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ONE of the best expositions of the character and scope of Freemasonry we have read for some time past is contained in the speech recently delivered by Grand Master LAWRENCE, when laying the foundation-stone of a Government building in the State of New York, and we regret unfeignedly that the claims on our space are just now so urgent as to render it difficult, if not impossible, to reproduce it in full. The occasion does not seem to have been out of the usual course of such proceedings, nor are we aware of any special circumstances which may have put Bro. LAWRENCE on his mettle, and extorted from him a more forcible and heart-stirring speech than usual. But, whether or not it is our brother's habit to express himself thus admirably, certain it is that in the performance of this particular function he displayed more eloquence than the majority of Masons of our time who have been similarly circumstanced. If at the outset of his speech Bro. LAWRENCE went somewhat beyond the limits of strict historical truth, and assumed what, in the present state of our knowledge, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for him to prove, namely, that our great English architect, Sir CHRISTOPHER WREN, was Grand Master of the English Freemasons, he has our forgiveness and even our sympathy. We cannot answer for it that Bro. GOULD will not subject him to a severe lecture for his great audacity; but there is something so fascinating about the WREN tradition, it consists so well, in point of opportuneness, with the circumstances of his time and the profession of which he was so brilliant a member, that, as we have said just now, we forgive and even sympathise with our distinguished brother. But if with the fear ever before us of bringing down on our devoted head the sublime rebukes of Bro. GOULD, we hesitate to accept the position assigned to WREN in connection with our Fraternity by Bro. LAWRENCE, we experience no misgivings as to the truth and accuracy of his delineation of our modern system of Freemasonry. There can, for instance, be no question as to the literal correctness of Bro. LAWRENCE's statement that Freemasonry “represents neither class, creed, nor race;” but that, “through its pure and sacred precepts,” it “appeals to the free and enlightened of every race and creed alike. Its broad principles conflict with the opinions of no God-fearing man. Those who gather around its sacred altars, whatever their creed, whatever their race, and in whatever quarter of the globe they may assemble, learn to subdue their passions, to rule themselves as intelligent and responsible beings; to be upright in all their dealings, benevolent and just toward their fellow-men, and always reverently to adore the Great Creator of all things and Giver of all Good.” Equally true is it—and as applicable to the Craft in England as it is in the United States of America—that “strictly bound to unswerving obedience to the laws and loyalty to the Government, cherishing their freedom as their most precious possession, the advocates of peace, and believers in perfect toleration towards every shade of opinion, Masons cannot but be good and useful citizens in any free community, and when called to officiate upon an occasion of this description, we joyfully remember and proclaim that the spirit of Masonry is identical with the spirit of the enlightened age and the glorious country in which it is our fortune to live.” We thank you, Bro. LAWRENCE, for this eloquent exposition of the nature and purposes of our Craft.

WE have been favoured with a letter from Bro. Dr. ROB MORRIS, P.G. Master of Kentucky, having reference to the remarks made by us on the 12th September last on the subject of the “consolidation of weak lodges.” Our distinguished brother writes that his views correspond with ours, and that he does not think “a consolidation should be effected if a single member objects;” and, to demonstrate more clearly his opinion on the question, he has very kindly enclosed copy of his circular, inviting information as “to any legislation by any Masonic body that bears upon the subject.” This circular, which is signed by Bro. MORRIS on behalf of the Committee appointed at the annual Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October, 1884, “to digest a constitutional amendment for the consolidation of weak lodges, and report the same” at the annual meeting for 1885, tells us not

much more than we knew already, though it more clearly sets forth the grounds on which it was resolved to institute the inquiry. The Committee candidly admit that the matter “presents to us the greater difficulty the more we consider it.” This is not surprising. The “matter” is so essentially delicate, that the resolve of the Committee to prosecute their inquiries gives us a better idea of their courage than of their discretion. However, as they do not seem to have yet passed the preliminary stage of asking for such information as may be available, we may as well offer a few further remarks, in the hope that Kentucky, having put its foot into a question which is surrounded by all kinds of difficulty, may withdraw it, while there is yet time, without loss of dignity. Even upon the showing of this circular, there cannot, at least, according to our English notions, be anything very serious to complain of in the numerical condition of its lodges. We fail to see that “the necessity for the consolidation of sickly and feeble lodges is urgent” in the case of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. We accept the statements that “we have upon our rolls more than five hundred lodges, but so reduced are they in strength, that the average in membership is less than thirty,” and that “in some counties reporting five or six lodges, the aggregate of Master Masons is scarcely a hundred.” But what then? This is certainly not a deplorable state of things, on the assumption of course that the brethren are in a position to keep up their lodges in a state of efficiency and free from debt. Indeed, many among us here will say, as we pointed out in our September article, that it is far better to have a moderate than a high average of membership, seeing that, in the nature of things, overgrown lodges are less manageable, a large number of members being less likely to work together in harmony than a small number. As we pointed out in that leader—“In England many lodges advisedly limit their numbers, and the tendency of late years has been to deprecate overgrown lodges.” Of course Kentucky has a perfect right to say—We do not agree with you; we prefer numerically strong lodges. But neither Kentucky nor any other Grand Lodge can undertake to say that lodges must maintain a given strength always. A lodge which has a roll of 100 members now, may in ten years time, from circumstances entirely beyond its control, be able to muster no more than thirty; but does Kentucky mean to say that in such case the reduced lodge must either commit suicide or amalgamate with the nearest lodge, and so in either case sacrifice its fair repute and all those kindly associations which have made its life so pleasant? We can hardly bring ourselves to believe this. In the first place, it possesses neither the right nor the ability to regulate the membership of its subordinate lodges so long as they observe its laws and the Constitutions of Masonry. In the second place, if the welfare of the Craft is to be made to depend on mere numbers, the sooner there is an end of it, the better.

OF course we are glad that Bro. MORRIS is of our opinion, and our advice to him, as the most experienced member of this Committee of inquiry, is that he should recommend to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to leave its subordinate lodges to manage their own affairs, subject, as we have said before, to its laws and the Constitutions of the Craft. Lodges which are not capable of doing this must have been established under erroneous opinions as to the true nature of Masonry, which, in the discharge of its important duties, requires that it should have all reasonable latitude secured to it, and that there should be the least possible interference with what may be called its private as contradistinguished from its public concerns. It matters not to the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction whether its lodges are content with ten or ten hundred members. So long as they do their appointed work in the manner prescribed by the supreme authority, they have the right to be left alone. They are the sole judges of what is due to their own interests, and if any of them prefer that the membership shall be limited, that is entirely their own business, and does not justify the meddling of Grand Lodge. We think our American friends will do wisely to remember that there is no society in the world which is so likely to be injuriously affected by over-legislation as Freemasonry. It is above all things a society whose members are desirous of promoting good fellowship in its truest and best sense. There must be a government of some kind or other, and as a result there must be some code of laws to enforce that government. But when due provision has been made in these respects, the lodges which constitute a jurisdiction only need to be left alone. We in England have very little legislation. As a rule, our Grand Lodge meets once a quarter and for the Grand Festival. The business transacted is mostly formal, and there is not the slightest doubt that our lodges rub along capitally. Our Grand Lodge rarely troubles itself about anything outside its administrative functions. It takes care that its two funds of General Purposes and Benevolence are dispensed justly and with a due regard to economy. Occasionally a question

of unusual interest is discussed at these meetings, and when the matter has been well threshed out, the decision is taken, and in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred the matter ends there. It would never occur to any of our executive Grand Officers to concern themselves about the interior economy of the private lodges. They know well what powers are vested in Grand Lodge, and what rights and privileges are secured to private lodges. They take care that no conflicts shall arise between those powers, on the one hand, and these rights and privileges, on the other, and the result is, that, though a lodge is occasionally the scene of a battle royal among its members, and a slight amount of partisanship is occasionally noticeable in Grand Lodge, the course of English Freemasonry, unlike the proverbial course of true love, runs smoothly enough in essentials. We do our work in Grand Lodge and private lodges in accordance with the laws and constitutions of the Craft; we enjoy ourselves socially; and we humbly, but sincerely, do our best to carry out the principles of Masonry. Let Kentucky do this, and it may safely leave the work of legislation, to the small extent that is necessary, to take care of itself.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th July to the 20th October, 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter ... £ 74 9 5	By Disbursements during the	
" Unappropriated	Quarter	£204 18 0
" Account 191 8 4	" Balance	102 1 11
" Subsequent Receipts 229 11 0	" Unappropriated	
	Account	188 8 10
£495 8 9		£495 8 9

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. John Read Dore, as Z.; Rawson Kelley, as H.; W. Henry Clough, as J., and 17 others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Friendship, No. 750, Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, to be called the Friendship Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Whitcliffe, Cleckheaton, in the county of York (West Div.)

2nd. From Comps. Donald Grant Macleod, as Z.; James Copley Moyle, as H.; Colonel Malcolm Furlong, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 542, Maulmain, British Burmah, to be called the 'Tenasserim Chapter,' and to meet at Maulmain, British Burmah.

3rd. From Comps. John Booth, as Z.; Samuel Holdsworths Stocks, as H.; William Thomas Flather, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 603, Cleckheaton, to be called the Zetland Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Tofts, Cleckheaton, in the county of York. (West Div.)

4th. From Comps. the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., as Z.; Samuel Stead, as H.; Thomas Tyers, as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, Leeds, to be called the Excelsior Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, in the county of York. (West Div.)

5th. From Comps. Thomas Blossom Dodson, as Z.; Robert Burleton, as H.; Michael Christian, as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, London, to be called the Dalhousie Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

6th. From Comps. Charles Frederick Hogard, as Z.; Alfred Julius Henochsberg, as H.; Joseph Da Silva, as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, London, to be called the Israel Chapter, and to meet at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that, in consequence of the formation and recognition of a Grand Lodge of South Australia, there is no longer an English Craft Lodge in that colony to which the South Australian Chapter, No. 583, meeting at Adelaide, can be attached as required by Article 43, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee therefore recommend that the charter of the said chapter be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapter be erased from the register of the Grand Chapter of England.

The Committee have further to report that the Special Committee appointed to revise the Royal Arch Regulations having concluded their labours, a copy of the proposed revision will be laid before Grand Chapter on the 4th proximo.

The Committee would suggest that copies of the proposed revision be sent out to all Grand Superintendents and chapters, and that it be considered, and, if approved, passed at the convocation of Grand Chapter on the 2nd February, 1886.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.G.A. Soj., President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
21st October, 1885.

N.B.—The Committee may remind the members of the Grand Chapter that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Quarterly Convocation, the next meeting of Grand Chapter will be held in the Great Hall, for which appropriate fittings have been prepared.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROSE AND LILY COUNCIL, No. 15, ALLIED DEGREES.

A new council of the Allied Degrees, bearing the style and title of the Rose and Lily, No. 15, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 24th inst. Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary, was the Consecrating Officer, and valuable assistance was rendered him by Bros. J. L. Mather, Dr. W. E. Stewart, Rev. Dr. Morris, Robert Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and C. H. Driver, while Bro. Hoare presided with his usual ability at the organ.

At the commencement of the proceedings, there were present of the founders of the council Bros. R. Berridge, C. H. Driver, J. U. Spence, A. R. Carter, W. A. Scurrah, C. A. C. Jones, A. Williams, and F. T. Bennett, the visitors comprising Bros. H. Pigeon, jun., B. R. Bryant, W. E. Stewart, J. S. Cumberland, and E. J. Hoare.

The council having been opened, the following candidates hailing from the several Mark lodges named were admitted successively to the Degrees of St. Lawrence and Kt. of Constantinople: Bros. J. J. Perkins, Temple Lodge, No. 173; L. Sutherland, St. Paul's, No. 131; Willoughby Weiss, Temple, No. 322; Christopher Slater, Temperance-in-the-East, No. 350; D. P. Cama, W.M. Percy, No. 114; H. D. Cama, Hiram, No. 13; C. V. Cottrell, Temple, No. 322; W. A. Weston, Excelsior, No. 226; Rev. Dr. Morris, Old Kent; J. Dexter Birken, W.M. High Cross, No. 284; Henry Faija and P. M. Davison, No. 331; H. C. Heard, St. Mark's, No. 1; and F. W. Stericker, Isaac Newton, No. 1.

The function of consecrating the council was then carried out most ably and impressively by Bro. Matier, assisted by the brethren named already; after which Bro. Berridge was installed W.M. by the same brother. The usual congratulations having been offered, Bro. Berridge appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Faija, S.W.; Bennett, J.W.; Driver, Treas. and Secretary; Rev. R. Morris, L.L.D., Chaplain; Carter, S.D.; Scurrah, J.D.; D. P. Cama, D.C.; Jones, I.G.; Spence and Cottrell, Stwds.; and Mills, Tyler.

A vote of thanks to Bro. C. F. Matier for his services having been passed unanimously, and the compliment of honorary membership having been conferred on him and Bros. Mather, Dr. Stewart, J. S. Cumberland, and Hoare, the council was closed in the manner prescribed, and the brethren adjourned to an admirable banquet at the Holborn Restaurant.

SPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKS.

DEDICATION OF THE EBORACUM MASONIC HALL.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, summoned a special convocation of the members of his Provincial Grand Lodge at York, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic purposes the new Masonic Hall, lately purchased and fitted up for their own use by the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. We have already given a description of this building, which until lately was the abiding place of the York Institute of Literature, Science, and Art; but when that institution acquired its new and splendid premises in Clifford-street, the corner stone of which was laid with Masonic honours by the Prince of Wales some two years ago, the old fabric was purchased by the Eboracum Lodge, and has since been in process of fitting up for Masonic purposes. Very little alteration in the general design has been required; but a great deal of internal detailed work has been carried out, and probably the dedication ceremony would have been arranged earlier had it not been for the delay in the construction of the furniture, which is even yet not completed, and which is of a most elaborate character.

Provincial Grand Lodge was summoned for two o'clock p.m.; but before that hour the brethren and visitors assembled in goodly numbers, and found preparations made for their comfort and refreshment, the banquet room having been fitted up as a buffet and the smoke room as a retiring place for the Provincial Officers, whilst the Committee room was reserved for the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy. Amongst the many brethren who assembled were—

Bros. Dr. J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M.; Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., P.G.S.W.; W. Lawton, P.P.G.R.; W. Reynolds, P.G.T.; J. W. Woodall, Grand Treas. England; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W.; W. B. Richardson, P.P.G.W.; J. H. Bennett, P.P.G.W.; G. Simpson, P.P.G.P.; Rev. R. Kennedy, P.G.C.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Ayre, P.P.G.D.; J. Marshall, P.G.R.; Charles Goulding, P.G.O.; F. A. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Proctor, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Balmford, P.P.G.O.; R. H. Peacock, P.P.G.A.D.C.; M. Rooke, P.P.G.S.D.; A. J. Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Todd, P.P.G.R.; J. S. Rymer, P.P.G.R.; C. Norman, P.P.G.W.; Edward Rooke, P.P.G.S.; H. Procter, P.P.G.S.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.D.; J. Barker, P.P.G.W. West Yorks; J. Blenkin, P.M. 1611; M. Millington, P.M. 1611; J. T. Seller, P.M. 1611; Major Baldrey, W.M. 570 (I.C.); Major McGachen, P.M. 1991; B. Polkinghorne, W.M. 1991; G. Chambers, W.M. 1760; G. Garbutt, P.M. 236; W. Watson, P.M. 1040; J. Wanless, W.M. 200; G. Kirby, P.M. 236; F. A. Hopwood, P.M. 1010; T. M. Goldie, W.M. 660; F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler; and others.

At two p.m. Sir Fredk. Milner, W.M. of the lodge, proceeded to open in the three Degrees. He was supported by Bros. A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; G. Chapman, S.D.; S. J. Dalton, J.D.; Jas. Kay, Secretary; W. Lackenby, I.G.; and the following members and visitors: Bro. Ald. Terry, Wm. Stephenson, P. Pearson, Wm. Storey, B. Brown, M. Cooper, W. B. Dyson, T. D. Smith, G. H. Hebblethwaite, G. Higham, 1760; A. M. White, 1991; T. Archey, 236; W. Smith, 236; E. Harding, 1991; E. Houlden, 236; E. W. Purnell, 236; T. Watkinson, 236; G. W. Pattinson, 602; A. John, 250; J. Martin, 1991; C. M. Forbes, 236; T. Horsley, W. Routledge, W. Wreglesworth, C. Tuff, W. T. Nance, W. G. Penty, and others.

