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BRO. Alderman Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., concluded his second tenure of the office of Lord Mayor of London, as he did his first, with a Masonic banquet, but the festivity of Thursday week was of a somewhat different character from its predecessor. It was less ambitious, perhaps, in the sense that the principal guests, outside the members of his own lodge, were not drawn chiefly from the Present and Past Grand Officers; while, on the other hand, it was more comprehensive, as the Executive Officers of the province of which his lordship is a Past G.S.W., were honoured with invitations. Thus there were gathered around the same hospitable board several of the Grand Officers of England and Provincial Grand Officers of Wiltshire, the officers and members of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, of which Bro. Sir R. N. FOWLER is the present Master, the officers of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of which he was Master during his former Mayoralty, and the Worshipful Masters of the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford, and the Isaac Newton University Lodge of Cambridge, respectively. It was such a meeting as we seldom hear of, in which purple and blue, town and country, men of commerce and men of learning sat down together in the banquet chamber of our highest municipal authority, and pledged themselves to him and one another after the manner of Masons and to the future honour and welfare of our ancient Craft. Irreverent outsiders may sneer, if it pleases them, at such festive gatherings as these. But the sneer, so far from injuring or annoying us, only helps to bring into greater prominence the nature of a Fraternity, which is composed of men of all classes, creeds, and politics, who, once they are met together as Masons, lay aside all differences of opinion, and are content to vie with each other in promoting good fellowship among themselves, and good feeling towards their fellow creatures. We trust it may always be thus, as indeed, it has been always in this early home of Freemasonry; and that in the midst of those weighty cares and responsibilities, which press so heavily upon us all, there may be many such occasions as that of Thursday week, when the imperious demands of duty are less rigorously enforced, and the sense of mutual kindness and forbearance among different sorts and conditions of men is strengthened and developed more and more abundantly. We can only regret that in the absence of the customary invitation to be present, we are unable to give any account of the after-dinner proceedings.

WE heartily congratulate Bro. Alderman JOHN STAPLES on his installation as Lord Mayor of London, a position which the great majority of his fellow citizens aspire to; but which, in the nature of things, it is given to only a very few among them to attain. It is well known that his lordship during his career, firstly of citizen and afterwards of Alderman, succeeded in securing to himself the esteem and respect of men of all classes. He is a good man of business, a painstaking magistrate, genial and kind in his personal bearing, and indued with some literary taste, chiefly in the field of antiquarian study. The cordial, not to say enthusiastic, reception he met with during his progress through London on Monday must have been very gratifying; while the success which attended his presidency at the customary banquet in Guildhall in the evening will have helped to remove any stray doubt which may have haunted him as to his ability to fulfil the more ornamental duties of his office. That Bro. Lord Mayor STAPLES, as the successor of so able and popular a Chief Magistrate as Bro. Alderman FOWLER, has no slight burden of responsibility cast upon him is very generally admitted; but it is already in evidence that he is fully equal to the task in one respect, and that in his hands the reputation of London for its munificent hospitality will be fully maintained. As regards the severer duties which will devolve upon him, and which are so much more numerous and exacting than formerly, he has both the ability and the will to discharge them thoroughly, and we doubt not that this time 12 months, when his successor has been installed, there will be the same cordiality and unanimity of thanks to him as to his predecessor. There is one other point to be noticed. The new, like the retiring, Lord Mayor is a Mason, though not of such long standing and experience, nor has he attained such eminence in

the Craft. But his career, though short, has been successful. He is a member of the Grand Master's Lodge, founder and first and present W.M. of the St. Botolph's Lodge, which was consecrated in January, 1884, and Z. of the Aldersgate Chapter. He has, too, done loyal service to our Institutions in the capacity of Steward at more than one of their Anniversary Festivals, and it is our knowledge of these circumstances, as well as of the services he has rendered as a citizen and magistrate of London, which enhances, if that be possible, the heartiness of our present greeting.

BRO. Colonel WILLIAM STUART, P.G.M. Bedfordshire, of whose installation we gave a full account last week, is son of Bro. Colonel WILLIAM STUART, M.P., who was Grand Senior Warden of England in 1833, and Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire from 1844 to 1873. He was initiated in the Watford Lodge, No. 404, Watford, in 1843, at the early age of 18 years. In 1847 he became a joining member of the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, Bedford, and in 1848 was installed Worshipful Master of his mother lodge. He is also a Past Master of the Stuart Lodge, a Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Herts, and in 1855 was appointed by the then Grand Master to be Grand Senior Warden of England. In the Arch he is a P.Z. of the Watford Chapter, in which he was exalted in 1844, and in 1855 was G. Ass. Soj. of the Supreme Grand Chapter. In Templar Masonry he is a Past E.C. of the Stuart Encampment, Watford, so named after his late father, Sir Knight WILLIAM STUART, subsequently Supreme Grand Master of the Order; while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a member of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1, of Rose Croix, and has taken the 31st degree in that branch of Masonry. And last, but not least, he is a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and has acted as Festival Steward in aid of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Such is the distinguished brother upon whom it has graciously pleased the Prince of WALES as Grand Master of England to confer the honour of being the first actual Provincial Grand Master of the newly-created Province of Bedfordshire, and under such a leader we imagine the members of its lodges will have some difficulty in not giving a good account of themselves.

THE revised Book of Constitutions has now been in the hands of the Craft quite long enough to enable them to judge of the new rules by the light of experience. So far as we can judge—and our testimony is based on very many declarations of intelligent brethren—the laws are found to work well, and the more stringent regulations tend to improve the status and efficiency of the Society. The arrangement and consecutive numbering of the laws have proved a boon, as we anticipated, and all that is needed now, is an authoritative, or at least an authentic, work on *English Masonic Jurisprudence*, to serve as a guide to the Masters and Secretaries of lodges, who by reason of the pressing claims of their avocations, or their inability to clearly note the application of certain rules, are much in need of some such publication. As it is not probable that such a labour will be undertaken by the Grand Lodge, there are surely one or more competent brethren who will perform that duty, and provided such a one is able to prove his competency for such a work, we feel sure that our obliging Grand Secretary, and likewise the respected President of the Board of General Purposes—who did so much for the revision—would be found ready to aid in such a necessary enterprise.* In many of the Grand Lodges in America, the decisions of the Grand Masters, on all complicated questions affecting the interpretation of the laws, are annually printed and published for the guidance of the brethren. In England, the duty of authoritatively explaining any of the clauses of our Constitutions rests with the Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, and the Board of General Purposes, the last being the governing and regulating body of the Craft, subject to the Grand Lodge. Such decisions, however, though sometimes reported at the ensuing Grand Lodges, are not available in a collected form, save in the printed reports, which are not preserved as they should be by the lodges, numerous instances proving, not only that they are frequently treated as the *private* property of the Masters for the time being, but as food for the waste basket. An excellent regulation, in force in certain provinces, requires the summonses of the lodges to be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretaries, at the same time they are forwarded to the members. By such means, we knew of an illegal initiation being prevented, through the action of the Prov. Grand Secretary, and in other instances insufficient descriptions and intended improper action have been noted in time, and the members duly warned to refrain from voting. In

* Since the above was written, it has come to our knowledge that a brother has begun the task of collecting materials for such a work as we propose.

proof of the absolute need for special warnings, and intelligent, brief, and authoritative explanations of the Constitutions, we could mention a surprising number of serious instances of infraction of the laws, which have come under our notice, sometimes too late for prevention, while at others our timely information has been gladly welcomed. In one case, the Master was about to install his successor at a *Lodge of Emergency*, in violation of Rule 130; in another, the minutes of a regular lodge were confirmed (a portion being non-confirmed) at an Emergency, contrary to Rule 172; and on finding out their error, the members at the next regular meeting read both sets of minutes for confirmation, the action of those at the Emergency being reversed, thus proving the necessity and desirability of such a rule, so that the minutes may be confirmed at those meetings which secure the largest attendances of the brethren. The question of "arrears" is one that requires delicate handling, the by-laws of lodges frequently being indefinite thereon, and others, we are sorry to state, are not always uniformly observed. Masters of lodges should never forget their responsibility to the Grand Lodge, and hence should do their utmost to understand the Constitutions, which they are pledged not only to obey themselves, but secure the obedience of their members. We shall refer to this subject again and again!

OUR interesting contemporary, the *International Masonic Review*, of Detroit, Michigan, must forgive us for suggesting that, notwithstanding "it enters the parlour, the office, the drawing room, the workshop, the club room, the news stand, the railroad car, the steamboat, the hotels, and watering places," there is a lamentable display of weakness in its critical department. We do not doubt for one moment that it is "seen, read, and subscribed for by all classes;" that "its Mystic Items and News, its splendid Literary Department and Literature attract and engage the attention of all classes;" or that "its corps of authors and contributors are not excelled by any journal of the age." All this we are willing to concede; yet, in spite of all these advantages and encouragements to excellence, its criticisms are marked by a child-like simplicity of ignorance which is unworthy of so gorgeous a journal. Some time since we gave an account derived from an American Masonic paper—which, in its turn, had borrowed it from another American Masonic paper—of a Maryland young lady who was made a Mason, some 25 or 30 years back, much in the same way, and for the same reason, as our Irish Mrs. ALDWORTH of last century. We neither accepted nor rejected the story. We remarked on its striking resemblance to the case of the said Mrs. ALDWORTH, and we asked for corroborative evidence of its genuineness. By way of rejoinder, our contemporary now tells us it has twice refuted the story, and twice shown "that such a thing was not only improbable, but impossible," and having done this, it describes our poor little paragraph as "a re-hash of this ancient chestnut." We are not versed in the mysteries of arboriculture, and cannot say if there is, or is not, any connection between "ancient chestnuts" and Masonic fables. It may be, too, that we are "losing our eyesight," or do not "read our exchanges"—especially is this latter the case, when they do not reach us—and we suppose the only course now remaining to us is to apologise meekly to a journal which enters so many places, is read by all classes, and can boast of so large and varied an assortment of authors and contributors, for having published "such stuff in a Masonic journal." But how comes it, Bro. Editor, that after making this terrible hullabaloo about our perversity of conduct, the very first thing you do after committing to paper this wordy censure is to reproduce our re-hash of an American ancient chestnut? If it is such dreadful "stuff," why cumber your sacred pages with it? Again, in the same number in which you first condemn and then reproduce our reproduction of an American Masonic fable, we note that our old friend, Bro. JACOB NORTON, takes you sharply to task for recommending an address by Bro. CLYMER, which Bro. NORTON agrees with us in describing as a "mere tissue of fallacies and absurdities," and he tells you point blank, and, through you, the credulous CLYMER, that "neither SOLOMON, nor ALFRED, nor ATHELSTAN, nor BACON, nor LOCKE, nor NEWTON, nor WEBSTER, &c., &c., were Masons." Your reply to this incisive criticism of Bro. NORTON'S is too long to republish, but its tenour may be gathered from the concluding paragraph, in which you say: "One word more. Bro. NORTON, did it ever occur to you that you may be mistaken about SOLOMON, ALFRED, ATHELSTAN, BACON, LOCKE, NEWTON, WEBSTER, &c., not being Masons? Are you prepared to reproduce the proof that they were not Masons? If so, let us have it, as you have chosen to take upon yourself the affirmative of this issue. Let us have the proof and thereby settle the question." This is sheer nonsense. A asserts that a number of distinguished personages who flourished at periods more or less remote from the present day were Masons. He adduces not the fraction of a scrap of evidence in support of his assertion, and B—that is Bro. NORTON—not only politely tells him so, but adds that the personages in question "were not Masons." The burden of proof now devolves upon A, who made, not upon B, who denies the assertion; and if the former cannot establish his case, it falls to the ground, not because of B's denial, but from its own inherent absurdity. Here then is a further illustration, that though the *International Masonic Review* may enter a great many places, and have at its back a whole army of authors and contributors, the critical judgment of its principal editor is of the most feeble character. It is putting the cart before the horse with a vengeance, when A, who makes an assertion, is excused from proving the affirmative; while B, who denies the assertion, must be bullied into proving a negative. Were this sound doctrine, then a bare assertion must in time become an established fact, not because it is capable of proof, but because it is incapable of disproof.

THE M.W. GRAND MASTER has granted a warrant for the constitution of a new lodge, to meet in one of the historical saloons of the national theatre, Drury Lane. It is to be called the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. R.W. Bro. Lord LONDESBOROUGH, P.G.S.W. of England, is the first W.M. designate; Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, S.W.; Bro. Sir JOHN ELDER GORST, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, J.W.; and Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary. Amongst the original members are Bros. Admiral Sir EDWARD INGLESFIELD, C.B., D.C.L.; Colonel KITCHENER, R.E.; THOMAS THORNE, HENRY NEVILLE, CHARLES WARNER, and others. The lodge will be consecrated as soon as the Worshipful Master designate recovers from the effect of the accident he met with a few days ago whilst shooting.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The demands on our space are less serious than they were last week and the week previous, and we are therefore in a position to supplement our account of the installation of R.W. Bro. the Earl of Jersey as P.G.M. of Oxfordshire by giving a complete list of the brethren whom his lordship was pleased to appoint as his P.G. Officers for the year. A glance at this list will show that Bro. Lord Jersey has reappointed Bro. Bird to the important position of D.P.G.M., an office which that brother so admirably filled during the P.G. Mastership of the late Duke of Albany. It will be seen further that the onerous duties of P.G. Secretary have been entrusted to Bro. E. L. Hawkins; who during his connection with the province has won golden opinions from the brethren generally.

The list is as follows:—

Bro. Reginald Bird, P.G.D., 357	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" H. G. W. Drinkwater, 340	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. L. Morgan, 357	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. A. R. Pritchard, 1895	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. C. J. F. Yule, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. G. Emberline, 340	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. S. Wells, 599	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. L. Hawkins, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Houghton, 340	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Lord Valentia, 478	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. A. Webb, 1036	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" F. Marsh, 1895	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. P. Bulley, 357	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" B. P. Lascelles, 357	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Arnall, 478	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" E. Home, 340	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" F. Pigott, 1399	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" G. Owens, 1703	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. F. Greenwood, 1515	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. D. Sutton, 1763	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Sir B. Brodie, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. J. Humphreys, 357	...	...
" G. Harris, 1515	...	...
" L. M. Wynne, 599	...	...
" S. C. Wakefield, 1703	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. W. Messenger, 340	...	...
" G. Norwood, 478	...	...

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday afternoon, the 5th inst. The throne was occupied by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart.; Bro. James Crichton acted as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. George Fisher as Grand Junior Warden. Amongst others present were Bros. the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Treasurer; J. T. S. Elliot, younger, of Wolfelee, Grand Senior Deacon; Colonel J. T. S. Stewart, acting Grand Junior Deacon; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Grand Bible Bearer; Provost Brand, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Dr. Cranstoun, Grand Bard; F. E. Villiers of Closeburn, Grand Sword Bearer; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; James Turner, President, and William Edwards, Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards; and a large attendance of Past Grand office bearers and others.

A vidimus was submitted by the Grand Cashier, which showed that the income of the Grand Lodge for the past quarter had been £957 and the expenditure £611, leaving an excess of income to the amount of £346. There had been 1360 entrants to the Craft during the quarter. A statement as to the funds of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Trust for the three months ending 20th ult. showed that £20 had been voted to brethren, or widows of brethren, in distress.

The Grand Committee submitted a report of a Special Committee which they had appointed to confer with the two brethren who had issued some publications that were recently under the notice of the Grand Lodge. Certain conditions which had been laid down by the Grand Committee, and which were accepted by one of the brethren in question, were approved, and the case was sent back to the Grand Committee. It was intimated that Bro. John Baird, Glasgow, had resigned his seat on the Grand Committee, and that the Committee had placed on record their high sense of his services to the Grand Lodge during a period of fifteen years. Bro. Robert Nisbet, Glasgow, was unanimously chosen in his stead. A report was submitted from the Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of East Renfrewshire,

to the effect that the annual visitation of the lodges within that province had been completed last month, and they were all found in a satisfactory state, and had received a fair addition to the number of their members during the past year. It was reported by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirkshire that they would offer no opposition to the proposed disjunction of the lodge Peebles Kilwinning from the province, and on the recommendation of Grand Committee it was resolved to place it in the Metropolitan Province. It was also resolved to form the three existing Border Provinces into two—viz., Haddington and Berwick, composed of Duns; St. John, Kilwinning; Haddington; St. Abb's, Eyemouth; Dunbar Castle, Dunbar; St. Luke, Lauder; St. John, Coldstream; St. Baldred, North Berwick; and Tyneside, East Linton. Roxburgh and Selkirk will also consist of eight lodges—St. John, Selkirk; Kelso; St. John, Jedburgh; Hawick; St. John, Stow; Tweed, Kelso; Galashiels; and St. James, Hawick.

