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THE autumn School Elections are over, and, all things considered, it is difficult to imagine how the results could have been attained with less disappointment to the hopes and expectations of the children and their friends and supporters. Putting the two lists together, we find there were 86 candidates, namely, 33 girls and 53 boys. Of these 54 have been elected—17 girls and 37 boys—and of the remaining 32, namely, 16 girls and 16 boys, only two of the latter will have their names removed from the list under the operation of the law which places the maximum limit of age for admission into the School at 11 years. Thus of the total number of candidates, 54 will be admitted to the benefits of the Schools forthwith, and 30 of the unsuccessful will have still allowed to them a further chance or chances of being elected at the Court in April next or subsequently. There would, of course, been a far greater degree of disappointment if the numbers to be elected had only been co-equal with the numbers of vacancies declared. But at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School held in July, the Governors and subscribers considered the financial position of the Institution justified their making an addition of 15 boys to the established strength of the School, and there can scarcely be a doubt that, if the Festival in June had yielded a more abundant harvest of donations and subscriptions, the increase in the number of pupils would have been a more substantial one. However, be this as it may, the addition of 15 has had the effect of reducing the array of approved candidates within manageable limits, and if next year's Festival proves fairly productive, we may reasonably indulge the hope that, for a time, at all events, the number of applicants will be more nearly on a level with that of the vacancies to be filled than they have been latterly. Anyhow, as regards the Elections just concluded, it must be a source of satisfaction to know that of the large number of 86 candidates only two are finally shut out from the chance of participating in the benefits of our Masonic Schools. The Craft, in its wisdom, will take care that the needs of the future, like those of the past and present, shall be provided for discreetly, yet generously.

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THE Girls' School election, of which we give the results in another column, offers no special field for comment. When the list was issued there were 34 candidates, but the name of one of them—that of a West Yorkshire girl—was withdrawn at the last moment. Of the remaining 33, ten hailed from London, and four of these were successful, the other 13 elected being provincial cases. Hants and the Isle of Wight secured the election of one out of its four candidates, and Kent two of its three candidates; while of the provinces which sent up two, namely, Lincolnshire, West Yorkshire, Suffolk, Essex, and Sussex, the first-named was successful in both cases, and the others with one. Of the provinces which furnished only one candidate, Norfolk, North and East Yorkshire, Berks and Bucks, Monmouth, Devonshire, and Northumberland, the first four were successful, and the last two unsuccessful. As regards the order on the poll, a Kent girl headed the list with 2220 votes, the Norfolk candidate being second with 2123, and one of the London candidates third, with 2022 votes. Lincolnshire, which carried both its cases, and, in so doing, exhibited an amount of voting power out of all proportion to the modesty of his contributions, succeeded in placing one of its applicants fourth, with 2014 votes, and the other ninth, with 1814 votes, the intermediate places being filled by one of the two Sussex candidates, with 1953 votes, a second Kent girl, with 1895 votes, one of the four Hants and Isle of Wight, with 1885 votes, and the applicant from Monmouthshire, with 1851 votes. West Yorkshire secured the tenth place, with 1802 votes, London the eleventh and twelfth, with 1732 and 1725 votes respectively; and then followed N. and E. Yorkshire, London, Suffolk, and Berks and Bucks, the rear being brought up by one of the Essex candidates, with 1534; a second Hants and Isle of Wight girl, who polled 1512 votes, being the highest unsuccessful, and the Northumberland candidate, who made her first attempt in April last, having no score whatever. The total number of votes polled, including 5701 from the April election, reached 38,993, of which 31,084 were distributed among the successful candidates, and the remaining 7909 among the unsuccessful.

THE proceedings of the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School appear to have been confined wholly to the election of candidates. Originally, the list contained 56 names, but those of three of the boys—Nos. 20, 21, and 23—were withdrawn after the voting papers had been issued. The great feature of this election appears to have been the success of London, which had the satisfaction of carrying 17 out of its 25 candidates, 11 of these 17 being among the 17 highest on the poll, namely, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, and 17. Hants and the Isle of Wight which, as in the case of the Girls' School election, sent up four candidates, has good reason to be satisfied with the result, three of the four girls being successful, as Nos. 32, 33, and 35, while Sussex which had three candidates, was fortunate enough to get two of them placed—Nos. 10, and 34. Of the provinces which sent up two girls each, Durham and the two Yorkshires carried both, and East Lancashire one, while Northumberland failed in both. Of the five provinces which had one representative only, Staffordshire, Lincolnshire, Devonshire, Cambridge-shire, Oxfordshire, Monmouthshire, the Western Division of South Wales, and the District of Malta, were successful, while Herts, West Lancashire, and the Eastern Division of South Wales, were unsuccessful. The highest number of votes—1781—was polled by No. 44, one of the East Lancashire candidates, this being his first attempt. The lowest successful candidate, No. 37, hailing from South Wales West, polled 1015 votes, thus securing his election over the highest unsuccessful candidate—a London boy—who polled 1009 votes by, to use a slang phrase, the very skin of his teeth. No. 56 from London polled no votes whatever, while No. 25, whose name disappears from the list, and who has made two attempts, scored two. No. 1, after six ballots, retires from the field with a total of 97 votes, a result which, seeing he was the only candidate from South Wales East, does not say much for the voting energy of that province. As regards the votes, there were 5954 brought forward from April, and 54,105 issued for this election, making a total available of 60,059. Of these 50,329 were distributed among the 37 successful candidates, and 4471, of which all but 99 polled by Nos. 1 and 25 will be carried forward to the election in April, 1886, among the unsuccessful. This leaves a balance of 5259 votes unaccounted for, the great majority of them, of course, being unpolled.

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IN the foregoing paragraphs we have dealt, both generally and particularly, with the Elections, which constituted the chief part of the proceedings at the Quarterly Courts of the two Schools. We must not, however, let slip the opportunity of congratulating the Girls' School Court on the unanimity with which it confirmed the unanimous vote of the Special Court held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., to purchase the strip of vacant land bordering the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's Hill for the sum of £5700. We anticipated no other result; but it must not be supposed that our pleasure is any the less because what was a strong hope when we indited our remarks of last week has at length been realised. On the contrary, we seem to experience an even greater amount of satisfaction than if the resolution to purchase had been sprung upon us, as it were, suddenly. We feel that the Governors have accepted the proposal, not carelessly, but after prolonged and grave deliberation; and, being imbued with this feeling, we land ourselves in the very natural conclusion that the administration of our Girls' School, having been entrusted to men who ponder well what they are doing, could not be in safer hands. We are further gratified at hearing of the important part taken in the negotiations by Bros. HENRY GARRARD and PILDITCH. The resolution of thanks to those brethren for their valuable services, as proposed and seconded by Bros. GREY, P.G.D., and F. RICHARDSON, P.G.D., respectively, and accepted by the Court “nem. con.,” was most opportune, and we heartily endorse that resolution, not only because we feel it was deserved, but because experience tells us that such a recognition of service, spontaneously and heartily tendered, encourages other men to go and do likewise.

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WE have received copy of the proceedings of sundry meetings of the District Grand Lodge of New South Wales—the usual Quarterly Communication, on the 18th May last, and no less than three emergency meetings, on the 30th of May and 20th and 25th July respectively—there being incorporated with these the Report of the Board of General Purposes of the 17th August. From the particulars thus furnished we gather that our English Craft in this colony is as prosperous as it is active, the former fact being demonstrated by the very favourable financial statements of the District Grand Treasurer, and the latter by the number of special meetings and the purposes for which they were held. As regards the financial position of the district, the accounts disclose that, in respect of the District Grand Lodge account, there was at the close of the quarter ended 16th May, 1885, a balance in hand of £136 8s. 5d., which, added to investments

amounting to £1459, raised the assets of the District Grand Lodge under this head to £1595 8s. 5d. On the Benevolent Fund account there was a balance to the good of £105 17s. 7d., which, with £2350 invested, gave a total of assets amounting to £2455 17s. 7d. The Orphan Fund account had a similar balance of £31 3s. 1d., and investments £5763, or together £5794 3s. 1d.; and the General Purposes Fund a balance in hand of £72 11s. 5d., the result being, for all four funds taken together, a net increase in the balance to the good over the previous quarter of £306 17s. 5d., while the investments and cash balances totalled up £9918 os. 6d., or, including £2610—shares not bearing interest—£12,528 os. 6d. We must congratulate our New South Wales brethren and the responsible officers of the District Grand Lodge on so favourable a financial condition. As regards the three emergency meetings, that on the 30th May was held for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating the new Masonic Hall erected at St. Leonard's by the St. Leonard's Samaritan Lodge, No. 1654, and those on the 20th and 25th July for the constitution of the new lodges Aurora, No. 2110, Sydney, and the Hunter's Hill Lodge, No. 2111, Hunter's Hill, respectively, Bro. J. W. NIXON being installed Worshipful Master of the former, and Bro. C. E. JEANNERT Worshipful Master of the latter. These strong evidences of the loyalty of our New South Wales brethren, and their earnest desire to remain under the banner of the United Grand Lodge of England, are most gratifying. As minor, but, at the same time, by no means unimportant, illustrations of the strength of these feelings, we may further note that at the stated Communication in May, R.W. Bro. JOHN WILLIAMS, District Grand Master, referred to the fact of there having been, owing to unavoidable causes, no annual festival held for the two years preceding, and it was then and there resolved that a festival for this year should be held, and that it should take the form of a Masonic Ball. At the same meeting the desirability of establishing a Masonic Club was brought under the notice of the brethren, and the feeling in favour of such a proposal being carried out appears to have been strong, the District Grand Master at the close of the discussion suggesting that a meeting of the Present and Past Grand Officers should be called for the purpose of formulating a plan. We trust the scheme will be essayed and carried to a successful issue. There ought to be no idea of failure where the brethren are so hearty and so public-spirited.

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THERE is no member of the English Craft who enjoys to a greater extent or more deservedly the esteem and respect of his brethren than the Earl of LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. No one has laboured more assiduously than he to promote the well-being of Freemasonry, or wielded the important powers entrusted to him as one of the chief among its members more signally to its advantage. We referred to him last week incidentally as "that splendid ideal of a sound English Freemason," and, by a happy coincidence, there appeared elsewhere in the same issue a full and particular account of an important gathering in Liverpool, in which, as the recipients of a kindly gift from the brethren of West Lancashire—who from long association as neighbours must know them best and most intimately—his lordship and the Countess of LATHOM were the central figures. The presentation was made to commemorate their silver wedding, and it is difficult to conceive that our West Lancashire friends, in selecting a "loving-cup" for the purpose, could have chosen a more appropriate memorial of that union as man and wife which had endured so long and been attended with so much happiness to both. Just as it has been said of the "quality of mercy," that

It is twice blest;  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes,

So of this same loving-cup, recently presented to Lord and Lady LATHOM with such simple ceremony, it may be said to memorialise not only the love for each other of the joint recipients of the gift, but also the love borne them by their near neighbours and friends, the Freemasons of West Lancashire, donors of the gift. Nor perhaps would it have been easy to find a more apt spokesman for the occasion than Bro. Lord CLAUD J. HAMILTON, M.P., who, in what he said, spoke from an intimate knowledge of the several phases of Lord LATHOM's career; while, as regards the occasion for tendering this mark of respect, a happier selection could not have been made than that of the day on which his brethren of West Lancashire were gathered together in the Masonic Hall, at Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting one of the Benevolent Associations established and maintained by the province, and so generously fostered by its chief. As to Lord LATHOM himself, we need not enlarge upon his services as a Mason. He is a member of close on thirty years' standing, having been initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1856, while yet a minor. Not only is he D.G.M. of United Grand Lodge and G.H. of Supreme Grand Chapter, as well as Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Superintendent of West Lancashire, but he is likewise Past G. Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, and Prov. G.M.M.M. of Lancashire; M.P. Sov. G. Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; Great Prior of England and Wales; Past Grand Viceroy of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine; and an honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°, A. and A. Rite, for Ireland. These are the chief official distinctions which have been conferred upon him, and of which he has shown himself so worthy. His services to our Institutions have brought him like honour. Thus, as regards this particular gift, its recipients, its donors, and the occasion on which it was given, there is a completeness of harmony not often met with, and we doubt not that for this, if for no other reason, both Lord and Lady LATHOM will ever cherish the remembrance of the circumstances and personages connected with its presentation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The October Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. Among other brethren present were

Bros. Henry Smith, R. V. Vassar-Smith, F. R. Spaul, J. Wordsworth, W. F. Smithson, J. G. Stevens, S. G. Homfray, H. Bartlett, E. Johnson, E. C. Mather, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. Haldane, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, H. Smith, Smithson, Wordsworth, T. M. Humphries, A. C. Spaul, Hine, J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B.; F. Tyerman, H. A. Hunt, P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; J. Terry, C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Ralph Clutton, Robert Grey, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; W. G. Kentish, T. D. Birch, J. J. Berry, W. H. Spaul, R. G. Barton, W. Lascelles-Southwell, D. P. Cama, T. Bradley, W. A. Dawson, S. H. Parkhouse, P. Monson, C. W. Bacon, A. W. Stead, J. P. Platt, C. A. Carmalt Jones, J. D. Murray, J. Charlton, G. W. Verry, G. Brown, C. F. Matier, C. S. Lane, J. E. Le Feuvre, Major A. Thrale Perkins, James Eberall, W. Lake, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of other minutes, the minutes of the Special Court of the 6th October, which resolved to purchase the belt of land immediately abutting on the grounds of the School at Battersea, at the sum of £5700, from Mr. Heaven, were read.

The CHAIRMAN said that before he asked the brethren to confirm these minutes he thought he ought to state that at a very crowded meeting of the Governors of the Institution on the Tuesday previously, the recommendation was ably set forth by Bro. Robert Grey, and it was unanimously carried. This recommendation was not adopted by the House Committee without much negotiation with the vendor and exhaustive discussions. It was quite true they were going to pay a large price for this piece of land, and it was equally true that the value of the property of the vendor would be enhanced by the acquisition of the property by the Institution. But it was also true that it was of great importance to the Institution that this belt of land should be secured, and, while congratulating the Court of Governors on the unanimity with which they accepted the recommendation so ably set forth by Bro. Grey, he asked the present Quarterly Court to confirm as unanimously the resolution of the Special Court.

The recommendation was unanimously confirmed.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., next said that the Chairman had told the brethren very truly that the House Committee had had very anxious meetings with regard to this purchase of land; but he did not think he should be doing justice to two brethren—viz., Bro. Arthur Garrard and Bro. J. T. Pilditch—if he allowed this occasion to pass without offering them the thanks of the Court for the kindness and assistance they had given the House Committee in carrying the negotiations to a successful issue. These brethren had stepped in, it was well known, when the negotiations required the best skill in diplomacy, and therefore, without entering further into particulars, he would mention that Bro. Garrard, who was well known as a surveyor, was good enough to assist the House Committee by making enquiries, and bringing about negotiations that eventually ended in this acquisition of land. Of course, many meetings had to be held, and at one time there was a very great prospect of the whole arrangement falling through. Had it not been that at that very critical moment Bro. Pilditch stepped in, and by his means the negotiations were reopened, the affair would have been broken off, and the present happy end would not have been attained. He therefore moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given by this Court to Bros. Garrard and Pilditch.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in seconding the motion, said he was sure it would meet with hearty support. These two brethren had given wonderful assistance to the Committee.

The motion was carried nem. con., and the Secretary was directed to communicate this resolution to the two brethren.

The Court then proceeded to declare an extra vacancy for the election that day in consequence of the withdrawal from the Institution of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright, and resolved to elect 17 girls into the school out of a list of 33 candidates.

Bro. JOHNSON, on behalf of Bro. A. H. Tattershall, moved "That the meetings of the General Committee commence at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 4 o'clock p.m., and that the laws be altered accordingly."

The motion having been seconded, was supported by Bros. J. J. BERRY, opposed by Bros. FRANK RICHARDSON, H. MAUDSLAY and J. E. LE FEUVRE, and lost by a large majority.

The election afterwards proceeded, and at the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Jane Edith Menpes	2220	Kate Broughton	1802
Maud Emily Fitt	2123	Louisa Adelaide Smithers	1732
Margaret Ellen Grammer	2022	Ida Campbell Tucker	1725
Flora Burkill	2014	Mary Frances Read	1689
Martheze Evelyn Conti	1953	Minnie Madeline Mansell	1628
Bessie Caroline Holleyman	1895	Ida Ellen Strathern	1626
Edith Coxwell	1885	Kate Jane Adams	1571
Emily Hannah G. Campbell	1851	Bessie Gardner	1534
Mary Alice G. Smith	1814		
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Mary Kathleen Holman	1512	Isabel Davies Knight	177
Mary Ann Dickinson	1255	Marian Eva Lillywhite	107
Liljan Frances Wells	1187	Gertrude Emma Wardroper	103
Ettie Louise Chapman	1072	Mary Emily Fulford	75
Edith May Walmsley	783	Lilian Woods	36
Grace Ellen M. Barnard	712	May Isabelle Pinder	3
Flora Richardson	413	Eleanor Phillips	—
Ethel Kirkman	263	Mabel Allatt	(Withdrawn)
Mathilde Pratt	211		

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 12th inst. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., one of the Trustees, presided, and among those present were :

Bros. F. R. Spaul, James Eberall, W. F. Smithson, S. G. Homfray, John Wordsworth, Harry Smith, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, James A. Birch, J. L. Hine, Lieut.-Colonel Haldane, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., A. E. Gladwell, F. Walters, Controller Bake, George J. McKay, D. P. Cama, Aaron Stone, H. H. Whale, A. Arrowsmith, J. Mount Humphries, Edgar Bowyer, George Rake, Chas. S. Lane, George King, C. F. Matier, G. Ward Verry, John G. Stevens, T. Bradley, J. P. Platt, W. H. Main, H. Massey, H. Venn, John Constable, E. M. Money, A. C. Spaul, A. H. Lilley, Jas. Stevens, H. Cox, G. P. Britten, Thos. Turner, E. V. Greatbatch, William Nott, C. H. Webb, W. A. Dawson, A. Thrale Perkins, G. P. Gillard, C. F. Hogard, F. Davison, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous court having been read and verified, and those of the several meetings of the General Committee having been read for information, Scrutineers for the election of 37 from a list of 53 candidates—the names of three having been withdrawn—were appointed, and the poll was opened shortly before 1 p.m., and carried to a close with the following result, votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman bringing the proceedings to an end.