Meanwhile a procession was being formed in the lobby of the Provincial Grand Lodge, marshalled by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who acted as Prov.

Director of Ceremonies, the volume of the Sacred Law, the working tools, the consecrating elements and columns being borne by Past Masters of the Eboracum Lodge, and others. Upon entering the lodge room the R.W. Provincial Grand Master assumed the chair, the W.M., Sir F. Milner, taking his place as Senior Prov. Grand Warden, the Junior Warden's chair being taken by Bro. W. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; and the ceremony at once commenced under the immediate guidance of Bro. Dr. J. P. Bell, Dep. Prov. Grand Master. The anthems and responses were very effectively given by a choir under the leadership of Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, late of the Cathedral choir, the accompaniments being given by Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G. Organist, and Bro. W. S. Child, Organist of the lodge, whilst Bro. A. Sample, Organist of York Lodge, 236, most kindly aided in the vocal work. The closing ode, words composed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, brought a most pleasing ceremony to its close, and then the Earl of Zetland proceeded to address the brethren, thanking them for their presence, and congratulating the members of the Eboracum Lodge upon the wonderful energy and perseverance which had contributed to place them at the end of only nine years in possession of such premises, equal to almost any in the provinces. He spoke of the importance of lodges meeting on private premises as opposed to licensed houses, and expressed a hope that this lodge would long maintain its reputation, and continue to do good work for the Order.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then read an interesting paper, in which he reviewed the history of the dedication ceremony from the earliest times, quoting from biblical and ancient authors in proof of his statements, and at its conclusion the brethren expressed their sense of gratification by hearty applause.

Sir F. MILNER, Bart., then rose, and, on behalf of his lodge, thanked the Provincial Grand Master for his attendance. He said that the brethren were very sensible of his kindness in all matters, and not the least in Masonic affairs. It was well known that his fraternal sympathies were always approachable, and that he was always ready to help with his counsel, his presence, or his purse when occasion required; and he asked the brethren to join with him in signifying their gratification at seeing him amongst them. This elicited the most hearty applause, which was acknowledged by the Provincial Grand Master, who then left the chair and retired in procession with his officers.

The chair was once more taken by Sir F. Milner, who proceeded to close in the Third and Second Degrees, and then

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD rose and, with a few words of explanation, presented to the lodge the mallet used by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, when laying the corner stone in York two years previously, and which had been again used that day by the Earl of Zetland in dedicating the Eboracum Masonic Hall. He also presented a Director of Ceremonies' emblematic wand, which had been used on the before mentioned occasions, and also when the British Association Masonic levee was held in York. Bro. J. Blenkin, P.M., presented a most interesting snuff-box, with Masonic emblems.

These gifts were acknowledged by the assembled members with repeated applause.

The lodge was then closed amid "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors. In consequence of the annual banquet of the Sheriff of York taking place the same evening, there was no lodge banquet, the W.M. and several of the brethren being amongst the sheriff's guests; but at seven o'clock p.m. many of the members and visitors met under the presidency of Bro. J. T. Sellar, P.M., in the smoke room, and enjoyed a few convivial hours with songs, toasts, and recitations.

The furniture of the lodge is expected to be nearly completed before the installation meeting, which takes place during the second week in November. It is of a most elaborate description, and has been designed under the best authority. The three principal chairs are of oak, the backs supported by columns of the proper orders and surmounted by dragons, the arms and front legs being massive lions' heads and claws. On the panel of each back are carved in relief the arms of the lodge, with the name, number, and motto, and the arms and cushions are upholstered in crimson plush. The pedestals are really masterpieces in their way—finish in carving, and architectural beauty. They are also of oak polished, the emblems on each of them and the chairs being of silver, with plates inlaid recording the names of the donors. The Secretary's table matches the other furniture, and is most massive, and well finished in the Tuscan style. This latter article is the gift of Bro. Wm. Brown, J.W. The chairs have been given respectively by Bro. J. Blenkin, I.P.M., Wm. Storey, and the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar, and the pedestals have been presented respectively by Bros. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., W.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; and W. B. Dyson. Bro. W. Stephenson, of Micklegate, York, was entrusted with the making of the chairs and pedestals, and Bro. Alfred Chapman, of Petergate, undertook the work of the Secretary's table. We hear that other articles of furniture have been promised by members of the lodge, including Deacons' and Inner Guard's chairs, Treasurer's table, &c., and already an Organ Fund has been opened, so that it seems probable that in a few months the Eboracum Lodge will be in possession of one of the most perfect and complete Masonic abodes to be found anywhere. Many members of the lodge have been most liberal with gifts, and scarcely a meeting occurs without presentations being made.

Amongst the many brethren who were unable to be present, but wrote congratulatory letters, were Bros. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; G. P. Brockbank, G. Std. Br.; W. B. Williamson (Worcester); Wm. Kelly (Leicester); H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; J. M. Meek (Middlesbrough); C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B.; C. Fendelow (Wolverhampton), and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire was held under the banner of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 185, Tredegar, on the 22nd inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. G. S. G. Homfray, A. T. Perkins, T. Har rhy, M.O.; John Lewis, S.O.; E. H. Davies, J.O.; A. Taylor, Reg.; E. J. Whitley, Sec.; J. A. Kelly, D.C.; J. J. Williams, S.B.; Giles Golding, Org.; W. Charles, Stwd.; F. Fletcher, Tyler; T. Goldsworthy, N. Bradley, L. P. Gravenor, T. G. Jones, George Hazell, H. Pettengell, C. H. Noble, J. A. Shepard, P.M. 185; S. O. Peglar, Thomas Har rhy, P.M. 214; John

Jones, W.M. 214; Henry Harris, P.M. 214; B. Phillips, C. Widdowson, W. Taylor, John Mackintosh, and G. A. Brown.

The appointments for the ensuing year were made as under:

Bro. John Lewis ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Thomas Harvey ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Alfred Taylor ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. P. Fowler ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. Jones ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" D. Bowen ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Samuel Davies ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. I. Sinclair ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" E. J. Whitley ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. R. Hudson ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Giles Golding ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. Cullum ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Thomas G. Jones ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. I. of W.
" D. Fitt ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
" T. Goldsworthy ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" C. H. Noble ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" T. H. Tomkins ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. J. Groves ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Golding ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Org.
" J. T. Langdon ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. J. H. Pettengell, J. Mackintosh, and S. O. Peglar	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. H. Fletcher ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Samuel Davies, Prov. Grand Treasurer, was appointed Charity Steward.

The banquet was held at the Castle Hotel, the catering of Bro. W. Taylor being all that could be desired. About 45 of the brethren sat down, and did ample justice to the good things provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The charms of music also added to the pleasure of the proceedings.

INSTALLATION OF R.W. BRO. SIR OFFLEY WAKEMAN, BART., P.G.M. SHROPSHIRE.

The creation of Shropshire into a separate Masonic province, with R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., as its Provincial Grand Master, must be set down as an act of restoration rather than of creation. A glance at our Grand Lodge Calendar shows that in 1774 a Bro. George Durrant received his patent as Provincial Grand Master of Shropshire. Twelve years later, Bro. the Hon. and Rev. Francis Egerton was appointed in the same capacity, and his place was occupied in 1819 by Bro. the Hon. Henry Bennett, who, in 1843, was succeeded by Bro. Sir Henry Corbett, Bart. In 1852, Shropshire, at the time having only two lodges, was conjoined with North Wales, under Sir W. Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., and under his genial government the lodges increased and multiplied to such an extent that, since his lamented death a few months ago, it has been considered advisable to restore the old order of things, so that the two sections of his province should have each its separate organisation under its own proper ruler. The policy, as we have said in previous articles, is to be commended. North Wales not only has a strong roll of lodges, but it likewise covers a good deal of country; while Shropshire, which being limited to a single county is necessarily more compact, and has greater facilities for cross-country communication, is quite strong enough with its array of 10 lodges to justify its being once again numbered among our provincial governments. At all events, its fate for better or for worse is now in its own hands. It has commenced a new epoch in its history under most auspicious circumstances. Bro. Sir O. Wakeman is an experienced and popular Mason, and as Deputy to Sir Watkin for the last three years, is well known in the lodges he has been appointed to rule over. He has under him a very efficient body of advisers in his Present and Past Grand Officers, and there is any amount of zeal and earnestness on the part of the brethren. A good start was made on Thursday last, and there seems to be no shadow of reason to doubt that when things have settled down, as they have a knack of doing in well-ordered communities, Shropshire will be found to have entered on a fresh career of prosperity. Certainly, as far as hearty good wishes on our part are calculated to avail anything, the future of the province may be looked upon as an assured success.

Before, however, we describe the installation and its attendant ceremonies, it will not be amiss perhaps if we say a few words as to the past history of Freemasonry in Shropshire, and the Masonic antecedents of its new chief. Of course, it is not difficult to imagine that, when the influence of the newly-established régime of 1717 began to make itself felt in the province, not many years passed before a lodge was set up in this county. Readers of Preston will, no doubt, remember that "the office of Provincial Grand Master was instituted, and the first deputation granted by the Earl of Inchiquin, on the 10th May, 1727, to Hugh Warburton, Esq., for North Wales;" and this fact alone, to say nothing of its proximity to Cheshire, in which the Craft very soon obtained a firm footing, will naturally account for the appearance in early lodge lists of one or more regularly-constituted lodges in Shropshire. The earliest we hear of appears to have been warranted 16th April, 1736, as "No. 142, Fountain, Shrewsbury"—see appendix to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges." At the re-numbering of lodges, in 1740, this became No. 128, and at that of 1756, No. 78; but it did not live many years longer, being erased 27th January, 1768. But before this happened, a second lodge was constituted in the same town, but under the authority of the so-called "Ancient" Grand Lodge, the date of the warrant being given as 5th September, 1759; and this, though now unhappily defunct, was still on the roll of that Grand Lodge in 1813, when it figures as meeting at the Green Man, Shrewsbury. On the 28th May, 1762, a second "Modern" lodge was warranted, No. 280, meeting at the Globe, "High-street, Salop," which became No. 227 at the re-numbering in 1770, and some time afterwards ceased working, there being no appearance of it in the 1781 list. On 17th Feb., 1767, was

constituted another "Ancient" lodge, "No. 147, Craven Inn, Bridgnorth," which in time lapsed into a military lodge in connection with the 3rd Royal Lancashire Militia; and having exchanged its military for a civil warrant in 1823, now flourishes as the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston. The next ventures of the rival Grand Lodge do not appear to have been as successful. The Lodge of Friendship, No. 413, meeting at the Hand and Bottle, Bridgnorth, was warranted 20th April, 1771, and, altered to No. 322 in 1781, but had its name struck from the roll in 1783. A similar fate seems to have befallen the Wynnstay Lodge, No. 415, of the 31st August, 1771, originally hailing from Denbighshire, but in 1781 ranking as No. 324, and meeting at the "Bowling Green, Oswestry." This lodge ceased some time between 1788 and 1792, the last re-numbering of the Modern lodges before the Union. The lodge founded in 1785 as No. 478, and meeting at the White Lion, Whitchurch, became No. 388 in 1792, and has also passed away. But better fortune awaited the next lodge, the Salopian, which was constituted in 1788 as No. 525, meeting at the Fox, in Shrewsbury, and which, after undergoing the necessary numerical changes in 1792, in 1814, after the Union, and in 1832, became in 1863, and still remains, No. 262. Three other Modern lodges were started before the close of last century, namely, No. 526, Egerton Lodge, Whitchurch, in 1789, so named, no doubt, after Bro. the Hon. and Rev. F. Egerton, P.G.M.; No. 548, the Wrekin Lodge, meeting at the Pheasant, in Wellington, in 1789; and the Lodge of Industry, No. 578, Bridgnorth, in 1799; but none of them remain now, the one surviving lodge on the "Modern" side of English Masonry being the aforesaid Salopian, No. 262, Shrewsbury, which three years hence will have completed the first century of its existence. There is, however, one "ancient" lodge of earlier origin, the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, Shrewsbury. This was originally constituted as a military lodge in the 13th Regiment of Foot, on 8th February, 1768. In 1810 it became connected with the Shropshire Militia, and ten years later, on the 23rd June, 1820, it changed its military status for a civil one, with authority to hold its meetings at the Trumpet Inn, Shrewsbury, in which town, though not at the same quarters, we find it still carrying on the beneficent work of Freemasonry.

These two survivors of the præ-Union—the Salopian Lodge of Charity and the Salopian, both meeting in Shrewsbury—were, as Nos. 135 and 328 respectively, the only Shropshire lodges in existence in 1852, when the late Bro. Sir W. Williams Wynn was installed P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire. Since then, however, eight others having been constituted, namely, No. 601, St. John's, Wellington, in 1852; No. 611, Lodge of the Marches, Ludlow, 1853; St. Milburga, No. 1120, Ironbridge, and St. Oswald, No. 1124, Oswestry, both in 1866; the Fitzalan, No. 1432, Oswestry, 1873; the Clive, No. 1575, Market Drayton, in 1875; the Castle, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, 1876; and the Audley, No. 1896, Newport, in 1881. From the above details it will be seen that the 10 lodges are distributed among eight towns, only Shrewsbury and Oswestry being in a position to boast of more than one lodge. There is thus not only ample material to justify our anticipations of a successful future for the province; but the material itself is very evenly distributed among the chief localities.

Glance we now at the Masonic credentials of Sir Offley Wakeman, the newly-installed P.G. Master. He is not an old Mason, having been initiated in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, as recently as 1871; but he has acquitted himself admirably in the 14 years that have since elapsed. He was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Oxfordshire in 1872, and in 1878 was elected to fill both the chair of W.M. in his lodge and that of G.S.W. in his Provincial Grand Lodge. In 1882, on the death of Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Sir Offley was installed D.P.G. Master of North Wales and Salop, and having won the respect of the brethren in that province, has retained it, if, indeed, he has not materially enhanced it, by his kind and able conduct in that responsible position. He has also qualified as Vice-President of all our Masonic Institutions, and has served as Steward at four of their festivals, namely, once each for the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution and twice for the Boys' School. Our Shropshire brethren must be gratified at having had so worthy a brother appointed to rule over them, and our several Charities will, no doubt, look—nor look in vain—for his valuable aid in enabling them to carry out their important and beneficent purposes.

The meeting itself was of a most enthusiastic character. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, acted the part of Installing Master, and there was a grand muster of brethren from all parts of the province—the members of the Shrewsbury lodges being naturally in very great force—as well as from Cheshire, North Wales, and even more distant parts. The applause which greeted Sir Offley Wakeman, both on his introduction into Provincial Grand Lodge and at the close of the ceremony of installation, was most cordial, and we doubt not that his rule, which was commenced so auspiciously, will be continued both with credit to the ruler and the lasting advantage of the lodges in his province. However, our introductory remarks have run to such length, that we are most unwillingly compelled to postpone till next week our report of the proceedings, and the lists of Provincial Grand Officers appointed and the brethren present.

INSTALLATION OF R.W. BRO. LORD HARLECH, PROV. GRAND MASTER NORTH WALES.