A report was submitted by a Special Committee appointed to enquire and report to Grand Committee as to the working of the law anent compulsory part of fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge. That Committee was of opinion that it would be impolitic to rigidly enforce the law, and equally inadvisable to expunge it; and recommended that each Provincial Grand Lodge be directed to urge the lodges under its jurisdiction to have themselves fully represented in Grand Lodge, and thereby strengthen the hands of Grand Lodge in raising the status of Freemasonry and increasing its usefulness as a medium of well-directed benevolence. This was adopted.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to nominate brethren for election at St. John's to the offices falling vacant this year.

It was unanimously, and with acclamation, resolved to nominate Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., again to be Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and the following were also nominated: Bros. Fredk. G. Villiers of Closeburn, Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, Grand Senior Warden; James T. S. Elliot, yr., of Wolfelee, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. Pearson M'Adam Muir and the Rev. John Watt, Grand Chaplains; W. M'Lean, jun., C.A., Grand Senior Deacon; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Grand Junior Deacon; Dr. R. Rowand Anderson, Grand Architect; James Inches, Grand Jeweller; Captain F. W. Allan, Grand Bible Bearer; Lieut.-Colonel John Campbell, Grand Sword Bearer; Provost Brand, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Dr. Cranstoun, Grand Bard; W. Harrison, Grand Director of Music; Major W. Halls, Grand Marshal; and David Reid, Provincial Grand Secretary of Glasgow, Grand Inner Guard.

The Earl of Airlie had been named by the Grand Committee for nomination as Grand Junior Deacon, in anticipation that his lordship's name would have been returned as an affiliated member of a Scottish lodge; but that had not been done, and it became necessary to nominate another for the position.

The other business was unimportant.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The annual convocation of this body was held at the Masonic Hall, Malton, on the 2nd inst., by invitation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277. The lodge having been opened, the Provincial Grand Lodge entered in procession, there being present

Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, D.P.G.M., as Prov. G. Master; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.P.G. Chap., as D.P.G.M.; W. H. Marwood, P.G.S.W.; W. B. Richardson, P.G. J.W.; S. Chadwick, P.G.M.O.; J. Marshall, P.G.S.O.; W. Constable, P.G.J.O.; Rev. W. G. Chilman, P.G. Chap.; J. M. Meek, P.G. Treas.; C. Goulding, P.G.R. of M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Sec.; J. Dunn, P.G.S.D.; J. T. Seller, P.G.J.D.; J. Hudson, P.G.I. of Works; W. H. Cowper, P.G.D.C.; R. H. Peacock, as P.G. S.B.; A. T. B. Turner, P.G.S.B.; W. Greenwood, P.G.O.; F. W. Adams, P.G. I.G.; J. Verity, P.G. Tyler; T. Dixon, C. R. Staniland, and W. Highmoor, Stewards. There were also present Bros. J. Buckle, Sec. 277; W. H. Walker, J.W. 277; W. B. Dyson, S.O. York, T.I.; T. M. Goldie, 277; A. M. White, York, T.I.; H. C. Walker, 337; A. J. Taylor, 277; G. S. Highmoor, S.W. 291; J. Brooks, 339; T. C. Davison, W.M. 276; J. B. Nicholls, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O.; E. K. Spiegelhalter, 277; H. A. Williamson, P.P.G.W.; W. J. Watson, J.W. 276; P. Pearson, York, T.I.; W. Lackenby, York, T.I.; J. Knaggs, S.W. 95; W. Fraser, W.M. 95; T. C. Clough, 277; M. F. W. Williamson, 277; and others.

The acting R.W. Provincial Grand Master in the chair having been saluted, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called. Letters of apology were also read from the Prov. Grand Master, detained by business connected with the municipal elections, and several other members of Prov. Grand Lodge who were prevented from similar causes. The report of the General Purposes Committee was read and adopted. The Provincial Grand Secretary stated that the condition of the lodges in the province was as follows:

Lodge.	Subscribing Members.	Initiates.
York (T.I.) ...	81 ...	5
Star-in-the-East, 95 ...	51 ...	11
Middlesbro', 276 ...	27 ...	1
Fitzwilliam, 277 ...	28 ...	2
Beverlac, 281 ...	26 ...	1
Drifelt, 291 ...	19 ...	5
Streonschalh, 337 ...	16 ...	3
Total ...	248 ...	28

The Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and adopted, and on the roll of lodges being called all were found to be represented.

Bro. J. M. MEER was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and thanked the brethren.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. J. T. Seller, W.M. York (T.I.) ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. Marshall, P.M. 277 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" T. C. Davison, W.M. 276 ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Fraser, W.M. 95 ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" T. Dixon, W.M. 281 ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. W. G. Chilman, 277 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. M. Meek, P.M. 276 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. N. Marwood, W.M. 337 ...	Prov. G. Reg.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. York (T.I.) ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. S. Highmoor, S.W. 291 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. W. Marshall, S.W. 277 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Knaggs, S.W. 95 ...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. H. Cowper, P.M. 276 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Highmoor, Sec. 291 ...	Prov. G.Swd. Br.
" M. M. Westerley, S.W. 281 ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. R. Staniland, 277 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Smith, J.W. York (T.I.) ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Verity, Sec. 95 ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Three Stewards from the York, Star in the East, and Streonschalh Lodges.

Bros. W. H. Cowper, Geo. Balmford, J. Marshall, and Rev. W. C. Lukis were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year. Bro. R. H. Peacock was also nominated, but to avoid the trouble of a scroll he generously withdrew the nomination. Bros. T. C. Davison and W. J. Watson were elected Auditors.

A vote of thanks was passed to the brethren of the Fitzwilliam Lodge for their hospitable reception, and after an expression of "Hearty good wishes" the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed and the Prov. Grand Master returned in procession.

The Fitzwilliam Lodge was then closed, and the assembled Mark Masons adjourned to the Talbot Hotel, where Bro. Fitchett, the proprietor, served up an excellent dinner, after which the usual toasts were observed, and songs and speeches enlivened the evening.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED DEGREES.

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees took place in the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 5th inst. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, M.W.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Alfred Williams, D.G.M.; C. H. Driver, G.S.W.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Secretary; Rev. C. H. Roberts, M.A., G. Chaplain; W. B. Williamson, G.J.D.; R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; H. H. Shirley, G. Stwd.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.S.D.; J. L. Mather, P.G.S.W.; R. L. Loveland, P.G. Stwd.; and Edward J. Mills, G.O.G. There were also present Bros. P. de E. Collin, E. West, H. Pigeon, jun., Thomas Cubitt, Robert Roy, T. W. Lemon, J. Aillud, J. Brittain, F. Davison, H. Venn, Horace White, Eugene Sweny, Jas. Shilcock, W. E. Steward, P. A. Scratchley, B. R. Bryant, and F. T. Bennett.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the report for the past year—which we give in full below—was submitted and approved, after which the following were appointed and invested as G. Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, Grand Master; J. L. Mather, Deputy Grand Master; R. Berridge, Grand Senior Warden; P. de E. Collin, Grand Junior Warden; C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary; James Moon, Grand Treasurer; Rev. T. W. Lemon, Grand Chaplain; Capt. C. H. Garnett, Grand Senior Deacon; John Ramsey, Grand Junior Deacon; J. D. Murray, Grand Director of Ceremonies; B. R. Bryant, Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; G. F. Lancaster, Grand Standdar Bearer; W. Jaffrey, Grand Sword Bearer; E. J. Hoare, Grand Organist; H. Venn, Grand Inner Guard; H. H. Shirley, John Lane, and P. Barber, Grand Stewards.

The following is the report referred to above:—

The Council have great pleasure in announcing that the Grand Master has consented to allow himself to be nominated for a further term of three years.

Since the last meeting of Grand Council, great progress has been made, and 106 certificates have been issued, the total number of registered admissions being now 455.

The following warrants have been granted: Palatine, No. 10, Preston; W. M. Sewell, No. 11, Maryport; St. Paul's, No. 12, Bristol; Southern Cross, No. 13, Sydney, N.S.W.; Port Natal, No. 14, Durban, S.A.; and Rose and Lily, No. 15, London.

It is confidently hoped from the well known energy and abilities of the petitioners for these new Councils, that a large increase of candidates may be speedily looked for. The Rose and Lily Council was consecrated on Saturday, 24th October, by R.W. Bro. C. F. Matier, P. Dep. G.M., Grand Secretary, the meeting was largely attended, and twelve candidates were admitted.

The Grand Master has great pleasure in recognising the zeal and discretion of R.W. Bro. Alfred Williams, the retiring Deputy Grand Master, who has always with great kindness placed his services at the disposal of the Order. As it has been thought advisable to make this appointment an annual one, the Grand Master has nominated for the high position Bro. John Lawrence Mather, P.G.S.W.

The Tabernacle of Concord, Liverpool, has agreed to surrender their warrant from the Mother Tabernacle, at Manchester, now the Matier, Council T.I., and to accept a warrant of confirmation from this Grand Council, on most favourable terms, and it is hoped this arrangement will result in the consolidation and progress of the Orders in Lancashire.

The estate of the late Grand Secretary has been wound up, and a dividend of 11s. 2d. in the £1 paid to the Grand Treasurer, whose accounts show a balance as follows:—

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Dividend ...	10 14 3
Cash received to 28th October, 1885 ...	49 5 5
	£67 11 3
LESS.	
Grand Secretary's travelling and other expenses, postage, rent, writing rituals, and making box ...	£13 2 2
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer ...	£54 9 1

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Grand Council was closed, and an adjournment was made to the Holborn Restaurant, where the customary banquet was held, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather, Deputy Grand Master, a most enjoyable evening being the result.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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.]

MIDDLESEX MASONIC CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your readers will see by the above heading that another calendar has been added to the list recently published in your columns by our esteemed Bro. Hughan. Many interesting items appear in its pages, and the information will be as accurate as it is possible to make a work of the kind when some Secretaries take no notice of circulars and neglect to make the returns. I hope that all will see that the calendar supplies a want, and that the response next year will be prompt. The profits (if any) will be devoted to one of the Masonic Charities, and a copy will be sent by me on receipt of twelve stamps.—Fraternal yours,

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2nd. A member of lodge (a) joins lodge (b) and in it passes the chair, what then is his position in (a)? Will you or some of your readers kindly say (c), how can this best be brought before the proper parties, and (d) who are the parties qualified to give an authoritative decision? I am satisfied that only a decided ruling is wanted, and all bitterness upon these points, would cease.—In faithful fraternity, yours,
P.M.
November 4th.



HISTORY OF THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONCORD, No. 37, BOLTON. By Comp. JAMES NEWTON, Z. 37, &c. Also an Introductory Notice by E. Comp. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.Z., Past Grand Assist. Sojourner. London: The Freemason Printing Works, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. 1885.

Comp. Newton is favourably known already as an historian of lodges, and this last chronicle of his, in which he describes the constitution and progress till now of the Chapter of Concord will materially enhance his reputation as a worthy collaborator of Bro. Hughan and our other studious brethren. Bro. Hughan, indeed, has paid Comp. Newton the very great compliment of writing a brief introductory address to this history, in which he points out the claims of Concord Chapter on our respect, partly owing to its antiquity and partly to the steady work it has achieved since it received its warrant in 1785, and the care it has bestowed upon its archives. The chapter, though warranted in 1785, may be said to have commenced working in December 1768, so that, as Bro. Hughan remarks, it is "not only one of the oldest known, but antedates all the other English chapters on the present roll." The circumstances of this earlier period occupy the first chapter, and have been obtained from the records of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, to which the chapter is attached. What however may be called the regular history begins with an entry of the 5th October, 1785, when a "General Encampment of Royal Arch Superexcellent Masons" was held, and sundry Royal Arch brethren "were properly instructed and afterwards initiated into the higher Degree of Masonry." On the 21st of the same month certain brethren were appointed to office, and it was resolved to petition for a Royal Arch Chapter, to be known as the "Love and Concord," to meet at Bro. A. Martin's, and the following day the prayer was drawn out, signed and sealed, and despatched to the P.G.M. On the 19th March, 1786, other brethren were installed, and on the 31st March the chapter was inaugurated. For the few following years it continued its labours, but in 1790 the zeal of the members appears to have relaxed, while their number had diminished, and on 10th November, 1791, the warrant and other archives of the chapter were carefully sealed up and delivered to the lodge, nor does there seem to be a record of any further meeting till 30th January, 1801, when, without "preliminary observations or explanations," a minute appears of a general encampment having been held in due form. It is to be regretted the chapter should have remained in abeyance during these ten years, as but for

this lapse it would have been entitled to a centenary warrant. Having however been started afresh, in 1801, the chapter has gone its way with fair regularity ever since, until it is now one of the most flourishing on the roll of Supreme Grand Chapter. In July, 1835, a meeting of emergency was held in consequence of the receipt of a circular from Grand Chapter inviting a representative from the chapter to attend in London, with a view to establishing a more regular and uniform system of working this Degree, and Comp. Matthew Blunt, First Principal, was deputed for the purpose. Shortly after this, a further communication from Grand Chapter was received relative to the non-renewal of the charter at the Union of the two Grand Chapters, the result being that in 1836 a petition praying for a renewal was drawn up and sent, and a charter was granted, but not received till 6th March, 1837. Since then the progress of the chapter has been one of almost unbroken prosperity, so much so, indeed, that Comp. Newton has been able to compress all needful information respecting the 48 years that have since elapsed into about three pages. A list of members constitutes an appropriate appendix to the History. Comp. Newton has done his work well. He seems to have selected all that was calculated to throw light on the progress of the chapter and whatever else might prove attractive to the curious reader. The story is a brief one, but well worth studying, especially as a model which companions of other chapters whose histories are as yet unwritten may ponder carefully, with a view to follow in the writer's footsteps. Be it added that the History is dedicated to our worthy Comp. G. Parker Brockbank, whose portrait embellishes the little volume.



Craft Masonry.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1239).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. J. Charlton occupied the chair, supported by Bros. L. Rolfe, P.M.; R. Atkins, P.M.; T. W. Gilling, P.M.; J. Wright, P.M.; Jas. Terry, P.M., Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. M. Esmond, S.W.; C. Wakefield, J.W.; L. Etling, S.D.; F. Bradbrook, Sec.; Dixon, I.G.; J. Verry, Tyler; and the following members and visitors: Members: Bros. W. Harden, Alfred G. Allen, W. J. Trappett, Geo. Parrett, J. R. Omer, G. F. Thomas, J. Tunbridge, J. Lusty, jun., L. Grumpprecht, R. Fielder, and W. Davies. Visitors: Bros. E. Rochester, 554; J. Penny, P.M. 1107, P.G.D.C. Kent; S. T. Read, P.M. 731, 1349, &c.; Tnos. Chivers, 65; Hancock, P.M.; H. Forss, W.M. 917; H. W. Clarke, P.M. 1625; C. W. Clements, 1816; Sidney Hill, S.W. 1382; W. Toombs, 1447; W. Robertson, S.W. 117; Ino. Macfarlan, 898; B. Toombs, 1445; Wm. Hunt, 41 (*Freemason*); and several others.