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Levi Shorrocks ...	1781	Richard Ethelbert Emes ...	1355
Harry Edwards Henshaw ...	1717	Fras. B. Bracksopp Kent ...	1353
Edward Wollaston Hobson ...	1618	Norman McCaskie ...	1343
George Leonard Reay Mackey ...	1597	Robert Langley Churchill ...	1339
John Nicol McMillan ...	1573	Claude Ernest Arrowsmith ...	1305
Francis Walford Higginson ...	1539	Percy Neville ...	1304
George Bryce Worthington ...	1537	William George Figgess ...	1274
George Stafford Huggett ...	1494	Arthur Harrison ...	1263
Alfred Ernest Astington ...	1467	John Edward Tufnell Hobbs ...	1246
William Henry Grant Smithers ...	1466	Frank Fowler ...	1231
Ernest Dobby ...	1455	Collin Randolph Campbell ...	1212
Alfred Thompson Mushens ...	1441	William Ernest Brockbank ...	1194
Algernon Sackville West ...	1423	Edwin Henry Groves ...	1143
Benjamin Meeds Hildred ...	1415	Tom Edgar Gooch ...	1119
William Ballard Stevens ...	1411	Walter Douglas Pronger ...	1107
Arthur Warner ...	1395	Charles E. Haxthausen ...	1055
Percy White Musgrave ...	1385	Edward Dyer ...	1019
George James Senior ...	1377	Robert Henry Rees ...	1015
Bertram Hartley Robey ...	1362		

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Frederick Tom Webb ...	1009	Joseph Wood ...	107
Otto René John Fox ...	912	Frederick Teilo Davis ...	97
Walter Berry Freeman ...	806	Albert Taylor ...	36
Herbert Benjamin Plows ...	517	George Cannon ...	19
William Archer Stocken ...	349	Percy Gibbs ...	11
Samuel William Knight ...	318	Percy Haslem Matthews ...	10
Charles Wren Limpricht ...	156	Josiah Murfin ...	2
Joseph Thomas Andrews ...	122	Robert Sidney Bolton ...	—

**CONSECRATION OF THE WHITWELL LODGE, No. 2104, AT STOCKTON.**

On Saturday afternoon last there was a very large assemblage of brethren to assist at the consecration of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 2104, at the Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees. The lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock by Bro. Victor Williamson, Past Grand Warden, acting in the absence of the Rev. Canon H. B. Tristram, D.D., as Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Bro. Joseph Dodds, M.P., was Prov. Grand Senior Warden; Bro. R. A. Luck, Prov. G. J. W.; Bro. the Rev. J. Lawson and Bro. the Rev. D. W. James, Prov. G. Chaplains; Bro. B. Boulton, P.G. Treasurer; Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Secretary; Bro. E. Hudson, P.G. Director of Ceremonies; Bro. J. J. Clare, P.G. Deputy Director of Ceremonies; Bro. T. Bradley, P.G. Assistant Secretary; Bro. T. M. Barron, P.G. Registrar; T. Walton, P.G. Senior Deacon; Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M. 97, W.M. 2039, P.G. Junior Deacon (*Freemason*); Bro. J. T. Nilsen, P.G. Pursuivant; and Bro. J. Curry, P.G. Tyler.

Amongst those present were

Bros. C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D.; A. S. Fowler, P.P.G.D.; A. C. Knowles, P.P.G.D.; G. J. Wilson, P.P.G.W.; C. D. Hill Drury, P.G. Reg. Norfolk; W. Lear, P.P.G.D.; H. Maddison, P.P.G.R.; R. W. Bolsover, P.P.G.R.; F. M. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; A. Iley, P.P.G.D.; W. M. Watson, P.P.G.D.; J. A. Manners, P.P.G.S. of Works N. and E. Yorks; J. T. Stokeld, P.P.G.P. N. and E. Yorks; H. Baumann, P.M. 764; W. Mayson, 764; J. F. Wilson, 764; G. Lazenby, W.M. 940; F. S. Cowper, P.S.W. 764; J. Wetherall, J.W. 541; A. Stonehouse, P.M. 764; W. Clarke Robinson, W.M. 1334; W. Logan, W.M. 124; J. Dobson, W.M. 80; D. H. Watson, P.M. 509; T. R. Dent, W.M. 1264; H. Tomkins, 1418; G. C. Whitwell, 509; G. F. Allan, P.M. 509; R. Hind (Mayor of Stockton), 509; J. Hall, P.P.G.D. Staffordshire; H. Macdonald, P.M. 84; and D. Whitehead, P.G. Org.

The lodge having been duly opened, the Prov. Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was received and saluted in due form, and the consecration ceremony proceeded.

Bro. R. HUDSON, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the petition, and the founders stood forward as follows: Bros. A. S. Fowler, P.M. 940, P.P.G. S.D.; W. J. Watson, P.M. 1418, P.P.G.J.D.; G. D. Leng, P.M. 1418, P.P.G.P.; Thomas Walton, P.M. 940, P.G.S.D.; J. F. Craggs, P.M. 940; G. E. Pybus, P.M. 1418; J. Scarth, P.M. 940; R. Ashton, P.M. 940; G. F. Allen, W.M. 509; W. Whitwell, P.S.W. 509; G. Lazenby, W.M. 940; J. Broome, P.J.W. 940, Sec. 1418; J. Burn, S.D. 1418; R. Appleton, J.D. 1418; John Fowler, 940; Richard Hind, 509; F. Sander-son, 940; W. Sudlow, 1418; R. A. Watson, 940; R. Atkinson, 1418; C. J. Seaman, 940; and T. M. Taylor, 1418.

The oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. Lawson, P.G. Chaplain. The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. D. Whitehead, P.G. Organist, Durham Cathedral. The consecration cere-

mony was most solemnly and efficiently performed by the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Wardens, the consecration prayer being offered by Bro. D. W. James, P.G. Chap.

The installation of the first W.M., Bro. J. F. Craggs, P.M., was afterwards performed by Bro. A. S. FOWLER, P.P.G.D., in a very able and impressive manner, and the officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. A. S. Fowler, P.M. 940, P.P.G.S.D., Immediate Past Master; R. Hind, 509, Senior Warden; John Burn, S.D. 1418, Junior Warden; G. D. Leng, P.M. 1418, P.P.G.P., Treasurer; Ralph Appleton, J.D. 1418, Secretary; William Sudlow, 1418, Senior Deacon; J. C. Bage, 1418, Junior Deacon; R. A. Watson, 940, Inner Guard; J. Trenholm, 509, 940, 418, Tyler; Robert Atkinson, 1418, and C. J. Seaman, 940, Stewards.

On the motion of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, seconded by the SENIOR WARDEN, a resolution was unanimously agreed to that all intoxicating drinks should be excluded from the consecration banquet, annual festival, and social meetings of the lodge, it being the intention of the founders that the lodge shall be conducted on the same lines as the Wolseley, at Manchester; the Londonderry, at Sunderland; and other lodges.

Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and a number of joining members were proposed.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER offered his sincere congratulations to the Worshipful Master and officers of the lodge, and begged leave to thank most sincerely all present for their attendance, and for the exemplary manner in which the lodge had been consecrated. He was particularly thankful to Bro. R. Hudson, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the other Provincial Grand Officers for the excellent manner in which the arrangements for the ceremony had been organised and carried out for the consecration of the new Whitwell Lodge.

The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom.

A banquet was afterwards held in the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. F. Craggs, W.M., presiding.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.**

On Wednesday afternoon, the 7th inst., the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire held their first meeting since the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master, in the Town Hall, Skipton, under the banner of the Craven Lodge, 810, when about 200 brethren assembled. The lodge was presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, and a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers. Apologies for absence were read from Bro. W. J. Jackson, P.G.S.W., and Bro. the Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, P.G.S.D., who were unavoidably prevented from attending.

The roll of lodges being called, it was ascertained that about 60 lodges in the province were represented.

Among the visitors present were Bros. Sir Alexander Wolfe, vice-chairman of the Great Western Railway; Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution of Boys, &c.; and a party of military brethren.

The salutations accorded to the Provincial Grand Master and to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master were most cordial and enthusiastic, and when the applause had subsided,

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. TEW, addressed the brethren as follows: Worshipful Past Masters and Acting Wardens, Master Masons, Officers, and Brethren—The thoughts uppermost in my mind this afternoon and at this moment is how I can adequately acknowledge the salutations you have just now so cordially accorded to your new Provincial Grand Master and also to his Deputy; how I shall thank this assembly of West Yorkshire Freemasons for their reception of me on this occasion; how I shall find words to express the thoughts with which my heart is full of deep gratitude for kindnesses and forbearance towards me in the discharge of my new duties as the responsible occupant of this chair, in succession to Colonel Sir Henry Edwards. It is my first effort since my installation at Leeds, on the 24th April, to undertake from this chair the duties of a Provincial Grand Master, as your Provincial Grand Master of this large and important province. I can only bid you imagine the feelings of gratitude, which it is hardly possible to put into words, for the consideration shown me, and for the salutation of regard and friendship with which you have favoured me. I esteem it a privilege to be permitted to guide the deliberations of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and to be associated with you in the discharge of obligations the most lofty and the most benevolent that any Order can aspire to promulgate. I trust it may be my happy fortune in the long connection which I am proud to say has existed between us, to secure to this office in which you have placed me the confidence and esteem of my brethren in the Craft of West Yorkshire. Provincial Grand Masters who have gone before me will be my leaders and my teachers, and I shall try and continue their labours and speak their thoughts, and disseminate throughout this fraternal community those lofty sentiments of theirs—of generosity, Charity, and goodwill, which adorned their lives and claim from us our acclamations of gratitude and respect. (Hear, hear.) To keep the lodges as one perfect lodge in harmony and friendship is no ignoble sentiment. To try to have a new earth upon earth, if we could not have a new heaven upon earth; to make the West Riding one vast lodge, and every man a brother, is no vain appreciation of the capabilities of our principles and the measure of our faith. May this be so. May I have your co-operation in this aspiration. May I believe in a better time for human comfort and human happiness, and for Christian Charity everywhere, and leave to my successor in this chair a satisfied province and the administration of its affairs marked only by unbroken, conscientious consistency, are the sincere desires of myself and my Deputy for the future well-government of this province. (Cheers.)—(The Prov. Grand Master here referred to an alteration in the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge which he had adopted, dispensing with the opening of a preliminary lodge, as had previously been the case, thus giving Provincial Grand Lodge the premier place in the day's proceedings.)—The invitation to meet here is from the Craven Lodge, 810—



a lodge whose warrant dates from 14th February, 1860, and where the Prov. Grand Lodge has only been held once before, when it was consecrated on 3rd July, 1867, by Bro. Bentley Shaw, the late esteemed Deputy. But Freemasonry here is older than this, because there was a lodge here in 1780, called the Albion Lodge, No. 551, and which, I think, was altered to the Philanthropic, No. 460, in the year 1792. The Craven Lodge is a small lodge in numbers, but one animated with zeal for the prosperity of the Order in this most lovely part of Yorkshire. It gave a grant to the Sir Henry Edwards' Presentation Fund, and paid its annual subscription to the Freemasons' Widows' Annuity Fund Festival, which was held on the 25th February, 1885. Our acknowledgments are due to the W.M. and brethren of the Craven Lodge to meet here this afternoon in the vale formed by the Kildwick and Cross Hills, to visit the ancient memorial of the past, the Castle of the Cliffords, which now as then bids us to stand by our Royal Grand Master, and protect the throne and his rights to it against innovations foreign to the principles of Freemasonry, and in accepting the privilege of the Rector to march to the church of "Robert de Remille," there to pray to the Great Architect of the Universe that "all things may be so ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be preserved among us for many generations." Situated as this lodge is here, forming a connecting link between the two populous counties of York and Lancaster, it ought to flourish, and we wish it prosperity and perpetuity. The permission to participate in the reception accorded to Prince Albert Victor in the Corn Exchange at Sheffield on the 1st July last was most gratifying; and the presentation of an address of welcome on the 15th July to his H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Leeds on the inauguration of the Victoria College there, are instances of our sympathetic acclivity in the prosperity and welfare of Institutions and principles for the progress and benefit of our fellow-creatures, and in which Freemasonry takes an especial pleasure and delight. (Hear, hear.) In the 97th report of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is an acknowledgment of the Sir Henry Edwards presentation of £1050, handed over to that noble Institution by this province for the purpose of ensuring to West Yorkshire the right of perpetually presenting a properly qualified child to receive the benefits conferred by the Institution, and to place on record for ever our deep respect for our retired Provincial Grand Master, and thanking us also for an additional sum of £546 to the annual Festival on the 13th May last, when many West Yorkshire brethren attended at Freemasons' Hall. Your contributions this year to the three Institutions have amounted to the sum of £2273 2s. You have further granted a sum of £60 from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge towards constituting this Provincial Grand Patron of the Girls' Institution. For your munificence and generosity I and my officers thank you heartily. A few words in concluding this address. Since we last assembled together many friendly faces are missed, among them being Bros. Wrigley and Anderson, and their absence is mourned in several homes. The sable curtain of sorrowful remembrance must be drawn over the losses this province has sustained by the death of several brethren since April. We know that where life is on earth, there death must surely follow. Life and death are inseparably associated here below, and to which our ritual symbolically refers. In the Grand Lodge above let us hope we shall meet our brethren who have gone before us, renewing each tender tie and fond association which have been so rudely broken by the inflexible hand of life's destroyer. Let me indulge in one brief reflection. The influence of a Masonic gathering of this kind upon the future of our common country is too important to be overlooked. We shall be shortly called upon according to our consciences to take a part in forthcoming electoral contests. God grant they may not be bitter ones. Differences of opinions may separate friendships, leaving between them yawning chasms and leading to discords and uncharitable strifes. Let the principles and roots of your Masonic obligations exercise a wise influence over your decisions. "Be ye angry and sin not." When this fearful strife is over come to your lodges again, and let your solemn vows bring unification and harmony to one and all of you. Leave sectional feelings outside the doors of your lodges. Merge differences in politics and religious contentions upon that higher plane of brotherhood that finds in patriotism and in a love of union one of its brightest and most emphatic expressions. Rejoin your Brotherhood; renew those Masonic friendships which know no county or borough divisions, but whose mystic chords of memory will vibrate in tuneful unison in every lodge from one end of this province to the other. These are stronger ties than Franchise Acts or such like Babel laws, or even the hempen thews of commerce. No steel sword, no cable tow, can stab or strangle them. The issue is in your hands. Show by your courage and devotion the benign influence of Masonry, and by precept and example that it is a humanising force, and which, while it has filled the ages that have past with its aroma of love, can yet accomplish its greatest work—goodwill towards all men. (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER also briefly returned thanks in the course of which he offered some excellent advice as to the carrying out the regulations of the Craft, and urged Worshipful Masters to assist in keeping up the reputation of the province for the promptness with which its returns are made.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN of the Charity Committee tendered the report of that Committee, and urged the brethren to increase as far as possible their individual subscriptions to the various Charities.

After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren assembled in order of procession, and marched to the Parish Church, where a choral service was rendered, and a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. J. Needham, of Pontefract, the offertory being for the Royal Masonic Boys' Junior School.

A banquet was afterwards served at the Devonshire Arms Hotel.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Cockermouth, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., under the banner of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, when the muster was perhaps the largest since the formation of the province. In the absence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, the Wor. D.P.G.M., Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, presided, supported by Wor. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; Wor. Bro. F. Binckes, P.M., Secretary for the Royal Masonic In-

stitution for Boys, and P.G. Steward of England, and the following Provincial and Past Provincial Officers of the Province:

Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M. 371, P.G.S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1060, P.G. J.W.; Rev. Wm. Thwaites, 1267, P.G. Chap.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 1002, as P.G. Asst. Chap.; David Reece, P.M. 962, P.G. Reg.; Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; Edw. Tyson, P.M. 119, P.G.S.D.; Chas. Gourking, P.M. 1073, P.G.J.D.; John Dodd, P.M. 1390, P.G.S. of M.; James Black, P.M. 1002, P.G.D.C.; W. Bewlay, P.M. 119, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. A. Salkeld, P.M. 662, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Middleton, P.M. 129, P.G. Asst. Sec.; Thos. Glessal, P.M. 872, P.G. Purst.; Jas. Dickinson, P.M. 371, P.G. Asst. P.; John Messenger, 371, P.G. Tyler; J. Paterson, P.M. 962; W. Robinson, P.M. 1074; W. S. Marshall, P.M. 1390; G. G. Glen, P.M. 1400, P.G. Stewards; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Wm. Sandwith, P.M. P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Ryrice, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. W. Montgomery, P.M.; R. W. Moore, P.M.; W. C. Johns, W.M.; Thos. Studholme, S.W.; Thos. Allinson, J.W.; W. J. Tyson, S.D.; T. F. Braithwaite; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chap.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; J. Frears, Org., P.P.G. Org.; J. Cant, Geo. Starkey, J.D.; A. W. Parker; Robt. Miller; Sergt.-Major Bunyan, S.W. 310; J. B. Graham, Sec.; Geo. Carruthers; T. Beaty, J.W.; S. Wright, S.D.; J. Louthian, J.D.; W. Court, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. Nelson, W.M.; J. Bewley, P.M.; R. L. Court, P.M.; A. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; H. Court, P.M.; J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Abbott; Thos. Musgrave; Thos. Weatherstone; W. P. Moordaff, 339; Thos. Moore; Wm. Stoddart, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Purst.; John Temple; J. Hodgson; J. S. Hutchings; Rev. C. J. Bateman; Tom Waite, W.M.; E. P. Penrice, S.W.; J. R. Banks, P.M.; Thos. Mandale, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Milburn, P.M.; Henry Burns, W.M. 872; F. Hodgson, P.M.; W. B. Cowman, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Moordaff; J. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Isaac Jacques; A. Hardie; Thos. Robinson; L. Taylor; J. Sewell; Tom F. Mason; Thos. Brakenridge; William Milligan; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Moordaff; Peter Tough; J. S. Bryden; J. C. Thompson, W.M. 962; H. Irving, P.M.; J. J. Coverdale, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; P. Podmore, J.W.; R. Mackinson; J. Power, I.G.; I. Evening; J. Benn; J. Jolley; G. F. Sanders, J.D.; J. Fletcher; J. Eden, Sec.; P. Wedgwood; J. Johnston; Arthur Ashmoor; Wm. Whitehead; J. Lewthwaite; Jas. C. Hunter, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; E. L. Waugh, W.M. 1002; H. Peacock, P.M.; Thos. Mason, P.M.; J. C. Benn; F. Smith, J.D.; W. Paisley, J.W.; J. Taylor, S.; J. Hewson, Tyler, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Fidler, Sec.; C. Gibson; J. Borrowseale; W. Bell; R. S. Marsh; H. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Cowther Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Armstrong; William Shilton, P.M., P.P.G. Sword. Bearer; R. Harrison; Thomas Atkinson; F. A. Cooper, S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P. Provincial Grand Organist; R. Robinson, P.M., P. Provincial Grand Senior Deacon; William Taylor, P.M.; William Abraham, W.M. 1073; Thos. Usher, P.M. 1073; J. Hall; E. Jackson, S.W.; Wm. Hodgson; Jas. Coward, J.W.; W. J. Atkinson, S.D.; J. J. Wilson, W.M. 1267; Dr. S. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; R. Tyson, P.M.; W. L. Towerson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; H. Armstrong; W. Sharp, J.W.; A. Moordaff, Sec.; Samuel Braithwaite, Tyler; Geo. Douglas; Wm. Burnyeat; John Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.S.D.; Wm. Bradley, P.M.; George Hill, P.M.; John Atkinson, S.W.; W. S. Marshall, P.M.; W. E. Whiteside, S.D.; Wm. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Jas. Batt, P.M.; H. Wynn, W.M.; L. Ward, W.M. elect; J. Ruberry, J.W.; A. Little, Sec.; J. Morton, I.G.; W. Ayre; R. Morton; J. Kerley; Thos. J. Richardson, 1532; Chas. J. Nauson, W.M. 1532; Jas. Garnett, Sec. 1660; Chas. Gowan, W.M. 1980; R. Walker, J.W.; John Christie; J. M. Harrey; J. D. Welch, J.D.; R. McKittrick; John Leathes; John Hamilton, P.M. 360, P.P.G.S.W., S.C.; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, when the minutes of the last half yearly communication held at Carlisle last April, were read and confirmed. The provincial officers were next called over, when with one or two exceptions all were present. On the roll of lodges being called, four were found to have no representative.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. R. Nelson, P.G. Treas., Bro. G. J. McKay read the Treasurer's statement of accounts, which showed a balance to the credit of the province to £61 1s. 4d., which is admitted to be very satisfactory, taking into consideration the great amount that has been voted for various purposes.