We mention in the earlier part of our account of the constitution of Shropshire as a Masonic Province under Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, P.G.M., that the first deputation as Prov. G.M. was issued in 1727 by the Earl of Inchiquin, G.M., to Bro. Hugh Warburton for North Wales, and Preston appears to attribute the grant of this patent, as well as that of a similar patent, to Sir E. Mansell as Prov. G. Master for South Wales, to the fact of "the brethren of Wales first uniting under the banner of the Grand Lodge in London" in the Grand Mastership of that nobleman. He adduces no evidence in support of this statement, nor is there anything in our earlier lists of lodges to show that, as regards the northern half of the principality, over which the first appointment was made, there were within its borders any regularly constituted lodges for a Prov. Grand Master to preside over. There were, no doubt, many Masons residing in North Wales, and many would visit it for pleasure, or in the course of business, from the contiguous English counties; but the earliest lodge appears to have been No. 194, meeting at the Angel Inn, Dolgelly, the date of its warrant being 17th September, 1743. This became No. 127 in 1756, and No. 100 in 1770,

between which latter year and 1781, when the lodges of the "Moderns" were again numbered, it passed out of existence. Six other lodges were constituted by the "Moderns," namely, St. David's Lodge, No. 286, meeting at the Eagle and Child, Holywell, and warranted on 13th January, 1761, which became No. 206 in 1770, No. 166 in 1781, and was erased in 1787; No. 415, meeting at Lord Boston's Arms, Holyhead, Flintshire, of 23th January, 1768, re-numbered 350 in 1770, No. 272 as the "Mona" Lodge, meeting at the King's Head, in 1781, and No. 229 in 1792; the "Wynnstay Lodge, Denbighshire," which was warranted 31st August, 1671, as No. 415, and migrated soon after into Shropshire; the Snowdon Lodge (of 1786) No. 494, meeting at "the Sportsman," Carnarvon, re-numbered 404 in 1792; the Royal Denbigh Lodge, No. 505, Red Lion, Denbigh, 1787, altered to No. 414 in 1792, when it met at the Crown Inn; and No. 548, Lodge of Peace and Good Neighbourhood, Wynnstay, Denbighshire, constituted in 1795. These, however, have shared the fate of the 1743 lodge, and, though they may have fulfilled their appointed work, have long since ceased to figure on the roll of our Grand Lodge. The one "Ancient" lodge of which we have any record, No. 142, meeting at the King of Prussia, Welchpool, and, warranted 28th June, 1766, has been more fortunate. It still plays its part admirably, but as the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, of King's Lynn, to which town it moved its quarters on the 22nd March, 1810.—See Gould's "Atholl Lodges," p. 28. In this respect North Wales is less favourably circumstanced than Shropshire. The latter has on its roll two præ-Union Lodges, No. 117, "Ancient," and No. 262, "Modern," both meeting in Shrewsbury, but the former has none.

However, what the North Wales lodges lack in point of antiquity they make good as regards number. There are eighteen of them, all told, the oldest being the St. David's, No. 384, Bangor, warranted in 1827, and the next in point of age the St. Cybi, No. 597, Holyhead; these, with the two Shrewsbury lodges, constituted the Province of North Wales and Shropshire in 1852, when its late chief was installed P.G.M. However, a third North Wales lodge was added the very same year, the Segontium, No. 606, Carnarvon, and six years later—in 1858—there was warranted a fourth, namely, the St. Tudno, No. 755, Llandudno; while in 1864, a fifth was added, the Welchpool, No. 998, Welchpool. Since then there have been created thirteen other lodges, which we give in the order of their constitution:—The Anglesea, No. 1113, Anglesea, 1866; the Royal Denbigh, No. 1143, Denbigh, 1867; the Square and Compass, No. 1336, Wrexham, 1870; the Bala, No. 1369, Bala, 1871; the Sir Watkin, No. 1477, Mold, 1873; the St. Eleth, No. 1488, Amlwch, and the Madoc, No. 1509, Portmadoc, both of 1874; the Llanidloes, No. 1582, Llanidloes, and the Corbet, No. 1583, Towyn, of 1875; the Caedewain, No. 1594, Newtown, 1876; the Caradoc, No. 1674, Rhyl, 1877; the Royal Leek, No. 1849, Bangor, 1879; and the Mawddach, No. 1988, Barmouth, warranted in 1882. These eighteen lodges are fairly distributed throughout the province, Bangor being the only town which has two lodges, the remaining sixteen being held in as many different localities. Here, then, we have North Wales as a separate organisation, and, considering that its new chief, Lord Harlech, has already had several years' experience as Prov. G. Master of North Connaught, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, there is every likelihood the province will be well and successfully governed.

Having briefly described the province, we give our attention to the event of Friday week, when the old order of things passed away, and R.W. Bro. Lord Harlech had formally conferred upon him the chief Masonic authority in North Wales, under his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England.

The proceedings were announced to commence at 1.30 p.m., and at 2 p.m. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, the Installing Master. After the usual introductory business, a deputation was appointed, and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master elect, Lord Harlech, was introduced, and the patent of his appointment having been read by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, the ceremony of installation took place according to the usages of Antient Free and Accepted Freemasonry. The ceremony and accompanying music were most solemn and interesting.

After due proclamation and salutation, the new P.G.M. was formally inducted into the chair amid the enthusiastic cheers of the brethren.

The P.G.M. then announced the appointment of Worshipful Bro. Col. Henry Platt as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Colonel Platt having been addressed by the P.G.M. on the duties of his office, took the accustomed obligation, and was invested and inducted into his seat on the right of the P.G.M.

The ceremony of investing the other Provincial Grand Officers then took place, the complete list being as follows:

Bro. Lord Harlech ...	...	...	Prov. G.M.
" Col. Henry Platt, 1849 ...	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Samuel, Pope, Q.C., 1988 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. F. Edisbury, 1336 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. R. H. Williams, 1113 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. W. L. Protheroe, 1477 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. Salmon, 1477 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. G. Tuxford, 1509 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. E. Harris, 1849 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Hughes, 384 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" T. M. Taylor, 1594 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. F. Jesse, 1143 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" R. J. Davids, 606 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" D. Wynn Williams, 384 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" C. W. Richards, 1369 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Danilly, C.C., 998 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Hugh Jones, 1582 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. A. Steer, 1674 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Major Casson, 1143 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. F. Felton, 755 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Evens, 597 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Henry Owen, 1583 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. L. Evans, 1488 ...	...	...
" John Owen, 998 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. P. Stubington ...	...	...

At the conclusion of this portion of the proceedings, Bro. EDISBURY, on behalf of the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, of which he is W. Master, rose and presented, in a few appropriate words, to Lord Harlech, an address, of which the following is a copy:—

To the Right Hon. Lord Harlech, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of North Wales.

We, the brethren of the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, Wrexham, avail ourselves of the opportunity of offering to your lordship our hearty congratulations on your being appointed to the high position of the first Provincial Grand Master of the newly-constituted Province of North Wales, an appointment which, we feel sure, will meet with the cordial approval of every member of the Craft.

We trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will be pleased to extend to you a long and prosperous reign as ruler of this important province.

The rapid development of Masonry in the joint Province of North Wales and Shropshire, under the auspicious direction of our late revered and lamented R.W.P. G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, Baronet, deceased, afford us confidence that under your lordship's government and large influence, there will be secured to this now divided branch of Freemasonry a permanent and increasing extension of its usefulness.

Signed, on behalf of the lodge, at the Masonic Chambers, Wrexham, October the 23rd, 1885—

J. F. EDISBURY, W.M.
R. W. EVANS, S.W.
J. A. HARRIS, J.W.
C. K. BENSON, P.M., Treas.
EDWARD SMITH, P.M., Hon. Sec.

Lord HARLECH, who was again received with true Masonic fervour, suitably responded, and expressed the pleasure and interest he took in the Masonic proceedings, and the hope that their connection might be a long and a pleasant one.

The other business having been disposed of, the brethren went in procession to St. Mark's Church, where an able sermon was preached by the Rev. R. H. Williams, P.G. Chaplain, after which a collection was made on behalf of the Masonic and local Charities, and the P.G. Master and brethren returned in similar order to the lodge room, when Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Wynnstay Arms, where Bro. Murless had prepared a magnificent banquet, to which upwards of 100 brethren sat down. After partaking of the good things provided, the usual toasts were given and responded to. The whole proceedings were carried out in the most satisfactory manner by the W.M. and Officers of the Square and Compass Lodge, who had taken under their charge the whole of the preliminary arrangements. Among the brethren present at the lodge and the banquet were the following:—

Bros. Henry Platt, W.M., Bangor; Samuel Pope, O.C., W.M., Mawddach; J. G. Tuxford, P.M., Portmadoc; R. G. Sisson, Denbigh; W. R. Davies, Dolgelly; J. Gruar, Caradoc Lodge; J. Dodds, 425, Chester; T. A. Young, W.M. 1582; T. Pryce Lewis, Rhyl; J. H. Leche, Carden, Chester; J. Wartski, W.M. 1488, Amlwch; W. L. Danks, P.P.G.S.; H. J. Lloyd, Barmouth; J. Kitto, Llanidloes; L. F. Cox, Denbigh; T. M. Taylor, P.M., Newtown; Danilly, P.M., Newtown; Rev. R. H. Williams, P.G., Menai Bridge; J. Pritchard, P.M., St. David's; W. Evans, W.M., St. Cybi, Holyhead; R. Roberts, P.P.G.S.W., Portmadoc; J. F. Jesse, P.G.J.D. 1143, Denbigh; J. Lloyd Kyffin, P.M.C. and T., Alwch; Hugh Thomas, I.P.M., Anglesey; W. H. Thomas, Royal Leek, Beaumaris; M. H. Roberts, St. David's, Bangor; Rev. J. Smith, St. David's, Bangor; J. Parry Jones, Denbigh; W. L. Prothero, Pontblyddyn; A. P. Bell, 425, Chester; J. Cullimore, 425, Chester; J. Salmon, P.M., Chester; M. Johnson, Chester; Duncan, Chester; Robinson, Chester; Lockwood, Chester; Spencer, Chester; H. Lloyd, Chester; J. Finchett, Chester; D. Howell, P.M.; Major Casson, P.G.O.; J. P. Lewis, Rhyl. Sir Watkin Lodge, Mold: Bros. G. H. Adams, Corbett, Swift, Beresford, T. B. Williams, Dr. Roberts, Bolton, T. S. Adams. The following were members of the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, Wrexham, namely: Bros. J. F. Edisbury, W.M.; J. Oswell Bury, P.P.G.J.D.; J. C. Owen, P.M.; Howel Davies, P.M.; J. A. Harris, J.W.; Thomas J. E. Young, S.D.; Evan Morris, H. V. Palin, Ashton Bradley, D. D. Pierce, J. E. Thomas, J. Colemere Gittins, J.D.; W. Perris, John Pay, G. Bradley, Geo. Bevan, Catherall, H. Done, R. W. Evans, S.W.; Grenville Jones, C. Davies, Dr. Eyton-Jones, G. Worrall, J. Lewis, P.M.; Hedley, Owen Price, J. Robinson, J. Williams, Rev. Roberts, Fitch, E. Lewis, and others.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 59, PHILADELPHIA.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Bro. W. B. Reed, P.M., has done good service by writing a brief history of the "Washington" Lodge, which was warranted on June 3, 1793. "It was originally composed of five patriotic brethren, who, inspired by love of country, resolved that their sentiments should be known to posterity by the name which they had selected for the new lodge." Unfortunately, the first minute book, 1793 to 1804, was burnt in 1819, but Bro. Reed states that the names of the early brethren reveal the fact that many were of Quaker origin. In England, we are always pleased to admit "Friends" on their affirmation, and I once saw one so admitted. The second book of transactions, was saved from the burning Temple, in Chestnut-street, but subsequently fell into the hands, for a short time, of the daughter of a Secretary of the lodge, "who embellished (?) it with pictures of horses, cows, and other childish fancies." In well-rounded letters she wrote "Quarrelsome people should always be avoided;" they certainly should be in lodge, and have been in No. 59, for Bro. Reed declares that "after an association of twenty-seven years with the brethren, he does not remember hearing an angry word spoken in debate." Would that it were always so. One of the most pleasing features of the book is the numerous pithy headings, which aid the reader, and add much to the effect of the handsome little volume. At "the Washington Obsequies" No. 59 took a prominent part—three of its Past Masters bore extinguished lights, and four others carried an elaborate trophy. The first floor of the new Masonic Hall (1802) was fitted up as a school-room, and occupied by a "Masonic Pedagogue," a member of 59, the contract with the Grand Lodge providing that "the education of the children of poor brethren shall be in lieu of rent." This Bro. C. P. Stewart, tired of teaching the "young idea how to shoot," resolved "to do a little shooting on his own account," and so enlisted in the army during the war of 1812. "He returned safe and sound," and became the Secretary. "A favoured Chapter" is another heading, under which we read that Recommendations to the Royal Arch, under sanction of the distinguished "Jerusalem," No. 3, were made in open lodge on behalf of two members: "all who passed the chair were recommended to it" for some years. This chapter is the oldest, continuously working, that is known, and still exists. Under "Too numerous for working," January 10th, 1810, we note that thirteen members resigned, and founded No. 115. Another "swarm" had formed No. 91 in 1801.

On July 26, 1813, "Bro. James Forsyth, S.W., took the chair, and proceeded to give the lodge a lecture on Freemasonry, but there were so many visitors to be examined, that he was finally obliged to resign the task."

Evidently he was an able man, for he was elected eight times to the chair as Master. The Masonic Hall was burnt March 9, 1819, the lodge holding its meeting when the fire originated, and losing much valuable property. The second Hall, in Chestnut-street, was dedicated November 1, 1820, and the lodge again began "housekeeping." The anti-Masonic scare injured the prospects of the lodge for a time. However, the cloud passed, and soon after 1840 prosperous times again visited the members. December 12, 1843, the work was ordered by the Grand Lodge to be done in the Master Masons' Lodge, save the conferring of the first two Degrees (as heretofore). "Growing rich;" "The helping hand;" "An immense affair" (annual banquet over 800 present, 1869); "A musical lodge" ("Mozart," No. 436, in 1869); "Dedication of the Great Temple," 1873 (finest in the world); "Table furniture;" "First visit of the lodge to church" (1880); "Nineteenth Anniversary" (June 3, 1883); and "Conclusion," are a few specimens of the numerous subsequent "headings." Many of the particulars are most interesting, and though the lodge has founded, in whole or part, eleven lodges, it is still prosperous, and has on the roll in 1884 some 408 effective members. 1291 in all have been admitted since 1793! Bro. Reed, who was Master in 1864, is the honoured Secretary of the "Washington" Lodge, and has done his work well as historian, for a more compact and interesting history I have never read; the tables, illustrations, and lists being most voluminous and well arranged.

MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS.

One of the most hopeful signs of present day Freemasonry is the attention that is being paid to systematic Masonic benevolence. Not only are the Central Masonic Charities well supported, but in most provinces there are supplemental funds for local use, which are admirably adapted for the purposes of providing temporary assistance or even permanent aid. Children are being educated, and sometimes clothed, in our provinces by the hundreds; in one province alone there are over 100 beings so cared for, and in an adjoining province half that large number. The enormous labour and time involved in carrying out these extensive plans are generally freely devoted by willing and zealous brethren, and hence, save a few pounds annually spent in printing reports, the whole of the money given is placed to the credit of such funds *without any deductions whatever*. The objects aimed at by such Associations is to provide the means of assisting indigent brethren and widows, by donating sums of money to fill "financial gaps," or to grant annuities, varying from £20 to £30 per annum, besides which, educational grants are made on behalf of Boys and Girls, who are sent to schools in their own neighbourhoods, brethren being "told off" by lodges to see to their efficiency; alter the expiration of which terms, they are then given sums of money towards their "advancement in life," apprenticeship, or what not. Years ago it was feared that the advent of these local schemes would injure the funds of the Masonic Institutions, London; whereas, as a matter of fact, they are all better supported than ever; the West Lancashire, Cheshire, and the other numerous Educational and Annuity Funds prosper exceedingly, side by side with the amazing success of the Central Institutions. One secret of the spread of the former has been the five shilling membership, and the utilization of the numerous small sums so obtained. Then brethren found that by ceasing to subscribe their annual guineas to the London Charities their votes were lost, no matter how much they had contributed hitherto, and permanent votes were to be obtained at a less cost for the Provincial Institutions. Now all this is being equalized by the starting of more "Charity Associations," the members of which excellent Societies pay their guineas annually to local funds, which are devoted to the Central Charities, London, only that the members draw for the privilege of preference or nominations as Life Subscribers or Life Governors, all obtaining those coveted distinctions in either five or ten years, as the case may be, and thus ultimately all the annual subscribers become Life Governors. Where provinces have not such organizations, private lodges have, and so the good work goes on. The latest of the kind started is for the Province of Cornwall, the Secretary being Bro. G. B. Pearce, of Hayle, and we hope soon to hear of others, for they are most valuable aids to the Charities, and secure the co-operation of many brethren.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Past Grand Senior Warden of England, was installed Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, in succession to his late Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, on Wednesday. The ceremony took place in Convocation House in the course of the afternoon, the Installing Master being R.W. Bro. Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, who, we need scarcely be at the pains of pointing out, fulfilled his duty most impressively. Subsequently Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard was installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons, this office, like that of Provincial Grand Master, having been held by his late Royal Highness. This function was also carried out most satisfactorily. Full particulars, with lists of the Provincial Grand Officers, both Craft and Arch, will be given next week, as well as the small remainder of our Shropshire report, and a full account of the installation of R.W. Bro. Colonel William Stuart, Past Grand Senior Warden of England, as Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire.