The lodge having been opened, and the usual preliminary business disposed of, three candidates were admitted for initiation—Messrs. George Henry Willetts, Richard H. Willetts, and Wm. H. Pearce, who were duly initiated by the W.M. and dismissed. Bro. Allan was then passed to the Second Degree. Four other candidates for initiation, &c., being unable to attend, the ballot was next taken for Bro. Jas. Terry as joining member, which proved successful. Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., then took the chair, and Bro. Jno. Wright, P.M., &c., the chair of S.W. The W.M. elect, Bro. Walter Morgan Esmond, was duly presented, and, after an able address by Bro. Terry, responded to the ancient charges, very clearly delivered by Bro. Bradbrook, Sec. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and afterwards the brethren were admitted in due form, the customary proclamations being made by the Installing Master, Bro. Jas. Terry, and the usual salutations. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. C. Wakefield, S.W.; Etling, J.W.; Bradbrook, Sec.; Moore, S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Seddon, P.M. 174, Org.; Fielder, W.S.; Barrett, D.C.; and Omer, I.G. The Treasurer, Bro. Jecks, C.C., &c., being absent, his collar was left for investiture. Bro. J. Verry was again appointed Tyler.

Bro. Jas. Terry having addressed the W.M. and officers in his usual fluent and impressive manner,

The Worshipful Master said his first pleasant duty on taking the chair was to present Bro. J. Charlton, the I.P.M., with a jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.)

Bro. Charlton having returned thanks, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors. A sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to a distressed brother, and Bro. Collier, 1314, was proposed as a joining member.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, about 60 in number, adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, served by Host Davies in his usual nice manner.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, the 5th inst., when, in addition to the officers and members, the following visitors were present: Bros. Hatch, 1809; Hodgdon, 1599; Morris, 1525; Frampton, W.M. 1695; W. Du Preez, Guide Hope, South Africa, W.M.; W. Earl, 1695; W. Laws, 704; H. Hallis, P.M. 167; J. J. Goode, P.M. 1664; C. Firbank, P.M. 1619; and Wilkinson, P.M. 167.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. James Swinyard as a joining member, and he was unanimously elected. Bro. Bradnam was passed to the Second Degree. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which resulted in the R.W. Bro. J. Olden being unanimously chosen for W.M., and Bro. S. Price, P.M., for Treasurer. Bro. Verry was elected Tyler.

After the usual business the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet. The usual toasts were given and duly honoured. Bro. Du Preez, who said that it was his first visit to a London lodge, asked permission of the W.M. to propose the toast of "The Officers," and in doing so expressed his appreciation of the good working, and also of the kind reception he had received, and he should carry back with him to the colonial lodge a good account of the brotherly feeling evinced at that popular North London lodge.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. A. Mullord, were admirably carried out, assisted by Bros. Bayne, Sycamore, and others.

The banquet, provided by Bro. Baker, in his usual first-class style, enabled the brethren to spend a most enjoyable evening.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. H. G. Stranger, W.M.; Plowman, S.W.; Westley, acting J.W.; Lingley, S.D.; Foalé, J.D.; Cruise, I.G.; Feuillade, Hon. Org.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Pope, P.M., and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Littell, P.G.P., P.M. 1827, &c.; Perkins, W.M. 192; Stunt, W.M. 1320; Casperd, W.M. 1668; Robins, 452; Pain, 1321; Esling, 1321; Brown, 1668; and Mathies, 1586.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Lundie was raised to the Third Degree, and the ballot having been unanimously taken in favour of Mr. J. Sheppard, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Letters pleading inability to attend through severe indisposition were received with regret from Bros. W. Mann, P.M., Treas., and W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual routine of toasts followed.

ATHENÆUM LODGE (No. 1491).—The closing meeting of the 1885 session of this highly prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Athenæum, Camden-road, when a large concourse of members and visitors attended to support the W.M., Bro. G. S. Waterlow, in the arduous duties of the evening as set forth on the lodge summons, there being no less than four candidates for initiation and two brethren to be passed to the Degree of F.C. Lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes, being regular, were unanimously confirmed. A successful ballot was next taken on behalf of the following gentlemen: Messrs. A. G. Klugh, S. H. Isles, and J. E. Carver. Bros. John Bass and J. W. Miller were next passed to the F.C. Degree, the ceremony being impressively rendered with care and precision by the W.M. The candidates for initiation were next ushered in, and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry in accordance with ancient custom, the W.M. in this case having eclipsed all previous efforts in the impressive recital of the ceremonies of the First Degree. Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the February meeting, and, on the motion of Bro. H. H. Shirley, I.P.M., the sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of the W.M., Bro. G. S. Waterlow, who contemplates acting as Steward for the Boys' School Festival in June next. Bro. Weiss, Treas., in supporting the vote, observed that it was highly creditable to their lodge that each year they would find themselves possessed of the necessary means to support the Charities by a grant of £10 10s. He trusted neither he nor any other member of the lodge might live to view the day when their funds would not enable them to make the usual contributions to those Charities which shed so great a lustre on the Craft.

A chorus of "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors present brought the proceedings to a termination, and lodge was closed in due form. A sumptuous banquet was served in the spacious hall of the institution from whence the lodge derives its name, of which between 50 and 60 brethren partook, evidently to their entire satisfaction.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to announce the toasts, in giving "The Queen and the Craft" he said the Craft was singularly fortunate in being so closely associated with the reigning Monarch of the realms, and happy in the fact that the principal topics of the world—religion and politics were proscribed from discussions during their hours of labour. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, followed by the National Anthem.

The Worshipful Master then gave "His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, K.G.," and said, after so long an absence from his native land they one and all throughout the Craft hoped that on his return he was imbued with fresh health and energies to carry out the arduous duties of his office as ruler of the Fraternity. They viewed with pleasure the enthusiastic reception that had been accorded his Royal Highness during his sojourn in the land where he first saw the "light," they were rejoiced at his return, and wished him many years of prosperity. As the heir apparent to the throne of these realms, H.R.H. had centred on himself the hope of an Empire on which the sun never sets, while as ruler of the Craft he had endeared himself to their hearts as an amiable Prince endowed with a fervent zeal for their ancient and honourable Institution.

The toast of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Officers Present and Past" next followed, the W.M. observed that the Pro and Deputy G. Masters, Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon and Earl Lathom being concerned in the weighty cares of State were, as it seemed, ostracised from the Craft. The brethren were aware, however, that their regard for the Craft had decreased in no way, and their best wishes were toward them for success in the different offices they were fulfilling. The Past Officers had during their tenure shed lustre upon the Craft by their unswerving fidelity to the charges committed to their keeping. In alluding to the Past Grand Officers he deeply regretted they had to number one of their esteemed rulers who had passed away for ever—he referred to the late Duke of Abercorn, R.W.G.M. of Ireland—the Fraternity were sensible of the loss the Order had sustained in the decease of his Grace, and one and all condoled with the bereaved family, which included several members of the Craft, in their sad bereavement. The late Grand Master of Ireland had been ever ready to place himself at the disposal of the Craft, and they might re-echo the sentiments of the Pro Grand Master who said "He was the perfection of gentlemanly courtesy, an hospitable guest, possessed of every social and moral virtue." In view of the loss the brotherhood had sustained in the death of their distinguished brother he begged them to drink the toast in silence.

Bro. H. H. Shirley next rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," he said, from the very amiable manner in which their brother discharged the duties of the subordinate offices of the lodge, he felt assured that when he came to the summit of these offices he would discharge its duties in

an able manner. Their expectations had been fully realized and the W.M. had reflected great credit upon the lodge and himself while he had succeeded by his cultured taste in introducing a musical element into the lodge which rendered its proceeding doubly impressive. He (Bro. Shirley) thought they were very favourably convinced of the W.M.'s efforts when at their last meeting he performed the ceremony of initiation; but that evening they had witnessed his perfect rendering of the ceremony of the Second Degree, and they congratulated him upon the occasion. He considered that the musical ritual so appropriately rendered must have proved very impressive to the candidates. When they considered the professional avocations, the social engagements, and other calls upon the W.M.'s time, they must naturally have been surprised that there was any residuum remaining in which to cultivate and widen the rays of Masonic light.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said there was one cause he had always regretted, which was that he did not possess the fervid eloquence of their I.P.M. If he could give them in his (the I.P.M.'s) language all that he could express, his feelings would find a better outlet than they at that moment were experiencing. He begged them to accept his grateful thanks for the kind sentiments and flattering encomiums passed upon him by their I.P.M. He had always endeavoured to do his best in the various paths of life in which he had walked. If his efforts that evening had satisfied the brethren he had gained an ample reward. Before he sat down he would propose another toast, which was that of "The Past Masters." He was very gratified indeed to see so many Past Masters supporting him that evening. They were co-equal with the Master of the lodge as rulers of that body by virtue of their previous services, and it was due to them to say that it was chiefly owing to their advice and support that their lodge was conducted throughout with such love and harmony. He was under a deep obligation to Bro. Thomas, P.M., for his able arrangements concerning the musical portion of the evening's programme, whereby they had spent such a pleasant evening. Bro. Shirley, I.P.M., in alluding to this portion of their rôle had paid him (the W.M.) the compliment of organising it, and he could only convey to their talented Bro. Thomas his high appreciation of his services. To Bro. Shirley he was also indebted for his kind and flattering remarks on the working of the lodge; moreover, he had to thank Bro. Shirley for his kind assistance that evening. They knew him (Bro. Shirley) to be a good and true Mason, one whose zeal for the Craft could spring only from the heart of a cultured enthusiast. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. A. Calkin Lewis, P.M., whom they were glad to welcome among them again after an absence enforced by a severe domestic bereavement.

Bro. A. Calkin Lewis, P.M., said he was glad to be with them once more. It was a matter of deep regret that he was compelled to be absent from the meetings of their lodge. He believed it was the first time he had been absent on two consecutive occasions. He heartily endorsed the remarks of the I.P.M., Bro. Shirley, and congratulated the W.M. on the successful working. The Past Masters, to his mind, were an ancient body ever ready to assist the Master, but, so far as he could see, if each occupant of the chair gained the high standard of proficiency to which their W.M., Bro. Geo. S. Waterlow, had attained, there would be no necessity for them to have any Past Masters at all.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Initiates." He said a previous speaker had stated that the toast of the W.M. was the best of the evening. He was rather of a different opinion, for he considered that the toast of the initiates should be so denominated. It was a source of great gratification to him to view the steady increase in their number of members. They were to have had four initiates that evening; but one, a clergyman of the Church of England, had been compelled to attend his church, and could not be present with them. The remaining three had attended. This brought their number to 44; three candidates were proposed that evening, and he should propose one himself at their February meeting, so that their original number—50—would soon be reached; after then their fee would be advanced. He asked the brethren to accord a fraternal welcome to the initiates—Bros. Isles, Carver, and Klugh.

The three brethren suitably responded, one and all expressing their appreciation of the ancient art, and desiring to become more and more worthy of the confidence of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." It was only by their efforts that he was able to successfully carry out his own work. He was indebted to his Wardens—two distinguished members of the medical profession, Bros. Walsham, S.W., and Dr. Slyman, J.W.—to Bros. Willis, S.D.; Brown, J.D.; Matthews, I.G.; C. E. Stuart and Orwin, Stwds.; Myers, D.C.; Thomas, Org.; Weiss, Treas.; and Brocklesby, Sec. As both the Wardens had left the table, he would call upon Bro. Willis, S.D., to respond.

Bro. Willis said it was very pleasing to listen to the remarks of the W.M. concerning the manner in which the officers had carried out their respected duties on behalf of those above and below himself. He thanked the W.M. for his kind allusions. He might say that the officers of the lodge were not a body of drones. In the intervals of lodge meetings they were engaged in holding a weekly lodge practice, first at one brother's house, then at another's, and oftentimes at the residence of the W.M. If they had merited the approval of the brethren they were amply repaid.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. the Rev. J. Godolphin and Lockhart.

The Tyler's toast brought a highly successful and enjoyable evening to a happy termination.

Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Ward, P.M. 1541; Heney, 1609; Jones; Hodges, 1706; Fryer, 1706; Lockhart, 1541; Fidge; and Henson.

During the evening a choice selection of music was rendered by Bros. Ward, Heney, Hodges, Jones, Fryer, and Chenery, Bro. Thomas, P.M., accompanying. Mr. Parker played two brilliant solos on the violin, holding the audience spellbound by his wonderful powers of expression and precision.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. George Edwards, who was supported by Bros.

Henry Lovegrove, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; Fred. J. Perks, P.M., Secretary; C. J. Scales, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; Henry Stiles, P.M.; T. C. Edmonds, S.D.; F. W. Dimsdale, J.D.; W. F. Bates, D.C.; J. G. McEwan, A.D.C.; G. F. Bruce, Organist; W. Davey, I.G.; R. W. Fraser, Steward; and S. Smith, Tyler. The minutes having been confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received, Bro. Charles Everett was raised in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Master, who then proceeded to install Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M. 1777, 1949, 2048, P.Z. 72, 1540, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Middx., as the Worshipful Master. Bro. Lovegrove then invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. Knight, S.W.; Edmonds, J.W.; Perks, P.M., Sec.; Dimsdale, S.D.; Davey, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; McEwan, D.C.; Fraser, A.D.C.; Bruton and Bryce, Stewards; Bruce, Organist; and Smith, Tyler. Bro. J. Willing, Treasurer, having written to say he was afraid he should not be present, the W.M. said he should have much pleasure in investing that brother with his collar of office on the first occasion on which he was able to be present. Bro. Edwards having completed the ceremony of installation, Bro. W. M. Stiles, P.M., proposed that the best thanks of the lodge be voted to the Installing Master, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that day. Bro. Scales, P.M., seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation, and the W.M., in formally conveying to Bro. Edwards the thanks of the lodge, said he had additional pleasure in supplementing the vote by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel, which had been previously voted by the members. He added, that the Past Master's jewel of the lodge had never been given to a more worthy brother, or to one who had striven harder to earn it. Bro. Edwards thanked the brethren for the very kind feeling they had evinced towards him in presenting the Past Master's jewel he had just received, and also for the hearty support they had rendered him during his term of office. A vote of condolence with one of the members of the lodge on the death of his wife, and one of congratulation with Bro. Carter, on his restoration to health after a most severe accident, having been passed, the Worshipful Master proposed that, in consideration of the great services rendered to the lodge by Bro. J. J. Michael, one of the earliest Masters, he be elected an honorary member of the lodge. The proposition was seconded by the I.P.M., and carried unanimously.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In due course the usual toasts were honoured, that of "The Queen and Craft" being followed by "The Health of the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master."

"The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers" were next honoured, the Worshipful Master remarking that brethren who had the privilege of taking a part in the proceedings at Grand Lodge were well acquainted with the ability displayed by the rulers of the Craft in the conduct of its affairs.

The Immediate Past Master having assumed the gavel, pointed out it was quite unnecessary for him to say anything to recommend the toast he had to propose—"The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Metropolitan Lodge." There were, however, a few matters to which he desired to refer. Bro. Lovegrove was initiated in the lodge, and had worked his way through the different offices until now he was Worshipful Master. The brethren would all, he was sure, do what they could to make their Master's term of office one of success for the lodge. The Worshipful Master had seen a great amount of service; but in presiding over his mother lodge his past honours would be forgotten in the gratification of the moment. Doubtless his experience, acquired elsewhere, would be of service to him in ruling his mother lodge.

Bro. Lovegrove, in reply, tendered his thanks, and hoped he might be able to manage the lodge as the brethren desired it should be governed. Bro. Edwards had told him he (Bro. Lovegrove) had had some experience in the chair of Freemasonry. True, the present was the tenth occasion on which he had presided over a body of Freemasons, but he felt the responsibility of his position. He should work to the best of his ability for the welfare of the lodge, and its members, and outside he should devote himself to the advancement of its interests. He hoped that when he retired from office the brethren would be able to say he had succeeded in his desires.

Bro. Lovegrove then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. G. Edwards, I.P.M." It had always been a source of gratification to him that the brethren had elected Bro. Edwards to preside over the lodge. He had carried out his duties most ably, had attended regularly, had worked most efficiently, and in finishing up his year had added the keystone to his Masonic labours by installing his successor.