They were passed as read.

On the motion of P. DE E. COLLIN, P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. F. R. SEWELL, P.P.G.S.W., Bro. Nelson was again elected Provincial Grand Treasurer by a unanimous vote.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested Provincial Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. John Barr, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. F. Kirkconel, P.M. 1267	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. J. Bateman, 371	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. E. Armitage, 1074	...	...	Prov. G.A. Chap.
" E. L. Waugh, W.M. 1002	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George J. McKay, P.M. 129 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" George Ryrice, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Lazenby, P.M. 327	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Wm. Robinson, P.M. 1074	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" George Taylor, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Jas. Dickinson, P.M. 371	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" John Paterson, P.M. 962	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" J. C. Mason, P.M. 310	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Henry Peacock, P.M. 1002	...	...	Prov. G.A. St.B.
" J. Frears, Org. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Irving, P.M. 962	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Thos. Mason, P.M. 1002	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" J. Hewson, Tyler 1002	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. F. Braithwaite, 119	...	...	
" J. H. Braithwaite, W.M. 129	...	...	
" Wm. Ravess, W.M. 339	...	...	
" Henry Burns, W.M. 872	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. C. Thompson, W.M. 962	...	...	
" David Bell, P.M. 1660	...	...	

Bro. McKay next read the report from the Charity Committee, which recommended two sums of 25 guineas each to two petitioners, which was approved of by a unanimous vote, and a Committee appointed to attend to the charitable purposes of the province.

There being no further business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren, headed by the Industrial School Band, marched in procession through the ancient borough to All Saints' Church, where an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Wm. THWAITES, P.P.G. Chaplain, from the text Psalm lxxviii, v. 6—"A father of the fatherless and a judge of the widows is God in His holy habitation." The Rev. W. H. Parker, vicar of the church, read the lessons. A collection was made on behalf of the Preparatory School Building Fund for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. At the close of the service the procession was again re-formed, headed by the band, and marched down the main street, round the Mayo Monument, and thence to the hall.

The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Henry Peacock's, the Globe Hotel, and who is always equal to any occasion, as the banquet received well-merited praise; for quality and attendance it could not be surpassed, and the assembly room was filled to overflowing. The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dykes, filled the chair, supported by W. Bros. F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; Col. F. R. Sewell, R. de E. Collin, Rev. Wm. Thwaites, Rev. C. J. Bateman, Rev. Jas. Anderson, and others, faced by the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Wardens.

The toast list was a long one. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair.

"The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" was ably proposed by Bro. COLLIN, and responded to by Bros. Col. SEWELL and WAUGH.

"The Bishop and Clergy of all Denominations" was proposed by Bro. BINCKES in a brilliant style, and heartily responded to Bros. the Revs. BATEMAN and ANDERSON; and with other toasts and songs a most agreeable evening was spent.

We may also mention that the brethren of the Skiddaw Lodge, 1002, took the opportunity of opening their new lodge room adjoining the Globe Hotel, and, previous to the Provincial Grand Lodge being opened, held their first meeting, which was presided over by the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dykes, who is a Past Master of the lodge, assisted by several Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. The room was very much admired by the visiting brethren, and for architecture, furnishing, and general decorations, it may almost be said without flattery to be the lodge room of the province, and redounds very much to the credit of Bros. Marsh, Shilton, Peacock, and Taylor for their taste and true Masonic spirit. We wish the brethren all success in their laudable undertaking, and may they be emblematical of the name of "Skiddaw," and as unmoveable as the mountain itself in the good works in Masonry.

### ROSICRUCIAN THOUGHTS ON THE EVER-BURNING LAMPS OF THE ANCIENTS.

By DR. WM. WYNN WESTCOTT, FRA. ROS. CRUCIS, VIII<sup>o</sup>.  
(An Essay read before the Rosicrucian Society of England.)

The ordinary Englishman of to-day considers the idea of a lamp which should be everburning only less absurd than the idea of perpetual motion. To the dabbler in modern science it is but little less absurd, but to the deepest thinkers, and to Rosicrucians, a scintillula of light appears on this mysterious subject. The true adept has discovered that although Nature is bound in general laws which seem universal, yet in Nature herself evidence may be found, when properly searched for, that at certain times and seasons, and in certain modes, unknown to us, her laws are over-ridden and replaced by a power to which she, the mighty mother, has herself to bow. The pages of the history of the world present to us many instances of such events, which we generally class as miracles; some of them are as well authenticated as any points in ancient history. The Israelitic passage of the Red Sea, the swallowing of Jonah by a whale which brought him forth again alive, and the ascension of Jesus, are examples. The power of prophesy is a contradiction of the ordinary powers of earthly beings, and is so far miraculous. Angel visitors come but rarely now from the realms of glory; is heaven more distant? Or have men grown cold? Rosicrucians are nothing if not Christians, and Christians have ever believed in miracle, or have ever acknowledged the existence of an Omnipotence who can act at times in such a manner as to leave the traces and steps of the process so hidden as to tempt scoffers to doubt, and doubters to scoff.

But although perpetual motion be but a dream to us earthbound mortals, we do not doubt a future perpetual existence, and it is as reasonable to picture to ourself a perpetual flame, as an Eternity of Life. The ancient Egyptian priests pictured life as a flame. The Great Master of the Temple of this world being omnipotent, and able to do all things, does not usually proceed by miracles, or they will not be prized as such; an essence of miracle is rarity, a miracle imitated is not a second miracle. Ordinary events, then, being the extreme of opposition to miracle, there are yet events of a third and intermediate type, marvels, which cannot be understood of the people, but which are yet the product of a special gift to certain men, their spirits, minds, and bodies, who by due, careful, and sufficient training, wisdom and experience, have earned such a reward.

Such should the typical Rosicrucian be, a terrestrial earthly Body, the Temple in which dwells a mind trained to understand the powers of Nature, and enshrined within this, as a canopy, should sit a Divine afflatus, a portion of the Spirit of God, an ala of the Celestial Dove who brooded over the chaos, and this spirit may by patent submission to Deity, and by active efforts at power, draw down to itself a commission to work wonders, and so do "not as other men do."

The great tendency of the modern times has been to reduce all men to a level, a dead level, of mediocrity, an effort fatal to the supremacy of individuals, and which has tended to discourage research into the Hidden Mysteries of Nature and Science, is opposed to the parrot-like study of what are known as modern sciences, a study of enormous value to mankind, but yet not the stepping stones on the direct road to Deity. History then narrates the lives of many men, who, from the exhibition of uncommon powers and transcendent abilities and wisdom, are pointed out as the possessors of what we may fairly call occult Inspiration, "Poeta nascitur non fit;" but I should add "Magus nascitur non solum fit." No accident of birth alone can make a Magician, but intensity of duly directed effort may do so in a certain number of persons with specially favourable mental powers. We may be all born with an equal right to existence; but it is absurd to say we are all to be chiefs or Magi, for, as we are told in the Master's Degree, "some must rule, and some obey."

In 1484 died Christian Rosenkreuz, our great prototype; he was such a man; by the dispositions he made, and the Society he designed, he shook the whole Christian world for a century of years, and laid the first stones of the edifice we are still building to-day. In his tomb, when it was opened by the Fratres, in 1604, or 120 years after his decease, were found, besides other mysterious articles, lamps of a special and peculiar construction; hence the study of Sepulchral Lamps is one particularly germane to us. The discovery of lamps in ancient sepulchres, in some cases extinguished, in others burning with brilliance, was no rarity in the middle ages; but the destroying hands of

the Goth and the Vandal have left few ancient tombs for modern research to explore. We have to content ourselves with the observations and reports of our forefathers, the narratives of Arabian, Roman, and mediæval authors. No fewer than 170 such authorities have written on this subject. Many of these references, in Greek and Latin literature, to lucent bodies, phosphorescence, and "mystic lamps found in tombs," deserve study, and will repay perusal.

The Darkness of Death and the Darkness of the Tomb are, and have ever been, common phrases; no wonder, then, that the ancients sought to minimise it. Hence we find that the relatives of a deceased person were desirous of relieving the gloom hanging over the grave of a beloved wife, kind parent, or respected brother, by any means in their power.

To include in the tomb a lamp and leave it burning was a kindly attention, even if it burned but one short hour; it was an offering to Pluto, to the Manes; it kept away spirits of evil, and preserved peace to the dead man: this knowledge of the limited time such a lamp could possibly remain alight acted, doubtless, as a stimulus to the discovery of a means of prolonging the burning power of a lamp indefinitely, and if I read history aright, in at least a few instances, the problem has been solved; so far at any rate as the manufacture of a lamp which should burn until deranged by the barbarian invader of its precincts. I shall narrate a few examples, premising that these are instances of different modes of obtaining the desired effect; besides these instances the ancient Latin authors speak of the use as illuminants, not alone of lamps, but of natural lucent bodies, which would suffice to dispel the gloom to some slight extent. Such were the diamond, the carbuncle, the glow-worm, the exposure of phosphorus to the air, the ignition of certain substances which burn alone without any wick or arrangement, such as camphor, which will burn even floating on water. The presence of a combustible gas, which issues from clefts in the rock in some mines and caverns, seems to have been known, and was probably taken advantage of by the ancient sages to enhance the mystery and majesty of their secret rites.

It is very possible that some of the priests of old were aware of the lucent property of some forms of sulphide of calcium, which have attracted much attention the last few years, in the shape of luminous paint.

I will submit also that references exist in the history of remote ages to suggest the mysterious light now so freely handled and produced by electricity was not unknown to the ancient sages. Numa, King of Rome, studied electricity, and left pupils of his art, of whom we are told was his successor Tullus Hostilius, who was destroyed whilst endeavouring to draw down from heaven and coerce the electric fluid from thunder clouds, or, as they said, from Jupiter Tonans. Eliphaz Levi remarks—"It is certain that the Zoroastrian Magi had means of producing and directing electric power unknown to us."—"Historie de la Magie," p. 57. Mediæval scholars have fully debated several points in regard to ever-burning lamps, but in all cases without arriving at any definite result; much erudition has been expended on the question whether a lamp found burning on breaking open a tomb was not ignited by the admission of air, and had not been actually burning until it was disturbed; there is modern evidence in favour of this view, from the analogy of some chemical experiments, as, for example, phosphorised oil is invisible in the dark when enclosed in a sealed vial, when this is opened a light pours forth. On the other hand, evidence exists that some of the lamps actually paled and went out when the cavern in which they were found was opened, as a fine metal wire made white-hot by electricity in a sealed glass ceases to shine when the glass is broken; others again burned on and could hardly be extinguished by water or other means, until the arrangement of the lamp was broken.

Other authors, taking for granted that some of these lamps had burned for hundreds of years, have discussed the necessary relation between oil or liquid consumed and wick. With regard to wick, there are several names of substances proposed as incombustible; but they are probably only synonyms of one body, namely, asbestos, which is even now used in our gas fires. It does not consume, although kept constantly red hot with flames flickering over it. Other names for it were—

*Asbestinum*—Plutarch uses this term, Pliny, and Solinus, and Baptista Porta; *Linum Asbestinum* by Albertus Magnus.

*Amiantus*—By Pancirollus, and by Lucius Vives.

*Plume Alum*—See Cyclopædia by E. Chambers, 1741, art. "Allum," and so called by Wecker, De Secretis, lib. 3, cap. 2, and Agricola.

*Earth Flax*—Dr. Plot uses this name.

*Limim Vivum*—Mentioned by Plutarch, also as *Linum Carpasium* and *Lapis Carystius*—see De Defectu Oraculorum, and Pausanias in his Atticus.

*Salamander's Wool*—So called by Friar Bacon and Joachim Fortius.

The ancients, we know, did try incombustible metal wires as wicks; but found that oil would not pass up them, as it does up fibres of cotton or wool.—See "Philos. Transactions," No. 166, p. 806, of the year 1684.

In respect to the oil for the lamp, there is no consensus of opinion as to the nature of it; neither of the authorities who narrate the finding of the lamps describe it in any way, yet many Latin authors discuss it. Some speak of it as bituminous oil, derived from the earth, thus forecasting the recent extensive use of petroleum. None of them definitely associate it with any known animal or vegetable oil. Many mystic references are, however, made to the labours of the Alchemists, who thought it must be of the nature of an essential oil of Sol, the metal gold to be derived from it by alchemic processes. Sol, they say, must be dissolved into an unctuous humour, or the radical moisture of Sol must be separated.—See "Wolfhang Lazius," lib. III., c. 8, and "Camden Britannia," p. 572. For, say they, inasmuch as gold is so pure that it bears repeated meltings without wasting, so if it be dissolved into an oily residuum, such should support fire without being consumed.

It may suitably be explained in this place that the oldest Alchemists held peculiar views on flame and fire. Fire was to them an element—one of four; there were two contraries in nature, three principles, and four elements. Fire, as such, should not need what we call fuel to consume; but only as a means of detaining it in a certain place.—See "Licetus, De Lucernis," cap. 20-21, and "Theophrastus." They said there may be a relation between fire and fuel of these sorts—if the strength of the fire exceed that of the humour, it presently burns out; if the humour be too strong for the fire, the fire departs; but if the radical strength of the humour and of the fire be co-equal, then, cæteris paribus, that fire would burn continually, until the surrounding states of radical moisture or natural heat should be altered by external circumstances, as if a flame be made to burn in a closed vault, it would depart when such was opened.

(To be continued).

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No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	27	Menpes, E. J.	2220
2	5	Fitt, M. F.	2123
3	18	Grammer, M. E.	2022
4	9	Burkill, F.	2014
5	29	Conti, E. M.	1953
6	28	Holleyman, B. C.	1895
7	11	Coxwell, E.	1885
8	24	Campbell, E. H.	1851
9	3	Smith, M. A. G.	1814
10	13	Broughton, H.	1802
11	2	Smithers, L. A.	1732
12	23	Tucker, I. C.	1725
13	6	Read, M. F.	1689
14	1	Mansell, M. M.	1628
15	15	Strathern, J. E.	1626
16	7	Adams, H. J.	1571
17	22	Gardner, B.	1534

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No. on Poll.	No. on List.	SUCCESSFUL.	Votes.
1	44	Shorrock, Levi	1781
2	12	Henshaw, Harry Edwards	1717
3	33	Hobson, Edward Wollaston	1618
4	53	Mackey, George Leonard Reay	1597
5	7	McMillan, John Nicol	1573
6	16	Higgison, Francis Walford	1539
7	35	Worthington, George Bryce	1537
8	32	Huggett, George Stafford	1494
9	13	Astington, Alfred Ernest	1467
10	34	Smithers, William Henry Grant	1466
11	49	Dobby, Ernest	1455
12	4	Mushens, Alfred Thompson	1441
13	10	West, Algernon Sackville	1425
14	2	Hildred, Benjamin Meeds	1415
15	36	Stevens, William Ballard	1411
16	3	Warner, Arthur	1395
17	6	Musgrave, Percy White	1385
18	15	Senior, George James	1377
19	40	Robey, Bertram Hartley	1362
20	18	Emes, Ethelbert Richard	1355
21	9	Kent, Fras. B. Brocksopp	1353
22	41	McCaskie, Norman	1343
23	54	Churchill, Robert Langley	1336
24	22	Arrowsmith, Claude Ernest	1305
25	52	Neville, Percy	1304
26	37	Figgess, William George	1274
27	39	Harrison, Arthur	1263
28	26	Hobbs, John Edward Tufnell	1246
29	19	Fowler, Frank	1231
30	31	Campbell, Collin Randolph	1212
31	47	Brockbank, William Ernest	1194
32	29	Groves, Edwin Henry	1143
33	24	Gooch, Tom Edgar	1119
34	45	Pronger, Walter Douglas	1107
35	14	Haxthausen, Charles E.	1055
36	51	Dyer, Edward	1019
37	28	Rees, Robert Henry	1015

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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"ONE OF TEN."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, Your kind insertion of my letter, a week or two since, bore considerable fruit, and little Edith Menpes headed the poll on Saturday. Let me thank all fraternal helpers.—Faithfully and fraternally yours, JOHN B. MONCKTON.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, As a Life-Governor in a distant province, and a representative of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, also a Life-Governor and annual subscriber of five guineas—the annual subscription being one-third accruing from the sum of five shillings set apart from each member's subscription for the benefit of the Institutions (Girls', Boys', and Benevolent)—it is a great pleasure, on behalf of the lodge and myself, to convey, through the medium of the Freemason, our tribute of thanks to the House Committee for the timely "Provisional Contract" for the purchase of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution, at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, and to congratulate for the "Stamp of intelligent foresight" being prefixed by the confirmation of their recommendation at the annual court meeting on Saturday.—Fraternally yours, GEORGE WYATT.