BY TELEGRAM.

BEDFORD, THURSDAY.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire was formally constituted to-day at the Assembly Rooms, in the presence of some 200 brethren, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Past Grand Chap.; Frank Richardson, Past Grand Deacon; Cumberland, and Swaine. After the formal opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, Bro. Col. Clerke explained the object of the meeting, and congratulated the brethren of Bedfordshire on having been formed into a province, whereby they would henceforth have many advantages. He also congratulated them on having had appointed as their first Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. William Stuart, an old and tried Mason, who would be able to settle any questions which might arise, and not entail the disagreeable necessity of taking them to Grand Lodge. Bro. Col. Stuart was then formally installed and clothed in the magnificent regalia of Provincial Grand Master; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Henry Lindsell was invested as his Deputy, Bro. James Fisher, Treasurer of the Stuart Lodge, was elected and invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Prior, as Secretary. After the other appointments, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and a banquet followed at the Swan Hotel.

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The following communications stand over:
CRAFT—Alexandra Lodge, No. 985; West Kent Lodge, No. 1297; Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.
INSTRUCTION—Temperance Lodge, No. 169.
ROYAL ARCH—Camden Chapter, No. 704.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Sunday Times" (London), "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Victorian Freemason," "Masonic Chronicle," "Keystone," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick," "Freemasons' Repository," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Baltimore Sunday News," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Jewish Chronicle," "The National Baptist Masonic World," and "The Freemason" (Detroit).



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

"A SLANG PHRASE."

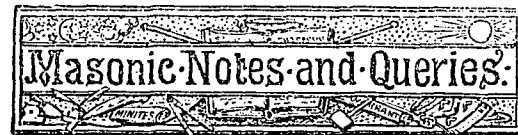
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am much obliged to "Dryasdust" for his kindly criticism. It does not affect my article; but it contrasts his superior with my inferior acquaintance with the "Volume of the Sacred Law." With all deference, however, I submit that "the skin of his teeth" is one of a large number of expressions of most respectable origin, which in time descended into every day use by the multitude, and have thus become what are known as "slang"—though not necessarily, of course, "vulgarily slang"—"phrases." This is all I intended when I used the term which has so disturbed "Dryasdust's" equanimity.

Let me add that, whenever I come across a specimen of this kind of criticism, which people indulge in who have plenty of leisure to occupy them, I am reminded of an observation made by a learned, but somewhat thin-skinned, friend of mine, after reading the first chapter of Genesis. Said he, but without the slightest feeling of irreverence: "I think it was a wise dispensation which reserved the creation of man till the last. Otherwise perhaps the Creator might have been worried or hampered in the prosecution of his labours by—the critics!"—Fraternally and faithfully,

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633] LISTS OF "ATHOLL" LODGES.

I shall be glad to correspond with brethren who own or know of lists of "Atholl" (or "ancient") lodges, other than those of 1804, 1807, and 1813. Bro. T. Francis (Havant) has one of 1811 (circa), by Bro. C. Goodchild, which is a second edition. It is quite new to me, and I am anxious to know as to the existence of a first edition. Bro. T. Harper advertised a list of 1796, but it has not been traced of late years. A really accurate official list of "Atholl" lodges, 1780-90, would be invaluable just now, as also any "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Antients" before 1802.

W. J. HUGHAN (Torquay).



Craft Masonry.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge for the dispatch of business was held on Monday last at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. William Batty, the W.M., opened the lodge at a quarter past four, supported by his officers and a large number of the members of the lodge. There was a considerable amount of business on the agenda paper, but in consequence of the unavoidable absence of three of the candidates the pressure of work was not as heavy as had been anticipated. Bro. Munt was passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. Gardner and Joseph Foskett were initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. The next business was the consideration of a notice of motion by Bro. Wilkins, P.M., "That instead of the present arrangement of subscribing two guineas annually to each of the Charities that in future, the annual subscription shall be so arranged that the amounts subscribed shall, either immediately or in future, carry votes." Bro. Wilkins said that under the present arrangement no votes were secured for future years, the voting power not extending beyond the year in which the donation was made; but that it was possible by another arrangement to secure permanent votes to the W.M. for the time being of the lodge. After some discussion, Bro. Wilkins' proposal was agreed to. The next business was to consider notice of motion by Bro. Harvey, P.M., "That a sum of ten guineas from the charity fund be given to a late P.M. of this lodge." This also was agreed to; and then a notice of motion by Bro. Bundy, I.P.M., "That the sum of two guineas from our charity fund be given to the widow of a deceased brother, who died in very necessitous circumstances," was discussed with the result that the sum named was voted from the general funds of the lodge, and with regard to both cases it was, on the suggestion of Bro. Geo. Lambert, P.G. Sword Bearer, decided to promote petitions to the Board of Benevolence. Notices of motion were also given—first, that a further sum of five guineas should be given to the late Past Master of the lodge above referred to, out of the charity fund, and secondly, that an alteration be made in one of the bye-laws of the lodge.

Among the members present were Bros. C. D. Bundy, I.P.M.; Wm. Wilkins, P.M.; S. J. Byng, P.M.; H. A. Pocock, P.M.; George Wall, P.M.; W. George, P.M.; Williams, S.W.; C. Castell, J.W.; R. Harvey, Treas.; H. Jeffreys, Sec.; R. M. Field, D.C.; J. C. Crosse, S.D.; Gilbert, Tyler; and among the visitors were Bros. Charles Lambert, 193, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. W. Baldwin, 1892, Prov. G. Swd. Br. Surrey; F. Binckes, P.G. Swd., Sec. of the Boys' School; H. Williams, 101; W. P. Cooper, 1783; W. G. Smith, 933; G. T. Chretien, 1328; Alfred Bishop, S.W. 1892; M. Fagan, 20; John Wyatt, 1044; Herbert Power, 1579; H. Rawlins, 166; and E. C. Massey.

After the closing of the lodge, the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet room, where they partook of a sumptuous banquet, and passed a very pleasant evening, enlivened with some excellent vocal music, contributed by Bro. Gabb and other members of the lodge. The customary loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and cordially honoured by all present.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed, as is usual, by the Immediate Past Master, who said that as time was pressing he would confine himself to asking those present to drink to the health of Bro. Batty, whose good qualities as a Master had already been established.

Bro. Williams, S.W., then came to the upper end of the room, and said that there was a special reason for his taking up that position to say a few words. He had a very pleasant task before him. Their Worshipful Master had taken to himself a wife on the 18th inst., and, in the same way that Corporations were accustomed to present their Mayor with a silver cradle in the event of the Mayoress giving birth to a child during the mayoralty, so the brethren of the Burgoyne Lodge desired to make a present to their chief in commemoration of his marriage having taken place during his year of office. The members of the lodge had subscribed a sum of money, and a Committee, composed of the Past Masters, Wardens, and two lay brethren had, after consultation with the W.M., purchased the handsome clock, and Bro. Wales, P.M., had prepared the framed inscription which was now before them; and he had now the pleasure to present those articles to Bro. Batty, with the expression of the hope that the clock would always remind him of the Burgoyne Lodge, and of the high esteem and affection with which he was regarded by the brethren who had the advantage of being presided over by so worthy a Mason.

Bro. Batty, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and drunk. Then upon the ceremony of presentation which had been so kindly conducted by his brother S.W., he said that he was greatly impressed by the kindness of the brethren of the lodge in presenting him with that clock as a mark of their favour, and with the kindness of Bro. Wales, P.M., in preparing that very flattering inscription. Whenever he looked at that clock it would remind him of the day when he joined the Burgoyne Lodge, and the inscription would remind him of the fact that he was Master of the lodge when he took a better half for the third time.

A very cordial toast was proposed in the course of the evening to "The Prosperity of the Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Binckes returned thanks in a very able speech.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the reassembling of the above lodge, on the 6th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, there were present Bros. John Jacobs, W.M.; H. W. Kedgley, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; Edward Jacobs, P.M.; Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M.; Sec.; B. Solomons, S.D.; C. Ralph, acting as J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M.; Org.; G. Reynolds, I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; W.S.; G. Howard, A.W.S.; W. Potter, Tyler; J. Coleman, P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; L. Goldsmid, W. Unwin, F. Schelljins, S. Hewitt, J. C. Lund, G. W. Fearn, E. Mordecai, Frank Gulliford, W. W. Cousins, J. Woodward, and J. Mayo. Visitors: Bros. F. Lockett, 1638; C. Nash Fox, 1349; R. Kirk, 1681; and W. C. Wigley, W.M. 1348.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Rohen and Potter becoming members of the lodge, and, proving satisfactory, those gentlemen were informed of the result. The W.M. initiated them into the mysteries of the Craft in a clear and able manner. Bro. C. Kedgley, P.M., thanked the brethren who had taken such a kindly interest in the case of the son of the late Bro. J. Figgiss. He was pleased to tell them that he had been successful in being elected into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a capital banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini. After the usual Royal, Masonic, and other toasts,

Bro. G. Coleman, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said the brethren had seen how he had worked, and as time went on he improved in his work, which was a good example to all.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he felt that he had had great assistance from the brethren, and that his officers were all that a W.M. could wish—they did their work to his satisfaction.

The Initiates, in reply to their toasts, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which their health had been drunk. They were both deeply impressed with the ceremony, and trusted they would be true to the Craft.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by songs and recitations by Bros. W. Bourne, Frank Gulliford, C. Ralph, G. P. Bertini, J. Mayo, and T. A. Dickson.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., at the Criterion Restaurant, a very large number of brethren being in attendance. In addition to the Past Masters and principal officers, whose names appear later, the members present included Bros. W. Chilcott, Geo. Lane, W. E. Lane, E. Ince, A. Francis, R. Cullingford, T. Salter, J. C. Forder, W. B. Pugh, Hy. G. Holland, W. Hunt, Geo. Breckles, Fredk. Arnold, W. H. Sands, W. Smith, H. J. Johnson, Geo. Messenger, G. Watkins, H. Bond, C. V. Boizot, Thomas Cocks, John Tapp, J. Wilton, H. Wright, W. Hamilton, J. R. Jones, G. P. Smith, C. J. Bennett, W. E. Moorman, J. H. Bowen, J. Pride, J. W. Ray, and others. There was also a large and representative gathering of visitors, including Bros. Brindley, P.M.; Hunt, P.M.; Whitaker, P.M.; Cross, P.M.; Dickson, S.D.; George G. Saunders, J.D. 1257; R. Stamp, Gillespie, Pellat, Snook, Larnier, H. Folsom, C. Jones, J. Johnson, John Wade, J. Engelhardt, J. Hampton, J. Morley, and others.

The ceremony of passing Bro. E. Nice was ably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Robt. Bottle, who presented his successor, Bro. Thos. Coulthard, for the benefit of installation. The newly-appointed Master having been saluted according to ancient custom, invested and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Alfred A. Johnstone, S.W.; W. E. Moorman, J.W.; J. W. Ray, S.D.; E. J. Hooper,

J.D.; Alfred W. Beckham, Sec.; and I. Isaacs, Treas. Bro. Vincent, P.M., again accepted the appointment of D. of C., and Bros. W. Weston, C. Lee, A. J. Bigwood, and J. Grist were appointed to minor offices. After the initiation of Messrs. Thos. Evans and Wm. Hellyar by the new Master, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a recherche dinner was served.

At the conclusion of the repast, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, much enthusiasm being manifested when Bro. Bottle, the I.P.M., was presented with the customary jewel for his service in the chair.

Bro. Bottle, in response, said he entered the lodge nine years ago, and during that period he had filled most of the offices. He trusted that the brethren would accord to his successor the same sympathy and cordiality which he had received, for the assistance and hearty co-operation of the Past Masters and officers rendered the duties of the Master comparatively easy. He thanked them from his heart for the handsome jewel which had been awarded him, and he trusted that he might be spared many years to wear it among the brethren of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast of his health, which was received with equal cordiality, said he should carry out the duties of his high office to the best of his ability, and he hoped that he should give as much satisfaction as his predecessor.

The toast of "The Past Masters"—all of whom, with one exception, were present—was associated with the names of Bros. McLeod, Flattely (Preceptor of the lodge of instruction), Vincent, S. Jones, Fisher, Powell, and Chas. Taylor.

Bro. McLeod, P.M., said it had been with a great amount of satisfaction that he had seen his old friend, Bro. Coulthard, installed, for he was initiated in the lodge, and was "a right good fellow."

Bro. Flattely, P.M., also responded, calling attention to the fact that he was about to stand Steward for one of the Masonic Charities—the Benevolent Institution. He appealed to the brethren to help him with generous support, so that, if possible, he might even beat the subscription list of Bro. Taylor, who took up £325 when Steward for the Boys' School.

Bro. Brindley, P.M. 1604, and others responded on behalf of the visitors.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was received with marked cordiality, Bro. Alfred Beckham, the popular and much esteemed Secretary, sharing with Bro. Isaacs, the Treasurer, an oration of applause, testifying the great appreciation in which they are deservedly held.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by a selection of good music, Bros. A. F. Roberts, H. G. Holland, C. Lee, H. J. Brown, and C. Taylor being the vocalists. Bro. G. R. Egerton was an accompanist of exceptional ability.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE (No. 1658).—This lodge held its October meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The brethren present were Bros. J. Darwin Smith, W.M.; J. Hill and W. Richardson, Wardens; C. C. Gibby and W. S. Harvey, Deacons; A. Storr, P.M., Sec.; H. Cohen, I.G.; E. A. Francis, D. of C.; Walden and Norman, Stwds.; W. H. Cass, P.M.; W. H. Boys, P.M.; H. Buckridge, R. Rowlands, R. Carter, E. Gibson, S. Bygrave, J. Letchford, M. S. Larham, F. J. Tull, E. A. Swan, B. Cohen, H. Cohen, S. Zucker, T. Williams, C. J. Smith, A. J. Shore, L. Sigle, S. Mackway, P. Cohen, E. Hart, J. George, M. Syer, A. O. Side, E. D. Side, and H. Thomas, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. Townshend, C. J. Pigeon, C. F. Hughes, J. Evans, and W. Poole.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for the four candidates for initiation, and it was unanimous in their favour. Bro. E. M. Gibson was next passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Messrs. J. George, M. Syer, A. O. Side, and E. D. Side were initiated. The W.M. worked both ceremonies in an impressive and correct manner, evidently making the candidates to feel their responsibilities. The I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Boys, also delivered the charge to them very beautifully and correctly. There were propositions for a joining member and a candidate for admission to the lodge. Bro. J. Hill proposed, and Bro. E. A. Francis seconded, that five pounds be given from the funds of the lodge to the widow of the late J. Thorpe, P.M. It was carried unanimously. The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The first toast was "The Queen," which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Hill sang "God save the Queen."

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was drunk with much cheering.

Bro. R. Rowland sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M.; the D.G.M.; and Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given. The W.M. praised their working, their feelings, and their actions.

Bro. R. Rowland sang "The Yeoman's Wedding."

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. W. Boys, I.P.M., who spoke very highly in praise of the working of the W.M., of his good genial manner, and of his character as a Mason.

Bro. Buckridge sang "The Old Brigade."

The toast of "The Initiates" was received with acclamations. The Worshipful Master showed them their duties, and impressed upon them the necessity of learning them by attending lodges of instruction, recommending the Domestic Lodge, No. 772, held in the Surrey Masonic Hall at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evenings.

The Initiates responded in suitable terms.

Bro. H. Cohen recited "Reuben Styne's piano, and what he did with it." This was received with great pleasure by the brethren, it being admirably rendered.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next drunk, after which Bro. W. H. Boys sang "The better land."

The Visitors each in turn spoke in praise of the working of the lodge, and the good cheer given to them.

Bro. Hughes sang a song.

The Past Masters next received attention. The Worshipful Master considered his Past Masters were perfect men. They knew their work, had done it, and were willing to help him and others.

Bro. L. Sigle sang "The watch on the Rhine" in German, and was loudly encored, and Bro. H. Cohen recited "Kissing cup."

The toast of "The Officers" was next proposed. The Worshipful Master acknowledged that he received great help from his officers, who were very efficient in their work.

Bro. Buckridge sang "The skippers of St. Ives."