Bro. Edwards tendered his thanks, remarking that when he assumed the government of the lodge he felt great diffidence in undertaking the work. He had dreaded what was in store for him, lest he should prove unable to carry out his duties. Now, however, he was able to look back upon his Mastership with gratification; thanks to the support he had received from the members of the lodge his year of office had been a pleasure to him—he had such a united and kind-hearted body of brethren to preside over that the work had been light and the enjoyment frequent.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the other Past Masters," briefly referring to the services each had rendered to the lodge.

Bro. Scales said, in reply, that he had always felt a great pleasure in attending the lodge, and hoped to do so for many years to come.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, who followed, considered the Past Masters would have very little to do during the coming year, for with Bro. Lovegrove in the chair there was no need for outside assistance. Should, however, the services of the Past Masters be required, they were all ready and willing to respond.

Bro. Henry Stiles also replied, and then the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

Bros. Gwyer, Stimson, Wells, Palmer, Hudson, and Baldwin acknowledged the compliment briefly, while Bro. Scurrah expressed at length the gratification it was to him to attend the meetings of this popular lodge. It was popular for two reasons—first, because it had always been second to none in its working, every brother who had occupied the chair having been able to do the work in a masterly manner; and secondly, because it was a thoroughly hospitable lodge. Bro. Scurrah assured the brethren he

looked upon the Metropolitan Lodge as an exemplification of true hospitality. He knew many of its members, and looked upon them as being thorough good Masons. Their Worshipful Master was his Immediate Past Master in the Henry Levander Lodge, and had there proved himself a worthy brother and a true gentleman. The more brethren knew of him the more they would appreciate him.

The Master having proposed the toast of "The Officers," with which he coupled "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Knight, Edmonds, Perks, and others having acknowledged it, the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close.

Among the visitors were Bros. L. T. Fountaine, S.W. 45; W. Heelis, 1777; W. A. Scurrah, 2048; E. G. Cherry, 561; B. Fullwood, P.M. 328; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; J. A. Wilson, 1326; G. S. Smyth, 1972; A. Symes, J.W. 554; A. B. Hudson, J.D. 1657; John Murch, P.M. 27; C. Mansfield, 1421; H. Dickey, Sec. 1744; J. F. Simms, W. Hunt, 172; E. A. Tilbury, 975; D. Stroud, J.W. 2090; H. A. K. Davis, 177; G. Dickinson, S.D. 1681; T. Richardson, W.M. 802; R. Ross, D.C. 1744; John Jones, I.G. 1278; A. Mullord, P.M. 1288; W. Side, W.M. 2045; H. Baldwin, W.M. 1949; J. G. W. Gwyer, W.M. 1288; W. Burroughs, W.M. 1437; J. Irvine, J.D. 862; W. Groves, P.M. 749; J. Kirby, Sec. 336; T. C. Phillips, 1963; W. R. Palmer, 143; R. M. Surridge, S.D. 1648; J. Glenn, S.W. 19; E. A. Wells, P.M. 15; Arthur Gilbey, 554; C. Leach, 861; W. Hollis, Treas. 1531; F. W. Farmer, 25; J. Wilson, W.M. 1328; and E. Stimson, P.M. 15.

By reason of contrast to the above record of a pleasant meeting we may mention that on the following morning the W.M. was summoned by telegram to the death-bed of his mother, and we trust it will be some slight consolation for him to know that in the great loss he has thus sustained he has the sympathy of a numerous circle of friends and well-wishers.

ELLIOT LODGE (No. 1567).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham. Present: Bros. R. T. Fennell, W.M.; Isaac Dixon, P.P.G.P. Middx., S.W.; F. Wadeson, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx., Treas.; John Mason, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.D. Middx., Sec.; R. H. Dillon, S.D.; W. A. Brown, acting J.D.; S. J. Millin, I.G.; T. I. Bird, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., D.C., W.M. elect; H. T. Cooper, Stwd.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., R.W. Dep. P.G.M. Middx.; H. G. Buss, P.G.A. Sec.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; G. R. Nichols, R. Pearce, E. W. Winter, J. W. Bellamy, R. C. Smith, S. J. Ball, J. L. Bennett, J. Webster, F. W. Barratt, P. A. Tosh, A. Bevis, T. W. Tharle, W. F. Brougham, H. Rogers, J. Wilson, G. Skudder, F. Dutton, F. Mitchell, G. Dockrill, J. Griffiths, R. Parks, H. Dickerson, H. P. Harris, J. Hayes, R. Bowins, and J. H. Bird.

Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. H. H. Howard, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Gloucester; F. A. White, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar Essex; W. Lake, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; J. Osborn, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; N. Turner, W.M. 72; W. Martin, W.M. 579; W. C. Wigley, W.M. 1348; R. E. H. Goffin, W.M. 1572; G. H. Foan, W.M. 1614; E. Woodman, W.M. 1950; W. Beavis, I.P.M. 579; N. L. Western, I.P.M. 1693; J. J. Cattle, P.M. 1441; W. Perrin, P.M. 1050; W. Neats, P.M. 25; J. McLaren, S.W. 1805; W. Crowhurst, S.W. 209; J. Adams, J.W. 1194; T. C. Edmonds, J.W. 1507; J. E. Terry, S.D. 1964; A. W. Paul, J.D. 1828; W. Wright, D.C. 1897; J. Bayne, Org. 1897; J. J. Griffiths, 1228; R. Walker, 60; T. Orr, 1572; S. H. Nichols, 1714; G. Müller, 73; W. T. Tyrrell, 1471; W. Horton, 1790; W. Martell, 209; R. Brett, 1791; J. Clark, 1612.

The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., and, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed a balance in Treasurer's hands on both the General Fund and Benevolent Fund, and no liabilities whatever, was received and adopted. Bro. J. H. Bird was then passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Branch and Atkins initiated. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. T. I. Bird, was proceeded with, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Fennell. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Isaac Dixon, P.P.G.P. Middx., S.W.; R. H. Dillon, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx., Treas.; John Mason, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.D. Middx., Sec.; S. J. Millin, S.D.; W. A. Brown, J.D.; J. Webster, I.G.; H. T. Cooper, D.C.; A. Bevis and T. W. Tharle, Stwds.; and R. Potter, Tyler.

Before the lodge was closed, the W.M. presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Fennell, a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered, accompanying the presentation with a well-deserved eulogy of the recipient. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. the Grand Master," were first given and heartily received.

"The Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed, and Bro. Raymond Thrupp responded, remarking that he felt it a great honour to reply for such distinguished Masons as the Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers. Those who attended Grand Lodge knew how ably those brethren fulfilled their duties. Among the most difficult duties of the Grand Master and his advisers was that of selecting those to be honoured with the purple; but he believed the selections of the Grand Master were accepted loyally, and that they were generally the right men.

Bro. Buss, P.G. Asst. Sec., also replied, and expressed the pride and satisfaction he felt that, after 30 years' services, he had retired with the good opinion of the Craft.

Bro. Cottebrune, P.G. Purs., congratulated the lodge on its prosperity, which he considered was largely due to its first Master and present Secretary, Bro. John Mason.

The next toast was "The Prov. Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett," which was most heartily received.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The D.G.M. and Officers," remarked that the Elliot Lodge was the first lodge Bro. Thrupp had visited after receiving his patent of D.G.M., and he considered him as one of themselves.

Bro. Thrupp thanked the W.M., and said it was always a great pleasure to him to visit the Elliot Lodge, which was one of the best, and best worked, in the province. The

duties performed by Bro. Fennell that day as Installing Master he had never seen excelled. They had in their present Master an excellent working Mason, and he asked the members to give him their thorough support during his year of office.

Bro. Fennell, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." Most present, he said, were perfectly acquainted with him, and knew his abilities. They had been able to judge that night of the qualifications essential to a Master of a lodge, and they would all agree with him that Bro. Bird possessed them in an eminent degree. He wished him all happiness and prosperity during his year of office.

Bro. Bird, in returning thanks, said he had looked forward with a considerable amount of interest to filling the chair of that lodge. It was a position that any member might be proud of; but, as an initiate in that lodge, it was to himself particularly gratifying. He trusted they would give him plenty of work to do, which to him was always a pleasure, in whatever position he found himself.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Installing Master and the other Past Masters." Bro. Fennell had afforded them many opportunities to observe the manner in which he did his work. Of the other P.M.'s he might say that one was born a Mason, but was not contented with that, but became one a second time. Bro. Pearson was also an able worker. He thought they symbolised the three pillars in Masonry—Wisdom in the person of Bro. Mason, the founder; Strength in Bro. Pearson, who had been and still was the Treasurer; and Beauty in the person of Bro. Fennell, who had performed the ceremonies in an exceedingly beautiful manner.

Bro. Mason in replying, congratulated the W.M. on the position he had attained, which, however, his merits fully deserved. Bro. Pearson said that he had had the privilege of introducing many members, and, amongst others, their W.M., Bro. Bird. He joined with all in wishing him a very prosperous and happy year of office.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Charities." The distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason should be Charity, and they possessed some of the noblest Charities in the land. Their esteemed Bro. Mason was connected, as they knew, with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and they had also present Bro. Terry, the worthy Secretary of that Institution, who was well known as one of the best exponents of the ceremonies of the Craft, conducting with equal ability consecrations and installations, and also as an eloquent pleader on behalf of the Charities, whether it was the Benevolent, or either of the other Institutions.

After a new Charity Song, written by Bro. Mason, had been rendered by that brother, in his well-known style,

Bro. Terry replied, and said it was usual on the night when a new piece was produced to call for the author and have him introduced to the audience. Bro. Mason thereupon modestly bowed his acknowledgments, and Bro. Terry proceeded to thank the brethren for the reception of that toast. He remarked that the Charities was no idle toast in the Elliot Lodge. He claimed for the Benevolent Institution that it was greatly in need of their increased support. By the admission of an additional number of annuitants this year they had added permanently to the expenditure a sum of £740 annually, and it was a matter of urgent necessity that the contributions should be maintained and increased to enable the committee to support the annuitants already elected, and to admit those always applying for admission. He asked the members and the visitors from other lodges to help. The true spirit of Masonry, he knew, abounded in the Elliot Lodge, and they could not offer a greater compliment to the W.M. than to make his list for the next festival the largest on record.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and was responded to by Bro. Branch in a very able speech.

"The Visitors" and "The Officers" next given, and the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

We cannot conclude our report of this meeting without briefly noticing the menu card, designed by the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. John Mason, P.M., and printed at the *Freemason* Office. That worthy brother's artistic taste is widely known, but in respect of this card he seems to have surpassed all his previous efforts in the way of happy and occasionally unique illustration. His jokes likewise, his wise sayings and modern instances, his easy adaptation, in part or wholly, of appropriate quotations to particular persons or toasts, were appreciated on all hands, and rightly won him the applause of the whole meeting. And as if these many aids to the general enjoyment of the day were not enough, Bro. Mason both wrote and sang two capital songs, one in honour of the W.M., Bro. Bird, and the other in behalf of the Charities. Both were given admirably, and were, as they deserved to be, loudly applauded. In fine, it will be gathered from these few remarks that if Bro. Mason was not himself the host of the day, he was a host in himself as regards the day's success.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).

—This lodge met on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. H. P. Hay, W.M. The work consisted of raising Bro. M. G. Bohrer to the Third Degree, and the installation of the W.M., Bro. H. Langridge. Both these ceremonies were performed by Bro. Hay in a style which was a fitting climax to a very successful year of office. The brethren invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were Bros. Alfred J. Hudson, S.W.; J. H. Jarvis, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; Charles E. Soppett, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Arthur A. Rumsey, S.D.; Charles Tootie, J.D.; L. P. Thomas, I.G.; W. Bellamy, D.C.; and Potter, Tyler. An elegant Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was presented to Bro. Hay, I.P.M., and afterwards the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an elegant banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. A large party of visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge, and among them were Bros. J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1420; John Bennett, S.D. 1413; Walter B. Langridge, P.M. 1063; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M. 1420; Chas. A. Walter, 865; G. P. E. Wood, 1201; W. B. Young, 1872; Wm. Langridge, 874; B. W. Lovejoy, 749; S. Schofield, 1415; E. Valeriani, W.M. 1637; Abel Laurence, P.M. and Sec. 1638; R. Rowell, S.W. 198; Wm. Bull, M.O., S.D. 73; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; G. Langridge, 874, 1678; J. Curtis, 45; J. L. Mathers, 1910, P.P.G.S.D. Herts.; E. Monteuis, P.M. 14; J. L. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Cantor, 12; J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563; Henri Gros, 1687; Ralph Michaelis, 263; J. Stevenson, 1627; J. Carr, 55; E. St. Clair, J.D. 2060; Charles Fred. Hogard, P.M.

205, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; Chas. F. Matier, P.M. 1910, P.G.W. Greece; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; L. Ruf, P.M. 12; E. Houghton, 243; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Fred. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; F. H. Layland, 180; J. Large, 771; J. A. Hackvale, 1635; Robt. Greening, 1426; Thos. B. Hardwick, 3; F. Bohers, 1743; Arthur Muley, S.W. 183; F. F. Langridge, 1063; and William Elgood, 92.

The Worshipful Master proposed the usual toasts.

Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., and Col. Peters, P.G. Stwd. Br., replied to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master, responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. Hay, I.P.M., said that people were generally very pleased to receive compliments to which they were not fairly entitled. Some compliments were passed on him by friends of his in the past, with the view, no doubt, that some day he might arrive at a position when he might deserve them. He hoped it would be so, and as the brethren had elected him as Master of this lodge, that he might perform his duties properly, he had a difficult task to perform, as the late W.M. had done all his work in such a remarkable way. He was much obliged to the brethren for the very kind way in which his name had been received, and his year of office would be directed to giving satisfaction to the lodge. By doing so, they would be giving satisfaction to the visitors who adorned the board. He would do all he could to make the brethren happy and comfortable.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master," to whom the brethren were all very grateful for the excellent way in which he had performed the ceremonies. It was a fine thing for this lodge that old Masons of such high position in Masonry were present to see that there were other brethren who could do the work equal to themselves. It was a fine thing for younger Masons to see the work so performed, because it taught them that when their time came they ought to perform their work as well.

Bro. Hay, I.P.M., could not sufficiently thank the W.M., feeling that he had not sufficiently deserved what he had said of him. He had done the best he could for the interests of the lodge. He thought that the more any one saw of Masonry the better he liked it. It was so with him. The brethren must all thank the W.M. for the excellent service of music which he had provided that evening. Such a service of song had not been equalled in the lodge, and excelled anywhere in the world.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. Dr. Kempster, in reply, said he had frequently been a visitor at the lodge installations, and he had always found its hospitality was very great. To the W.M., and to the brethren on his left, who had passed the chair, the thanks of a great many brethren were due for the admirable manner in which the work of the lodge had been done. There was no greater pleasure to a Mason than to go to a lodge, and see the work neatly and perfectly executed, and that had been the privilege of the visitors that evening.

Bro. J. L. Mather also responded. It had been his privilege the last two or three years to be at the board of the Royal Kensington Lodge, and he had acted as D.C. at the installations. He considered it a great honour to be called upon to perform the duties of that office.

Bro. John B. Stevens, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Masonic Charities," and remarked that while Masonry had its pleasures, it had its duties and its rights, and part of the duties and rights was the relief of sorrow. No Masonic dinner was complete unless on the roll of its toasts was that of the Masonic Charities. Whether it was the old men or the widows, or those who could do so little for themselves—the children—they spoke in words which were eloquent to every Mason's heart. No one more than he wished success to the Masonic Charities, and he was pleased to see the long list of the subscriptions which were obtained for them. Bros. Raynham Stewart and Binckes were guiding spirits in the cause of those Charities, and their efforts had been rewarded by seeing the subscriptions grow year by year. Masonic Charity was exercised by taking care of the old people, and by taking charge of the young until they were in a position to enter the battle of life. The education given to the young was of a high, moral, and mental character, and enabled the children to occupy a good position when they went out into the world.