Newport, Isle of Wight, 14th October, 1885.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### 631] BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ON FREEMASONRY.

The able Editor of the *Keystone*, Philadelphia, has a racy article on "Franklin's Early Newspaper Accounts of Freemasonry." The first extract is dated London, April 21, 1730, and refers to a Grand Lodge held at the "Devil Tavern," the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master. The second bears date May 16, 1730 (*Penna. Gazette*, August 6th to 13th), and alludes to a meeting of the "Old Horn" Lodge (now No. 4), at which were the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master, N. Blackerby, D.G.M., Duke of Richmond (Master of the lodge), Marquis of Beaumont, Lord Mordaunt, Marquis de Quesne, &c. Francois Louis de Gouffier, C. L. President de Montesquier, Comte de Sade, John Campfield, William Cowper, of Golden Square, and Capt. John Merck, "were admitted members of the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons." Another reference to English Freemasonry is "London, June 11, 1730. On Monday last, the celebrated Mr. Orator Henley was admitted a Free and Accepted Mason at the Prince William Lodge, Charing Cross, several noblemen and persons of distinction being present at the ceremony." Bro. McCalla says "we cannot identify the lodge in which he was made a Mason, since in 1729 two lodges met at Charing Cross." Being glad to obtain the date of the initiation of the Rev. John Henley, who subsequently delivered an oration on behalf of the Fraternity, I have had a search after the lodge, and have succeeded in tracing it. It does not occur in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" as held at the "Prince William" in his list of lodges 1736-39, because first of all, the lodge was then extinct, but in the list of lodges 1730-2, at the previous page it is recorded as "64, *Rose Tavern, without Temple Bar*," the lodge having removed to "Rose Tavern" apparently in 1731-2. In the only list I know of for the year 1730, it occurs as "*Prince William, Charing Cross, Feb. 26, 1730*." Bro. John Lane tells me, that for the purposes of his great work (which is to contain all the lodges warranted by the Grand Lodges of England, 1717-1885), he consulted the lists I have of 1730, 1733, 1734, and 1735, besides others, and found that the lodge dropt out after 1735. He concurs with me in the belief that No. 64 is the lodge referred to by Franklin. The series of articles in the *Keystone* on Early Freemasonry are of special value. I think the one dated Sep. 26th, 1885, should be reprinted in the *Freemason*. W. J. HUGHAN.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**ROYAL NAVAL LODGE (No. 59).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. G. R. Ousey, W.M.; W. Winnett, S.W.; J. F. Tyler, J.W.; Stephen Barton Wilson, Treas.; A. G. Beale, Sec.; J. W. Cluff, J.D.; E. Rindskopf, D.C.; A. J. Hone-Goldney, I.G.; Sydney E. Yates, Stwd.; Edward J. Mills, Tyler; J. Nicholson, P.M.; W. G. Hanson, P.M.; P. F. Portway, T. E. Quick, Chas. G. Ousey, and J. S. Quartermaine. Visitors: Thos. Hunt, J.W. 1471; T. B. Capstick, 186; A. S. Porter, 1728.

The lodge was opened in due form. Bro. J. S. Quartermaine was passed as a F.C. and presented with the working tools of that degree in the most able manner by the Worshipful Master. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where they partook of an excellent banquet under the presidency of the W.M., and in the course of the evening were honoured with the presence of Bro. John L. Mather, P.M., &c.

**LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 765).**—A numerous gathering of members of, and visitors to, this excellent lodge assembled at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the installation of Bro. W. H. Tilling, one of its most popular members, into the chair of K.S. Bro. H. W. Mitten, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at the hour appointed, and there were present during the proceedings of the evening the following brethren, viz.: Bros. W. H. Tilling, S.W.; George Tilling, J.W.; F. Child, P.M., Treas.; R. Tilling, P.M., Sec. (father of the W.M. elect); E. J. Rawle, S.D.; R. W. Foster, J.D.; E. J. Jones, Stwd.; J. E. Costello, I.G.; Geo. Rowe, Tyler; James Abbott, P.M.; James Cox, P.M.; Thomas Nevill, P.M.; C. Slow, J. Spencer, T. Price, A. Careys, W. Roberts, G. Perkins, H. Burnell, Alf. Tilling, W. Brindler, R. A. Thompson, C. A. Colwell, L. C. Morlet, W. J. Stahlshmidt, D. Bladford, T. Kent, D. Samuels, C. E. B. Rudd, R. Bowes, T. H. Sparling, T. Williams, and others. The visitors were Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; E. Bridges, P.M. 311; T. Nunn, P.M. 1531; G. Sewell, P.M. 1457; G. Treves, W.M. 720; J. Loader, W.M. 1622; E. Johnson, W.M. 134; Henry Taylor, P.M. 586; D. Jones, 1586; H. J. Almond, 1427; J. Read, 1391; A. C. Wood, 720; J. C. Larner, S.W. 1586; J. Mills, 1714; H. Strickland, 169; W. Montgomery, S.W. 1475; T. R. Williams, S.D. 147; C. H. Cooke, 34; W. Fountain, 879; G. Saling, 205; W. J. Brooker, 1329, 1426; J. E. Jones, 2011; J. Smith, 1586; F. W. Farmer, 25; Chaplin Henry; Walter Bolton, 179; and H. M. Smith, 1586.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and there being no business beyond that of the installation set down for the proceedings of the evening, Bro. W. H. Tilling was presented as W.M. elect, and the W.M., Bro. Mitten, in a most admirable style, and in strict accordance with every detail of the ceremonial, installed his successor, who received from all the brethren most hearty congratulations on his attaining the honourable position of W.M. At the request of the Installing Master Bro. James Stevens, P.M., undertook the duties of D.C. as well in the Board of Installed Masters, as in the subsequent business of the lower degrees, and the investment of officers; duties with which that brother is so frequently charged when opportunities offer. The officers appointed

by the W.M., and those elected by the lodge, were invested and most ably addressed, in the following order, viz.: Bros. George Tilling, S.W.; E. J. Rawle, J.W.; H. W. Mitten, I.P.M.; F. Child, P.M., Treas.; R. Tilling, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Foster, S.D.; J. E. Costello, J.D.; E. J. Jones, I.G.; George Hyde, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Dent, Steward; and Geo. Rowe, Tyler. Propositions for initiation and joining having been received, and communications read, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors respectively, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in the large Crown-room of the Hotel, and gave general satisfaction, both in regard to provision and sufficiency of attendance. The musical portion of the entertainment was under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, with Bro. F. R. Kinke at the piano-forte, and Mademoiselles Madeline Hardy and Helen Heath, and Bros. Henry Taylor and Walter Bolton, as vocalists. It is almost needless to say that under such direction, and with such excellent talent, the enjoyment of the company was considerably enhanced, and the W.M. very commendably advocating brief addresses in proposing and responding to the several toasts, left ample time for the several encores which the merits of the singers so well deserved.

After grace had been sung, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts honoured,

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by his predecessor, and was drunk with enthusiasm.

In his reply, the Worshipful Master expressed his devotion to the best interests of the lodge, and the welfare and happiness of its members, and that devotion he assured them should not be lessened during his year of office. He had to thank Bro. Mitten, the now I.P.M., for much assistance in the past, and more especially now for the benefit of installation he had received at his hands. It gave him great pleasure to decorate him with the handsome jewel which the lodge had voted to Bro. Mitten in recognition of his past services, and, in doing so, he called upon his hearers to drink his health, and wish him long life and prosperity.

Bro. Mitten was most cordially received on rising, and in very forcible terms expressed his thanks.

Amongst the remaining toasts was that of "The Visitors," who were severally introduced to the members of the lodge, and were heartily welcomed. On their behalf responses were made by Bros. James Stevens, P.M.; J. Loader, W.M. 1622; E. Johnson, W.M. 124; J. Montgomery, S.W. 1475; A. C. Wood, I.G. 720; and J. W. Farmer, 25, who respectively expressed their thanks and appreciation of both the "labour and refreshment" which had been set before them.

The Tyler's toast, at a somewhat late hour, concluded one of the most enjoyable Masonic reunions in which we have at any time taken part, and the Lodge of St. James, No. 765, may fairly record on their minutes of proceedings as a "red-letter day" that on which took place the installation of their present W.M.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, Bro. James Sims, W.M., in the chair, when about fifty members were present, including Bros. Hubbard, C. Williams, Seymour, E. Lucas, and Wilkins, who were passed to the Second Degree. On the W.M. rising, Bro. H. Purdue, I.P.M., proposed in a most appropriate manner that this lodge convey its most unanimous and hearty congratulations to their most distinguished brother and member of the Ranelagh Lodge, Bro. Sir C. W. Dilke, on the occasion of his marriage, which was most ably seconded by Bro. Blake, J.W., and carried unanimously. The brethren afterwards sat down to a most enjoyable banquet. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and some excellent singing by Bros. Oliver, P.M., May, A. Williams, Chapman, Wilkins, Stolworthy, and Hubbard, No. 9, visitor.

**CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).**—The election meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, Bro. W. Nevins, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Dorton, I.P.M.; N. H. McCarthy, P.M.; H. Holliday, P.M.; W. Mitchell, P.M.; W. H. Harris, S.W.; W. Watkins, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; C. L. Mears, S.D.; W. Semple, J.D.; J. Still, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; J. Tytheridge, Stwd.; F. C. Ward, E. Barrett, J. White, J. Sully, W. Anderson, R. Brown, G. Treadwell, T. Yates, W. Crow, H. Anderson, 346, and C. Jolly, S.W. 1472 (*Freemason*.)

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Sully was passed, and the ballot being unanimous for Capt Charles Butler Loney, that gentleman was initiated in due form; both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing 12 months was then proceeded with, and Bro. Harris was unanimously elected, and returned thanks. Bro. J. Dorton was re-elected Treasurer, and he returned thanks. Bros. Brown and Ward were elected Auditors; and Bro. Tuberville as Tyler. Bro. H. Holliday was re-elected President of the Lodge Benevolent Fund; and Bro. Mitchell Vice-President. Bros. Tytheridge, Still, and Dale were elected to serve on the Committee of the Fund. It was unanimously resolved that a jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to the W.M. as a token of the esteem of the brethren, and in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past 12 months.

After the W.M. had returned thanks, the lodge was closed in due form.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Oval, on the 6th inst., when there were present among others Bros. Stranger, W.M.; Plowman, S.W.; Feuilleade, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Lingley, S.D.; Cruse, I.G.; Westley, D.C.; Radcliffe, W.S.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Palmer, Bailey, and others.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Hughes and Thomas were raised and Bro. A. Lundie passed. A vote of sympathy having been passed to Bro. W. Mann, P.M., Treas., who has recently met with an accident, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Everett in a kind and fluent speech.

The Worshipful Master having replied, then gave "The Visitors," which toast was responded to by Bros. Bale, P.M. 87, and Mildred, 2024.

The pledge of "The Past Masters" followed, and was harmoniously acknowledged by Bro. G. Everett, P.M.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bro. Stuart, and "The Officers," replied to by Bro. Plowman, S.W., terminated the proceedings.

**ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).**—The autumnal session of this lodge was inaugurated on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there was a large muster of brethren to support Bro. G. S. Waterlow, the W.M., at the Athenæum, Camden-road, N. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed, after which Mr. J. Bass and Mr. J. W. Miller were regularly initiated into Freemasonry in accordance with ancient custom. The effective working of the First Degree by the W.M. elicited the hearty commendation of the brethren, and much sympathy expressed towards the W.M., who was suffering from a slight indisposition. Some discussion followed concerning a motion of Bros. P.M.'s P. H. Waterlow and M. Maybrick, which had for its object the alteration of one of the by-laws affecting the Benevolent Fund and grants to distressed brethren, after which the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet in the hall of the institution. Then followed the usual Masonic toasts, which were ably expressed and fraternally received by the brethren.

Referring to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Geo. S. Waterlow said he regretted that the important offices of State held by the shining lights of the Order—the Earl of Carnarvon and Earl of Lathom—deprived Masonry to a certain extent of their ever zealous services; moreover, he sincerely regretted the absence that evening of one whom they all regarded with feelings of fraternal admiration as ever ready to do "aught for Freemasonry and any lodge in particular;" he alluded to R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.S.W. He (the W.M.) had hoped to have seen their distinguished brother amongst them, but was afraid that his arduous duties, both public and private, compelled him to set a great regard upon himself in order not to overtax his energies.

Bros. Bass and Miller, replying to the toast of "The Initiates," expressed their grateful thanks for the admission to "light," and hoped by merit and ability to progress further into the mysteries of the Craft.

The toasts of "The Past Masters;" "The Treasurer;" "The Secretary;" "The W.M.;" "The Principal Officers;" and the Tyler followed, and the assembly dispersed in harmony.

Bros. J. Matthews, A. James, Schartau, and Thompson rendered a selection of songs and part music during the evening, which contributed very largely to the enjoyment of the brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Makovski, F. A. Bell, J. Miller, Jas. Matthews, H. Schartau, A. James, A. Thompson, and others.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1558).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at 4 o'clock, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, Bro. George Singer Stokes being installed as W.M. of the lodge. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. R. Smith, W.M., and his officers. A good muster of the brethren attended, there being thirty-two visitors.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., who installed his successor, opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. P.M. Taylor, who acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout, presented the W.M. elect, who gave his unqualified consent to the ancient rules and regulations. Having engaged himself as to his duties as W.M. elect, he assisted the other brethren and the W.M. in opening the lodge to the Third Degree.

A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. G. Stokes was regularly and duly installed as W.M. of this lodge.

The Installing Master, Bro. J. R. Smith, then proclaimed him in the Three Degrees, the brethren saluting according to ancient custom. Having received his charter, constitutions, and bye-laws, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Nettlefold, S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; T. Taylor, Treas.; C. Power, Sec.; J. Plummer, S.D.; F. Clayton, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Goodyear, D.C.; Manley and Shave, W. Stwds.; Back, Organist; and H. Thomas, Tyler.

The ballot having been taken for a joining member, which was unanimous, the W.M. ordered the ballot to be taken for five gentlemen, who had been regularly and duly proposed. It was declared as unanimous. The following four, Messrs. Henry Wakeford, James Clark, Frederick W. Trackson, and J. C. Purvor, being present, were initiated in due form and according to ancient custom into Freemasonry. The W.M. performed the whole ceremony in a most efficient and perfect manner.

The Installing Master then gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a most impressive, correct, and touching manner. Indeed, he rendered the whole ceremony in such perfect style, correctness of diction, and good feeling as to cause the remark from many visitors, "The Duke of Connaught Lodge has much to be proud of in its Masters and officers."

The W.M. having invited the Lord Mayor to his installation, a letter was read from his lordship stating he was sorry he could not be present owing to other engagements.

The lodge business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. G. Venables, in the large hall. It was arranged and served up in such style as to give perfect satisfaction to every one present and credit to his establishment.

The visitors present were Bros. Brady, 1158; M. Larham, P.M. 1216; T. Wallis, P.M. 201; F. J. Perry, 1658; H. Morris, S.D. 1273; D. Hughes, P.M. 901; J. Hughes, W.M. 901; D. Hughes, J.W. 901; R. Beneditti, W.M. 1155; T. Corpe, P.M. 1839; J. Wrigley, P.M. 210; W. H. Bale, P.M. 87; J. D. Smith, W.M. 1658; J. Hill, S.W. 1658; A. Runacres, P.M. 1922; J. Hilton, I.P.M. 1475; F. Grants, 1922; A. Webster, J.W. 27; W. H. Boys, I.P.M. 1658; Jno. Cox, P.M. 1658; G. Treacher, S.D. 1475; W. Batty, W.M. 902; G. Evans, W.M. 1922; S. B. Collins, 1829; C. Evans, W.M. 1922; B. Haynes, W.M. 27; J. S. Eidmans, 225; W. Warring, 192; F.



Mercer, 269; J. Faulkner, 1475; W. G. Sayer, W.M. 1475; H. Grey, 813; and J. T. Waldron, 1475.

The usual toasts were given, the W.M. making short and appropriate speeches to each.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen," said they admired the Queen, knowing her abilities, qualities, and her sympathies for every good and excellent cause. Her charity abounded on every hand, and they admired her as a woman, a wife, and a mother.

Bro. J. Hill sang "God save the Queen."

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said they appreciated him, for he had done his best, which was a great deal, for the interest of Masonry. He had caused his eldest son to be initiated only a few months ago. His heart was in Freemasonry, and he testified his feelings by his actions.

Bro. Ino. Darwin Smith sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The R.W. the Pro G.M., Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that they knew them to be earnest, true, and worthy men, doing their work with zeal and efficiency; and he quoted, "Who, you know, are honourable men."—"Julius Cæsar."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Back sang a song "On new times."

The I.P.M., Bro. J. R. Smith, then took charge of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," and said he felt proud to propose the health of their W.M., for he knew he echoed the sentiments of the brethren. He deserved the position he had gained, for he had worked assiduously, constantly, and regularly for the lodge. He had never been absent since he was initiated into Masonry, and he had been foremost in the works of Charity and labour. He was proud to see him in his present position, and hoped that God would give him health and strength to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren and the testimony of his conscience.

Bro. W. H. Boys sang "The better land."