The Tyler's toast being proposed, the meeting closed after a most enjoyable and pleasant evening.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Baker's, the Highbury Station Hotel, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Bro. G. Edmunds, I.P.M., in the enforced absence of the W.M., occupied the chair, and was ably supported by the officers of the lodge. After the lodge had been opened, and the routine business transacted, Bro. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, by particular request took the chair and opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. R. C. Frampton, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Hollis, P.M., P.P.G. Sd. Br. Herts, for installation, and duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Frampton was regularly installed W.M., according to ancient custom, in the presence of a goodly muster of Past Masters. The brethren being admitted, the W.M. was duly saluted, and he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Bastable, I.P.M.; A. J. Berry, S.W.; F. Long, J.W.; H. Hollis, P.M. (for Bro. Eldridge) as Treasurer; T. Press, P.M., Secretary; B. J. Lone, S.D.; J. A. Little, J.D.; S. G. Van Os, I.G.; G. Edmunds, P.M., W.S.; H. Hollis, D.C.; and J. Very, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gush for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, after which the brethren adjourned to banquet. The Visitors were Bros. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227, 1693; H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541; J. Rowe, P.M., and E. Storr, P.M. of 167; T. Tremere, P.M. 1929; J. G. Goode, P.M. 1964; J. H. Watts, P.M. 63; W. Lewin, late of 1695; J. Bayne, 1897; J. A. Manger, 1260; and Lees, 1608. Space will not allow us to give a full detail of the toasts, speeches, &c.; but the W.M. presided in a very genial manner, which augurs well for the happiness of the lodge during his year of office. We need hardly say the toasts were heartily received, particularly that of "The Visitors," which was received with acclamation, and ably responded to by Bros. Tremere, Storr, Rowe, and Fenner.

The enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by some excellent songs, rendered by Bro. Tremere, and others, whilst Bros. Baynes and Wright presided in turns at the piano. The brethren then separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

BRENTWOOD.—Lodge of Hope and Unity (No. 214).—This old lodge held a meeting at the White Hart Hotel on Thursday, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. F. W. Imbert Terry, W.M.; J. C. Quennell, S.W.; Frank Landon, J.W.; J. C. Earle, Geo. Cooper, W. W. Brown, Alfred Wright, A. W. Wallis, Rev. W. J. Skilton, F. B. Page, P.M.; H. G. Hobson, P.M.; J. Nickisson, P.M.; J. C. Goode, P.M.; Harry Wallis, P.M.; and H. P. Landon, P.M. Visitors: Bros. John Ramsey, R. Clay, and J. Dodd.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. H. Wallis was very ably raised to the Third Degree. The sum of two guineas was voted to a case of charity. This being the annual night for election of W.M. and Treasurer, the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. J. C. Quennell, S.W., for W.M., and Bro. Geo. Cooper was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. C. T. Speight resigned his office of Tyler on account of increasing years and ill-health. The W.M. informed Bro. Speight that, having served the lodge as Tyler for upwards of 25 years, the brethren felt they were losing an old and valued friend. They begged him to accept the small honorarium of three guineas, and hoped he would recommend a successor who would fill the office of Tyler as efficiently and faithfully as he had done.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a banquet admirably appointed and served by Mrs. Mason, the landlady.

CARNARVON.—Segontium Lodge (No. 606).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., at the Castle, when Bro. Nathaniel Bunnell was installed W.M., the installing Masters being Bros. P.M.'s Cornelius Davies, A. Ingleton, and De Burgh. Bros. Morgan and Hartemann were appointed respectively Senior and Junior Wardens; Bro. E. Roberts was appointed Senior Deacon; and Bro. Jones, Steward. Bro. C. Davies, P.M., was for the third time elected Director of Ceremonies; Bro. O. Evans was appointed Inner Guard; and Bro. Watkin, Tyler. The banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, the W.M. presiding.

MAIDENHEAD.—St. John's Lodge (No. 795).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. J. C. Innes, W.M.; John Greenfield, P.M. 1602, S.W.; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173, J.W.; J. Finch, P.M. 173, 795, Treas.; H. H. Hodges, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; F. Foxley, P.M. 173, S.D.; E. W. Withers, I.G.; C. Dearing, D.C.; T. B. Linscott, P.M. 55, 795; T. R. Foulger, P.M. 177, 795, 1613; J. Soper, P.M. 1767; W. Holcombe, J. Cutbill, W. Fenton, C. W. Bailey, and C. Shepperd, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Bucks and Berks; E. Payne, W.M. 1602; J. Osborne, P.M. 1602; R. Garner, 1602; C. Weeden, S.W. 813; and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, whereby in particular the bye-laws have been amended by reducing the meetings from six to four, dispensing with the August and September meetings. Bro. Allen, P.M., proceeded to instal Bro. John Greenfield, the W.M. elect, who was presented by Bro. Finch, P.M., which he did in a most eloquent and impressive manner. The W.M. then addressed and invested the following officers: Bros. Allen, P.M., S.W.; Foxley, P.M., J.W.; Finch, P.M., Treas.; C. Dearing, Sec.; Holcombe, S.D.; Withers, J.D.; Cutbill, I.G.; Fenton, D.C.; and Bailey, W.S. Bro. Innes, I.P.M., proposed, and Bro. Linscott, P.M., seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes to Bro. the Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M., for his kindness in attending and advising the lodge, which was duly passed and acknowledged. A proposition

for Bro. Harling as a joining member was then received. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M., Bro. J. C. Innes, with a valuable Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge, and tendered him the best thanks of the members for the faithful and able way in which he had discharged his duties. Bro. Innes thanked the brethren for the kind feeling they had shown towards him in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, also for the support he had received from the members during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned to banquet, which was served by the host, Bro. Deacon, in a very creditable manner. In due order the usual toasts were honoured, and "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. were received by telegram from Hartington Lodge, 1085.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and in so doing remarked that he had to visit a great number of lodges in the discharge of his duties, but had never seen the duties of W.M. discharged with greater dignity and ability, under the many peculiar difficulties of the evening, than on that occasion.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said that he had only one desire, viz., to discharge his duty as a ruler in the Craft and Master of that lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Officers," with which he coupled the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. Dr. F. D. Grayson, P.M. 160, Prov. G.J.D., W.M.; G. R. Dawson, S.W.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; A. Lucking, G.A.P., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.A.P., S.D.; L. Warren, jun., J.D.; J. C. Johnston, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; C. F. Woosnam, I.G.; G. L. Wood and E. F. Wood, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M., W.M. 160, P.P.G.D.; G. Berry, P.M.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. H. Norman, E. Wright, H. Halls, G. Kitchin, R. W. F. Martin, B. Thomas, W. M. Peacey, and T. A. R. Whistler. Visitors: Bros. E. Judd, P.M. 160, P.P.G.R.; S. Smith, S.W. 1734; and E. C. Sparrow, S.D. 1734.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Geo. Tyrrell and Mr. A. G. Rennison as candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bros. G. Kitchin and B. Thomas having been passed to the Second Degree, Messrs. Geo. Tyrrell and A. G. Rennison were initiated, the charge to the candidates being delivered by the J.W. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

CHEETHAM.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—On Thursday, the 8th inst., the members of this lodge held their St. John's Festival, and installed into the chair Bro. Robert Leech, a brother so highly respected that, although he has been Master of the Strangeways Lodge, the brethren of the Derby held him in such esteem that they determined to do him honour by placing him at their head. Bro. E. G. Hughes performed the duties of Installing Master in a most efficient manner, in which he was ably assisted by Bros. F. R. Cooper, I.P.M.; James Smith, P.M.; and G. Kenyon, P.M., who directed the ceremonies. Bro. Arthur B. Wimpory, P.M., invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. F. R. Cooper, I.P.M.; R. Williamson, S.W.; Thomas E. Rigby, J.W.; Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, Chap.; E. G. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Smith, Sec.; Walter O. Pettitt, S.D.; C. Bagot, J.D.; A. B. Wimpory, P.M., D.C.; Joseph Challenger, I.G.; C. R. Hardman, Org.; and Kirk, Tyler. Bro. Joseph Snape, P.M., delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The whole of the grand and impressive ritual and ceremonial was magnificently rendered, a great part of its success being due to Bros. W. Dumville, P.M.; C. Turner, P.M.; and J. Whittaker, P.M., who sang the anthems and musical portions with great taste and feeling, to the accompaniment of Bro. W. O. Pettitt. We were pleased to hear the year's balance-sheet read out, and to learn therefrom that, although the year was commenced with a debit balance, the Treasurer finished up with a balance in hand of £38, besides sending over £58 to the East Lancashire Masonic Charities.

After the banquet customary to this festival, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The great feature of the evening, however, was the presentation to Bro. F. R. Cooper, I.P.M., of a gold Past Master's jewel.

Bro. J. Snape proposed "Bro. Cooper's Health" in eloquent and feeling terms, and said that, although the Derby Lodge could boast of a long line of illustrious Past Masters, there was not one of them that had exceeded Bro. Cooper in the extent and arduousness of his labours for the lodge and Masonry generally, or who had excelled him in the real kind brotherly Masonic feeling he had displayed to everybody.

Bro. Cooper thanked the brethren for their handsome present and also for the enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk his health, and said that it had been a pleasure to him to do what he could for the lodge.

The evening was spent harmoniously, the music and singing being of a very superior character.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—Friendship and Unity Lodge (No. 1271).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Town Hall. The lodge having been duly opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. J. Farrington, and his officers, the chair was then occupied by Bro. F. H. Goldney, G.D. England, P.G. Treas., who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master in the place of the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., M.P., who was prevented from attending. A large number of brethren from Devizes, Trowbridge, Newport (Mon.), Bath, and elsewhere were present to witness the ceremony of the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Barton, S.W. 1271, including Bros. Lord Hy. Thynne, M.P., P.G.W. England; J. Rubie, P.M. 41, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset; E. Eyres, P.M. 626; T. H. Holroyd, J.W. 973; W. Sanders, P.M. 311; F. R. Spender, J.D. 1566; H. E. Bishop, P.M. 632; A. Parry, P.M. 285; J. H. Foley, S.W. 632; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632; A. Scammell, 482; F. S. Hancock, S.W. 663; J. Hearne, P.M. 973; W. H. Box, 1420; W. H. Bush, W.M. 663; F. W. Selfe, I.G. 632; J. Huntley, 632; A. C. James, 1536; H.

Leaker, P.M. 41, P.G.P. Somerset; W. H. Burt, P.M. 663, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Parsons, 683; H. Howse, P.M. 663; H. Mullock, 683; H. Applegate, J.D. 632; F. B. Norris, P.M. 632; R. H. Gowing, J.D. 973; N. J. Beale, W.M. 936; A. J. Beaven, P.M. 1271; J. Sparks, P.M. 1271; W. E. Taylor, P.M. 1271; H. S. Wilkins, P.M. 1271; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, J.W. 1271; S. C. Little, Sec. 1271; A. F. Brereton, S.D. 1271; A. Bushell, J.D. 1271; Rev. M. Sunter, 1271; and A. Wallington, 1271.

On the completion of the ceremony, which was performed in admirable style by Bro. Goldney, the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Rev. Wheeler, S.W.; S. C. Little, J.W.; Rev. M. Sunter, Chap.; Col. Magrath, P.M., Treas.; Brereton, Sec.; Bushell, S.D.; Rev. and Hon. S. Meade, J.D.; Dr. W. Day Lovell, P.M., Org.; Wallington, I.G.; and Tom Moore, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren, to the number of 35, adjourned to a most recherche banquet provided at the Swan Hotel, Mrs. Norris receiving especial compliments for the excellent manner in which it was served. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. F. Barton, presided, being supported right and left by Bros. Lord H. Thynne, F. H. Goldney, G. J. Farrington, I.P.M., E. Eyres, H. Howse, and the Rev. M. Sunter, Chap.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic list of toasts was gone through. Lord H. Thynne, whose name was coupled with that of "The Officers of Grand Lodge" on rising to respond, was received with quite an ovation.

"The P.G.M. of Wilts, Lord Methuen, and the other P.G. Officers;" "The W.M.;" "The Installing Master;" "The I.P.M.;" "The Visitors;" "The Officers;" and "The Masonic Charities;" were all duly given, heartily received, and responded to, being interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Bush, Hill, Howse, Spender, Scammell, Selfe, and others, Bros. Sparks, Beale, and Spender alternately presiding at the piano.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren dispersing after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and assisted at one of the largest Masonic gatherings that has been held since the founding of the lodge.

SEACOMBE.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst., at Vienna Hall, when there was a numerous attendance. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. E. G. Mason, W.M., and he was supported by the following officers of the lodge: Bros. G. Alister, I.P.M.; Hy. Matthews, I.P.M.; Richard Jones, S.W.; Thos. B. Hughes, J.W.; J. G. Parker, P.M., Treas.; Richard Luke, S.D.; William Worth, J.D.; Alfred Fay, I.G.; and F. W. Holtaway, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. J. R. Simm, P.M. 605, Prov. G. Treas.; Thomas C. Thorburn, P.M. 477, P.G.S. of W.; J. B. McKenzie, P.M. 1609, P.P.G. S.D. West Lanc.; Owen Jones, I.P.M. 605; W. H. Pike, 603; J. W. Evanson, 1576; W. Williams, 241; W. H. Wright, 477; Thomas Shaw, P.M. 605; William Taylor, W.M. 1576; T. M. Bleakley, W.M. 605; William C. Cornwall, 537; J. Clarke, S.W. 506; Peter Duff, J.D. 605; H. Roberts, 605; William Roberts, W.M. 1289; F. Pratt, 1459; R. Yelland, P.M. 1094; A. Mitchell, 477; D. Cumming, 1609; S. Kirkham, 1609; Eaton Batty, 1609; E. Edwards, 1609; N. Burt, 1609; George Hutchin, P.M. 241; Amos A. Gass, S.W. 477; T. A. Withey, J.W. 1299; and T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241.

The Treasurer read the accounts of the lodge for the year, which showed that the finances were in a very satisfactory condition. Subsequently Bro. Richard Jones, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. Henry Matthews. Afterwards the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. E. G. Mason, I.P.M.; T. B. Hughes, S.W.; R. Luke, J.W.; J. G. Parker, P.M., P.G.J.D. Treas.; H. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G.S., D.C.; W. Worth, Secretary; A. Fay, S.D.; R. Parry, J.D.; D. B. Risk, I.G.; N. J. Peacock, Org.; J. Day and J. Prince, Stwds.; W. Cloves and T. Maddocks, Assistant Stwds.; and Bro. Holtaway was re-elected Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren dined at the Seacombe Hotel, and during the evening a P.M.'s jewel—diamond mounted and enamelled—(manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool), was presented to Bro. Mason, I.P.M. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. S. Kirkham, Eaton Batty, E. Edwards, N. F. Burt, J. T. Jones, and C. Roberts.

SALE.—Cope Lodge (No. 1357).—The annual meeting of the festival of St. John the Evangelist of this lodge took place on Friday, the 10th inst., in the lodge room, Brooklands Hotel. The lodge was opened at five p.m., the chair being occupied by the W.M., Bro. A. Griffiths, P.P.G.O., who was supported by the following officers of the lodge: Bros. Wm. Baldwin, I.P.M.; A. J. Pearce, S.W.; the W.M. elect, W. Rumsey, J.W.; J. D. Simcock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Campbell, Secretary; M. Longridge, S.D.; G. L. Collier, P.M., D. of C.; C. Neale, acting I.G.; and W. Groves, Tyler. There was a numerous attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Rev. R. Hodgson, P.M. 321 and 1045, P.P.G. Chap.; James Wilson, P.M. 317; J. Drinkwater, W.M. 1045; John Brooks, J.P., who was recently initiated in the Cope Lodge, and others.

Subsequently the W.M. elect, Bro. A. J. Pearce, S.W., was presented for installation, the ceremony being impressively and efficiently performed by Bro. J. D. Simcock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bros. A. Griffiths, the retiring W.M., P.P.G.O.; G. L. Collier, P.M.; H. Miller, P.M., P.G.O.; and other P.Ms. of the lodge. After the W.M. had been formally inducted to the chair, the following officers were named and invested by the W.M., the addresses in each instance being delivered by Bro. Ryder, P.M. 1357: Bros. A. Griffiths, P.P.G.O., as I.P.M.; W. Rumsey, S.W.; M. Longridge, J.W.; Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.M., Prov. G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; P. D. Simcock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer; H. Miller, P.M., P.G. Organist, Secretary; W. Campbell, S.D.; H. Smith, J.D.; G. L. Collier, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; C. Neale, I.G.; Reuss and Raven, Stewards; and W. Groves, Tyler. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.P.G.M.; Alan de Tatton

Egerton, M.P., Stamford Lodge, 1045; Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.M. 1387, P.P.G. Chap. West Lancashire, and others.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the supper room, where an excellent banquet, which spoke well for the cuisine of the Brooklands Hotel, had been prepared, to which ample justice was done. After the brethren had returned to the lodge room, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, between which an appropriate programme of music, &c., was gone through under the direction of Bro. Henry Miller, P.M., the Prov. Grand Org., choirmaster of St. John's, Brooklands.