Bro. F. Binckes replied, and complimented the W.M. on his presidency, remarking that it was necessary for him to apologise for having no new idea to render this toast acceptable. The subject, however, was in all their hearts. It was a privilege as well as a duty to support the Charities, and it was one of the enjoyments of Freemasonry which could not but be acceptable to the G.A.O.T.U., who would protect us after we had departed from this sphere of labour. He as much as any one valued and appreciated temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, mercy, brotherly love, relief and truth, faith, hope, and charity. He had intense faith in Freemasonry; he was fully buoyed up by hope; and he never lost sight of the principle which taught them to practise Charity. The initiate was taught it, and he should hand it down to his children. He had to return thanks to the members of the lodge, individually as well as in their corporate capacity, for supporting the Institutions, and he was pleased to see that the lodge had now a prosperous career before it. Whatever might happen, he was sure that if their lives were spared there was nothing on which they would look back with so much gratification in their career as Freemasons as having been useful, as far as their circumstances would allow, in assisting the Institutions. Whenever they sat down together they must remember those who were not so fortunately situated as themselves, and feel sympathy with them, and at the same time resolve to do their best to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosoms of the afflicted.

Bro. Stevens, replying as the Treasurer, said that although he was dubious as to how he should perform his duties when first chosen Treasurer, was pleased to say that year by year the finances of the Royal Kensington Lodge were becoming better.

Bro. C. E. Soppet, P.M., as Secretary, said that on all occasions the Royal Kensington Lodge received him with very great honour and kindness, and such kindness he never could forget. He had the interest of the lodge thoroughly at heart, and it would be his earnest endeavour at all times to promote its interests.

The other toasts were then given and the brethren separated.

During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Mr. Lenthal Swifte, assisted by Miss Jeanie Rosse, Mr. Hulbert Fulkerson, and Mr. Charles Copland.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).—This lodge met for the first time at its new quarters—St. James's Hall—on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., under the presidency of Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani. No other lodge meeting has ever been held at this hall; but the Rotheray found most comfortable quarters there, not only as far as the requisites for lodge business are concerned, but with respect to the banquet likewise, which was everything the brethren could have desired. The brethren who attended were Bros. J. B. Docker, P.M.; Frederick Green, P.M.; F. V. Green, S.W.; W. Mole, J.W.; John Butlin, Treas.; W. C. Parsons, Sec.; R. Shaw, S.D.; W. Adams, J.D.; Henri Gros, I.G.; C. J. Stevenson, D.C.; J. Berrow, Org.; and the following visitors: Bros. E. Farwig, P.M. 180; E. Belhomme, 1743; G. C. Ronchetti, 1287; George Bentley, 108; Robert Coombs, P.M. 12; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Charles Skinner, 148; and Potter, Tyler.

Bro. Albert Hesse, No. 1743, was unanimously elected a joining member, after which Bro. Valeriani initiated in excellent style, and with perfect satisfaction to the lodge, Mr. E. Ronchetti and Mr. Gerolamo Silo. The brethren at the close of the lodge adjourned to banquet, and this was excellently served. During the dinner some beautiful instrumental music was performed by a band, composed of the following artists: Giuseppe Pasquarelli (flute), Donato Tonoru (1st violin), Pasquale Baroni (harpist), and Agustalo Laurice (2nd violin).

At the conclusion of the dinner the customary toasts were proposed. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master," "The Duke of Rotheray," "The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master," together with "The Present and Past Grand Officers," were proposed and drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Green, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that the brethren must have had very great pleasure in seeing the manner in which the W.M.'s working had been done that evening, and it afforded him very great pleasure to see the wonderful strides he had made in the working, more especially since he had been in the W.M.'s chair.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he had done his best hitherto for the lodge, and Bro. Green was right when he said he had tried to do so. But really if they wished him to pass through his year of office satisfactorily, he would ask the brethren to do a thing which would give them very little trouble, and so many chairs would not be found empty. When they received the summons to meet they were asked to kindly send an answer back whether they intended to come or not. This time he had had but very few answers. It was of consequence that an answer should be sent, in order that his year of office might be successful. It required only a few seconds to write "yes" or "no" on an enclosed post card. He should endeavour to do his duty to the lodge during the year, and he trusted other brethren would do the same.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Initiates," said that it was a toast which was nearest to his heart. Unless new blood was brought into a lodge a lodge could not last long. He would not speak of the past, but he knew that the lodge was on the right road now to go to the top of the tree, and those gentlemen who had been that evening admitted as brethren of the Order were not only good gentlemen, but they were intimate friends of his own, and he, therefore, felt the greater pleasure in the way the lodge had been honoured. The initiates, Bros. Ronchetti and Silo, were not only his friends, but they belonged to the nation to which he belonged. He felt also, from an intimate acquaintance with them, that they fully appreciated the position they now filled, and the duties they had to perform. He did not wish to mix up any politics or religion with this toast—far from it; but at the same time he wanted the brethren to understand, and his intimate friends, Bros. Ronchetti and Silo, to understand, that if they came to be initiated in Freemasonry, it was not exactly a form, but they were called upon to perform certain duties social and moral. What he now said was more an answer to a certain report he had heard. He and the initiates belonged to a country which professed to have the greatest talent and the greatest respect for religion. In that country were those who told them their duties, and especially the duties which were to guide their spiritual life, their conduct, and their conscience. He thought it well to tell the initiates this with regard to their parent country. He knew that in Bros. Ronchetti and Silo he would have those who would throw all their energy into their professions, and would aid him in cultivating good fellowship, in performing duty to God and duty to man; and he could tell them, with the greatest confidence and the fullest truth, that there was no religion in existence, and no institution in the world, which could and which did teach the duty of a man towards his God, and the duty of a man towards his fellow creatures, so much as the institution of Freemasonry.

Bro. Ronchetti said, as he was not very well acquainted with the English language, he could not well explain in it all his feelings; but he could tell the brethren that he thanked them very much, and was very proud of having joined the Brotherhood. While thanking the brethren, he could assure the lodge he would do his best to deserve the name of a member of the Order with which he had been honoured.

Bro. Silo said he could only endorse Bro. Ronchetti's remarks by thanking the brethren for having given him the name he had assumed that night, and he would try to deserve it.

The toast of "The Joining Member" was next proposed and drunk, and Bro. Hesse having replied, the toast of "The Past Masters" followed.

Bros. Docker and Green responded, the former complimenting the W.M. on his work, and also his efforts in the cause of Charity. The prosperity of the lodge in Bro. Valeriani's hands was now assured.

Bro. Green, after reminding the brethren that he greatly valued the beautiful Past Master's jewel presented to him at last meeting, also applauded the W.M.'s energy on behalf of Charity. He was ever working for the Charities, which were the substantial cause of Freemasons' meetings. In moving to their new home at St. James's Hall, the brethren of the Rotheray Lodge were going forward to that mark, and the lodge would become second to none in

London in that respect. Many lodges had been established longer than the Rotheray, but had not done so much for the Charities. He would say "God speed the plough."

The toasts of "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Farwig; "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler brought the toasts to a conclusion.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—There was a large and influential assembly of brethren of this lodge on Wednesday, the 4th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright (Tower Hamlets Rifles) as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. E. Garnet Man, P.M., P.D. G.S.W. British Burmah. The meeting took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, where lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Smith, P.M., officiating in the absence of the retiring Worshipful Master, who was called away unexpectedly on an important political engagement. The proceedings throughout were of the most satisfactory character, the working being such as to afford the utmost pleasure and edification to the brethren and the influential array of visitors who were present, as might be expected, with Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., the first W.M. of the lodge, as Installing Master. The numerical and financial position of the lodge were shown to be on a most gratifying and sound basis, and the general results of the past year testified that the prestige of the lodge has been substantially maintained under the able ruling of the various Masters who have occupied the chair. The acting Worshipful Master was supported by Bros. Lieut. Henry Wright, S.W., and Worshipful Master elect; James Perkins, C.C., S.D.; Rev. G. J. Scott, Chaplain; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, P.M., Sec.; H. Squire, C.C., S.D.; H. Clarke, C.C., J.D.; J. P. Godfrey, P.M., D. of Cers.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M.; L. F. Littell, P.M., Past Grand Pursuivant; Sir John B. Monckton, P.M., P.G.W.; F. Green, C.C., P.G.D.; J. W. Hughes, J. H. Smith, E. T. R. Wilde, E. Pugh, C. W. Bowley, W. T. Roberts, J. C. Whiddington, Vickers, Lieut. Dunfee, F. S. Jackson, B. Emanuel, Beaumont Morice, Capt. N. G. Phillips, 33°, P.G.D.; H. C. Richards, H. F. O. Timmé, W. Bruce-Clarke, F. Hill, A. Westcott, Thos. Clarke, Sheriff of London and Middlesex; Lovell, Tyler; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Major General Bland Hunt, P.M. 1174; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; T. Vincent, P.M. 1076, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; M. Bagge, P.M. 7; A. H. Squire, P.M. 1356, P.J.W.; T. J. Weston, P.M. 194; J. A. Wild, jun., P.M. 96; Geo. Taylor, P.M. 1539; G. H. Bramley, P.M. 759; F. G. Brown, P.M. 1; E. Gilardoni; H. J. Amphlett, 1511; John Little, 193; G. H. Lewis, 834; W. Woodward, 1760; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. T. Roberts was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed in an excellent manner by the acting W.M. In due course Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright was presented as the W.M. elect. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton having assumed the chair, a Board of Installed Masters was duly constituted, and Bro. Wright was installed with all the impressive rites into the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-elected Master was greeted with the customary honours, and he then proceeded to invest his officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. E. Garnet Man, P.M., P.D. G.S.W. of British Burmah, I.P.M.; James Perkins, C.C., P.M., S.W.; H. Squire, C.C., J.W.; Rev. G. J. Scott, Chap.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, P.M., Sec.; Henry Clarke, C.C., S.D.; J. Perry Godfrey, P.M., J.D.; F. S. Jackson, I.G.; J. C. Whiddington, D.C.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; B. Emanuel and Beaumont Morice, Stwds.; and Lovell, Tyler (in the room of Bro. Church, deceased). In investing his officers, the Worshipful Master delivered an eloquent charge to each as to the character of his respective duties, and the manner in which this portion of the ceremony was sustained elicited the heartiest applause. The ancient charges to the Master, Wardens, and officers were given in an impressive manner by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, whose working was much admired. The Auditors' report, which showed that the position of the lodge was in every respect satisfactory, was received and adopted, the W.M. requested any votes to be sent to him which the brethren might have for the next Girl's School election, for a child of the late Bro. Cutbush, one of the Audit Committee of the Girl's School, P.G.D.C. Herts, and who he (the W.M.) had hoped would have been there that day according to an engagement of three years' standing, but it had pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to order otherwise, and after the transaction of some further business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Throne Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements left nothing to be desired. At dessert the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the Master, in giving "The Queen and the Craft," observed that her Majesty took a great interest in Freemasonry, and three of her sons had been members of the Order, though one of them (the late Duke of Albany) had unfortunately been taken from them.

In proposing "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," the Master observed that it was almost unnecessary to remind the brethren of the great interest the Prince took in everything concerning the Craft; but he might tell the junior members of the lodge that lately his Royal Highness had been visiting Sweden, where he was initiated into Masonry in the year 1874. Since he became Grand Master, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, in 1875, Freemasonry had grown and flourished to an enormous extent, far beyond what any of them had anticipated; and when the time came that the Prince of Wales should resign the appointment, if he should do so on attaining to the throne of the realm, they knew that his eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, had been initiated into the Order, and no doubt he would follow in the footsteps of his illustrious father, and take the same interest that he had done in Masonry. The Prince of Wales did not appear so frequently in the Masonic world as some other Grand Masters had done, yet he promoted the welfare of the Craft in every possible way.

The Master next gave "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." In so doing he said the Grand Secretary informed him recently that, although the Earl of Carnarvon held office under the Government as Viceroy of Ireland, he had by no means relaxed in his

duties to the Craft, but was kept well posted up in everything concerning the Craft. The Grand Secretary would have been present that evening but for the fact of his having to attend Grand Chapter at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Peter de Lande Long was kept by a similar engagement.

Captain Philips, P.G.D., in acknowledging the toast, spoke of the real ability with which the affairs of Grand Lodge were controlled and carried on by the officers whose names had been enumerated by the Worshipful Master. The Master had alluded to the Earl of Carnarvon, he could assure them the Earl of Lathom also greatly interested himself, specially in Lancashire, in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft.

Bro. F. Green, P.M., P.G.D., C.C., in giving the toast of the evening, regretted that the toast should have been entrusted to him, in the enforced absence of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Garnet Man. Circumstances had, however, prevented his being present on this occasion, and it had devolved upon him (the speaker) to submit to them "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which he was assured would be received with the utmost warmth and cordiality. It was a matter of pride to the Alliance Lodge to look back upon its line of Masters, and, by experience, they were prompted to regard them as men who had always striven to the utmost of their power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. He could assure them that Bro. Wright, whom they had seen installed into the chair that day, and who would for the next 12 months preside over the working of the Alliance Lodge, would not fall short of their expectations, but would certainly contribute to the well-being of the lodge by presiding over its work in a masterly and efficient way. He was pleased to see the manner in which he had invested his officers, and believed that the work Bro. Wright had discharged in the lodge must have impressed them favourably, and assured them of his eagerness to advance the interests of the lodge. He concluded by wishing for the new Master a year of happiness and prosperity.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he was very glad Bro. Green had proposed it, because he was one of the members of the lodge of whom he knew least. He hoped he should be able to realise half the kind things that had been said of him, and that at the end of his year of office he might hand over the warrant of the lodge to his successor as pure and unsullied as he had received it. He could scarcely hope to add to the prestige of the lodge, because he felt a difficulty in succeeding to the long line of Past Masters who had gone before him. But, as the Lord Mayor-elect said when chosen on Michaelmas Day, although he felt a difficulty in succeeding so eminent a Chief Magistrate as Lord Mayor Fowler, he was not disposed to fear it. So in a humbler sphere he (the speaker) was not disposed to fear as to the duties which had been entrusted to him, but felt rather encouraged, and knew he might claim the indulgence of the brethren. There were three peculiarities about the position he now held. He was the first Master, who was not already a P.M., who had risen to the chair in this lodge; he was the youngest in age; and he was the only bachelor Master. These were three things which in the course of time he hoped to remedy. In conclusion, he proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and, in doing so, regretted that Bro. Sir John Monckton had been unable to remain with them. Bro. Sir John not only held an important and responsible position in connection with the Corporation of the City, but had also numerous Masonic and social engagements, and yet had installed every Master of this lodge since he filled the chair as its first President. He (the speaker) should be sorry to break that continuity; and, much as he should like to install his successor when the time came, he would loyally give way to Bro. Sir John Monckton should he desire to retain the functions he had so long and so ably discharged. He felt highly honoured at having been installed by so distinguished a member of the Craft, inasmuch as it was Bro. Sir John Monckton who first introduced him into Freemasonry, and gave him his first office, so putting his foot on the bottom rung of the ladder by which means he had reached the proud position he now occupied. The toast was heartily drunk.

In submitting the toast of "The Visitors," the Master said, there is one thing the Alliance Lodge is renowned for and that is its hospitality. He noticed many of those present had been there before, and he thought that a good sign, although they had a goodly number with them still there would have been more had not several who were expected been detained like some of their own members (Bros. Man and Richards) by important engagements on a subject which he would not mention as contrary to Masonic law. He would ask Bro. Col. Peters to respond first. He met Col. Peters at a dance at the Girls' Masonic School some two years ago, and asked him to come to his installation, as he had been to other of the Masters and was glad that Bro. Peters had fulfilled his promise.

In responding for "The Visitors," who were accorded a hearty welcome, Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., thanked the W.M. for having so kindly associated his name with the toast. It had afforded him great pleasure to be present that evening, and when the W.M. mentioned about having met him (the speaker) at the Girls' School, whether it was at a dance or during his duty in an official capacity, it certainly gave him an opportunity of being invited to this hospitable board, which he much appreciated.

Major-General Hunt also responded, and in the course of his remarks observed that this was the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting a lodge in London, and it had afforded him great pleasure to see the work done as it had been done that day. He had visited several provincial lodges; but there was nothing to equal the wonderfully beautiful manner in which Sir John Monckton performed the ceremony of installation that day. He sincerely trusted he might have another opportunity of seeing that ceremony repeated. As to their hospitality, he had never seen anything more lavish and generous. He had received the hospitality of London on two or three occasions; and he assured them he had lately appreciated the kindness of the citizens of London more than ever he had done before in his life. He returned his heartfelt thanks for all the courtesy and kindness he had experienced on every hand.