The W.M., Bro. G. Stokes, then rose and thanked the brethren for the cordial and enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk his health, and said that was the proudest moment of his life to be placed in that honourable position. No one on entering Masonry could understand the tenets and principles, besides the duties taught, but as he rose into position and office he could appreciate them to the fullest. It was nine years ago since he was initiated; he had climbed the ladder step by step, and he felt it an honour to be unanimously elected. The kind remarks of the I.P.M. he felt were too much for him. He hoped that the brethren might all rise to that enviable post. He thanked them most heartily for their feelings towards him.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was next proposed. The W.M. thought that every one would bear witness to the manner in which Bro. J. R. Smith had done his work. It was second to none. He had worked hard, for his whole heart and soul were in it, and they ought to repay him, if possible, fourfold. He had many duties to perform and he did them perfectly.

Bro. Plummer gave a song.

The Installing Master, in reply, said he thanked them much for the kind manner in which they had proposed his health, and he felt deeply grateful. He had done his duty to the best of his ability. He tried to make everything agreeable to every one, and was glad to have succeeded.

"The Health of the Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that this was an important toast, perhaps one of the most important. He believed those men to be good and worthy. They had come with great and good recommendations, and were men of whom they should feel proud. There was much for them to learn which was beneath the surface; such as would make them in the end better men, husbands, and countrymen.

Bro. Sutton sang a song.

The Initiates replied in a very suitable manner, showing they highly appreciated the position into which they had entered.

"The Health of the Joining Brother" was proposed, and he replied, and said he was received as a brother, and he trusted he should prove a regular and efficient one.

Bro. Back sang a song.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed, and received with acclamation. The long list was read out with due remarks made about each, when they replied, showing they considered the W.M. had performed his duties most efficiently; the Installing Master had installed his successor in an interesting, pleasing, and most satisfactory manner; and that the banquet had furnished them with every opportunity of praising the arrangements, the quality of viands, and the company with which they had been surrounded.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was next drunk, and they responded in a manner that presented to every one's mind the earnestness, thoroughness, and perfection of their feelings towards the lodge; that they would do everything in their power to make the brethren happy and comfortable.

The Secretary and Treasurer responded to their toast. They are real men, fitted for their posts, and the brethren can place the fullest confidence in them, feeling the affairs of the lodge cannot but prosper in their hands.

The toast of "The Officers" having been proposed, the brethren showed their appreciation of the toast in the hearty manner of their response.

The Officers, in responding, said they were willing and able to work; and as the Master appeared likely to give them a good opportunity, they were pleased to look forward to hard work, for such they liked.

The Tyler's toast being last given, and over, the brethren dispersed after a most successful, pleasant, and happy meeting.

**WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).**

The installation meeting for 1885 of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, when there was a large gathering of the members and many visitors, as is always the case in this lodge. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the business of reading and confirming the minutes and receiving the Auditor's report occupied the first half hour, and at half-past four the installation ceremony was commenced by Bro. W. Seward, jun., the W.M., to whom Bro. Acworth was presented for installation. Bro. Seward addressed the members on the subject of the installation, and obligated Bro. Acworth as W.M. elect. The brethren below the rank of W.M. retired, and

a Board of Installed Masters was formed, under the presidency of Bro. H. Kasner, P.M. and Treas., who proceeded with the ceremony, which he performed to the conclusion with his well-known skill and ability. Bro. Acworth having been duly installed into the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees of the Order, proceeded to invest his officers, of whom the following is a list: Bros. W. Seward, jun., I.P.M.; J. W. Fisher, S.W.; W. Nye, J.W.; H. Kasner, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Burr, P.M., Sec.; G. S. Wright, S.D.; E. C. Porter, J.D.; J. L. Hamilton, I.G.; F. Delevante, Org.; W. Meadows, Asst. Org.; J. Wells and A. Pooley, Stwds.; G. Coope, D.C.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The ceremony of the day was then brought to a close by Bro. Kasner delivering the customary addresses to the new Master, to the Wardens, and to the general body of brethren. The whole of the work was done very neatly, as was to be expected from brethren who, as long as they had a place in which to hold a lodge of instruction, were most careful and attentive students of the ritual.

The Past Masters present were Bros. Kasner, Treas.; A. J. Burr, Sec.; W. Dyer, and A. Beesley; and among the visitors were Bros. Roebuck, P.G.S.; A. J. Fleck, 172; C. T. Fleck, 172; J. Bustard, 1566, P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks; E. A. Tilbury, 975; L. Steil, 55; H. F. Hill, P.M. 223; E. Horner, P.M. 1887; J. M. Longhurst, P.M. 133 and 1273; W. W. Morgan, I.P.M. 211; W. J. London, S.D. 2077; P. A. Latham, W.M. 2022; James Chapman, P.M. 194; G. F. Nixon, P.M. 76; J. Fisher, P.M. 2022; W. R. Wise, 452; J. Salmon, S.W. 2077; G. Wright, W.M. 1990; W. G. Vassie, 1767; W. H. Chappell, 1245; W. C. K. John, 33; F. Drewbear, W.M. 1584; and E. C. Massey.

Before the lodge was closed Bro. Kasner observed that he had received a telegram announcing that their candidate for admission into the Girls' School (the child of their lamented Bro. P.M. Tucker) had been elected, and was twelfth on the list. For this result they were largely indebted to Bro. Roebuck, who had procured between 400 and 500 votes.

After the closing of the lodge the members and their guests dined together in the Lyric Hall, which is a magnificent room adapted for any large entertainment of the kind, and was prettily decorated with flowers and shrubs, which were arranged by Mr. H. B. Smith, of the Broadway, Ealing, and Mr. George Cannon, of Ealing Dean.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which was excellent in its composition, and admirably served, the W.M., Bro. Acworth, proceeded with the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M., in proposing "The Health of the M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," observed upon the hold that Freemasonry had taken on the Royal Family, and that, as was descending from father to son, he thought Freemasons might congratulate themselves upon the prospect of having royalty at the head of the Craft for many years to come.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. associated with the toast the name of Bro. Roebuck, as belonging to that body, and, in reply, Bro. Roebuck said that he had had the privilege of being in Grand Lodge when Lord Carnarvon was presiding over it, and he did not know his lordship's equal as a President. As regarded the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy G. Master, Lord Lathom was always ready to come forward when he was required; and as regarded the Grand Officers, Present and Past, he believed they desired to render the brethren all the assistance they could; and at the consecration of a new lodge some of them were always present. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and on behalf of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for the compliment paid them.

Bro. Seward, jun., I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said he had great pleasure in proposing this toast. Bro. Acworth was a brother not altogether unknown to them; he was initiated in this lodge, and had served as the W.M. of another lodge. He was a brother whom they all knew and greatly respected. Without further comment he would ask them to drink to the health of the W.M., and wish him a prosperous and happy year of office.

Bro. Acworth, in reply, said he did not feel the same difficulty in proposing to drink the health of others as he did to return thanks for a toast to himself. He did not know how sufficiently to thank the brethren for having conferred upon him the Mastership of the West Middlesex Lodge, which had been known for years past, first for its good working especially, secondly for its benevolence, and thirdly for the good, kind-hearted feeling that prevailed amongst its members. As he now found himself in the position of head of that lodge, he could only say that he hoped to be able at the end of his year of office to give a good account of his Stewardship; if he could not do so, it would be his misfortune—it should not be his fault.

The toast to "The Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that in drinking this toast the brethren must carry their minds back to the commencement of the lodge, and consider all the difficulties a young lodge has to contend with. They had had the good fortune to have very able Masters, and as they had borne the burden and heat of the day, it was becoming that they should be looked up to as Past Masters on account of the services they had rendered. By the time he became a P.M. himself he hoped to merit the good opinion of the other P.Ms., and of every member of the lodge; but he could not conceal from himself that his year of office would not be an easy one to fulfil the duties of. Before he sat down he had a duty to perform, which was, on behalf of the lodge, to present to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel, which was most heartily deserved, and he believed he might say that the brethren never subscribed for a jewel more freely than they did for this one.

Bro. Seward, I.P.M., returned thanks, and was followed by Bro. Beesley and Bro. Dyer.

The next toast proposed from the chair was that of "The Visitors," and, following Bro. Roebuck's lead, a large number of visitors replied. Among these was Bro. Salmon, who, after acknowledging the compliment, said that he had a pleasing task to perform. The W.M. was one of those good fellows who practised out of the lodge those duties which were enjoyed within it; and he (Bro. Salmon) having mentioned to some of his friends that Bro. Acworth had been elected Master of this lodge, those brethren had desired him to convey to him their feelings of satisfaction in a practical form, and they therefore, had had prepared an illuminated address, as follows:

"London, 10th October, 1885.  
"Dear Sir and Brother,—It affords us great pleasure to communicate to you a resolution unanimously passed at a meeting in London, of your numerous friends in Masonry, who desire to testify their appreciation of your excellent qualities as a member of the Craft, as well as your sterling worth as a citizen. Resolved, 'Having heard of the further advance in Masonry of Bro. E. J. Acworth, and of his induction into the Mastership of his Parent Lodge, this meeting, composed of his personal friends, desires to congratulate him on his attainment of the honour he so justly merits, and trusts that a happy and successful year of office awaits him.' The occasion of your installation as Master of the West Middlesex Lodge is considered a fitting opportunity for conveying to you this token of regard."  
That address Bro. London, Bro. Woodrow, and himself, had signed on behalf of 37 brethren who were present in his warehouse when the matter was resolved upon, and in the names of all those brethren he now had the pleasure to present it.

Bro. Acworth, in acknowledging this very great compliment, said that he felt himself quite undeserving of such an expression of their esteem, but begged that Bro. Salmon would in his name convey his very sincere thanks for it to the brethren with whom it originated.

Bros. Kasner and Burr acknowledged the toast to "The Treasurer and Secretary," after which "The Health of the Officers" was duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

In the interval between the toasts a selection of vocal music was performed, under the direction of Miss Madeline Hardy, assisted by Miss Florence Venning, Mr. Alfred Denby, and Mr. Alfred Moore. Mr. Albert H. Fox was pianist.

**CLERKENWELL LODGE (No. 1964).**

This young and important lodge held its annual installation meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. J. Goode, W.M.; Rev. J. H. Rose, Chap.; J. A. Potter, S.W.; Henry Radcliffe, J.W.; J. Terry, Sec.; John Tuck, S.D.; Jas. Terry, jun., J.D.; W. J. Halford, I.G.; James Robinson, Org.; Wm. Bellingham, Stwd.; T. Hastings Miller, I.P.M.; Edgar Bowyer, P.M.; R. W. Cole, H. Chapman, Wm. Clark, E. A. Scott, R. Rolfe, F. Foster, A. C. Wilts, W. E. Heath, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; W. Wilkinson, H. Jenner, Rev. Dr. R. Maguire, R. Paget, and C. E. Groinell. Visitors: Bros. Sir R. N. Fowler, M.P. (Lord Mayor), P.M., P.G.J.W.; B. P. Freeman, 732, P.G. Sec. Sussex; J. J. Wortley, W.M. 15; J. Mason, 309, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; T. P. Skipp, J.D. 2; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; J. L. Mather, 1910, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; J. W. Hill, 45; Charles Percy, 198; W. Pierpont, P.M. 813; J. V. Hawley, J.D. 194; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M. 177; T. K. Pitt, J.D. 463; T. C. Lowland, 188; R. Baker, P.M. 188; H. Hollis, P.M. 167; C. Reepe, 228; G. A. Rudder, J.W. 169; J. Arnold, 1491; Geo. Phillips, P.M. 3; Lieut. Henry Wright, J.W. and W.M. elect 1827; Chas. Townley, 201; Saul Isaac, (M.P.), 20, P.P.G. Stwd.; F. Binckes, G. Stwd.; and Egbert Roberts, 1623.

For the purposes of installation, Bro. Col. Radcliffe, J.W., P.M., P.G. Stwd., occupied the chair of J.W.; Bro. Capt. George Lambert, Treas., P.G. Std. Br., that of S.W.; Bro. Terry, Secretary of the lodge and Secretary Masonic Benevolent Institution, assisted as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Edgar Bowyer was the Installing Master, and it goes without saying that our worthy brother performed his task with the utmost fidelity and perfection. His charges to the new Master, Wardens, and brethren were particularly impressive. The W.M., Bro. Potter, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe, S.W.; J. Tuck, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Maguire, D.D., Chap.; Capt. George Lambert, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Treas.; J. Terry, Sec.; J. Terry, jun., S.D.; W. J. Halford, J.D.; Rev. J. H. Rose, I.G.; J. Robinson, Org.; W. Bellingham, Stwd.; and Capt. Scott, D.C. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Terry facetiously remarked that he had received a notice from the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution that the festival will be held early in 1886, and hoped the lodge would send a Steward, and he happened to know that at present they were short of 22 Stewards compared with last year. The W.M. rose and said he would be glad to go up as Steward, and requested the Secretary to inform the Secretary of the Institution, whom he had said he knew so well. Bro. Terry thanked the Master, and assured him the Secretary would be properly informed. Bro. Miller gave notice of a proposition of Bro. Richard Baker, P.M. Joppa Lodge, as a joining member. The numerous guests rose and gave the W.M. "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed accordingly, after, according to ancient usage, gratitude had been expressed to the G.A.O.T.U. for favours received. Bro. Terry asked the Master if, being installation day, they should dine in their aprons, in addition to their ordinary clothing, a remark which caused a titter, as some thought the Clerkenwell Lodge had some peculiar system of their own. An excellent banquet was served in an adjoining room.

In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the Worshipful Master showed already the wise discretion the brethren have made in their election. He said, as they would often be troubled with his voice in the next year, he would limit his speeches, leaving them to be made by the distinguished brethren gathered round him.

To the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," proposed by the Worshipful Master, who mentioned that this was the second occasion they had been honoured with the company of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Robert N. Fowler, P.G.J.W.

The Lord Mayor said he felt in a very improper position, because he was only a P.M., whilst he had on his right a Present Grand Lodge Officer and a very excellent brother. He thanked them for so cordially drinking their health. The two distinguished brethren mentioned by the W.M.—R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon and R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, respectively Pro and Deputy Grand Masters—were now discharging important duties in the State. The Pro G.M. had accepted a difficult and important position, and he called upon them to join him in hoping that he would have the success he deserved in the governing of the sister isle. With regard to the Grand Officers generally, he felt that it was more through the kindness of the brethren in the Craft than any merits of their own that they are so placed. He had had very little share in carrying out those duties. He knew they had expected a very important

officer, Bro. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, who would have been able to respond more ably than he; but that officer had been detained by other duties elsewhere. The Lord Mayor thanked them very warmly for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., remarked that when he heard the Lord Mayor was to respond, he felt he could put himself under what had been spoken of so much lately—his umbrella. Sir R. Fowler had so effectually cut the ground from under his feet, that he had left him nothing to say. He assured them of his own personal feelings, and that the Grand Officers worked hard in many ways. He wished to say a word respecting the Earl of Carnarvon, and to tell the brethren that, though the Pro G.M. was in a foreign country—he called it so because it was across water—not a week passed but he had a letter from him, in which he asks to be kept well informed of all that is going on, and saying if he can do anything, that he is ready to do it, which showed the keen interest he takes in the Craft, though engaged in a heavy and responsible office in the State. It seemed only the other day since he consecrated the lodge, and he thought he had been a true prophet, for he then said it would develop into a successful lodge. It had supported the Charities well, and was highly to be commended.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," and thought that that toast was no less important than the preceding one, and any lodge which did not entertain was wanting in the true principles of Masonry. The visitors were welcome because by their presence they showed they had an interest in the lodge.

Bro. Saul Isaac, Master of the Clockmakers' Company, and candidate for Clerkenwell Division of Finsbury, in responding for "The Visitors," said he thought the visitors were to be congratulated in having an invitation to the Clerkenwell Lodge, and he was not at all surprised at the remarks of the Grand Secretary as to the great success of the lodge in its three years of existence. He had seen the installation ceremony performed many times. He ventured to say he was the oldest Mason in the room, having been initiated in 1845, but he had not seen it ever given with more earnestness. He was sure that with such P.Ms. of their own the lodge did not need assistance from other lodges. He was sure that all the visitors had enjoyed themselves, and would want to come again.

Bro. Hogard also said a few words.

Bro. G. Phillips, P.M. 3, thanked the lodge for the handsome hospitality they had shown, and Bro. Bowyer for the beautiful charges he had given. He bore testimony that the W.M. would faithfully discharge his duties, and was sure they had selected a Master who would be a credit to them. In the words of the song they had just heard sung he would, altering their sense:

"Though years have passed away,  
I've never once regretted  
The vow I made that day."

Bro. Goode, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very few words, and the Master responded in a speech of a similar length, assuring the lodge that his great desire was to do credit to himself and honour to the lodge. If an earnest effort can do good, the Clerkenwell Lodge shall have that effort.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M., the Installing Master," said to sound his praises was like gilding refined gold.

Bro. Bowyer duly responded, and after the usual other toasts, the brethren separated, all having spent a delightful evening together. There can be no doubt that the Clerkenwell Lodge is made of the right stuff for a prosperous lodge.

**STRAND LODGE (No. 1937).**—The brethren of this lodge met on the 8th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, for the purpose of installing their new Master, Bro. Jonathan Richard Stacey. Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. for the first and second years of the lodge, presided. There was a strong muster of members, and the following among other visitors: Bros. G. A. Payne, P.M. 933; H. Sillis, A.D.C. 957; W. A. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; C. Veal, P.S.G.D. Surrey; E. W. R. Dury, 1834; T. L. Jenkins, P.M. 34; J. H. Batty, P.M.; F. W. Dimsdale, J.D. 1507; G. W. Brunell; J. Euerby, P.M. 1385; J. C. Mason, P.M. 1532; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; H. A. Stunt, W.M. 1320; W. Smith, 73; J. H. Bennett, 1744; C. J. Axford, S.W. 2048; J. W. Chapman, I.P.M. 1922; L. Sonnenfeld, I.G. 1735; R. Soutar, 1319; S. Spooner, 1470; J. W. Smith, W.M. 1744; B. Kauffmann, S.W. 1732; G. Everett, P.M. 177; W. H. M. Smith, S.W. 463; W. G. Temple, P.M. 194; and H. J. Smith, 1475. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the 12th March, 9th April, 14th May, and 24th Sept. had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, showing a most flourishing financial position of the lodge, was adopted, and Bro. Willing then installed Bro. Stacey as Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. John Douglass, S.W.; W. Harris, P.M., J.W.; Jas. Willing, P.M., Treasurer; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Secretary; W. T. Madge, S.D.; Leon, J.D.; Biston, I.G.; J. C. Harrison, D.C.; J. G. Shaw, A.D.C. and Asst. Sec.; H. W. S.; Dale, W.S.; Banks, Org.; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Willing having delivered the addresses, Mr. Hilton Hall was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and afterwards the W.M. initiated Mr. William Henry Lawrence. At the conclusion of this ceremony the W.M., addressing the brethren, said that in presenting a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., he need not point out to the lodge how well Bro. Willing had performed his task for two years, or how many gentlemen he had initiated in the lodge; but he thought the voting of the jewel was thoroughly warranted, and that he was justified in asking Bro. Willing to receive the present. It afforded him more than usual pleasure to place the jewel on Bro. Willing's breast, because he felt that this Strand Lodge would not have been in existence but for Bro. Willing. He concluded by expressing the hope that the I.P.M. would live long to wear it, and that the brethren would find him constantly coming among them. The jewel, which was of the value of ten guineas, bore the following inscription:

"Presented to Bro. James Willing, P.M., by the Strand Lodge, No. 1937, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his able and valued services as first and second W.M.—1883-4-5."