STALYBRIDGE.—Stanford and Warrington Lodge (No. 1408).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was held on the 13th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, 50, Market-street, when Bro. the Rev. Canon R. H. Brown, M.A., P.P.G.C., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony of the installation being performed by Bro. W. H. Dutton, P.M., 1166, P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. A. Owen, and was gone through in a very impressive manner. The following brethren were then invested as officers: Bros. A. Owen, I.P.M.; W. Crossley, S.W.; George Holland, J.W.; J. Norris, Treas.; W. C. Dawson, Sec.; A. Wainwright, S.D.; J. Shaw, J.D.; W. Chadwick, jun., I.G.; G. H. Whalley, C. F. Mills, and Hodgkinson, P.M., Stwds.; and H. Kenworthy, Tyler. The visiting brethren were as follows: Bros. W. H. Dutton, P.M. 1166, P.P.G.A.D.C.; George J. Davies, P.M. 605; K. Urquhart, W.M. 1144; J. Greenshaw, W.M. 1322; J. W. Hully, W.M. 268, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Roberts, P.M. 334, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Bottomley, 334. After the ceremony of installation and investiture of officers, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs and recitations by various brethren.

LOUGHTON.—Bagshaw Lodge (No. 1457).—On Thursday, the 8th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall. A great number of the brethren and visitors were present. Bro. T. T. Nunn was duly installed in the Master's chair in a very impressive manner by Bro. W. Holloway, P.M. A banquet was very ably served by Mrs. Howard, of the Crown Hotel, and gave great satisfaction to the visitors and brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Emulation Lodge (No. 1505).—The annual celebration of the festival of St. John in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was an attendance of about 100 members and visitors. The whole of the proceedings clearly indicated the popularity and prosperity which continue to attend the existence of a lodge which deservedly occupies a high position in the Province of West Lancashire. The chair at the opening was occupied by Bro. W. Parry, W.M., who was supported by Bros. P. Thomas, P.M.; H. H. Smith, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; W. Foulkes, S.W.; Walter Burnett, J.W.; R. Foote, P.M.; A. H. Hallwood, Sec.; Thos. Blundell, S.D.; W. B. Sweetman, J.D.; J. P. Hallwood, I.G.; John Worth, S.S.; W. M'Gaughey, J.S.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., D.C.; E. Franklin Lloyd, Organist; and others.

Among the numerous visitors, including 30 P.Ms. and W.Ms., were Bros. J. G. Gibson, Q.C.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; Geo. Morgan, P.G.J.D.; John Beesley, P.G.D.; J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.D.; J. B. M'Kenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; E. Pierpoint, P.G.J.W.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Ewart, S.W. 1086; F. Evans, S.D. 1013; J. Pierrepont, W.M. 1393; W. Roberts, W.M. 1289; Andrew Morris, I.G. 1182; J. Sharples, S.W. 724; J. Senar, S.W. 1570; J. T. Bramley, 1609; W. Bramley, 1609; J. Ballard, 1609; D. Cummings, 1609; T. Wright, W.M. 1182; J. Henderson, P.M. 1620; D. Edwards, P.M. 1052; W. H. Quayle, 2042; J. Tunstall, W.M. 1035; C. R. Hall, jun., I.G. 680; W. H. Hignett, W.M. 1547; D. Keith, J.D. 2042; Jas. Paterson, P.M. 148; C. Fothergill, P.M. 1263; A. Mallinson, D.C. 448; T. R. Sanders, W.M. 448; Isaac Turner, W.M. 594; A. Bucknell, P.M. 667; Rev. John Stowell, S.W. 1350; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; R. L. Stockton, S.W. 1393; H. J. Nicholls, S.D. 2042; W. Ladyman, P.M. 1547; G. Williams, 1609; J. Busfield, 2042; R. N. Hobart, 241; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*); and others.

After the opening of the lodge, the W.M. resigned his chair to Bro. R. Foote, P.G. Treas., who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Foulkes, S.W., the presentation being made by Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., and H. H. Smith, P.G.A.D.C. Bro. Foote is well known as a Mason who has shown the truest Charity to all the Craft Institutions, and his working of the ceremony on this occasion elicited universal admiration, as well as a hearty vote of thanks, which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The following officers were afterwards invested by the W.M.: Bros. W. Parry, I.P.M.; Walter Burnet, S.W.; Albert H. Hallwood, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., Chap. (reappointed); R. Foote, P.G.T., Treas. (re-elected); T. Blundell, Sec.; W. B. Sweetman, S.D.; J. G. Hallwood, J.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., D.C. (reappointed); E. Franklin Lloyd, Org. (reappointed); John Worth, I.G.; W. M'Gaughey, Joseph Cross, and Isaac Lowery, Stwds.; and Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. During the proceedings the I.P.M., Bro. W. Parry, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel—manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of 2, Monument-place, Liverpool—a valuable gold watch and appendages, and an artistically illuminated address.

A very excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Casey, the House Steward, and in the course of the evening an excellent musical entertainment was given by Bros. H. J. Nicholls, J. Busfield, W. H. Quayle, R. N. Hobart, W. Forrester, D. Keith, N. Burt, and T. Foulkes, under the able direction of Bro. Walter Burnet, S.W.

NORTHAMPTON.—Eleanor Cross Lodge (No. 1764).—The annual anniversary meeting and installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. The large number of members and visitors present included Bros. B. Wilkins, W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Grand Std. Br. of England; H. Brown, P.M. 1864, P.P.G.W.; Rev. S. J. W. Sanders,

P.M. 1764, 1911, W.M. 360, and Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.M. 1911, W.M. 1764, P.P.G. Chaps.; G. Ellard, P.M. 360, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Spoor, P.M. 1764, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; T. Oldham, W.M. 445, and T. Emery, S.W. 1764, Prov. G. Deacons; J. J. Hart, P.M. 360, P.P.G. Purst.; G. Butcher, Prov. G. Org.; R. Croft, P.P.G. Org.; H. Manfield, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. P. Dorman, P.P.G. Stwd.; A. Cockerill, 360, Prov. G. Std. Br.; G. H. Percival, P.M. 1911; J. Newitt, W.M. elect, 445; J. Currall, J. A. Jowett, J. Gold, A. Jones, R. Taylor, H. T. West, H. Roberts, T. Cockerill, H. Hodges, A. Norman, 1767; R. Tucker, 1331; H. Bowles, 276; S. Gough, 293; T. Franks, 360; G. T. Edmunds, 671; J. Hewitt, P. Farrell, and T. D. Hensman, 360.

The lodge was opened under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. the Rev. S. W. Wigg, and after the transaction of routine business, including the election of a gentleman as a member of the lodge, and his initiation into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, P.M., the chair was taken by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who proceeded to instal the Master elected for the ensuing year, viz., Bro. George Ellard, P.M. 360, who received the usual salutations, and then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, I.P.M.; T. Emery, S.W.; R. Croft, J.W.; Rev. T. C. Beasley, Chap.; George Butcher, Sec.; T. Phipps Dorman, Treas.; Alfred Jones, S.D.; J. Currall, J.D.; W. Goldney, D.C.; H. Manfield, I.G.; J. A. Jowett, and J. Gold, Stwds.; H. Hodges, Std. Br.; and C. Dean and G. Robinson, Tylers.

The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the lodge, then presented to Bro. the Rev. S. W. Wigg a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in testimony of the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of his important office during the past year.

The presentation being suitably acknowledged and other business transacted, the lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the lower hall, where at the banquet, which was provided by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, and served in an admirable manner, the usual Masonic toast list was presented.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," also "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was enthusiastically honoured; "His Excellency the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master;" "The Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master;" and "The Officers of Grand Lodge."

The last toast was duly acknowledged by the Grand Standard Bearer, Bro. Butler Wilkins, who spoke of the careful manner in which the affairs of private lodges were considered and adjudicated upon in that assembly.

Bro. Currall, J.D., proposed "The Duke of Manchester, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," which was acknowledged by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

Bro. Ellard replied in a genuine Masonic speech. Bro. Jowett proposed "The Past Masters," for whom the Rev. S. W. Wigg and the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders spoke.

The other toasts were "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Brown, P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Dorman, Treasurer.

"The Initiate," proposed by Bro. Spoor, P.M., was acknowledged by the newly-admitted brother.

"The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. A. Jones, S.D., and acknowledged by Bro. Oldham, W.M. 445, and other visitors.

"The Sister Lodges," proposed by Bro. Croft, J.W., and acknowledged by Bros. Kellett, P.M. 360; Hart, P.M. 360; and Wigg, P.M. 1911.

"The Wardens and Officers of the Eleanor Cross Lodge" the W.M. proposed, and Bro. Emery, S.W., replied.

The Tyler's toast brought the programme to a close. The proceedings were throughout marked with the greatest harmony and genuine good fellowship.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 772).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. F. J. Tull, W.M.; H. B. Buckridge, S.W.; R. Rowlands, J.W.; W. H. Boys, S.D.; C. Pigeon, I.G.; R. Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; Eidmans, Townshend, and others.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Eidmans being the candidate. Bro. W. H. Boys rehearsed the traditional history, and Bro. R. Rowlands gave the charge. The lodge was closed down in the Three Degrees. Bro. Rev. H. Townshend was proposed and seconded as a joining member. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to Bro. F. J. Tull for the able manner of working, being the first time he had occupied the chair as W.M. Bro. H. Buckridge was appointed unanimously to the chair for the next meeting, the work to be the ceremony of First Degree, the lecture on tracing board, the charge, and 1st and 2nd Section of First Lecture. The lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. M. J. Green, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; J. C. Altman, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; C. S. Mote, J.D.; W. J. Mason, I.G.; J. Cruttenden, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; O. W. Battley, E. Coleman, D. Stroud, J. H. Taylor, F. Chandler, and A. Le Clair. Visitor: Bro. J. L. King, P.M. 657.

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, passing, and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Stroud, Battley, and Chandler candidates. Bro. King was elected a member. Bro. Wood was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A sincere vote of sympathy with Bro. Captain H. S. Andrews, 1974, on his sad accident was unanimously voted to be recorded on the minutes. The lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Spon, W.M.; Gibson, Treas., and S.W.; Hayes, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Musson, Sec.; Brindley, P.M., S.D.; Hamilton, J.D.; Perry, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; G. E. Saunders, Salter, C. Pugh, Power, Grist, Holland, and Ray.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Pugh candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Gibson, Bro. Holland answered the questions leading to the Second Degree

and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Holland duly passed to the degree of a F.C. The W.M. resumed the chair and closed the lodge in the Second Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A ballot for the Charities was taken afterwards, which proved favourable to Bro. Hiel.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Frank Gulliford, W.M.; H. S. Hunter, S.W.; Wilkie Jones, J.W.; P. H. Rogers, S.D.; G. P. Bertini, J.D.; H. G. Marsden, I.G.; D. Stroud, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; J. Cumming, C. Grassi, J. Woodward, T. A. Dickson, and T. A. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Grassi offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. Grassi again offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. J. Woodward proposed that Bro. P. M. Rogers, Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, be admitted a joining member of this lodge of instruction; seconded by Bro. D. Stroud. Carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. H. S. Hunter was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. D. Stroud, and seconded by the J.W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting then took place in connection with the Charitable Association of this lodge of instruction, Bro. Frank Gulliford having been voted to the chair, in the absence of Bro. W. H. Gulliford, P.M., President. Bros. G. P. Bertini and J. Woodward were voted tellers, and ballots were taken for four Life Subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Charitable Institutions, which were declared, separately, in favour of Mrs. Smith, Bros. J. Rumbellow, J. Cross, and W. Page. A vote of thanks to Bro. Frank Gulliford proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, and seconded by Bro. J. Woodward, brought the proceedings to a close.

At the ensuing weekly meeting, held on the 22nd inst., there were present Bros. H. S. Hunter, W.M.; C. Grassi, S.W.; R. J. Hamell, J.W.; B. Solomon, S.D.; A. Gaminelli, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; W. Fowles, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec. and Treas.; J. Cumming, J. B. Wigley, J. Skinner, P.M., T. A. Dickson, J. Scawley, E. C. Mulvey, G. H. Reynolds, and T. A. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Cumming having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture, with Bro. R. J. Hamell. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. E. C. Mulvey offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bros. James Scawley, 789, P.P.G.P. Warwickshire, proposed by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds; Bro. W. C. Wigley, W.M. 1348, proposed by Bro. Fowles, seconded by Bro. B. Solomon; and Bro. A. Gaminelli, 1012, proposed by Bro. H. S. Hunter, and seconded by Bro. R. J. Hamell. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Fowles proposed that Bro. C. Grassi be W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by the J.W.; carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. Fowles proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. H. S. Hunter, W.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction; seconded by the J.W.; carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 27th inst. Present: Bros. Sharpe, W.M.; Gush, Preceptor; Hildreth, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Salmon, S.D.; A. Goode, J.D.; Lovell, I.G.; Fenner, Frampton, Burnett, Aynsley, Partington, Knights, and Oldis.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Oldis answered the questions for raising and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, and the 2nd and 3rd Sections worked by Bro. Fenner. Bro. Hildreth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Hayes, W.M.; Mann, jun., S.W.; Folsom, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Gibson, jun., S.D.; Wade, P.M., J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; Chilcott, Green, jun., Nice, Ray, Green, sen., P.M.; Mason, Chinn, Christian, Arnold, and Flately, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Green, sen., being the candidate. Bro. Nice, 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. Nice being the candidate. Bro. Nice, a Fellow Craft, answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree; and Bros. Chinn, Arnold, and Christian, of 1789, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Arnold returned thanks on behalf of himself and Bros. Chinn and Christian. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Mann, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

PLYMOUTH.—St. John's Chapter (No. 70).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Huyshe Temple, on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., under the presidency of Comp. J. Griffin. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. K. Bond, Z.; E. Tout, H.; F. B. Westlake, J.; G. H. Selleck, S.N.; J. R. Lord, S.E.; J. Maton, P.S.; A. J. Rider, 1st A.S.; T. King, 2nd A.S.; L. D. Westcott, Treas.; C. W. Bovey, Org.; G. Sercombe, D.C.; W. T. Hocking, A.D.C.; W. H. Symons and J. Hicks, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Janitor.

TREDEGAR.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 1098).—On Thursday, the 22nd inst., the members of this chapter met at the Private Rooms, Temperance Hall, for the purpose of installing the three principals for the ensuing year. The chapter was opened under M.E. Comp. J. J. Morgan, Z.; Ex-Comps. C. Widdowson, H.; and J. Williams, J.; together with the following: Comps. W. H. Williams, S.E.; C. L. Phillips, P.S.; J. Donlevy, Janitor; E. Barnard, Assistant Janitor; L. P.

Gravenor, P.Z.; N. Brdley, P.Z.; W. Davis, P.Z.; G. A. Brown, P.Z.; and J. J. Williams. Visitors: Comps. S. G. Homfray, P.G.H.; A. T. Perkins, P.G.J.; T. Goldsworthy, Silurian; A. Taylor, Silurian; E. J. Whitley, Silurian; G. Hazel, St. Woolos; and J. A. Kelly, St. Woolos. The following were duly installed by the retiring Principals, Comp. W. Davies, Z.; J. Williams, H.; and G. Golding, J. The M.E.Z. appointed his officers as follows: Comps. C. L. Phillips, S.N.; W. H. Williams, S.E.; J. Green, P.S.; G. A. Brown, P.Z., Treas.; J. Donlevy, Tyler; and E. Barnard, Asst. Tyler.

A pleasant and interesting part of the programme was the presentation of a handsome gold jewel to Comp. J. J. Morgan, P.Z. The presentation was made by Com. G. A. Brown, who, in gracious terms, alluded to the long and valuable services of the recipient. Comp. J. J. Morgan responded, thanking the companions for their kindness. The jewel, which was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, bore the following inscription: "Presented by the companions of the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 1098, Tredegar, to M.E. Comp. J. J. Morgan, P.Z., as a mark of their appreciation of his services. October, 1885."