Bro. Lewis, Vincent, and Bramley also replied. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Healths of the Immediate Past Master and Past Masters of the Lodge." In doing so he expressed regret at the absence of Bro. Man, who was engaged in work which was never alluded to in Masonry. He was the more sorry their I.P.M. was not present because it would have been his privilege to ask

him to stand up while he (the speaker) pinned to his breast the handsome Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge. However, that pleasure was to come, and he hoped at the next meeting Bro. Man would be present, so that he might be able to adorn his manly breast. He much regretted that Bro. Littell had just gone home. He always looked upon Bro. Littell as the genial Master, for he always had a kind word for everybody. Bro. Frank Green, whom he knew the least, which he was sure was his loss, he distinguished as the business Master, for when in office he kept them all at work and utilised every spare moment. With regard to Bro. Sewell he would say no man is better known in the City of London. Lord Mayors are forgotten after their year of office. Lord Mayors may come and Lord Mayors may go, but Col. Sewell goes on for ever. He (the W.M.) felt much indebted to Bro. Sewell for introducing him into the Lodge. He should try to emulate the example of the Past Masters, and so to advance the success and usefulness of the Alliance Lodge.

Bro. F. Green, C.C., having briefly responded, Bro. Colonel T. Davies Sewell took credit to himself for his desire to serve the interests of the lodge under all circumstances. Probably many of the brethren present would consider he had done something in having had the honour of proposing their present Worshipful Master as a member of this lodge, although, perhaps, that was not speaking to order. By the bye, he had had a lot of order lately, acting as Common Crier in the Court of Common Council. He asked permission to say that after the able way in which their Worshipful Master had performed his duties that evening, he might claim credit for a certain amount of perspicuity in having proposed Bro. Wright for admission into that lodge. He thanked them for the kindness with which his name was invariably received in the Alliance Lodge, and concluded by saying he should do all in his power to advance its prosperity.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given from the chair. The Master congratulated himself on having such an efficient and courteous staff to support him. With regard to the S.W., it would be impertinence on his (the speaker's) part to point out to Bro. Perkins his duties, for the S.W. had ably served as W.M. of the Mornington Lodge and Master of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights. Both he and the Junior Warden had recently been travelling in the country in which the Grand Master had just come from—Sweden. He felt particularly the honour that his three senior officers were members of the Court of Common Council, and he looked forward to the time when they would preside over the lodge with greater dignity than he could ever hope to do.

Bro. Perkins, in his reply, assured the W.M. that the officers would all do their duty, and he felt very grateful for the compliment paid him in selecting him as S.W. He looked forward to a brilliant year of office under Bro. Wright. The other officers also replied in suitable terms. The programme was fittingly concluded with the Tyler's toast.

The agreeable proceedings were enlivened by an admirable selection of music, rendered by a glee party, under the direction of Bro. Harry Tipper, S.W. Tranquillity, J.W. Hammersmith Lodge, and Sec. 2029.

Regrets for non-attendance were received from, amongst others, Bros. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D., Dr. B. W. Richardson, W.M. 2029, Alderman Savory, W. Lake, P.G. Reg. Cornwall, Alfred Bishop, 1319, Augustus Harris, C. Maybury, Edward Terry, Gd. Stwd., the Secondary of London (Bro. Roderick), H. Branthwaite, Lieut. C. H. Warren Wright, Thorold Rogers, jun., and W. H. Kendal.

WICKHAM LODGE (No. 1924).—The installation banquet of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Grand Café de Paris, Ludgate-hill, when the catering of the host, Bro. Schüller, gave every satisfaction. Bro. S. Wastel Hooper was duly installed W.M. and invested his officers as follows: Bros. I. A. Burton, S.W.; H. Nuding, J.W.; W. J. Spratling, I.P.M.; W. Rowley, S.D.; D. Carpmal, J.D.; H. H. Nuding, I.G.; Rev. Robert Pratt, M.A., Chap.; W. A. Adam, Treas.; I. O. Abbott, Sec.; C. T. Brookhouse, M.D., D.C.; and A. Clark, Steward. During the evening the customary Masonic toasts were submitted, and an excellent programme of vocal music was performed by Miss E. McClean, Miss M. McClean, Mr. Coates, and Mr. Winn.

EPPING LODGE (No. 2077).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Hotel, Epping, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. E. Lewis, W.M.; Acworth, I.P.M. and Treas.; J. Salmon, S.W.; F. Woodrow, J.W.; J. London, S.D.; T. Fletcher, J.D.; Fraser, I.G.; R. Fletcher, Org.; and several other brethren and visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson was entrusted and retired, and subsequently passed to the Degree of F.C. The candidate for raising and two gentlemen for initiation were unavoidably absent. Bro. J. Salmon, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and a Past Master's jewel voted to the retiring W.M., and Bros. Fletcher and Fraser, with other officers, were elected the Audit Committee of the lodge for the ensuing year. The Tyler was also unanimously re-elected. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. The usual Masonic and other toasts followed and were duly honoured.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Lodge (No. 120).—The members of this lodge held their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Green Dragon Hotel. Bro. Francis S. Prosser having passed into the Second Degree was raised to the Third Degree. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., who was efficiently assisted by the other officers of the lodge. Bro. Tidd Pratt was a visitor. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall,

Cooper-street. Present: Bros. J. W. Edwards, W.M.; R. R. Lisenden, S.W.; J. Garside, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; Edward Smith, Sec.; W. B. Akerman, S.D.; Wehl, I.G.; J. Pearson, Stwd.; J. Sly, Tyler; James Dawson, P.M.; John Smethurst, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; Jas. Wilson, P.M.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M.; W. Rennie, Chas. Daber, E. Wormleighton, and others.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Septimus Staton, and declared in his favour. The lodge was then called off, and the brethren adjourned to tea. Subsequently, upon the brethren re-assembling in the lodge room, Mr. Staton was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Cunliffe, who performed the ceremony by permission of the W.M. The E.A. charge was delivered to the candidate by Bro. R. R. Lisenden, S.W., and there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by Bro. Mountain, and the lodge was closed.

One of the most enjoyable evenings this year was spent at the social board, where Bro. A. H. Jefferis, W.M. 1611; W. D. Waddell, S.W. 163; and others helped to swell the already respectable number seated at the table.

After the preliminary toasts had been proposed by the W.M. and responded to, "The Health of the Initiate" was proposed and drunk with enthusiasm, after which Bro. Staton responded, and Bro. James Dawson, P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. Read," who was elected a joining member at the last meeting.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed, and responded to by Bros. Mountain, P.M. 204; A. H. Jefferis, W.M. 1161; and W. D. Waddell, S.W. 163.

A skilful pianoforte performance by Bro. Charles Daber was thoroughly enjoyed and much appreciated by the brethren, as were songs from Bros. Wormleighton, Walmsley, Bladon, Jefferis, Mountain, and Lisenden.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The winter session of the above lodge was opened at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, on Thursday, the 5th inst., with much éclat, upwards of 70 of the brethren of the lodge and visitors from far and near attending to do honour to the occasion. Business commenced with the passing of the minutes, and then the ballot was taken for Messrs. Clifton and Scantlebury, and proved unanimous, and Bro. E. Palmer, W.M., initiated them in grand style, the ceremony being rendered doubly impressive by the splendid singing by the Pattison choir, under the direction of Bro. F. Tyler, Org., of occasional and appropriate chants and responses.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; W. Tongue, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, Sec.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; W. Rees, I.P.M.; T. R. Richardson, S.W.; C. Lawson, J.W.; W. D. Keeble, S.D.; F. H. Johnson, J.D.; W. G. Lloyd, I.G.; W. Bushridge, D. of C.; W. Sanders, W.S.; W. Larder, Tyler; Dr. H. Bernays, W.M. 706; E. B. Hobson, P.M. 700; W. Akers, W.M. 13; G. Chambers, 13; C. Howard, 13; R. Naylor, J.W. 700; E. Palmer, jun., 700; G. H. Porter, 700; C. Watkins, 615; R. Hewett, 957; E. Morris, 1786; J. Lawson, 1789; and C. Jolly, 913, &c. (Freemason).

Two propositions for initiation and two for joining membership having been received, the lodge was closed and refreshments partaken of. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," was toasted in bumpers, as was "Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." With the latter toast the name of Bro. Penfold was coupled, both lodge and province being congratulated upon having so worthy and estimable a representative.

Bro. Penfold, in responding, did so with a deal of diffidence, because, in the first place, he knew but little of the officers, and, in the next place, because Bro. Coupland had for so long a period had the honour of responding, that he looked upon it in a manner as that brother's freehold, upon which he should be trespassing by responding. He hoped therefore they would be indulgent, and allow Bro. Coupland to respond for the Provincial Grand Officers. Well, then, it was a very great honour to hold office, however humble, under Lord Holmesdale, who, with Bro. Eastes, had held the affection of every Mason in the province. It was a very onerous office to have to find fit offices for aspirants, and even more difficult to find fit aspirants for office; but Bro. Eastes tried to be fair and just, as far as it was possible, in his selection, and he must say that the Pattison Lodge had no cause to grumble, especially so far as its youngest officer was concerned, and if he said that in his particular case Bro. Eastes had made a judicious selection, he hoped they would all agree with him. They had some great and good officers in the lodge, and he should endeavour to follow in their footsteps. He thanked them cordially for the toast.

The Worshipful Master, in response to a very hearty reception of his name, said the I.P.M. had made flattering mention of the manner in which he (the W.M.) had performed the ceremony of the First Degree, and carried out the other business of the lodge for the first time. Well, he had endeavoured to do so, and if he had done so to their satisfaction, he felt he had the reward in the very hearty manner those endeavours had been recognised by the brethren. It was, and it would be, his earnest desire to carry out the duties devolving upon him not only to their satisfaction, but to the credit of the lodge. He felt that a great deal of the success that might attend the efforts would depend upon the encouragement he received from the Past Masters, officers, and brethren; and felt gratified to think that he had had the pleasure of initiating two such excellent and worthy gentlemen into the mysteries of the Craft as he had had that night in the persons of his first initiates. He trusted to receive in the future the same support, and then nothing would be wanting on his part to sustain unsullied the honour and reputation of the Pattison Lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" having been drunk, Bro. Rees said that as it was usual for the I.P.M. to respond, at least first, on behalf of the Past Masters, he would endeavour to do so, and would first of all thank the W.M. for the very kind expression of regard used by him in proposing the toast, and could assure him that nothing should be wanting on the side of the Past Masters to assist him in carrying out the duties of his office. He,

Bro. Rees, had always received the assistance of the Past Masters, and he had no doubt the same would be extended to Bro. Palmer, should he require it. As there were several Past Masters present who were better able to do justice to the toast than himself, he would conclude by thanking them heartily for its cordial reception.

Bro. Coupland, who was forced by repeated calls to respond, and who was accorded a most enthusiastic reception, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see such an assemblage present as they had that night—an assemblage that comprised not only the members of the lodge, but those who took an earnest and profound interest in its welfare. He felt sure those who witnessed the ceremony of initiation had not been disappointed in its excellent and perfect delineation; while those who knew of the precarious health at times of the W.M. were delighted to see him present and well enough to carry out the duties in the able and excellent manner he had done. It was a matter of great congratulation to him, seeing the number of years he had been a Past Master of the lodge, to witness the admirable manner in which the young members of the lodge in office carried out their duties; and he could assure them that it was not so much the work of the Past Masters that gave renown to a lodge, and made it known and honoured, as the fact that the rising officers were energetic in their work, and conscientious in their duties. He would also forcibly impress upon the brethren the duty of studying the first principles of Freemasonry in their bearing to one another, to be kind, courteous, forbearing, and considerate in their dealings with one another; not thoughtless or lightly finding fault, but, where possible, throwing as it were a veil over the failing of a brother, and leading him by precept and example if he were an erring one, to a higher and nobler path of duty, and to do this not only because it was more noble to heal than to inflict, but because upon the perfect carrying out of these principles depended the very existence of true Masonry. They did not attend the lodge for the express purpose of personal enjoyment, but to further the cause of Charity and brotherly love, by admitting within their ranks good, true, and trusty men, honourable in their life, and earnest in their actions; and so he felt proud of having two such excellent candidates among them that night, but there was one thing it would be necessary for young Masons to guard against, even in the very pride they might naturally feel at belonging to such an exalted Order, and that was a too frequent desire to let the world at large know they were Masons. He would instance what he meant by telling them that during the past season, while away on his holiday, he met a young gentleman who was so enthusiastic over his recent admission to the Craft in a London lodge, that he never seemed so happy as when letting the world at large know it. He (Bro. Coupland), was exceedingly sorry to see it, because otherwise the youngster was a perfect gentleman. After a few days he made an acquaintance with Bro. Coupland, and at last put to him the question "Are you a Freemason?" "Yes," said I, "I am a very old one." "Ah," said the young man, "I thought you were, but you did not show it." That, he could not help impressing upon young Masons was the proper way; do not publish your Masonry, be found out; don't go letting the world at large know you are a Mason by your publishing it broadcast, but do it in such a manner as to let the world know where ever a man is found who is just, virtuous, upright in his actions, courteous in his demeanour, and Charitable in his life, there stands revealed the true Freemason that our principles require and delineate. After congratulating the W.M. upon his really faultless working, he resumed his seat amid continued applause.

Bros. Cook, Lloyd, Mason, and Hayes also responded. The other toasts were "The Initiates;" "The Visitors;" "The Officers;" and Tyler's toast. The singing was good, for the lodge is blessed with excellent exponents of harmony. Among the contributors were Bros. Lloyd, jun., Tyler, E. Hobson, Palmer, jun., Ledger, J. Clifton, and Hooton. Bro. C. Jolly recited, and the whole evening was a Masonic and intellectual treat.

LINSLADE.—St. Barnabas Lodge (No. 948).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. A. S. Morling, W.M.; T. T. Fountaine, S.W.; A. McDowall, P.M., acting J.W.; B. T. Fountaine, P.M., Treas.; H. Poynter, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Dale, Asst. S.D.; S. Johnson, P.M., acting J.D.; J. McCubbin, P.M., D.C.; English, I.G.; G. Gibbs, Tyler; Knight, P.M.; King, P.M.; Willis, P.M.; Smith, Hill, Pease, Howard, Tonge, Mackrill, Miller, and Bailey. Visitors: Bros. Jennings and Cumberland. Bros. Hill and Pease were raised, and Bros. Tonge and Mackrill initiated. The W.M. did the whole of the two ceremonies himself in a correct and impressive manner. The brethren afterwards dined together, and the viands and wines were of that excellent quality for which Bro. Miller, the host, has so long been noted.

ORMSKIRK.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 1403).—On the 4th inst. the installation ceremony of this lodge took place at the Commercial Hotel, when there was a fair muster of brethren. Bro. Thomas Hesketh having been duly installed, nominated the following as officers during the year: Bros. J. W. Mason, S.W.; J. Salisbury, J.W.; Wm. Newsham, Sec.; P. Draper, Treas.; Thos. Ball, D.C.; J. W. Foster, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; R. Turner, I.G.; R. Ashcroft and P. Forshaw, Stwds.; and R. Orritt, Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a banquet which reflected great credit upon the worthy host and hostess. During the evening Bro. Wyld, P.M., presented the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Orritt, with a magnificent jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. West's comfortable hotel, the Three Crowns. Bro. A. T. Ives, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following brethren and visitors: Bros. C. Jolly, S.W. (Freemason); J. Paul, J.W.; C. Canning, J.D., acting S.D.; Jones, I.G.; C. Wood, W.S.; and Henry, Org.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes passed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. A. Farey, W. Gell, W. T. Martin, T. J. Burns, and W. J. Clapperton, and those brethren having been well and worthily recommended, and approved of, were initiated by the W.M. in faultless style.