Bro. James Willing, jun., in acknowledging the gift, said that although he had been told that day that a valuable jewel would be presented to him, he had not anticipated

such an elegant one as he had just received. Bro. Stacey had alluded to his (Bro. Willing's) excellent work. Well, they had worked well together; but he assured them that if they continued to be so associated, the lodge would in a short time become the most happy and prosperous lodge in the Craft. He felt deeply indebted to the brethren for their support, and should always look upon the jewel as an evidence of their feelings towards him. It would be an encouragement to him, and a testimony that the brethren believed he had tried to do his best.

Lodge was thereupon closed, and a choice banquet partaken of. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Bro. James Willing, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said it was a great pleasure to him to say that no more genial brother than Bro. Stacey ever occupied the position of W.M. He had had the high honour of being the Master and P.M. of the St. James's Union Lodge, and also of the Alexandra Palace Lodge. He was the Preceptor of several lodges, and he had endeared himself to every one who had had anything to do with him. Of course, like most of them, he had his peculiarities; but his peculiarities had endeared him the more to the brethren. Bro. Stacey thoroughly meant what he said. His Mastership would command a certain amount of geniality. The brethren liked to see him as Master. They hoped for many years he would occupy the high position he held in the opinion of the members of the Craft. During the time he (Bro. Willing) had been connected with Bro. Stacey—and they had been connected in business and as friends many years—he had not found a more loveable and business-like brother; but they would find, by the splendid way in which he would do his work and by his great kindness, that he would make it by no means a bed of roses for his successors. He was one who was most anxious to please everybody, and he was most deserving of the good wishes of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he could not forget that he was, with the I.P.M., Bro. Stiles, and other brethren then present, one of the founders of this lodge, and he felt proud to have been one of those who had brought into existence such an excellent institution. The competition of the I.P.M. was rather ungracious, inasmuch as they started, as good workmen should do, to bring into existence something so good as the Strand Lodge, and he thought that there the competition should cease. Bro. Willing had obtained greater laurels than he had or ever should have, inasmuch as Bro. Willing had had all the hard work during the past two years, and had left him but little to do, and he would have a year of vacation. However, he thought they would be able to work away, and leave in the year 1886 as good a lodge as the Strand Lodge was now. Every effort on his part would be used, together with the P.M. and the Secretary, to make it as good a lodge at the end of his tenure of office as it was at the present time. If they only succeeded in that he should be satisfied. He did not hope to excel the I.P.M., but at all events he would strive to equal him.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Master." He had already said there could be no better Master than Bro. Willing—they could not find one. He had been wanting in no way in the work he had had to do; he had done it conscientiously and well. He was sure the brethren were highly pleased to recognise to the fullest extent his work in the past as well as that day. They knew he was the founder of the lodge; he had carried it down to a very successful issue to the present moment, and the brethren would carry it through during the present year with his assistance. It was seldom a Master had done his work so well. The hours of labour he had bestowed upon it entitled him to their thanks. The brethren could endorse what he said, as they knew the I.P.M. had done his work in the most disinterested manner, and only in the hope of making the Strand Lodge a most successful lodge.

Bro. Willing, in reply, said that he must say something on behalf of the lodge. It was started two years ago as a local lodge. As long as the authorities in Freemasonry chose to call it a local lodge the brethren must put up with it, but he did not think it could be a more representative lodge than it was. If their successors chose to alter the title from a local to a general one, he had no doubt it would make a general lodge. They had now for the first time had a change of Master, and no doubt for the benefit of the lodge in every way. Bro. Stacey and he had studied Masonry together, and thought it a most delightful thing to work harmoniously together. Bro. Stacey had supported him in the chair, and he (Bro. Willing) hoped the brethren would vie with him in making Bro. Stacey's year as happy as possible. The lodge started two years ago seven in number; it had now 90 members, and he did not think there was one of them who they would not wish to be a member of the lodge or whom they would not like to know better. That was the sole object of Freemasonry—to try to make them better acquainted with those they came in contact with—to assist them in their work, aid them in their trouble, and rejoice with them in their prosperity. As long as that was done they did not care about the outside world; they confined everything to themselves exclusively. They tried to assist each other, and of this the elections just about to take place were a proof. Masonry was the most Charitable Institution in the world; no one could be admitted who was not worthy. It meant working for those whom they liked to work for. While meeting in Masonic lodges they did not forget the poor and distressed; they met for the purpose of being happy themselves, and communicating happiness to others. It was necessary to put their hands in their pockets to help those who belonged to the Craft. As long as those principles actuated them they must be a secret society. All countries of the world who knew them thoroughly knew they were banded together for the benefit of their fellow creatures—that was the whole secret of Freemasonry. They had done him a great honour that evening, and, in reply, he could only say that, though they started the Strand Lodge with a few members, they had been very successful in making them many, and he hoped the many would continue with them, and that they might be as unanimous as they were now. He thanked the brethren for the jewel. Bro. Jenkins, Master of the Mount Moriah Lodge, gave them the dies of the Strand arms of the Board of Works, and Bro. Kauffmann had perfected the design. Bro. Willing again thanked the brethren for their kindness to him, and promised that what he had done for the lodge in the past he would continue to do in the future.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed, and was replied to by Bro. Lawrence.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Visitors," said that from the hour he entered into Masonry

as a student to the present moment he had not been unobservant of Masonic rights and ceremonies, and he tried to attain to a high position with regard to the work. If he had not done so it had not been for want of trying. There were working Masons and working Masons; some worked and did not learn, and others worked and learned. The visitors had no doubt come for the purpose of learning as well as of recreation. They had come to study the ways and means of the Strand Lodge; not the ways and means in money, but in work. Without fear of contradiction, he said the Strand Lodge was bound to be a representative lodge, and if it attained to that, it must be through great and consistent work. As there were 30 or 40 visitors present, it showed they had a desire to see the working of the I.P.M. As the lodge had worked well and had good officers, it was bound to come to the front in the future, and he hoped the visitors would come to witness its success.

Bro. Scurrah said all must have been struck with the excellent work of the lodge, and every one must have been struck also with the rapidity with which the lodge had grown. They must likewise be pleased with the work of the I.P.M., who had done great wonders in the course of two years.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 6th inst. Present: W. Bro. Alderman John Staples, W.M.; Bros. P. Saillard, S.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; H. H. Wells, S.D.; B. Norman, J.D.; E. W. Stillwell, I.G.; H. Husey, D.C.; G. M. Sayle, F. W. Harris, Stewards; T. M. James, Augustus Walton, and H. J. Staples. Visitors: Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. Malta; Augustus Harris, B. E. D. Sayle, J. Berryman, W. Phelps, W. H. Glynn Smith, H. Warden. The minutes of the previous regular meeting and of the lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. H. J. Staples was duly raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the genial presidency of the W.M., Bro. Alderman Staples, who during the evening was warmly congratulated by all present on his election as Lord Mayor.

**RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).**—This lodge held its last regular meeting of the present season on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at the Amherst Arms. Most of the lodge officers were present, and the work was admirably performed by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Craig. The worked consisted of one passing, and the initiation of five gentlemen into the mysteries of the Craft. The W.M., after receiving the congratulations of the visiting brethren, closed the lodge, and the members assembled in the banqueting-room, where Host Waller had prepared a most tempting menu, to which the brethren did ample justice. Songs and recitations were given by Bros. T. J. Baker, W. H. Pascoe, Frederick Keene, Alexander Waller, Lloyd, and others. Bro. Ross, the lodge organist, accompanied, and Bro. Paul Charles Delport, as a solo pianist, contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—The usual monthly meeting of this snug little lodge took place on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. West's comfortable hostelry. Bro. A. T. Ives, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. C. Jolly, S.W. (Freemason); J. Paul, J.W.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treasurer; J. Ives, P.M., Secretary; J. Savage, S.D.; C. H. Canning, J.D.; C. Heffer, D.C.; C. Wood, W.S., acting I.G.; C. Lewis, I.P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; James Elder, P.M.; S. Bow, A. Burton, M. Kaul, Powling, Lacey, H. Morgan, Sutcliffe, W. Redstone, 381; C. Bede, 700; and Wood, 381.

The ballot was taken for Mr. T. W. Lack, and proved unanimous, and he, with Mr. T. A. Reeve, a previously approved candidate, were initiated. Bro. Sutcliffe was then raised, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in admirable style. Bro. Lewis gave an account of his prospects of success in getting a good list for the "Boys," and then the lodge was closed. A neat little supper followed, and on re-assembling round the social board, the initiatory toasts were honoured, in due course.

In proposing the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Lewis said it was evident that the heart and soul of Bro. Ives was in his work, for he was unceasing in his endeavours for the prosperity of the lodge. It was not an easy job to take, and required not only months, but years of application, first to be worthy of the position, and next to attain it. Bro. Ives had accomplished both, and from what he had seen of their W.M. in his progress to the chair, and since he had attained it, he felt sure that he would give a good account of the trust reposed in him at the end of his year of office.

Bro. Ives, whose popularity is founded upon the esteem of the brethren, and a *bonhomme* that is irresistible, in reply said that he hardly knew how to respond to the very flattering remarks of Bro. Lewis; if there had only been one little complaint he should have felt much better. He had tried to work the ceremonies to the best of his ability, and felt that the only fitting response to their cordial reception of the toast would be to say simply "I thank you."

Several other toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening was enlivened by some excellent harmony.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—The annual meeting for the election of Master took place at the Queen's Hotel, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were a large assemblage of brethren. Bro. Sir Fredk. Milner, Bart., M.P., was in the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; Major McGachen, P.M.; J. Polkinghorne, W.M. 1991; A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; and a full attendance of brethren and several visitors.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Sharpe was passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The Treasurer announced that the audit of the lodge accounts showed a handsome balance in favour of the lodge. Bro. Whythead presented on behalf of Bro. B. Langley Mills, M.D., a framed copy of the engraving of the laying of the foundation-stone of the University of Edinburgh by Lord Napier, Grand Master in 1789. Bro. Padel, P.M., presented the fourth volume of Gould's History of Freemasonry to the library. The brethren then proceeded to the election of Master, when Bro. A. T. B. Turner, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hall, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the members adjourned to supper, which was presided over by the W.M. Arrangements are being made for the dedication of the hall by the Earl of Zetland.

**SHOEBURNESS.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Cambridge Hotel, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. R. F. Lightowers, S.W., was ably performed, in the presence of a large number of brethren, by Bro. Albert Lucking, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant Grand Pursuivant of England. The W.M. invested Bros. C. Spalding, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; W. J. Harris, P.P.G.A.D.C., Secretary; Thomas, S.D.; Wm. Cox, J.D.; Stafford, I.G.; and Martin, Tyler. Bro. C. Eltham, P.M., Treas., was elected the lodge's representative on the Provisional Charity Committee. Heartly thanks having been accorded Bro. Lucking for his services as Installing Master, the lodge was closed in due form.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was served by Bro. Ayling, and gave general satisfaction.

The Worshipful Master presided, and proposed the customary toasts. In responding for "The Grand Officers of England," Bro. Lucking spoke hopefully of the prospects of Freemasonry under the guidance of such officers as the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, and of such a Registrar as Bro. Philbrick, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex, whose genial influence, as the Grand Master of West Yorkshire recently observed, "was like the silver and softening light of the moon at full upon us." As evidence of the high position which the Craft maintained, Bro. Lucking added that the majority of the late and also of the present Government are Freemasons.

Bro. John Taylor, jun., I.P.M., and Prov. G. Std. Br., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and in complimentary terms, proposed "The W.M.," whose health was heartily drunk.

The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the toast, and proposed "The Past Masters." In doing so he, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Taylor with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year; and Bro. Taylor cordially thanked the brethren for their kindness. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. Pate dwelt upon the universality of Freemasonry, and mentioned that when he was in Ismailia recently with Lord Wolseley, his lordship forbade them taking stimulants. Fortunately, however, they happened to fall in with a French lodge, and the hospitality of their French brethren on several occasions prevented them going to bed feeling dry.

The toast list was interspersed with songs and recitations, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was passed.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Jubal Webb, W.M., 55, W.M.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., 1425, S.W.; M. J. Green, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, I.P.M., 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; G. Dickinson, S.D.; E. F. Ferris, J.D.; J. C. Ailman, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; Captain A. Nicols, P.M., 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; H. Purdue, P.M., 834; C. S. Mote, R. Cullen, J. H. Wood, P. Chandler, T. Friend, O. W. Battley, W. H. Wadhams, R. E. Cursons, H. Robinson, E. J. Day, and W. J. Mason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Cursons and Chandler candidates respectively. Bro. Cursons, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Battley, candidate. A vote of condolence with Bro. Harris on the death of his son, and of congratulation to Bro. Wadhams on his restoration to health, were unanimously agreed to. Bro. Chalfont was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting, who appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was closed.

**SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the White Horses, Liverpool-road. Present: Bros. Weeden, W.M.; Ramsay, S.W.; H. Patient, J.W.; Hughes, Secretary; Sanders, S.D.; Dearing, J.D.; S. G. Patient, I.G.; Greenfield, P.M.; Ware, McMillen, Baker, Brown, Trevinnard, and Garner.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker being the candidate. Bro. Garner answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Garner being the candidate. Bro. Baker answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, but was not entrusted being only F.C. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. On rising for the second time, Bro. Ramsay was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Greenfield, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Ramsay seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. Preceptor Weeden for taking the chair, and so ably working the ceremonies during the evening. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. Hill, W.M.; Fenner as Preceptor; Hildreth, S.W.; Oldis, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Sharpe, S.D.; Burnett, J.D.; Cross, I.G.; Hargrave, Kearney, Brede, Aynsley, Jenkins, Salmon, Cox, Sycklemore, Birch, Bolt, Van Og, Frampton, Partington, and Giddings.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sycklemore having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Salmon a candidate for raising answered, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The 3rd Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Jenkins. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hildreth having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ehury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Green, jun., S.W.; Forscutt, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Mann, jun., J.D.; Barham, jun., I.G.; Wade, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Cope, Ray, Chilcott, Gilbert, Nicholls, and Foulstan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cope, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cope being the candidate. Bro. Nicholls, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Nicholls being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree; and Bro. Green, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Green returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**Royal Arch.**

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter took place on Friday, the 9th inst. Comp. F. Hodgson, Z., P.G. Swd. Br., supported by his officers and members, opened the chapter, when the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted. Comp. J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H., then filled the chair, when Comp. Wm. Bewlay, H., P.G.D.C., was duly presented and installed as Z.; Comp. J. J. Robinson, J., P.G. Stwd., as H.; Comp. W. B. Cowman, P.P.G. Swd. Br., as J.; and the following were invested as officers for the year: Comps. J. T. Ray, S.E.; Chas. Gowan, S.N.; J. Paterson, P.S.; J. C. Thompson, 1st Asst. Sof.; W. C. John, 2nd Asst. Sof.; and John Casson, Janitor.

The following companions were also present: Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.G.J.; Thos. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; E. Clarke, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; E. Tyson, P.Z., P.G.S.N.; Rev. Stuart Hall, S. Blinkhorn, T. F. Braithwaite, and others.

Three candidates were next proposed for exaltation, when with "Heartly good wishes" from Provincial Grand Chapter, and a vote of thanks to Comp. Barr for his always able services, the chapter was closed in form, and the companions afterwards, at the invite of the M.E.Z., dined, and spent a very pleasant evening together, with toasts and songs.

**BRIGHTON.**—Yarborough Chapter (No. 811).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Royal Pavilion on Friday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. T. Packham, M.E.Z.; J. Harrison, P.Z. and Treas., H.; S. Peters, J.; H. Cheal, S.E., acting as P.S.; W. Smith, P.Z.; W. Swales, A.S.; L. B. Henderson, D.C.; T. Hills, Stwd.; W. Gill, R. B. Y. Powell, E. New, H. W. G. Abell, J. Parsons, E. Mitchell, D. T. Bostel, and T. Hughes, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. J. Sayers and T. Berry, 315.

The chapter having been opened in ancient form, and the companions admitted, and the ordinary business concluded, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Comp. E. Broadbridge was elected M.E.Z.; Comps. S. Peters, H.; T. Hardy, J.; H. Cheal, S.E.; L. B. Henderson, S.N.; J. Moon, P.S.; J. Harrison, Treas.; and T. Hughes, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to the M.E.Z., Comp. T. Packham, and also to Comp. J. Harrison, P.Z., for services rendered.

Bro. J. Flinn, 1829, who had been elected at a previous convocation, being in attendance, was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Comp. S. Peters, J., was then presented with a valuable diamond ring by the M.E.Z., Comp. T. Packham, in the name of the companions, for his excellent and meritorious services to Royal Arch Masonry while for several years filling the office of Scribe E. to the Yarborough Chapter, especially in preserving and resuscitating this chapter when it was all but extinct, and raising it to the first position in the province by his energy and perseverance. Comp. T. Packham, in an excellent speech on making the presentation, enumerated the good services which Comp. S. Peters had rendered, and the latter, in a few feeling remarks, suitably responded. The chapter was then closed.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The October meeting of this chapter was held on the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. G. Simpson, Z.; M. Millington, H.; J. T. Seller, P.Z., as J.; Wm. Brown, P.S.; and about 15 other members and visitors. Letters of apology for absence were read from Comp. T. B. Whythead, P.Z., and others. The business consisted of the exaltation of Bro. Wm. Storey, 1611, which was done by the M.E.Z., the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Seller.