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel; among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; Parkhouse, P.Z. 1612, acting H.; Hogard, P.Z. 10, acting J.; Richnell, S.E.; the Rev. R. Hosken, P.S.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.J. Middx., P.Z., Treasurer; Cama, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.Z.; W. H. Saunders, I.P.Z.; Bunn; and others. The visitors were Comps. Hogard, 10; Colonel Cumming, 112 (Ceylon); and Parkhouse, 1642. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. H. D. Cama, No. 255, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly exalted to the Degree of the R.A. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. R. H. Saunders, M.E.Z.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., H.; Smiles, J.; Richnell, S.E.; Hosken, S.N.; Tomliason, M.P., P.S.; W. Taylor, Treasurer; and Harrison, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was passed to Ex. Comps. Hogard and Parkhouse for their services. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Comps. R. Thrupp, P.G.H. Middx.; R. Saunders, H.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, J.; Dunkley, Org.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. J. T. Seller, W.M.; A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; F. Smith, J.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Secretary; G. Balmford, P.M.; and most of the officers and several brethren. Bro. T. Watkinson, of the York Lodge, No. 236, was balloted for successfully. The ballot for W.M. resulted in the election of Bro. F. Smith (Ripon), and Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Auditors were appointed, and a petition to the Mark Educational Fund was adopted. A grant of money was made from the lodge funds towards the education of the children of a deceased brother, and the lodge was closed at an early hour, the members being anxious to hear an address, which was being given at the Exhibition Building, by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart.

BUXTON.—Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 246).—This—the eldest of the Derbyshire lodges—held its anniversary meeting at the Court House on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. J. H. Lawson, Prov. G.R., W.M.; Percy Wallis, P.M., Prov. G.S.W., G.S.D. England, as I.P.M.; J. O. Manton, S.W.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., P.G.I.G. England, as J.W.; W. Boughen, M.O.; E. Horne, S.O.; Oram, S.D.; Harrison, Sec.; Sutton, as I.G.; Smedley, Gladwin, and others.

The W.M. opened his lodge and transacted the business on the circular, after which Bro. Percy Wallis, G.S.D., took the chair, and installed Bro. J. O. Manton in ancient form, and also delivered the charges. After the W.M. had appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, two brethren were proposed for advancement, and the lodge was then closed, the brethren adjourning to the Old Hall Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. J. H. Lawson, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Letters of apology were read from officers and others who were unable to be present.

Scotland.

RENFREWSHIRE EAST.—Sir George Cathcart Lodge (No. 617).—A special meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., to receive a visiting deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge, R.W.M. Bro. Capt. Allan presiding. The deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge having been introduced with due Masonic ceremonial, made a complete inspection of the lodge books from date of last visitation on 2nd April, 1884. The deputation, which consisted of Bros. James Caldwell, D.P.G.M.; R. Nisbet, S.P.G.M.; Geo. Fisher, P.S.P.G.M.; and A. Macpherson, Treasurer, P.G.L., reported that they found all the books correctly kept, and the lodge, financially and otherwise, in a thoroughly satisfactory state. Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, P.G.M., sent an apology for unavoidable absence as a member of the deputation. The members of the deputation were awarded honorary affiliation, Bro. R. W. M. Allan officiating. Bro. Caldwell expressed the gratification it afforded himself and the other members of the deputation in visiting the Sir George Cathcart Lodge, and their thanks for the honour conferred on them of having been affiliated as honorary members. They had, as they expected it would be, found the lodge in excellent working order, and they all felt some pride in being admitted as honorary members of so efficient a body of Freemasons. Bro. Fisher also addressed the brethren, after which the deputation took their leave, and the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

Ireland.

BELFAST.—Duke of Leinster Lodge (No. 259).—This lodge held a reunion of their members and friends in the Masonic Hall, Arthur-square, on Monday evening, the 12th inst. There was a large attendance of the brethren, who sat down to tea, which was served in excellent style by Mr. Crawford. After tea had been partaken of, Bro. R. B. Andrews, W.M., gave the usual Masonic toasts, which were warmly received and duly responded to. The W.M. having referred to the pleasant occasion on which they were assembled, a very select and interesting programme, consisting of songs and recitations, was then gone through. Bro. Dalzell sang "The Midshipmite" in such a manner as to elicit the warmest plaudits of the brethren assembled, and, together with Bros. Nesbitt, Nettleton, Coulter, McKeown, and Morrison, contributed in no small degree to the success and pleasure of the meeting, and, as accompanist, Bro. James H. Smyth left nothing to be desired. A hearty vote of thanks to the Stewards and to the performers was then passed by acclamation. The National Anthem having been sung, a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

South Africa.

ADDINGTON.—Finnemore Lodge (No. 358).—The inaugural meeting of this lodge of Mark Master Masons took place recently at the Masonic Hall, Natal, under the presidency of Bro. T. Cook, P.M., P.G.S.W. A charter, or warrant, from the Grand Lodge of England, &c., were received and read, after which the ceremony of installation of the W.M. took place by a Board of Installed Masters, when Bro. George Leask was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested the following brethren: Bros. E. H. Bingham, S.W.; Thomas Petersen, J.W.; L. E. T. Torgius, M.O.; W. Raworth, S.O.; L. Jewitt, J.O.; Joseph Wright, Treas.; T. L. B. Tuckett, Secretary and Registrar of Marks; C. M. Bomchier, S.D.; H. Crowder, J.D.; George Taylor, D.C.; P. Burns, I.G.; and Charles Leggett, Tyler. A number of brethren of the Mark Degree were present, including the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Natal, Bro. R. I. Finnemore. A number of candidates and joining members were elected, after which the lodge was closed. The R.W.P. G.M., Bro. R. I. Finnemore, was afterwards elected, and consented to become patron of the lodge. Votes of thanks were passed to the R.W.P.G.M., and Bro. T. Cook, who were elected honorary members of the lodge.

There was also a lodge of the Royal Ark Mariners opened, in which the following officers were elected and invested: Bros. George Leask, C.M.; E. H. Bingham, S.W.; Thomas Petersen, J.W.; Joseph Wright, Treas.; T. L. B. Tuckett, Scribe; and C. E. Bomchier, J.D. The other officers were not appointed at this meeting, which closed about 10 p.m., when the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where refreshment was partaken of, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through.

New Zealand.

GREYMOUTH.—Greymouth Lodge (No. 1233, E.C.).—The installation of officers of the above lodge took place on the 28th July last at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Greenwood, P.M., being Installing Officer, assisted by Bros. Hudson, P.D.G.W., and Lord, P.M. The following is the list of installations:—Bros. Thomas Woods, W.M.; C. Wainright, S.W.; T. A. Murphy, J.W.; Rev. Maclean, Chap.; R. Wilson, Sec.; P. B. Cameron, Treas.; Hay, S.D.; T. Pelling, J.D.; Ashton and Robinson were appointed Stewards; Teasdale, I.G.; and M'Laren, Tyler. The proceedings were wound up with a banquet served in Mr. Kane's best style, when the usual Masonic toasts were given. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. MacCarthy and Reed.

MARK MASONRY.

GREYMOUTH.—Lewis Lodge (No. 49, E.C.).—At a meeting of the above lodge of Mark Master Masons, held recently at the Masonic Hall, the W.M., Bro. R. W. Greenwood, was installed by Bro. P.M. Hudson, of Hokitika, and the following officers invested:—Bros. E. I. Lord, S.W.; R. J. Tonks, J.W.; A. Matheson, M.O.; C. Haye, J.O.; H. Robinson, S.D.; H. H. Oxley, J.D.; P. B. Cameron, I.G.; T. A. Murphy, Hon. Sec.; J. A. Fissenhardt, Hon. Treas.; and John Stephens, Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren were invited to refreshment by Bro. E. I. Lord, S.W.

A TYLER'S "GOLDEN WEDDING."

On Monday evening, the 19th inst., upwards of fifty members of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and the United Lodge, No. 697, met at the Red Lion Hotel, Colchester, for the purpose of presenting to the venerable Tyler of the two lodges, Bro. Simon Munson, a mark of their esteem on the occasion of the celebration of his "golden wedding." The proceedings were inaugurated by a supper, admirably served by the host, Bro. Hart, and at which W. Bro. Joseph Grimes, W.M. of the Angel Lodge, presided; W. Bro. J. T. Bailey, W.M. of the United Lodge, occupying the vice-chair.

After supper a few toasts were given, the principal one being, of course, "The Health of Bro. Munson." This was proposed in felicitous terms by the senior P.M. present, W. Bro. A. E. Church, P.M. 51, who recounted the various positions in private service and in a more public capacity which had been filled by Bro. Munson, and in all of which he had gained the esteem and respect of his employers and those with whom he had been brought into contact. Bro. Church further mentioned that the brother they were met to honour was born in April, 1808, and was consequently in his 78th year; that he had attained his majority as a Freemason, having been admitted 21 years ago in Lodge Star in the East, No. 650, Harwich; that he was at the present time Tyler of the two Craft lodges of the town, Janitor of the chapter, and Tyler of the Mark lodge. Bro. Church said that he felt no higher tribute could be paid to Bro. Munson's character as a man and a

Mason than that he had passed through all the trials and temptations of this mortal life without a stain upon his character. He was glad to find that both Bro. Munson and his wife were still in the enjoyment of excellent health; and while he thought he might safely say that it was not given to any couple to have a golden wedding more than once in their lifetime, very few even attained to it, and the occasion was certainly, as far as he could gather, unique in the experience of a Tyler; still he hoped that Bro. and Mrs. Munson might have many happy years more of life together, and even attain to a "diamond wedding." In conclusion, W. Bro. Church, amidst much applause, handed to Bro. Munson a purse, containing £20, the result of a subscription limited to a small sum, and to which 106 brethren had cheerfully given, as a small testimony of the respect in which he was held.

W. Bro. CLOWES, P.M. and Sec. 650, having sung the beautiful and appropriate song "Sweethearts,"

Bro. MUNSON, in a few words, thanked the brethren for their kind and liberal present. He had always been treated by them all, whether in or out of lodge, with the greatest courtesy and consideration, and as long as he was able he should feel it a privilege and pleasure to continue to serve the lodges as he had done in the past.

MASONIC CONCERT IN BELFAST.

On Friday evening, the 16th inst., a very successful concert, under the auspices of the John Arnott Taylor Lodge, No. 314, was given in the Hall of the Constitutional Club. The proceeds were in aid of the Belfast Masonic Charities, and, as the hall was well filled, a considerable amount must have been realised for those objects. The officers of the lodge in their distinctive badges occupied seats on the platform, and several of the brethren in the body of the hall wore their regalia. On taking the chair, Bro. JOHN ARNOTT TAYLOR, J.P., said that the good effected by those Charities was almost incalculable, and he could with confidence appeal to those who had not already subscribed to them to do so. In Belfast the wants of the widows and orphans of deceased brethren had been largely supplied, while in Dublin their male and female orphan schools were marvels of what could be done. He warmly thanked those who had called that lodge after him. He reminded them that Charity was one of the great stars of Masonry. (Applause.)

The concert then opened with a selection from "William Tell" (Rossini), which was brilliantly executed by Bro. Edgar Haines, violin, and Mr. A. E. J. McCreary, pianoforte, and was loudly applauded. Miss Mitchell sang with much taste and feeling Cowen's "Last Dream." Bro. E. McElroy has seldom been heard to greater advantage than in "Toreador," from Bizet's opera of "Carmen." This item was much enhanced by the violin accompaniment of Bro. Edgar Haines. "If" (Pinsuti) was well sung by Bro. R. T. Mahood, and the same may be said of his other selections, viz., "The Message" (Blumenthal) and "Alice, where art thou?" The first encore was awarded to Miss M'Meeke for her careful rendering of "Tit for Tat" (Pontet), and she responded with "Summer showers." Her other song, "Kerry Dance," was also received with loud applause. Bro. George H. Remnant, who possesses a good basso voice, was successful in his singing of "First on the field" (Bonheur) and "The diver" (Löder). Bro. James Fraser was encored in "Jack's yarn," and, in response, gave "Hurrah for a life at sea." Miss Mitchell's performance of "The lover and the bird" (Gugilemo) won for her a rapturous encore, to which she responded by singing in an admirable manner "Killarney" (Balfé). Bro. McElroy deservedly received an encore in "Friend of the brave" (Dr. Calcutt), and replied with "The old brigade" (Barri). Bro. Haines performed with great taste a violin solo, "Fantasia Pastorale," Op. 56 (Singalee), in which he was encored, and repeated the latter part. Two selections on the piano were executed by Mr. A. E. J. McCreary with his usual skill—a "Grand Polonaise in E b" (Weber) and "Caprice waves" (Servais). He was encored in the latter, which he repeated.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, a cordial vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the ladies and gentlemen who had assisted in the concert. A similar compliment was also passed to the Chairman for his kindness in presiding. Bro. A. Morrison proved a very efficient accompanist during the evening. "God save the Queen" brought the entertainment to a close.

Bro. Edward Terry, G. Steward, is having uninterrupted success in his provincial tour; lately he has visited Scotch and Irish towns.

The new ballet at the Alhambra is considered by many to be a complete answer to the Bishop of London's letter regarding the Stage, which so many newspapers have noticed. "Nina" is a work of art, as much as dancing can be. Not one of those who appear on the stage are idle or mere show-pieces; but each man and woman has undergone a most careful training, and has an individual part to perform. We think in such exquisite terpsichorean display it could only be a prurient mind which can see harm in the graceful movements which charm the eye. We allow that some young persons such as the Bishop alludes to may suffer by witnessing a ballet or any play; but we go further, and assert that they begin with a mind not altogether clean, and would discover wrong in everything, because they make it where it does not exist. And is the ordinary citizen to be denied a moral, wholesome, and elevating pleasure because a few weak-minded youths are led into what his lordship calls "disastrous sins of imagination," which, we venture to say, are more of the Bishop's own imagination than his or any one else's experience? The Stage is such a strong element in the life of the people, that it can exist and flourish independently of religious patronage; therefore it would be better to countenance and work with the dramatic and musical art than to try and stem its current. We have reason to believe that the Bishop in his letter was speaking without having ever himself gone into the question personally. The music, scenery, &c., are all in harmony with the lovely and brilliant display of the ballet "Nina." On the night of our visit we were unable to get a seat of any sort, and we are informed that frequently there is only standing room for late comers. This looks well for the shareholders.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE P. ARNOLD, P.M.

The remains of the late Bro. George P. Arnold, P.M. and Secretary of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, were interred on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Mile End Cemetery. A retired schoolmaster of the Royal Navy, the deceased was one of the oldest Masons in Portsmouth, and he was respected throughout the Craft, not only for his personal qualities, but for his proficiency in the ritual and the deep interest which he took in all matters connected with the Order, with the members of which he was a universal favourite. He was a great authority on all doubtful points, and his opinion was always highly valued, as it invariably proved sound. In his earlier years he was a great supporter of the old Athenæum, or Mechanics' Institute, and he was one of the members who attended the classes in connection with that institution. His remains were followed to the grave by members of the principal lodges in the town, but chiefly by members of the United Service, Landport, and Royal Sussex Lodges. The youngest lodge in the town—the St. Clair—was also strongly represented, among the members being Bros. Capt. St. Clair, W.M.; and Alderman Cudlipp, P.M.; and other members represented the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487. As a mark of the esteem in which he was held by his neighbours, they were represented by a body of little girls carrying baskets of flowers which they threw on the lid of the coffin, which was already covered with some beautiful white wreaths; and each member of the Masonic body dropped a sprig of acacia on the coffin.

BRO. THOMAS M'LAREN.

