, 20th—Grand Masters Lodge; Royal Albert Lodge; British Lodge. Tuesday, 21st—Cadogan Lodge; Salisbury Lodge; Sion College; Wanderers Chapter. Wednesday, 22nd—Orphan Working Schools; Artists' Benevolent Fund. Thursday, 23rd—Dramatic Ball; Grenadiers Lodge; Polish National. Friday, 24th—Liederkrantz Festival.

The Alhambra Theatre of Varieties was very Tory on the 18th inst., the day observed as Primrose Day. Nearly every one on the stage wore primroses, including the ladies of the corps de ballet, and each singer gave in his or her own fashion criticisms on the current Government, which were not of a very flattering description. There is a juggler—Mons. Trewey—at the Alhambra who is alone well worthy of a visit. Miss Jenny Hill is also extremely clever in depicting the peculiarities of the itinerant seller of matches. There are two very pretty ballets, and the band, under the direction of M. Jacobi, still maintains its reputation of excellence.

THE SPEEDIEST REMEDY FOR THROAT AND CHEST AFFECTIONS.—"In spite of the many novelties, and largely advertised 'new preparations' for the CHEST and LUNGS, I find Dr. LOCOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS still rank as affording the speediest relief in *Throat and Chest Affections*."—Signed, W. H. TURNER, M.P.S., Tottenham, Bristol. They instantly relieve, rapidly cure, and taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 3d. and 2s. 9d. per box.—ADVT.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—During biting winds and excessive variations of temperature, every one is more or less liable to internal congestions and inflammations. Throat, chest, liver, bowels, kidneys, and skin all suffer in some degree, and may be relieved by rubbing in this Ointment, aided by proper doses of the Pills, for administering which full directions accompany each box; in truth, any one who thoroughly masters Holloway's "instructions" will, in remedying disease, exchange the labour of an hour for the profit of a lifetime. All bronchial, pulmonary, and throat disorders require that the Ointment should be thoroughly well rubbed upon the skin twice a day with great regularity, considerable briskness, and much persistence.—ADVT.

Bro. the Earl of Bandon read an address to the Prince of Wales at Cork on Wednesday last.

Bro. Lord Brabourne arrived at Folkestone by the tidal boat from Boulogne on Saturday last, and at once continued his journey to London.

Bro. W. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., has been invited to contest in the Conservative interest the South Staffordshire or Kingswinford Division.

The *Gazette* of Sunday contains the official announcement of the appointment of Bro. Lord Carrington to the Governorship of New South Wales.

Bro. Lord Cremorne's grandmother died last week. The Dowager Lady Cremorne was the mother of the Earl of Dartrey, who is the father of the G.S.W.

Bro. E. West, P.M. 1076 (Craft), P.P.G.J.D. Herts, was on Monday last installed W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 173 (Mark). A full report will appear in our next issue.

Bro. W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., has very kindly undertaken to preside at the anniversary Festival of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society, on Tuesday, the 19th May.

Bros. Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas., and Alderman Stone, P.G.J.W., were amongst the Stewards at the Festival of the Orphan Working School, held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday last.

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

Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Ermytrude Malet reached Berlin on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., and on Thursday were present at a grand ball, given at the Italian Embassy by the Count and Countess Delaunay.

Bro. C. J. Nottage has been granted three months' leave of absence from his regiment in consequence of the death of his father, and the attention to family affairs it will be necessary for him to give in consequence.

Intimation has been given that Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, Grand Master of Scotland, with a deputation from the Grand Lodge, will make a grand visitation to the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, on 7th prox., and to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, at Dundee, on 29th May.

Mr. Hargrave Jennings, author of "The Rosicrucian," "One of the Thirty," "Live Lights and Dead Lights," and other works, has made application for admission into Llanthony monastery, where he proposes to end his days in solitude and live according to the rule of St. Benedict. He will be received with due ceremony after Father Ignatius's London mission.

About 200 brethren assembled at Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, on Sunday last, and went in procession to the parish church, where a sermon was preached in which the Craft of Masonry was highly spoken of. A collection was afterwards made in aid of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association, the amount of the contributions being not far short of £30.

Mr. W. Day Keyworth is at present engaged in executing a marble bust in full Masonic costume, of Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, which is to be presented to Mrs. Bell by the brethren of the Province in recognition of their great sense of the services rendered to the Craft, not only in the Province itself, but also generally. The same artist will exhibit at the Royal Academy this year a bust of the late Mrs. Eleanor A. Roberts, Mayoress of Liverpool.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the usual meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, on Friday, the 17th inst., when a resolution of sympathy with the Lady Mayoress and her family and the Corporation of London, at the loss they have severally sustained through the death of Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage, was passed. Bro. Alderman Staples returned thanks for the resolution on behalf of the Corporation.

W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered his interesting lecture on Freemasonry, entitled "Knobs and Excrescences," at the monthly meeting of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, Berks., on the 10th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. H. Belcher, the Worshipful Master. The thanks of the brethren were unanimously accorded to the lecturer at the close of his able and instructive address.

A special meeting of the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sadbury, was held recently, and an interesting presentation was made to Bro. William Window, Tyler of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge, of a Tyler's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, on which was the inscription: "Presented to Bro. William Window by the Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363," with date. The presentation was made by Bro. W. Clifford, P.M. 855. Bro. Window responded in an appropriate speech.

In the letters we published last week from "G. T. Budden"—who, by the way, should have figured as "E. T. Budden"—there occurred sundry literal and verbal mistakes, which it is desirable we should correct. In his first letter—on "The Ballot"—the last paragraph but one, commencing "The inviolability of the ballot is sound," should have commenced "The inviolability of the ballot is sacred." In his second letter—on "The Word Hele"—the passage quoted in the fourth paragraph from Chaucer should have been set up in the form of verse thus:—

"Pardy, we wymmen can right no thing hele,
Witnes on Mida."

In the paragraph immediately following, in the sentence beginning "In the Confession," the German words given as "sic" and "moch," should read "sie" and "noch"; while in the next sentence—"M. GRIEB'S German," &c., the first "VERHELEN"—as well as the "Verhelen" previously printed—should read "Verhehlen"; and the second "VERHELEN," being a noun substantive, not the verb, should read "Verhehler." The word given, and subsequently repeated, as "Englistic," must be read as "Englished." Ordinarily, such inaccuracies as we have noted are at once detected by the reader; but in this case the letter forms part of an interesting etymological discussion, and we have thought it better, therefore, to take upon ourselves the duty of correcting them.