After the close of the chapter, the companions met at supper, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and a very pleasant evening was passed, interspersed by toasts and songs.

**Mark Masonry.**

**CHELMSFORD.**—Chelmer Lodge (No. 342).—The first annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Corn Exchange, when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. P. Lewin, W.M.; A. F. Ginn, S.W.; A. C. Durrant, J.W.; A. G. Maskell, M.O.; W. Metcalfe, S.O.; F. Smeed, J.O.; G. W. Pascall, Treas.; F. P. Sutherly (who acted as S.D.), Sec.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, J.D.; T. Winniatt Smith, Org.; A. Durrant, D.C.; J. C. Creswell, Stwd.; W. Wood, I.G.; and J. W. Hair, Tyler; and also the following members of the lodge: Bros. H. P. Hay, W. D. Merritt, A. W. Garrood, H. E. Tincham, James Tomlinson, and Francis Bird; and the following visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; George Cooper, P.G.D.; N. Tracy, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.G.C. East Anglia and P.G.C. England; the Rev. Morgan Jones; and T. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 145, P.G.D. England.

Bro. Bird having been advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason by the W.M., Bro. Lewin, and the outgoing officers of the lodge, the chair was taken by Bro. N. Tracy, P.G.S., 70, who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. A. F. Ginn, P.G.I.G., the addresses being delivered by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. P. Lewin, P.M., 145, P.G. J.W., I.P.M.; A. C. Durrant, S.W.; A. G. Maskell, J.W.; W. Metcalfe, M.O.; F. Smeed, S.O.; T. R. Jarvis, J.O.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Chap.; G. W. Pascall, Treas.; Arthur Mead, R. of M.; F. P. Sutherly, Sec.; A. Durrant, D.C.; T. J. D. Cramphorn, S.D.; J. C. Creswell, J.D.; T. Winniatt Smith, Org.; J. Tomlinson, I.G.; A. W. Garrood, Stwd.; and J. W. Hair, Tyler. It is worthy of note that four of the Past Grand Officers present at this lodge were Grand Officers during the year in which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was advanced into the Degree of Mark Masonry, and consequently took leading parts in that ceremony.

After lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the White Hart Hotel, which was liberally provided and well served by the new host, Mr. E. P. Taylor, and gave much satisfaction. All the brethren who had been present at lodge, with one exception, sat down to the dinner.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**SUPREME COUNCIL (33°).**—This council held their ordinary meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, Lieutenant Grand Commander. The following brethren were advanced: To the 32°, Ill. Bro. Fredk. A. Philbrick, O.C.; to the 31°, Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. David Macliver; to the 30°, Bros. Rev. Thomas Randell, Thomas J. Cantrell, M.D., Rev. Thomas S. Curteis, Fredk. A. Hopwood, Col. Charles James Cox, Robert P. Evans, and W. Kerfoot Hughes.

The Lieut.-General Commander, in addressing the brethren, referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of Ill. Bro. Doherty, 33°, and also to the illness of Ill. Bro. Samuel Rawson, 33°. He was glad to say that the reports regarding Bro. Rawson were favourable, and he hoped that, under God's blessing, he might be soon restored to health and again attend the meetings of the A. and A. Rite. The resignation of the Inspector General of the S.W. District was reported and noted. The Lieut. Grand Commander welcomed as a visitor Ill. Bro. Hargreaves, 33°, of Brazil, who had favoured the meeting with his presence. In conclusion, the Lieutenant Grand Commander referred with satisfaction to the state of the balance-sheet, and the satisfactory position of the chapter's working under the Supreme Council, urging members of the 30° to do their best, by presence and example, to keep up the tone and the good working of the Rose Croix bodies to which they were attached.

The brethren dined together in the evening at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

**Knights Templar.**

**MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D).**—This old encampment met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Sir Knts. F. W. Driver, M.A., E.C.; Alf. Williams, P.E.C., acting Prelate; Graveley, 1st Captain; W. Paas, P.G. B.B., P.E.C., Almoner; T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Reg.; J. H. Dodson, Expert; H. J. Lardner, 2nd Std. Br.; J. D. Harris, D.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; J. U. Spence, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Eminent Commander for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Sir Knt. Graveley. Sir Knt. Paas was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Sir Knts. Storr, Spence, and Parry were elected Auditors. It was proposed by Sir Knt. Paas, and seconded by Sir Knt. Williams, that a jewel be presented to the Eminent Commander at the termination of his year of office. This was carried unanimously. Apologies for non-attendance having been read from Sir Knts. C. Driver, Dr. Sanders, Berridge, Glenn, J. Andrews, J. H. Thomas, W. Kelly, E. Storr, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was furnished. The usual toasts followed.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**PREMIER CONCLAVE.**—This distinguished and prosperous conclave held a meeting at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on the 5th inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knts. T. C. Walls, G. Asst. A., M.P.S.; Shirley, P.M.P.S., acting V.E.; H. J. Lardner, Prelate; Hurd, acting S.G.; Lott, acting I.G.; T. Cubitt, G.I.I., &c., Treas.; John Mason, G.H.C., &c., Recorder; Marsh, P.M.P.S., &c.; and E. H. Thiellay, P.M.P.S. Sir Knt. Lott, P.M.P.S. (Jersey), was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. J. and A. Harris, both of the Jordan Lodge, and it proving to be unanimous, they were installed as Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine by the M.P.S., ably assisted by Sir Knts. Shirley, Lardner, and Cubitt. Letters excusing absence were read from Sir Knts. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Grand Sovereign; Dr. Mickley, W. Lake, and many others. The M.P.S. announced that at the December conclave the Degrees of V.E., M.P.S., and K.H.S. would be conferred on candidates duly qualified.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to banquet at the Freemasons' Hall. The customary toasts followed.

**Rosicrucian Society.**

**METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.**—The quarterly meeting was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. The Master of the Temple, R.W. Fra. J. R. Foulger, 8°, occupied the chair. The Deputy Master, V.W. Fra. Eugene Thiellay, was also in his seat. Other fratres present were V.W. Fras. James Lewis Thomas, 8°; William Dodd, 8°; and Wynn Westcott, 8°; and Fras. Collinson, W. G. Lemon, J. J. Thomas, Eugene Street, S. Liddell Mathers, Hon. 8°; Frederick Holland, Hon. 8°; T. W. Lemon, and John Gilbert, Acolyte. Bro. Thomas Horsfield Scholefield was balloted for and elected a member of the Order, and he was subsequently advanced to the grade of Zelator by the V.W. Fra. J. R. Foulger. Two other brethren were proposed for election. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Supreme Magus, Colonel Burdett, Ferguson, Jones Parry, M.P.; Captain Hunter, James Brett, Hughan, George Lambert, Walls, and Frank Richardson; and also from two candidates. The Secretary gave notice that the S.M. had nominated V.W. Fra. Francis George Irwin to be S.S.M., and V.W. Fra. Cuthbert Peek to be J.S.M. V.W. Fra. W. Wynn Westcott, VIII°, delivered a lecture on "The Everburning Lamps of the Ancients." The M. of the T. having complimented the lecturer on the erudition and research displayed in his essay, a cordial vote of thanks to him was passed unanimously. It was notified that the lecture, almost complete, would be published in the *Freemason* (a few mystic and occult Rosicrucian references only being omitted).

After the closing of the mystic circle the majority of the fratres dined together and honoured the customary toasts.



### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Fredk. Hogard, Charles Lacey, Thos. Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, W. J. Murlis, James Brett, C. H. Webb, T. Mount Humphries, Alex. Forsyth, Charles Dairy, Edgar Bowyer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry (Secretary).

After the reading of the minutes the Secretary reported the death of one male and one female annuitants. The Warden's report was read, as was also the report of the Finance Committee. From the latter it appeared that the Male Fund was overdrawn £561 11s. 1d. There was a credit to the Widows' Fund of £2458 3s. 9d., and to the Sustentation Fund £112 17s. 7d. There was a total balance at the bankers and in the Secretary's hands of £2010 10s. 3d. This report was then adopted, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for various certified sums.

The brethren afterwards passed the petitions of four aged and infirm brethren, and five widows. One case, a West Yorkshire case from Halifax, was deferred for further information as to a supposed imperfect return.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

### PROVINCIAL MASONIC DIRECTORIES.

By BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

So far as I am aware there are 18 Provincial Directories published for 1885. If there are others I shall be glad to hear of them, and to receive copies. Next year we hope to welcome several new faces. Since my last notice of Directories for Provincial Grand Lodges (*Freemason*, June 16th, 1883), Sussex apparently has dropped out, and Essex and Suffolk have "fallen into line." Both have made excellent starts, and it is pleasant to note that with 23 and 21 lodges they possess for the "Central Masonic Charities" 2116 and 1380 votes respectively.

There are also Calendars for lodges and towns (Lancaster, Hull, Exeter, &c.); but these will fit better into an article by themselves. Several of the Directories on the following list are published officially by the Provincial Grand Lodges, sometimes the Provincial Grand Secretaries being the editors; others are private ventures, resulting in a small financial loss, and the last noted for nine years was edited, published, and circulated at the editor's expense.

NO. PROVINCES.	EDITORS.
1. Cambridge ...	W. P. Spalding, Cambridge.
2. Cornwall ...	W. J. Hughan, Torquay.
3. Derbyshire ...	W. Naylor, Derby.
4. Dorset ...	J. A. Sherren, Weymouth.
5. Durham ...	J. Hudson, Tynemouth.
6. East Lancashire...	J. Chadwick, Manchester.
7. Essex ...	E. Shedd and H. E. Dehane.
8. Gloucester ...	R. V. Vassar-Smith, Gloucester.
9. Hants and Isle of Wight	E. Goble, Fareham.
10. Hertfordshire ...	G. E. Lake, Watford.
11. Kent ...	T. S. Warne, Rochester.
12. Leicester and Rutland ...	S. S. Partridge, Leicester.
13. Oxfordshire ...	W. R. Bowden, Oxford.
14. Somerset ...	C. L. Fry-Edwards, Wroughton.
15. Suffolk ...	N. Tracy, Ipswich.
16. Warwick and Stafford	{ E. Worrall, Birmingham. { F. Derry for Staffordshire.)
17. Wilts ...	W. Nott, Devizes.
18. Yorkshire ...	T. B. Whytehead, York.

I notice that some of the Directories are incomplete as respects statistics. My advice is, that editors should base their information mainly on the "annual returns" sent by the lodges to the Provincial Grand Secretaries. I find this plan saves a lot of time and trouble, and is the surest evidence of lodge life obtainable. Had the particulars been given for each province, I had intended striking the averages for lodge membership, votes for the Charities, &c., but these must be deferred to 1886, all being well. The Directories for 1885 are a most valuable series, and many possess special features which all editors would do well to emulate.

### EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT, No. 21.

The annual festival of this excellent lodge of improvement will be held on Friday, February 26th, 1886, it having been considered more convenient to have it on the last Friday of February instead of November, as hitherto, consequently, it will not be held on the 27th of next November. At the festival in February the Second Lecture will be worked. Excepting on Good Friday and Christmas Day, when it falls on Friday, which is the case this year, the lodge meets every Friday in the year at seven o'clock. A card of the work appointed for the current year, from Oct. 2nd, 1885, to the 24th Sept., 1886, is now to be had of the Secretary, Bro. F. R. Spaul, P.M. Nos. 1768 and 1124, Prov. G. Reg. N. Wales and Salop. A perusal of the programme is very instructive, showing that the whole of the ceremonies of the Craft Degree, from the initiation to the installation, including the charges, tracing boards, and lectures, are to be acquired by an attendance at the lodge. It may not be generally known that all the funds of the lodge, which are derived entirely from the membership fee of half-a-crown on election, and sixpence for every night a member attends, are devoted to the Masonic Institutions, only such insignificant deduction being made as is required for the expenses of the lodge. The lodge works under the sanction of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, a very celebrated lodge, which will hold its centenary festival at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, November 2nd. Each of these lodges is justly proud of its connection with the other, both maintaining the first place—the one as a regular lodge, and the other as a lodge of improvement. Any Mason desiring to be perfect in his work will find the best of instruction at the Emulation, the Committee of which consists of Bros. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; A. A. Richards, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 8, P.P.G.W. Middx.; W. A. Dawson, P.M. and Sec. 1768, &c.; R. C. Sudlow, W.M. 263, P.M. 1965; and F. R. Spaul, above named Secretary.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. THOMAS COUCH STEPHENS.

We regret to announce the death, on the 7th inst., of Bro. Thomas Couch Stephens, of Tywardreath, Cornwall, P.M. 1151, St. Andrew's, P.Z. Unity Chapter, Tywardreath, P.P.G.J.W. Cornwall, P. Pre. and Prior of Restormel Preceptory, and Registrar of the Prov. Grand Priory. Bro. Stephens was universally beloved and respected by the brethren, who looked to him in all cases of difficulty and doubt for instruction and advice, his knowledge and love of the Craft being such that when tendered by him it was instinctively followed, as it was known it was given not only with the humility and love of a Master of the Craft, but also with a knowledge and firmness, that admitted of no tampering with its grand principles. He was one of those men whom to know was to respect, and as a Craftsman to love and revere. The brethren of Tywardreath Lodge have met with a severe loss in the death of Bro. Stephens, and it will be a long time before they can replace him.

#### BRO. JOHN MESSENT, P.G.S.B.

We briefly noted last week the great loss sustained by the Craft generally through the death of one of its ablest and most respected members—Bro. John Messent, Past Grand Sword Bearer of England. The funeral took place at St. Thomas's, Portman-square, and Kensal Green Cemetery, on Friday, the 9th inst., and it is needless to say there was a numerous gathering of relatives and friends assembled at the grave in order to show their respect to one who, in all the relations of life, had striven earnestly to fulfil his appointed duty. Bro. Messent had won distinction in his professional career, the circle of his acquaintance was an increasing one, and what is more to our present purpose, his whole conduct during a 30 years' connection with Freemasonry stamped him as one of its ablest, brightest, and most respected members. He had secured to himself the admiration of many, but the envy of none; the enduring friendship of our foremost brethren, the indifference or hostility of none. He was deservedly a favourite with everyone, and the sorrow for his premature loss will every where be most poignant. Bro. Messent, as we have said, had been a member of our Society for 30 years, his initiation having taken place in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231—then No. 281—in 1855. In 1857 he rose to be Junior Warden; in 1858 was promoted to be Senior Warden, and the year following was unanimously elected W. Master. In 1864 he was entrusted with the post of Treasurer of his lodge, and in 1873 was invited to compile and deliver the address commemorating its hundredth anniversary. The same year he became a joining member of the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, a lodge with which he had previously established such terms of intimacy as to have been requested for nine successive years to instal its newly chosen W.M. For a long time Bro. Messent appears to have confined his attention to Craft Masonry, but in 1871 he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the British Chapter, No. 8. Three years later he was appointed P.S., and in 1879 was installed in the First Principal's Chair. The culminating point in his career was reached in 1882, when the Grand Master conferred upon him the office of G.S. Bearer of the United Grand Lodge, and a fortnight later he received a similar honour in Supreme Grand Chapter, the position assigned to him being that of 3rd Grand Standard Bearer. He was also a Vice-President of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and had served the office of Festival Steward for each Institution. Such an outline was our deceased brother's Masonic career, but the mere enumeration of the honours conferred upon him and the positions he had filled will convey a very imperfect idea of the value of his services. Even the mention of the handsome testimonials which from time to time had been presented to him would only serve to enlarge the idea of that value, but without defining it in any way precisely. What he did was writ clearly in the hearts of his fellow members, the complimentary language of lodge records being only a faint reflex of the love that was borne him generally. Yet in February, 1884, when Bro. Messent, after a twenty years' tenure of the office, vacated the Treasurership of St. Andrew's, and a beautifully illuminated address of thanks in testimony of his worth was presented to him, Bro. Bayley Mason, W.M., in handing him the scroll, very felicitously justified the form the testimonial had taken, on the ground that "Thanks to men of noble minds is honourable meed." In this we find the key to the character of our late brother. As the services which called forth that testimonial had been always unaffected, unshowy, but real and substantial withal, so their fittest reward was held to be a record of heartfelt thanks, beautiful in its simplicity, and also real in its truth. In closing these remarks we offer our respectful sympathy to the relatives and friends of our late brother, and in an especial manner to the brethren of the St. Andrew's Lodge, who in their late Treasurer of 20 years' and Installing Master of 25 years' experience, have sustained a loss which, if not perhaps irreparable, it will be long ere they are able to make good.

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

#### BIRTHS.

FIELD.—On the 10th inst., at Belmont, Bath, the wife of E. Field, M.D., of a son.

SALOMONS.—On the 13th inst., at Broomhill, Lady Salomons, of a son.

TUBBS.—On the 3rd inst., at Thornhill-crescent, Barnsbury, the wife of C. T. Tubbs, of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

DRAYSON—GUFFROY.—On the 10th inst., at St. Mary-of-the-Angels, Bayswater, Berners H. E. Drayson, retired Assistant-Paymaster, R.N., to Eugénie, only daughter of Victor Guffroy.

#### DEATHS.

NOAKES.—On the 11th inst., at 71, Stroud Green-road, Kate Harriet, the beloved wife of William Noakes, aged 36 years.

WILLES.—On the 10th inst., William Willes, of Newbold Comyn, Warwickshire, aged 62.