The funeral of Bro. Thomas M'Laren, who for upwards of thirty years had been employed by the Cunard Steamship Company, took place at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, on Saturday, the 24th inst. Bro. M'Laren was more than 25 years a member of the Antient Union Lodge, No. 203, and afterwards of the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, and a large number of the brethren attended to show their respect for him. Among the brethren and employees of the Cunard Company were Bros. H. Marshall, W.M.; Jas. Grierson, P.M.; R. J. Britten, Sec.; Joseph Molyneux, E. Johnston, P.M.; C. Johnson, S.S.; J. W. Morton, J.S.; W. Bushell, Thomas Hay, G. Taylor, John Morton, John Shearer, and James Shearer, representing the Kirkdale Lodge; Bros. James Brown, 68 (S.C.), and John A. Henry, 177 (S.C.); Messrs. James Paul, James Shearer, sen., J. Shearer, jun., Michael Robb, Hector Manson, A. Love, D. Boyle, A. Good, C. Hyslop, D. M'Nichol, Alex. Allen, James Jarvis, John M'Ninn, James Archer, and others. The service was impressively rendered by the Rev. Thomas M'Pherson, B.A., of Everton Valley Presbyterian Church, who afterwards delivered an address to the large assembly of mourners.

The Craft Abroad.

NEW YORK.

A circular, bearing date the 1st September last, has been issued by the Reading Room Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York announcing that it is in contemplation to establish a Museum of Masonic Antiquities and Curiosities. It is pointed out that many objects of curiosity and rarity, such as old medals and jewels, coins, old diplomas, certificates, scarce books, antique lodge furniture, &c., are known to be in the possession of brethren and lodges. These are of very little utility, thus scattered, but if brought together in the form of a collection, they would be invaluable. The Masonic Hall in New York affords unusual facilities for the exhibition and safe custody of such articles and documents, and lodges and brethren, who own this description of Masonic property, are invited to place it in charge of Grand Lodge either as a gift or loan, so that it may be placed on view for the inspection of the brethren generally in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The project is one which deserves to be supported.

M.W. BRO. CHARLES A. WELCH, P.G.M. MASSACHUSETTS.

The "Freemasons' Repository" for the current month gives a brief, but interesting, sketch of the Masonic services of this distinguished brother, who, it seems, was initiated in the Monitor Lodge, Waltham, Mass., in April, 1861. After occupying successively the two Warden's chairs, he was unanimously elected Worshipful Master in 1863, and re-elected, 1869. In 1872, Bro. S. D. Nickerson, the then Grand Master, appointed Bro. Welch a District Deputy Grand Master. In 1875, Grand Master Everett appointed him District Grand Master, from which office three years later he rose to be Grand Master, a post he held for three years.

GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, NEW YORK.

The annual assembly was held in New York in the early half of September. There was a strong muster of the brethren, and Bro. Gliddon, Grand Master, having opened the Grand Council, delivered his annual address, in which he carefully reviewed the events of the year. In the course of the proceedings the following principal officers were elected, namely; Bros. John W. Coburn, Grand Master; John L. Brothers, Deputy Grand Master; R. C. Christiance, Grand Prin. Con. of Work; John F. Baldwin, Grand Treasurer; and George Van Vliet, Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Hampshire was held at Concord, on the 29th September. There was a very successful meeting, and the following were elected Grand Officers for the year, viz.:—

Sir Knt. Don Herman Woodward	...	Grand C.
" Charles N. Towle	...	Grand D.C.
" J. J. Bell	...	Grand Gen.
" E. R. Kent	...	Grand Capt. G.
" Rev. Dan Crane Roberts	...	Grand Prelate.
" C. C. Danforth	...	Grand S.W.
" N. W. Cumner	...	Grand J.W.
" F. A. McKean	...	Grand Treas.
" G. P. Cleaves	...	Grand Sec.
" H. A. March	...	Grand Std. B.
" C. Chase Dorr	...	Grand Swd. B.
" T. E. Sanger	...	Grand Warder.
" G. W. Currier	...	Grand C. of Gd.



Bro. Gen. Sir F. and Lady Roberts left London for Carmarthenshire on Monday.

Bro. Justice Field, with Justices Denman and Day, have been appointed judges for the ensuing year for the trial of election petitions.

Bro. Thomas Troncker, of Victoria, has been elected M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the current year.

Bros. E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., and the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., addressed a political meeting at Newton Abbot, Devonshire, on Saturday last.

According to the *Toronto Mail*, a member of a lodge in Ithaca, Michigan, has been suspended on a charge clearly established against him of agnosticism.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren is spoken of as a Liberal candidate at the General Election for the Hallamshire division of Yorkshire, in opposition to Bro. C. S. Wortley, M.P.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., and Lady Carrington left Victoria Station for Paris shortly before 11 a.m. on Monday, on their way, *via* Brindisi and Port Said, to Sydney, New South Wales.

It has been resolved by the Great Priory of Canada to present an appropriate jewel to Sir Knight T. S. Parvin, who is its representative near the Grand Encampment of the United States.

R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., addressed a large meeting of the electors in the Winter Gardens, Cheltenham, on Monday evening, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. T. Agg-Gardner.

Bros. the Duke of Manchester and Lord Randolph Churchill were of the party of guests which reached Tunbridge Wells on Monday afternoon for a few days' shooting on the Marquis of Abergavenny's preserves.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., on Saturday last unveiled the painted window which has been placed at the North West London Hospital, Kentish Town, as a memorial to the late Misses Eliza and Elizabeth Learmonth.

Bros. Col. A. Loftus Tottenham, M.P., W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Walter Long were present among the guests at the public breakfast given at the Guildhall, Winchester, on Tuesday, to Mr. James Dear, the veteran Hampshire sportsman.

Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff, M.P., had an audience of the Sultan on Monday, and at the close of the interview, which was of a very cordial character, embarked on board the *Imogene* for Besika Bay, where H.M.'s despatch boat *Iris* is waiting to convey him to Egypt.

The widow of Bro. J. A. Pazzoni, of St. Louis, has presented the munificent sum of 60,000 dollars (£12,000) towards the establishment of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home for Missouri, and has further announced her intention of contributing largely towards its endowment.

A meeting was held on Monday afternoon in the Long Parlour of the Mansion House in aid of the City and Shoreditch Branch of the Metropolitan Association for Benefiting Young Servants. Bro. the Lord Mayor was prevented from taking the chair, and his place was occupied by Cardinal Manning.

Some of the leading actors in London have arranged for a performance to take place in aid of the widow of the late Bro. Harry Jackson, and Bro. Augustus Harris has, with his usual kindness, placed Drury Lane Theatre at their disposal for the purpose on the afternoon of Saturday, the 21st prox.

The *Freemason's Repository* of Providence, R.I., entered this month on the fifteenth year of its existence. It is among our most welcome exchanges, and we offer to its editor and publisher our sincere congratulations in its successful progress hitherto, and our hopes for an even more successful career in the future.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and Lady Mayoress received and entertained at the Mansion House on Monday the party of natives from India who have been brought over to this country to occupy the village now in course of construction at the Albert Palace, Battersea. Bro. Sir Edward Lee, chairman of the company, introduced the party and explained the purpose of their visit.

Bro. Alderman Staples, Lord Mayor elect, was presented on Monday to the Lord Chancellor, who conveyed Her Majesty's approval of his election to the chief magistracy of the City of London for the year 1885-6. A banquet followed at the hall of the Leathersellers' Company, at which our respected brother presided, and met with a very cordial reception. Among the principal guests were Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.W.; Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Sir R. Hanson, P.G. Std., Alderman Savory, Alderman De Keyser, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sheriff Clarke, Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), P.G.W., G. P. Goldney (Remembrancer), H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), Alderman Cowan, and J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer.

According to the *Jewish Chronicle* of Friday, the 23rd inst., Bro. Captain Moroin, "who styles himself Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Roumanian Freemasons," has "addressed to all the Grand Orients throughout the world a circular, in which he charges the Jews with being usurers and perjurers, and claims that the Roumanians are fully justified in whatever measures they may take to rid themselves of the Jews." The statement is given as emanating from the correspondent of the *Archives Israelites*, who writes from Bucharest, and our London contemporary, in order to place the Craft abroad on their guard against this proceeding, says there is no national Masonic body in Roumania, and that Captain Moroin, who was expelled from a French lodge in Bucharest, has arrogated himself the title of Grand Master of Roumanian Masonry.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, left Dublin for London on Monday.

R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, has left town for his seat, Williamstrip Park.

The King of Denmark has been pleased to create Prince George of Wales a Knight of the Order of the Elephant.

Prince George of Wales returned from the Continent on Monday, and has since been on a visit to the Queen at Balmoral Castle. The Prince of Wales reached London on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the 10th prox., Bro. Sir Charles Warren will read a paper on "Our Portion in South Africa" at the opening meeting of the 18th session of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., was one of the speakers at a *conversazione* held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., of the Junior Liberal Association of Hastings and St. Leonard's.

Bro. General Sir F. Roberts, G.C.B., visited Aldershot on Friday, the 23rd inst., and lunched with the officers of the Seaforth Highlanders, one of the regiments which served under him in Afghanistan.

It is expected that the Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, will return to Windsor Castle about the 20th prox. Preparations for Her Majesty's reception will be commenced shortly.

A farewell banquet by the prominent Liberals of the old borough of Chelsea will be given on Thursday next, the 5th of November, at the Kensington Town Hall, to Bros. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and J. F. B. Firth, M.P.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has received from the Countess of Dufferin a letter in which she thanks his lordship for having called a meeting at the Mansion House in aid of her fund for supplying medical aid to the women of India.

There were about 700 brethren present at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, held in Chicago on the 7th instant. According to the report of the Grand Secretary, there are in this jurisdiction 36,430 subscribing members.

At the Metropolitan Board of Works on Friday, the 23rd inst., Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., received a deputation of the Strand Improvement Association, on the subject of improving that part of the Strand between St. Clement Dane's and St. Mary-le-Strand.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., addressed a vast meeting of the electors of Mid-Birmingham in the Town Hall of the borough, on Friday, the 23rd inst., and the following day his lordship delivered a second address at the house dinner of the Birmingham Conservative Club.

The marriage of Prince Waidemar of Denmark with the Princess Marie of Orleans was celebrated in the private chapel of the Chateau d'Eu, on Thursday, the 22nd inst. At the wedding breakfast "The Health of the Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed by the Prince of Wales.

It is intended to hold a meeting at the Fishmongers' Arms, Wood Green, to-day (Friday), at 8 p.m., with a view to arranging for the establishment of a lodge of instruction. Brethren desirous of joining should attend, or place themselves in communication with the worthy host, Bro. Wigmore.

At a convocation of the Industry Chapter, No. 186, held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 20th inst., the following were installed as the Three Principals:—Comps. Geo. Allen, M.E.Z.; John James Taffs, H.; and Chas. H. Phillips, J. Comp. James Terry performed the ceremony of installation. The retiring M.E.Z., Comp. John G. Horsey, was presented with a P.Z. jewel.

Bros. H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor) and G. P. Goldney (City Remembrancer) were among the City officials who attended, as representatives of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, at the chambers of the Queen's Remembrancer, Master Sir W. Pollock, Bart., to render suit, rent, and service to the Crown in respect of certain property granted by Royal charter to the City some centuries ago, viz., a tenement known as the Wild Moor in Shropshire, and another known as The Forge, in the parish of St. Clement Dane's, Strand.

Bro. General Sir F. Roberts, who has lately been appointed Commander-in-Chief in India, and has been home on leave for a few weeks, was entertained by Bro. the Lord Mayor at a grand banquet at the Mansion House, on Saturday last. Among the principal guests were H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, Lady Roberts, the Lady Mayoress, and Bros. Sir J. Fergusson, Bart., General Viscount Wolsley, Major General Sir C. Warren, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Major General Sir Evelyn Wood, and others.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., has addressed through the columns of the daily press a special appeal to the public on behalf of the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, which, since its foundation in 1813, has maintained and educated close on 5000 fatherless children. It appears that, owing to the want of funds, not more than 40 children can be received at the half-yearly admission in January next, though there are 100 vacancies, and nearly 200 applicants. An old friend has offered to give £1000 in aid if a like sum is raised in annual subscriptions of half-a-guinea and upwards; and it is to promote this object in particular, as well as generally to help the asylum, that Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler is now making this appeal. Subscriptions will be received by Mr. Arthur E. Capel, 1, St. Helen's-place, Bishopsgate-street, E.C., the Treasurer of the Charity, and by him acknowledged in the press.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the most formidable and chronic characters have been cured by Holloway's remedies. Ulcerations which have proved themselves incurable by any other known means have healed kindly under the purifying and regenerating influence of this excellent Ointment. Sprains, stiff joints, contracted muscles, and glandular swellings can be most safely and effectually healed by Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which can do no harm under any circumstances. Neither of these medicaments has anything deleterious in its composition; both are essentially purifying and strengthening in their nature. The combined power of these noble remedies enables them successfully to cope with most descriptions of impurities, and to cure, or, at least, relieve, most varieties of diseases.—[Adv.]

Bro. P. G. Philps was on Saturday last elected W.M. of the West Kent Lodge, No. 1297.

It is announced, authoritatively, that Parliament will be dissolved on Wednesday, the 10th proximo.

Bro. G. A. Taylor, late of 27, Change-alley, has removed to 1, Castle-court, Birch-in-lane.

There are reported to be 16,698 subscribing members in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

A Masonic Hall is in course of erection at St. John's, Newfoundland, the estimated cost being set down at 20,000 dollars (£4000).

Bro. William Holland, the well-known theatrical manager, has undertaken the arrangement of the City Guilds exhibition in the coming Lord Mayor's Show.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., at a meeting of the Brunswick Mark Lodge, No. 44, Plymouth, Bro. Jas. Rose was elected W.M., and Bro. James Price, Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

The annual banquet of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, will take place on Tuesday next, Nov. 3, at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street. President C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P.

Bro. Alderman Farncombe has been unanimously elected Mayor of Lewes for the ensuing year. His selection for that office has drawn forth in the local press most flattering encomiums on his career as a public man.

Bros. the Earl of Meath, Viscount Powerscourt, and Colonel Tottenham were present at a meeting of Irish loyalists of East Wicklow, held in the Leinster Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, on Friday, the 23rd inst.

According to the *Baltimore Sunday News*, Bro. Wiesenfeld, 33, of that city, has in his possession one of the curious tokens struck in 1790 in honour of the election of George Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England.

It has been arranged that the next Freemasons' Ball, to be held under the auspices of the three Swansea lodges, shall take place on Wednesday, the 23rd December next, and no effort will be spared to make it as great a success as in former years.

A lodge of sorrow was held in the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 7th instant, under the auspices of the various bodies holding under the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite, in the Valley of Philadelphia, Bro. Charles E. Meyer preparing the ritual, and Bro. James S. Barber presiding as W. Master.

The following are the principal executive Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware for the current year—namely, Bro. Thomas Davidson, of Wilmington, M.W.G.M.; William Palmer, G. Treasurer; and William S. Hayes, of Wilmington, G. Secretary. They were elected to office at the annual communication held on the 7th instant.

This week there has been grand doings at Latham House, in honour of the coming of age of Lord Skelmersdale, eldest son and heir of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. England, and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, whom we congratulate as cordially as we did in reference to the anniversary of his silver wedding, on this further auspicious celebration.

Bro. John W. Simons, Past G. Master of New York, and Masonic editor of the *New York Dispatch*, celebrated the 65th anniversary of his birthday on the 8th instant, in the midst of his family, four generations being represented on the auspicious occasion. We heartily congratulate our worthy brother on the event, and trust he may live to see many more celebrations of a similar character.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent will be held at the Masonic Hall, 38, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, to-day (Friday), the chair being occupied by R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M.M.M. This will be the first occasion on which a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge has been held in Canterbury, and hence a large attendance of Mark brethren may be expected. The usual banquet will follow at the Royal Fountain Hotel, under the presidency of the P.G.M. Master.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834, at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, on Friday, November 6th. Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, in the chair. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. J. Coplestone, S.D. 834; Second Section, Bro. W. C. Williams, J.W. 1585; Third Section, H. Blunden, P.M. 865; Fourth Section, Bro. W. W. Williams, 834; Fifth Section, Bro. D. Stroud, 55; Sixth Section, Bro. P. Burton, W.M. 1828; Seventh Section, Bro. Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1308, 728, 1974, P.D.G. Supt. of Works Punjab. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Arthur Williams, I.G. 2090; Second Section, J. Davies, 169; Third Section, Bro. J. H. Taylor, P.M. 834, 1767; Fourth Section, Bro. W. Ayling, P.M. 975; Fifth Section, Bro. J. Collings, P.M. 1585. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. H. Purdue, I.P.M. 834; Second Section, Bro. V. Wing, J.D. 1585; Third Section, Bro. D. S. Long, I.G. 1275.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, November 7, 1885.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 „ 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 „ 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 „ 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 „ 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 „ 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.
 „ 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 „ 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 „ 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.