"The Casting Vote, or an Electioneering Squib in one Bang," at whose first night we assisted at the Prince's, is an amusing, though not a brilliant first piece. Either its author—Mr. Walter Helmore—or the Lord Chamberlain, has made its political allusions very modest. Excepting the make up of its two chief characters to certain leaders of the two great parties in the State, it has little in it which may be termed political. M. Marius is made to resemble Lord Randolph Churchill, though not very successfully, but turns the tables, for in this burletta he is the Radical candidate; whilst Mr. Bowlands represents Mr. Chamberlain, as a Conservative candidate. His figure and make up are nearly the exact copy of the Birmingham chief. Set to music by Mr. Walter Slaughter, this "Electioneering Squib" serves to amuse the audience as an introductory piece to "The Great Pink Pearl," which follows. Whatever side of politics one may belong to, no one need fear having his opinions outraged by seeing "The Casting Vote." It is void of offence, for it does not allude to the events of the day, so is quite harmless. The plot, if it may be called by that name, is merely that a certain viscount has a daughter whom he wishes to wed to the Conservative candidate, who is a lord by courtesy, therefore the son of a duke or marquis, but this young lady is in love with the people's advocate; the constitutional champion, on the other hand, being in love with a poor governess in a young ladies' academy. The scenery is rather pretty, with its village street, its polling booth, its two country inns, the head quarters of the two candidates, from whose balconies the rivals address the motley crowd of village folk. A song and dance of school girls who endeavour to win the vote of the working men is very pretty, and received a deserved encore, as did the clever dance of Miss Clara Jecks, who represents the proprietress of the school, who having got a letter belonging to the peer's daughter, imagines it is for her, becomes electrified on reading its contents—that the Radical proposes for her hand—and forthwith bursts out into a dance, which she repeats on the demand of her audience. The little squib is entertaining for an hour, and withal delightfully droll. Messrs. Carton and Raleigh's "Great Pink Pearl" has now an additional interest in the fact that Mr. Edgar Bruce—the lessee of the theatre—plays the part of Anthony Sheen in his usual spirited and earnest manner. There is not likely to be any need of a change here for some time to come.

### WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- DRURY LANE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, HUMAN NATURE.
- COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.0, GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT.
- HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 9.30, EXCELSIOR; at 8.0, SECRET SERVICE.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.0, ARRAH-NA-POGUE; Farce at 7.15.
- STRAND THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.45, THE MARRIED RAKE; at 8.15, AN EPISODIC SKETCH ON NICHOLAS NICKLEBY; at 9.15, COUSIN JOHNNY.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.0, NEARLY SEVERED; at 9.0, LOOSE TILES.
- GLOBE THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.0, A BAD PENNY; at 9.0, THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.
- SAVOY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.15, THE MIKADO; or, THE TOWN OF TITIPU.
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.15, ON CHANGE; at 7.40, Comedietta.
- COURT THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8.45, THE MAGISTRATE; preceded by TWENTY MINUTES UNDER AN UMBRELLA.
- ROYALTY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 8. L'ÉTINCELLE, followed by LE TESTAMENT DE CESAR GIRODOT.
- NOVELTY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.45, YEOMAN'S SERVICE; at 8.30, THE JAPS.
- GRAND THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, NOT ALONE.
- STANDARD THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, THE RULING PASSION.
- SURREY THEATRE.  
Every Evening at 7.30, DEVIL'S LUCK.
- SANGER'S AMPHITHEATRE.  
Every Evening, at 7.30, THE GREEN BUSHES.
- ROYAL AQUARIUM.  
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement. Two Variety Performances Daily.
- INTERNATIONAL INVENTIONS EXHIBITION.  
Open, 10.0 till 10.0. Division I., Inventions; Division II., Music. Military and other Bands Daily.
- ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 8.0, Variety Entertainment, Two Grand Ballets, &c.
- CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.35, Grand Musical and Variety Entertainments, &c.
- PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES.  
Every Evening at 7.35, Comic Ballet, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c.



H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., has been pleased to appoint the Rev. H. A. Pickard, M.A., one of H.M. Inspectors of Schools, to be Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for the Province of Oxfordshire, in succession to the late lamented Grand Superintendent, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. The installation will probably take place on the 28th inst., when the Earl of Jersey is also to be installed by Lord Leigh as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon and Bro. Lord Ashbourne left London somewhat suddenly for Dublin on Friday evening, the 9th inst.

Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., has been elected Master of the Wheelwrights' Company for the ensuing year, and Bro. W. G. Lemon one of the Wardens.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill has arranged to visit Wolverhampton on the 17th November prox., and address a meeting of the electors in the Agricultural Hall.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., left London for Balmoral on Friday evening, the 9th inst., to remain for some days as Minister in attendance on the Queen.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught and Prince Henry of Battenburg have been enjoying capital sport at Balmoral, the former having brought down a Royal stag on Saturday last.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales was prevented by a cold from being present at the annual athletic sports of his regiment, the 10th hussars, which came off at Aldershot on Monday.

At the Court of Common Council on Thursday, the 8th inst., a resolution of condolence with the family of the deceased Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury was proposed by Bro. E. Dresser-Rogers, seconded by Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, and adopted unanimously.

The Prince of Wales left Pesth on his return home on Monday, reaching Vienna, where he was received at the railway station by the British ambassador and the staff of the embassy the same afternoon. His Royal Highness took up his quarters at the Grand Hotel.

The Lady Mayoress gave her last ball at the Mansion House on Friday, the 9th inst., the number of guests, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, being over 1100. The band of the Coldstream Guards attended, and dancing was kept up till an advanced hour.

Bro. the Earl of Fife, P.G.M. Banffshire, delivered an address on the development of municipal life during the present century, on Friday, the 9th inst., on the occasion of the opening of the new Town Hall of Elgin. His lordship was subsequently presented with the freedom of the burgh.

The Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of North and East Yorkshire has ordered his annual communication to be summoned at the Masonic Hall, Malton, on Monday, Nov. 2nd, at 2 p.m., at the invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. There will be a banquet at the Talbot Hotel at 5 o'clock.

The *Voice of Masonry* reports the death on the 28th August last, at the ripe age of 78 years, of Comp. Arnold R. Robinson, who for the last 28 years had been Grand Janitor of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Illinois. Comp. Robertson had been a resident of Springfield for 50 years and was universally respected.

Bros. Earl Granville, Joseph Dodds, M.P., and Sir J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, were among the guests at the grand banquet, held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday evening, the 9th inst., in order to celebrate the jubilee of the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835, the toast of "The Mayors and Members of Corporations" being proposed by Bro. Earl Granville.

The funeral of the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., took place at Wimborne St. Giles's, on Friday, the 9th inst., every possible mark of respect for his lordship being shown by the inhabitants and the country round about. Bros. Lord Wolverton and Montague J. Guest, M.P., P.G.M. Dorsetshire, were among the friends of the deceased earl who attended the mournful ceremony.

R.W. Bro. H. W. Hope, of Luffness, P.G.M. of East Lothian, was married on Thursday, the 8th inst., to the Lady Mary Primrose, sister of the Earl of Rosebery, and daughter of the Duchess of Cleveland. The ceremony took place in Staindrop Church, the Bishop of Durham officiating, while the festivities in connection with the event were held at Raby Castle.

Bros. Earl Cowper, K.G., the Hon. Henry Cowper, M.P., and the Earl of Arran were present among the mourners at the funeral service, held in Westminster Abbey, on Thursday, the 8th inst., for the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G.; while Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and Sheriffs Alderman Evans and T. Clarke were present in their official capacity as representatives of the City of London.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, addressed a numerous meeting of the electors at Rawtenstall on Saturday evening last, and Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., a similar meeting at Pontefract on Monday. The latter was to deliver an address at a similar meeting at Knottingley on Thursday, and would continue his electoral campaign to-day (Friday) at Ferrybridge, and to-morrow (Saturday) at Orton and the Fitzwilliam Hall, Peterborough.

It is with much pleasure we learn that Bro. John Holliday (who has for so many years been actively engaged in the manufacture of upholstery trimmings) has found his business increasing to such an extent that he has been compelled to remove to more commodious premises at Nos. 12 and 14 Little Britain, where he is now showing a splendid collection of Madras lace, and tapestry curtains, table covers, &c., in addition to the artistic trimmings, for the production of which he enjoys such a deservedly high reputation.

The Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the cholera in Spain amounted to upwards of £3800 on Monday.

Bro. Paget has been selected to decorate the streets of the Ward of Aldersgate for the Lord Mayor's procession on the 9th prox.

Bros. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and Baron H. de Worms, M.P., addressed meetings of the electors on Monday evening at Tunbridge Wells and Liverpool respectively.

The *Voice of Masonry* for October contains a very appreciative review of Bro. James Stevens's latest contribution to Masonic literature, his "Chips from a Rough Ashlar."

Bro. Lawrence, M.W.G.M. of New York, on the 9th ult. consecrated the new Masonic Hall erected by Ilion Lodge, No. 591, and Iroquois R.A. Chapter, No. 236, at Ilion, New York.

The first illuminated indoor fête at the Crystal Palace was fixed for Thursday evening, the 15th inst., while to-morrow (Saturday) will be inaugurated the 30th series of Saturday concerts.

We regret to hear that Bro. Sir F. Perkins, Ex-Sheriff of London, has recently sustained a severe family bereavement, his wife, Lady Perkins, having died on Thursday, the 8th instant.

Bros. Akers-Douglas, M.P., and W. L. Jackson, M.P., were among those who, on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., addressed political meetings in connection with the coming General Election.

Prince George of Wales, accompanied by Bro. F. Knollys, C.B., reached Copenhagen on Saturday last, and at once proceeded to Fredensborg in anticipation of the marriage of Prince Waldemar of Denmark.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at seven o'clock precisely.

The Prince of Wales visited the Hungarian Diet at Pesth on Saturday last, remaining till the close of the sitting. His Royal Highness occupied a seat in the gallery set apart for diplomats.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley was among the officers who accompanied his Royal Highness the Commander-in-chief to Woolwich on Monday for the purpose of inspecting the artillery and other troops stationed there.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will take the chair at a meeting which will be held at the Mansion House, to-day (Friday), for the purpose of promoting a movement to raise a national memorial to the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren, who had reached Madeira on his return home, has telegraphed accepting the invitation of the London Chamber of Commerce to a banquet to be given in his honour on Wednesday next, the 21st instant.

To-morrow (Saturday) Sir William Harcourt will unveil the statue erected in Derby Market-place to the memory of the late Bro. M. Bass, M.P., and at the close of the ceremony will go on a visit to Bro. Sir Arthur Bass, Bart., M.P., at Rangemor.

In consequence of a change in the proprietorship of the Hotel, the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction will in future be held at Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Chiswick (Turnham Green Station). The first meeting for the season will be held to-morrow (Saturday).

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has been unanimously chosen as one of the candidates in the Conservative interest to represent the City of London in the new Parliament, the other being Mr. J. G. Hubbard, M.P.

The seventeenth session of the Illinois Council of Deliberation, A. and A.S. Rite, was held in Chicago on the 13th August last, under the presidency of illustrious John C. Smith, 33°, Deputy and Commander-in-Chief. Three consistories were represented. The membership is stated at 1129.

The Lodge of Unions, No. 256, will hold a festival to celebrate the centenary year of its existence as a working lodge at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, November 2nd. A very distinguished company has been invited to take part in the proceedings. The lodge will meet at half-past five in the evening.

Last Saturday night the Great City Lodge held its annual meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel, when Bro. R. Fendick was installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large body of officers and members. Afterwards a banquet was held. We hope to give a report in our next.

A committee was appointed at the regular conclave on the 8th ult. of Monumental Commandery, No. 3, Baltimore, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements to attend the next triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, appointed to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, in September of next year.

Bro. J. F. B. Firth, M.P., presided, and Bros. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Sir John Bennett, and T. Eccleston Gibb were present, at a public meeting, held at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, the 8th inst., for the purpose of protesting against the continued exclusion of London from the benefits of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1835.

Bro. Thomas Phipps Dorman has made a presentation of a large photograph of Queen Eleanor's Cross to each member of the Provincial Grand Lodge Reception Committee of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764. The works are from his own negative, and are incased in massive oak frames. They certainly form some of the best specimens of amateur photography that have been exhibited.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**—Some occupations tend to the development of certain diseases, and those who toil as miners are peculiarly liable to rheumatism, lumbago, and other allied complaints. In the goldfields and copper mines Holloway's remedies have been largely patronised by the workers to their very great advantage, and they can be confidently recommended as invaluable remedies for inward congestion, spasms and cramps in the bowels, and all those conditions of the lungs and liver to which those who work underground or in impure atmospheres are so peculiarly liable. For cuts, bruises, sprains, and stiffened joints, the action of Holloway's Ointment is eminently healing and soothing, and a supply should always be at hand in case of need.—[ADVT.]

Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Bignold (chairman), the Earl of Dunraven, C. S. Read, M.P., and Sir R. B. Harvey, Bart., M.P., were present at a political gathering held in the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, on Monday.

Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Lord Ashbourne, and Colonel Stanley, M.P., were present at the several Cabinet Councils held in Downing-street last week.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. D. McIver was admitted to the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite on Tuesday last. Bro. McIver is also W.M.-elect of the St. Vincent's Lodge, No. 1404, Bristol, and will be installed on Thursday, the 22nd instant.

Bro. Alderman Staples, Lord Mayor-elect, has appointed the Rev. Joseph Mould, M.A., vicar of Rodbourne-Cheney, Wilts, to be his chaplain during his Mayoralty, and Bro. W. J. Soulsby has been for the eleventh consecutive year appointed as private secretary.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., addressed a meeting of his constituents at Ore, near Hastings, on Monday evening, and Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., a meeting of the electors of the Kingston division of Surrey the same evening.

Bro. Thomas Benskin will preside at the fourth anniversary dinner of the St. Marylebone, Paddington, and District Licensed Victuallers' and Beersellers' Trade Protection Association. The dinner is fixed for Wednesday, the 28th inst., and will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern.

The ceremony of installing R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., as Prov. Grand Master of Shropshire, will take place on Thursday next, the 22nd inst., and the day following R.W. Bro. Lord Harlech will be installed Prov. Grand Master of North Wales, at Wrexham. On both occasions Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England will officiate as Installing Master.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending Saturday, the 17th inst.: Monday—Old Pauline Club. Tuesday—Butchers' Charitable Institution; Jerusalem Chapter; Urban Lodge; St. James's Union Lodge; Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Universal Lodge; Great Northern Lodge.

**MARK MASONRY.**—A lodge for the instruction and improvement of Mark Master Masons is to be holden weekly at the "Moorgate," 15, Finsbury-pavement, by authority of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 355. The first meeting will be held to-night (Friday), under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M. Old Kent (T.I.), who will act as Preceptor.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.M. 1897, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., was unanimously elected W.M. of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, at its last meeting. The installation will take place on the first Saturday in November, at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. We may also mention that Comp. T. I. Bird is Z-elect of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, No. 1602. The installation will take place at the Highbury Station Hotel, on Friday, the 23rd inst.

We are informed that, consequent upon the resolution of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to purchase the belt of land on the north and east sides of the school grounds for £5700, by which a further outlay will be necessitated, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Past Grand Treasurer, intends to give notice of motion for the next quarterly communication on the 2nd of December that Grand Lodge vote £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes towards defraying the additional expenses.

Madame Worrell, Madame Traynor (formerly Miss Marianne Warren), Bros. Theodore Distin, Chaplin Henry, Egbert Roberts, Sinclair Dunn, W. Sexton, F. H. Cozens, and G. S. Graham are among the talented vocalists who will take part in the musical programme at the Grand Festival of Ye Antiente Fraternite of Ye Rahere Almoners, which is to be held under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Bros. R. Evans and T. Clarke, and by Bro. Alderman De Keyser, at the Cannon Street Hotel on Thursday, the 22nd instant.

Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. Clarke accepted the invitation of their employes at the Safe Deposit, Chancery-lane, to spend the evening with them on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., and the result was a gathering which proved most enjoyable to all concerned. On Bro. and Mrs. Clarke's arrival at 6.30 p.m., the latter was presented by one of the lads with a handsome bouquet, after which our Bro. Sheriff Clarke was successively presented with a handsomely illuminated address of congratulation on his appointment to the high office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex, and a massive silver inkstand of elegant design and workmanship, having a suitable inscription on one side and the Sheriff's crest and motto on the other. The presentation was quite unexpected on the part of Bro. Clarke, his employes having succeeded in guarding their secret well; but once the feeling of surprise had passed, he was able to thank the donors for their kindness and to express the pleasure he derived from the hearty relations existing between them and him.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, on Friday next, the 23rd inst., under the banner of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330. The principal business will include the presentation of the Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement of account for the past year, the election of a Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The usual banquet will follow, at 6 p.m., at the Three Swans Hotel. It is gratifying to learn from abstract of Prov. Grand Treasurer's report that the finances of Prov. Grand Lodge are in a healthy state, the General Fund having a balance in hand of over £93, and the Charity Fund one of £29 8s. 7d. It is equally gratifying to learn from the Seventh Annual Report of the Masonic Charity Association of the province that, though there is a slight falling off from last year as regards membership, the progress in all other respects has been most satisfactory, 38 Life Subscriberships representing a money contribution of £199 10s., having been added to the voting power of the province, £189 having been paid over to the Girls' School, and £10 10s. to the Boys' School.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, October 24, 1885.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19.

- Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 ,, 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
 ,, 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 ,, 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.  
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 Rose of Denmark, Gauden Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 7.30.  
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., at 8.  
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 Fredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.  
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.  
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 ,, 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 ,, 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 ,, 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.  
 ,, 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 ,, 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender Hill.  
 ,, 1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 829, High Cross, Bull Hot., Dartford.  
 Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 ,, 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
 Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.  
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.  
 Board of Benevolence, at 6.  
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
 ,, 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 ,, 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.  
 ,, 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.  
 ,, 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 1312, St. Mary's, White Hart, Bocking-end, Braintree.  
 ,, 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 ,, 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 ,, 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, Café Royal, Regent-st.  
 ,, 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames.

- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
 Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 ,, 66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge Ho. Hot., London Bdg.  
 ,, 858, S. Middlesex, Beaufort Ho., North End, Fulham.  
 ,, 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 ,, 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 ,, 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, E.  
 ,, 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey M.H.  
 ,, 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.  
 ,, 1974, St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington.  
 Chap. 29, 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 ,, 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.  
 ,, 569, Fitz-Roy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co., City-road.  
 Chap. 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
 ,, 1662, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
 ,, 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.  
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.  
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.  
 Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.  
 Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.  
 Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24.

- Consecration of the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15 (Allied Masonic Degrees), at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-sq., at 3.  
 Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 ,, 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
 ,, 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
 ,, 1657 (Emergency), Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st., at 2.30.  
 ,, 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
 Chiswick, Old Tabard Inn, Bedford-park, Chiswick, 7.30.

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