Bros. Lack and Reeve were passed, and the lodge was closed. Two candidates were proposed for the next meeting, when the initiation fee will, in accordance with resolution, be raised to 10 guineas. A sumptuous supper followed, cheered with the vintage that openeth the heart, &c., and afterwards a few hours were devoted to harmony and social enjoyment.

HEXHAM.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1557).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., in its new Masonic Hall, which has recently been completed and comfortably furnished, combining a Masonic club and billiard table, in addition to the necessary complete lodge room and offices. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Thos. Ellis, W.M., assisted by Bros. Shield, S.W.; Spence, J.W.; Harrison, S.D.; Dr. Stewart, J.D.; Fisher, Sec.; Turner, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Simpson Camidge, Org.; H. Bell, I.G.; Armstrong, Tyler; Crae Bell, acting D.C.; and a large number of brethren. There was a very numerous attendance of visitors from Newcastle and Scotch border lodges.

The chief business was the installation of Bro. Shield as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Thos. Ellis. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. F. Spence, S.W.; Harrison, J.W.; Dr. Stewart, S.D.; H. Bell, J.D.; Rev. Robinson, Chap.; J. Turner, P.M., Treas.; T. Ellis, I.P.M.; Crisp, Sec.; Seaton, Org.; Stevenson, I.G.; and Armstrong, Tyler. The next business was the presentation of a handsome 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M., Bro. T. Ellis, together with his portrait, who was highly complimented by the W.M. on the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the two years he had been W.M. of the lodge, which was received and endorsed by the large assembly of brethren with long and repeated applause. The lodge adjourned for refreshment, and parted in love and unity.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous provincial lodge held its first regular meeting since the recess at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 9th inst., when there were present among others Bros. R. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, I.P.M., in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Piller, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; F. Chandler, J.W.; the Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sec.; Jobbins, S.D.; H. Handel, J.D.; Bonell, I.G.; Gerhold, W.S.; Featherstone, P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M.; Peat, Org.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, P.M.; Beard, P.M. 946; Taylor, P.M.; Skinner, 1044; and Stowell, 1793.

The minutes of the last meetings—regular and emergency—having been read and confirmed, the Secretary read the permission from the M.W.G.M. and the P.G.M. Middlesex to remove the lodge from the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, to the Rose and Crown Hotel, in the same parish. Bro. Williams was then raised to the Third Degree most impressively by the acting W.M. Letters, pleading inability to attend, were read from Bro. Piller, W.M., and others.

The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Forge gave briefly but pertinently the usual toasts, which were duly honoured. In the intervals several of the members contributed with instrumental and vocal harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There were present Bros. R. Rowlands, W.M.; C. Pigeon, S.W.; Bannister, J.W.; G. Lavington, S.D.; Peet, J.D.; Buckeridge, I.G.; A. Lavington, W. S. Harvey, R. Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. The ceremony of passing being rehearsed, Bro. Lavington, the candidate, answered the usual questions. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony in a most correct manner. The explanation of the tracing board, of the Second Degree, and the charge were given. The lodge was called off and on, and the W.M. with the brethren worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, in a pleasing and effective style. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and closed down in the Three Degrees. The W.M. for the ensuing week is Bro. C. Pigeon. The working is the Third Degree, 1st Section of the Third Lecture, and Charge.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, acting Sec.; J. Crutenden, S.D.; J. R. Allman, J.D.; R. E. Cursons, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; George Read, Preceptor, P.M. 511; M. G. Green, J. H. Wood, W. H. Chappell, W. Matthews, W. Harris, A. Lacoste, and D. Stroud.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Wood and Chappell as the candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed, and the 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked. A sincere vote of sympathy was unanimously voted, to be recorded on the minutes, with Bro. Dehane, the Secretary, on the sad loss he has sustained in the death of his son. The Fifteen Sections will be worked next Monday, commencing at 7 p.m.; Bro. Read, W.M. Bro. Mote, was elected W.M. for the 23rd inst., and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was closed.

SIR HUGH MYDDLETON LODGE (No. 1602).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, N. Present: Bros. Hirst, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Ware, J.W.; Weeden, Preceptor; Osborn, Treas.; Hughes, Sec.; James, S.D.; Patient, J.D.; Baker, I.G.; McMillan, Allsworth, Jenkins, and Crawley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jenkins acting as candidate. Bro. Baker answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bros. Baker and Allsworth answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, but were not entrusted, being only F.C.'s. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Williams was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The accounts for the past twelve months were adopted. The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Bros. Weeden, Preceptor; Osborn, Treas.; and Hughes, Sec. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head

Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. R. J. Harnell, W.M.; A. Gaminelli, S.W.; H. G. Marsden, J.W.; E. G. Coleman, S.D.; W. A. Downing, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; T. A. Dickson, A. Kedge, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. G. Coleman offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge closed in the Third and then in the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. C. Mulvey proposed that Bro. A. Gaminelli, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. E. C. Mulvey for his great kindness in acting as Preceptor that evening, in the absence of Bro. W. C. Smith through illness—seconded by the J.W., carried unanimously. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., read the reply from Bro. W. C. Smith, thanking the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction for the kind letter of condolence in his illness, which he had received last week. The news that Bro. W. C. Smith was better, and that he hoped to be with them on the next meeting night, was received with great pleasure by the brethren. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mann, jun., W.M.; Folsom, S.W.; Gibson, Treas.; J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Chap.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Green, jun., S.D.; Green, sen., P.M., J.D.; Barham, I.G.; Glover, Cope, O. D. Ward, Restell, Weston, Brindley, P.M.; and C. White, 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. Glover being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Gibson. Bro. Cope, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cope being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Weston, 1624, and Restell, 168, were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Folsom was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was also unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 2nd inst. Among those in attendance were Ex. Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G. Soj. Middx., M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, H.; J. Strugnell, J.; E. M. Lott, G. Org., Treasurer; J. Young, S.N.; J. Lister, P.S.; and Louis Lardner, 1st Asst. The visitors were Comps. C. Stevens, P.G. Org. Middx.; Patrick, P.S. 1623; and B. Turner, 1328.

The minutes of the previous meetings (regular and emergency) having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Malthouse, C.C., P.M. 1623, &c., and it proved to be unanimous. Bros. T. Simpson, S.W. 1745; Herbert and Hablett, also of 1745, who had been previously balloted for, were exalted to the R.A. by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by the 2nd and 3rd Principals, and the other officers. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Comp. Webber, 2nd Asst., and Bros. Malthouse, Skelhorn, and Sherer. The conclave was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served by the caterers, Comps. F. and R. Clemow. The customary toasts followed. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Comps. Lott, Stevens, Patrick, Turner, L. Lardner, and others.

CHORLTON - CUM - HARDY.—Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—The installation of the Three Principals elect, viz., Comp. J. J. Lambert, Z., Thomas Mottershead, H., and Charles Heywood, J., took place at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Present: Comps. Henry Marshall, acting Z.; J. J. Lambert, H.; J. E. Lees, P.Z. 645, acting J.; W. Botham, Treas.; C. Heywood, S.E.; W. Hall, S.N.; Dr. Arthur E. Pownall, P.S.; Samuel Locke, 1st Asst. Soj.; A. Morris, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Robert Davis, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.J. East Lanc.; James Batty, P.Z.; J. Thistlethwaite, and W. Chessyre, Janitors. Visitors: Comps. J. G. Bromley, Z. 1375, P.G. Stwd.; Joseph Wood, H. 1375, P.G. Stwd.; John Sheldrick, H. 815; J. E. Lees, P.Z. 645, P.P.G.T. East Lanc.; James Wilson, Z. 317; James Dawson, P.Z. 317, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Henry Walmsley, 317; W. P. Norris, P.Z. 317; A. H. Gilbody, P.Z. 1045, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. Cheshire; Arthur Baum, St. Mary's, London; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason.)

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The Three Principals elect, enumerated above, were presented to the installing Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J., and with all due rite and ceremony, and with that care, correctness and completeness, that is characteristic of him, installed into their respective positions. The Three Principals were subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the companions according to custom. Comp. Sillitoe next invested and addressed the following companions, officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. Dr. Arthur Pownall, S.E.; W. Hall, S.N.; W. Botham, Treas.; Samuel Locke, P.S.; A. Morris, 1st Asst. P.S.; J. Thistlethwaite, 2nd Asst. P.S.; Robert Davies, P.Z., D. of C.; and W. Chessyre, Janitor. The addresses were also delivered by Comp. Sillitoe, who performed the whole of the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. The balance sheet was reported upon by the Auditors, and showed the funds to be in a very healthy condition. Five candidates were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting, and there being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

The companions afterwards sat down to a capital tea "à la fourchette," which was heartily enjoyed by all present. At the social board Comp. J. Lambert proposed the preliminary toasts, and in response to that of "The Prov. Grand Officers," Comp. A. H. Gilbody expressed his pleasure at being present, and witnessing such an old friend of his as Comp. Lambert installed as First Principal of such a well worked and successful chapter.

Comp. James Dawson, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., followed, and, after stating he had known the M.E.Z. for a length of time, said it gave him extreme satisfaction to see Comp. Lambert at the head of such a prosperous chapter, which, together with the Blair, had sprung from the chapter of which he (Comp. Dawson) was P.Z. of, viz., the Affability. Comp. Dawson, continuing, said the Chorlton Chapter was in the summer of its existence, and it was a pleasure to hear stated, as they had done that night, that it was free from debt, and had a substantial balance in hand. Such a state of things was highly satisfactory, and he might inform them quite an exception to the general rule; at the same time, he hoped the companions would bear in mind, when thinking of their balance in the bank, of the greatest of all Masonic banks, viz., Charity, in order to benefit those who had come from riches to poverty. In conclusion, Comp. Dawson deprecated the indiscriminate formation of new chapters; but advised each officer of existing chapters to take a strong interest in their work, and qualify themselves for high honours by becoming experts in the working of this beautiful ceremony.

Last, but not least, came Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, who also spoke of his long acquaintance with Comp. Lambert, whom he had previously installed as H. and J. He had been one of the founders of the chapter, and was pleased to see around that table four companions who, like himself, were founders. He had taken a great interest in the welfare of the chapter ever since it was formed, and had always felt it a pleasure to come amongst them, and render them any assistance. As many of the companions present were aware, he had taken an active part in the study and working of Royal Arch Masonry for years past. It was 10 years ago that he first had a Provincial Grand collar round his neck, and he had been "in collar" ever since. He congratulated the chapter on its flourishing condition, and trusted the companions would not overlook the Charities. Before resuming his seat, Comp. Sillitoe proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. J. J. Lambert," which was enthusiastically received and heartily drank.

Comp. J. E. Lees also responded.

Comp. Lambert, in thanking the companions for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast, said he had endeavoured to do his duty in the Craft, and believed he had come satisfactorily out of the ordeal. With Royal Arch Masonry, however, it was different, as he had the will, but doubted his ability to do all that was required of him. Nevertheless, he felt he had the good wishes of every companion in the chapter, and that would stimulate him to do his utmost to merit the confidence they had reposed in him, and endeavour, with the help of his brother officers, to perform the ceremonies in such a manner as to impress the companions with the beauty and impressiveness of the ritual, and cause them to take a greater and lasting interest in Royal Arch Masonry. In conclusion, Comp. Lambert proposed "The Health of his Brother Principals, Comps. Mottershead, H., and Chas. Heywood, J.," both of whom had promised him to do their level best to keep up the prestige the chapter had enjoyed, and to deliver one of the lectures at the next meeting.

Comps. Mottershead and Heywood replied.

Comp. H. Marshall, P.Z., next proposed "The Visitors," which was heartily drank, and responded to by several of their number.

"The Healths of the P.Z.'s," "The Installing Master," "The Officers," "The Musical Companions," &c., were proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened with songs, recitations, &c., from Comps. Alfred Lewtas, Lees, Locke, Miller, Wilson, C. Heywood, A. Morris, and R. R. Lisenden.

We had almost omitted to mention that prior to the chapter being closed a very handsome P.Z.'s gold jewel was presented to Comp. James Batty, P.Z., by Comp. Robert Davies, P.Z., on behalf of the chapter, for his efficient services rendered during his presidency.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, City, when Comp. Edmonds, of the North London Chapter of Improvement, was M.E.Z.; Comp. Radcliffe, H.; and Comps. Strugnell, J.; Henry Slyman, S.E.; Bolton, N.; and Bird, P.S. There were also present Comps. O. G. Sparrow, M.E.Z. elect 1471; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z. 782; F. W. Dimsdale, 1507; J. Russell, 1572; C. M. Brander, 1305; J. Knight, 174; M. J. Mumford, 1538; H. W. Roach, 157; T. E. Sheffield, 733; Edwin Storr, J. 704 and 749; Henry Stiles, 1507; G. Clark, jun., 704; H. Slyman, P.Z. 704, M.E.Z. 749; J. W. Knight, Kaufmann, G. R. Bolton, 704; Carter, 704; Medwin, Charles Arkell, Jacobs, P.Z.; Wood, Stroud, Hammond, Gibbs, James Best, O. Latrielle, and others.

The convocation was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. George Clark was then exalted into R.A. Masonry. The ceremony was splendidly worked by the M.E.Z., supported most ably by all his officers. The attendance was the most numerous and influential this young chapter of improvement has yet held, being composed of between thirty and forty of the leading R.A. Masons in London. In conclusion the M.E.Z. gave the lecture on Aaron's Rod, which was highly appreciated by all present. Judging from the working, and the Preceptor's able tuition, this chapter of improvement should have the support of all R.A. Masons in the City, and it bids fair to be one of the best in the metropolis.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 5th inst. Comp. W. H. Dean, P.G. Registrar of Do-set, occupied the chair of M.E.Z. Present: Comps. J. E. Sheffield, H. and S.E.; J. Strugnell, J.; W. A. Sproat, S.N.; J. Russell, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor; and others. There was a good attendance, and the ritual was conducted in an admirable manner, and a very harmonious and instructive evening was spent.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.—Lodge Commercial (No. 360).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst., in their hall, 30, Hope-street. The principal business of the evening was the installation ceremony, conducted by Bro. Thos. Halket, Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Benevolent Fund, assisted by Bro. J. Pritty, the retiring R.W.M. The principal office bearers for the ensuing year are: Bros. David Chalmers, R.W.M.; A. D. Newlands, S.W.; M. Lofthouse, J.W.; A. A. Stirling, Sec.; and R. Reid, Treas.

After the ceremony the lodge went from labour to refreshment, and, there being a very large number of visitors present, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, as were also those of "The Health of the R.W.M.," "The I.P.M.," and "The Retiring Office Bearers."

The Junior Warden, Bro. M. Lofthouse, in addition to making a capital speech when proposing "The Visitors," was also very successful in keeping up a continuity of song and sentiment.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Advantage was taken of Monday being the anniversary of H.R.H. the Grand Master's birthday to give the pupils of this Institution a half-term holiday. In order that they might the better be able to enjoy the boon, a musical entertainment was very kindly given by Bro. E. M. Lott, Grand Organist, which, to judge from the frequent applause of the youthful audience, must have given every satisfaction. Bro. Lott was assisted in his task by Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Minnie Kirton, Bro. W. E. Glazier, Bro. T. Tremere, and Bro. Egbert Roberts; and at the close of the proceedings Bro. Grey, P.G.D., on behalf of the authorities of the School, very warmly thanked the ladies and brethren who had contributed so much to the pleasure of the afternoon.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., one of the Trustees, presided, and among those present were Bros. Stephen Richardson, John L. Mather, Alfred Williams, William Roebuck, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. R. Morris, LL.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Cooper, F. Adlard, J. J. Berry, H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. F. Storr, W. Maple, G. P. Britten, F. T. Keeble, W. A. Scurrah, C. Belton, Henry Venn, James Moon, W. H. Saunders, Geo. Motion, G. Gardner, and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and adopted, and the Chairman authorised to sign cheques.

Six petitions were considered, with the result that the names of the several applicants were directed to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in April next. Of eight applications from ex-pupils for grants towards outfit, six were entertained and two postponed.

The proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. H. Maudslay, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br. and Patron; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Asher Barfield, C. F. Hogard, G. Bowden, C. F. Matier, E. F. Storr, J. A. Farnfield, Jas. Willing, jun., T. Mount Humphries, John Bulmer, A. Forsyth, J. E. Dawson, L. Stean, F. Adlard, S. B. Wilson, Charles Dairy, C. H. Driver, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY announced that Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W. of England, had kindly consented to preside at the next Anniversary Festival of the Institution, and urgently pressed on the members of the Committee the necessity for exerting all their influence in order to secure Stewards to support his lordship, the names received up to the present being considerably below the average.

The deaths of three male annuitants were reported, and four petitions taken into consideration, three of them being accepted and the other deferred. The resignation of her pension by a female annuitant, who had recently inherited some property, was also reported.

The applications of the widows of two deceased annuitants on the Male Fund for the grant of a moiety of their late husband's annuities were acceded to.

The Warden's report for the past month was handed in, and a letter to the Committee from Miss Brennan, thanking them for the award of the last quarter's annuity of her late mother, having been read, the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

The annual civic pageant in honour of the new Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman John Staples, proved as attractive as ever, though it is more than probable that if the weather had been brighter, the crowds which thronged the streets through which the procession passed would have been far more dense. However, on these eminently popular occasions there is never any lack of sightseers, who could scarcely be more enthusiastic in their greeting of the new Chief Magistrate of London if they tried, and Monday was no exception. The pageant, too, was a good one, and, thanks to the careful arrangements of Bro. Wm. Holland, it was admirably marshalled, and moved on its way with but few and unimportant halts. Of course, the chief interest centred in the Ward of Aldersgate, of which Bro. Staples is the Alderman, and here there were hearty greetings in abundance, a fair display of bunting, and a capitally-erected reproduction of the old Aldersgate. Here, too, an address was presented to his lordship by the Governors and Committee of the Aldersgate Ward Schools, congratulating him on his election to the Mayoralty, while all along the route the demonstrations of welcome were most hearty.

The pageant itself, which included the usual display of flags and banners, and was accompanied by a number of military and other bands, was characterised on this occasion by a feature which may very probably be repeated in future years—this feature being the fine display made by the different Guilds or Companies of which the Lord Mayor

and Sheriffs are members, namely, the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, the Pewterers, the Haberdashers, and the Leathersellers. The following description of this portion of the show will no doubt prove interesting to our readers:

One of the most interesting features of the whole Show was the display of implements and produce contributed at the expense of Bro. George Kenning, the Immediate Past Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company. This extremely picturesque series of trophies consisted of three cars (each car being drawn by six horses), which, being emblematically ornamented, conveyed a loom, a spinning-engine, and various wheels, worked by 20 "hands," both male and female, from Bro. Kenning's factories, dressed in the garb of the time of James I. The comely damsels thus busily engaged, and rendered doubly attractive by their old-world costumes, without doubt considerably added to the interest of the Show.

The first car carried a draw-bench and flattening-mills, a spinning-wheel, a spinning-up bench, and various appliances for skeining and winding, each machine having its attendant in full working order, whilst a Mexican Indian figured as an emblematical representative of the Company's arms.

On the second car were a miniature spinning-engine, two braid-engines with other trade appliances.

The third contained a loom, also two embroideresses working at their frames.

The Worshipful Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers Company, Bro. Major Josephs, C.C., accompanied by Bro. Capt. Geo. Lambert, appeared in a carriage drawn by four horses with postillions, and two footmen. The four servants were dressed in elaborate liveries representing the work of the Company. The footmen carried wands surmounted with miniature flattening mills in silver.

Although Bro. Kenning was happily able to furnish "hands" and produce, he could not quite go back in age with all, but he did the nearest with an old lady (a very old servant), aged 76, who declared "if her loom went, she should go also," and go she did on the third car, which also contained specimens of work to the value of £3000.

Immediately behind the third car a handsome banner was borne aloft. This banner, specially designed and executed in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, was beautifully embroidered in gold and silver wire fresh from the craftsmen's hands.

Much surprise has been occasioned by the order for the Lord Mayor's Liveries having been given out of the City, more especially as the Ward of Aldersgate is the seat of this special branch of industry, four leading manufacturers employing over 1000 hands.

The car of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers, draped in blue and yellow, was drawn by six horses. On this car artisans, in jerkins and hose of Edward IV.'s time, were busily plying their trade.

Another six-horse car was surmounted by a haberdashers' shop, in which attendants, habited in costumes of the Sixth Henry's period, appeared ready and anxious to dispose of the curious collection of goods by which they were surrounded.

The last trade car, that of the Leathersellers, contained a trophy of the various products of the leather trades.

The 16 badges worn by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee were of 15-carat gold, oval in form, on a raised engine-turned centre, the arms and crests of the Sheriffs enamelled in proper heraldic colours, surmounted with the arms and crest of the Lord Mayor, also in their proper colours, and the civic wing above. The badges were suspended by a blue and white ribbon, the colours of the Lord Mayor.

The procession having reached the Royal Courts of Justice, the Lord Mayor, accompanied by his predecessor, and the chief City functionaries, was conducted into the presence of the Lord Chief Justice of England, who addressed to him a speech of congratulation on his election to office. On the party resuming their places in the pageant, the Lady Mayoress's carriage to its place in the line, and the procession moved on along the Strand, and thence by Charing Cross and Northumberland-avenue to the Embankment, and back into the City to the Guildhall, where the grand banquet was held as usual with becoming splendour, several of Her Majesty's Ministers, and among them the Marquis of Salisbury, Prime Minister, being present at the festive board. What followed has been recorded so fully in the daily press that we need not continue the narrative. Suffice it to say that the evening passed off successfully, and Bro. Lord Mayor Staples has the satisfaction of knowing that his inaugural banquet, like the pageant which preceded it, will bear comparison with those of predecessors in office.

The Queen has sent a donation of £20 to the funds of the Booksellers' Provident Institution.

The promised farewell banquet to Bros. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and J. F. B. Firth, M.P., as representatives of the late borough of Chelsea, took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., in the Kensington Town Hall. Bro. Lord Kensington, M.P., was to have occupied the chair, but the alarming illness of a near relative prevented this, and his place was taken by the chairman of the Hammersmith Liberal Association.

The Loan Collection of Egyptian and Soudanese arms, accoutrements, and relics, was opened yesterday (Thursday), in the Grand Saloon at Drury Lane Theatre. Lord Wolseley has sent, amongst other things, the chain armour given him by the Khedive, and Arabi's pistols; Sir Gerald Graham contributes the kourbash given him as a parting present, and Osman Digma's Koran; Admiral Hewett exhibits his Abyssinian robes of honour; Colonel Kitchener (now on his road to Zanzibar) lends his Arab costume and a piece of carpet from Gordon's room at Khartoum; and we are also to have Major Piggott's famous hog-spear, which led the "D" Company of mounted infantry to victory; Lord Dundonald's and Colonel Paget's trophies; Mr. Villier's, Mr. Prior's, and Mr. Caton Woodville's sketches, and Colonel Eaton's famous medals. There is to be a reproduction of Arabi's cell, with the original furniture, a field-pump by Messrs. Merryweather, and a field post-office from Colonel du Plat Taylor. Hardly a Soudan hero has failed to send his offering to the military show at the national theatre, which promises to help "Human Nature" through the vicissitudes of a General Election.—*World*.



The Four Kings Council, No. 7, Allied Masonic Degrees, will hold the annual their annual festival on Saturday, the 21st inst., when among other business the most interesting Degree of High Priest will be conferred on Installed Principals, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Ramsay, S.W., will be installed.

Prince George of Wales, after taking leave of the Queen, left Balmoral Castle on Thursday, the 5th inst., for London and Sandringham.

Her Majesty has approved of Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., being sworn in a member of the Privy Council for Ireland.

Bro. Viscount Combermere has returned to his seat in Cheshire, after paying a visit to the Viscountess at St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., arrived in Belfast on Thursday, the 5th inst., and opened the Ulster Reform Club the same afternoon.

Bro. Earl Granville returned to Walmer Castle on Saturday evening last, and Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., to Chatsworth after his brief excursion to Belfast.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the Countess of Lathom, were among the guests staying at Sandringham during the early part of this week.

Prince Albert Victor's name figures on the list of parliamentary voters in the parish of St. Michael's, Cambridge, in respect of the rooms occupied by his Royal Highness in Trinity College.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held on Tuesday, the 1st prox., when the Earl of Kintore will be again nominated for the office of G.M.M.M.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren read a paper on "Our Portion in South Africa," before the Royal Colonial Institute, on Tuesday evening, a hearty vote of thanks being awarded him at the close of the proceedings.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the annual meeting of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, held at the Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull, Bro. Councillor Wellsted, C.E., was chosen Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Hon. W. F. J. North, eldest son of Bro. Lord North was married to Valeria Keppel, second daughter of Mr. Charles North, of Rougham Hall, Norfolk, on Saturday last, at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's, Cadogan-terrace.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, 10th Hussars, was on the Staff of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, on the occasion of the latter's visit to Aldershot on Thursday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of inspecting the 2nd Dragoons (Scots Greys), and the 10th Hussars.

By a printer's error, the year of the initiation into Freemasonry of the late Duke of Abercorn was given as 1839 instead of 1830. We recommend this to the special notice of those who, in borrowing our particulars of the late Duke's Masonic career, ignorantly made use of our clerical error as well.

A Special Court of Aldermen was held on Saturday last, at the Guildhall, for the purpose of receiving Bro. Lord Mayor-elect John Staples, after which his lordship was sworn in, and received the congratulations of his brother aldermen and their hearty good-wishes for a prosperous year of office.

The *Fortnightly Review* for the current month contains an article from the pen of Bro. Augustus Harris, in which are set forth our worthy brother's experience, during the six years he has had on his hands the management of Drury Lane Theatre, of the kind of entertainment which is the most profitable.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., was entertained at a banquet on Thursday, the 5th inst., at St. George's Club, Hanover-square, in connection with the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, to be held at South Kensington next year. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and there were present very many gentlemen representing or interested in our possessions abroad.

The present Duke of Abercorn, like his father, was initiated into Freemasonry in an English lodge, having been received into the craft in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1857, and served as a Prov. G. Stwd. the year following. His Grace was the first G.S.W. of England, appointed by the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and for the last few years has held the office of Prov. G. Master of Londonderry and Donegal, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The United States are well off as regards Masonic periodical literature, and several of their weeklies and monthlies are journals of long standing, and extremely well-edited. We now hear of sundry additions having been made to the number, the *American Freemason* of New York, and the *Illinois Freemason* of Bloomington having already been launched into being, while there is the announcement of a third new periodical hailing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. The new ventures have our heartiest good-wishes for the success of the efforts they have begun or will soon begin in aid of Freemasonry.

RELIEF OF COUGHS AND ASTHMA IN TEN MINUTES BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—From Mr. Fox, Omnibus Office, Whitefield Road, Liverpool—"After years of severe suffering, and fearing many and many a night I should have died from suffocation, &c., I was induced to try Dr. Locock's Wafers. Ten minutes after I had taken two Wafers I felt relief." In asthma, consumption, bronchitis, coughs, colds, rheumatism, and all hysterical and nervous complaints they give instant relief, a rapid cure and taste pleasantly. Sold by all druggists at 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. per box.—ADVT.

Bro. His Excellency Count Nigra, till now Italian Ambassador in London, has been transferred to Vienna in the same capacity.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., addressed a meeting of the electors at Forest Hill on Tuesday, in support of Lord Lewisham's candidature.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their two children, left Balmoral Castle for London on Monday afternoon.

Bros. Colonel Stanley, M.P., Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., were present at the Cabinet Council held in Downing-street on Monday afternoon.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., left London for Lancashire on Wednesday, for the purpose of meeting and addressing the electors of the Rossendale division of the county.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., presided at a meeting held at the West London Tabernacle, Notting-hill, on Monday evening, when Bro. J. F. B. Firth, M.P., delivered a lecture on "The Government of India."

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., has been appointed Her Majesty's High Commissioner under the convention recently concluded at Constantinople between our Government and that of the Sultan.

The *Cadiz Masonico*, the official organ of the Provincial Lodge of Cadiz, under the Independent National Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain, entered on the second year of its existence towards the close of last month. We heartily wish it a continuance of its past success.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., addressed a political meeting in St. James's Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 6th inst.; and the same evening, Bro. Earl Granville spoke at the Imperial Mission Hall, Hanley, and Bro. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., at Clifton.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their sons and daughters, were present at the dinner given at Sandringham, on Monday, to the labourers on the Royal Estate, in honour of the Prince's birthday. Prince Albert Victor left on Tuesday for Aldershot, but was to return in time for the County Ball which takes place this day (Friday).

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples on taking his seat for the first time on Tuesday morning in the justice room of the Mansion House, was warmly congratulated on his accession to the chief magistracy of London, by Bro. Montagu Williams on behalf of the bar, and Bro. T. Beard for himself and brother solicitors.

Our Sussex brethren, with a view to marking their esteem and respect to R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., have resolved on presenting his portrait to Lady Burrell, and a Committee of the Worshipful Masters of the province having been formed, it has been decided to entrust the work to Bro. Phil Morris, A.R.A., the artist who has been so successful in his portrait, for Grand Lodge, of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.

The Queen on Friday, the 6th inst., opened a new stone bridge over the Dee, near Ballater, which has been erected in place of the old wooden structure. Her Majesty was accompanied by Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the suite of ladies and gentlemen. Bro. the Earl of Kintore was among those specially invited to witness the interesting ceremony.

The Inventions Exhibition was closed on Monday, but though it had been open for about a fortnight longer than year's "Healtheries," there was a very considerable falling off in the number of visitors, this being no doubt due, in great measure, to the unsatisfactory weather which prevailed during the concluding weeks. However, it is a satisfaction to know that the most orderly behaviour prevailed throughout.

The funeral of the late Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, took place at Baron's Court Church, on the 5th inst. Among the principal mourners were Bros. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.S.W. England, and Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., with their brothers, Lords George, Frederick, and Ernest Hamilton, while among the others who attended to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased were Bros. the Earl of Winterton, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, the Marquis of Headfort, and Viscount Lifford. The Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland), who had sent floral wreaths "in memoriam," were also represented.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., brought his second Mayoralty to a close—at least as regards the festive portion of his duties—on Thursday, the 5th inst., with a Masonic banquet. There was a numerous array of guests, including the brethren of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, of which our distinguished brother is Worshipful Master; the officers of Grand Masters, No. 1, of which he is I.P.M.; those of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, of which he was W.M. in 1876; the executive P.G. Officers of Wilts; several of the present and past G. Officers; Bro. W. L. Morgan, W.M. Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford; and Bro. Trevor-Jones, W.M. Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 559, Cambridge; the following being among the most prominent brethren present, namely, Bros. General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G. Stwd.; Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M. Wilts; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D. of C.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar; Thomas Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Horace Jones, G. Superintendent of Works; G. P. Goldney, P.G. Stwd.; Alderman Waterlow, Sheriff Clarke, and Harris (Mayor of Calne). The usual array of toasts followed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic Gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after tamentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attack less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour per-pirations and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has assailed persons previously and at the prime of life.—[ADVT.]

On Tuesday next, the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, will hold its regular meeting in Red Lion-square. Banquet afterward at the Holborn Restaurant.

Comp. G. P. Festa has been elected to succeed Comp. Montague Guest, M.P., as First Principal of the Montague Guest Chapter. Comp. Hedges being elected Second, and Comp. Brooks Third Principal.

Bro. J. L. Mather, P.G.S.D. Herts, will be installed on the 20th inst. as the W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.M. and Sec.

We sympathise with Bro. Dehane, P.G.S.D. Essex, in the loss he has sustained through the death of his infant son, more especially as our worthy brother's somewhat numerous family consists only of daughters.

The Davison Mark Lodge, No. 331, held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Thursday evening, while similar meetings are fixed for to-day (Friday), in the case of the Earl of Mornington (Craft) Lodge, No. 2000, and for to-morrow (Saturday), in that of the King Solomon (Craft) Lodge, No. 2029.

In our list of the companions present at the recent convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, we had the misfortune to give the name of Comp. George Annand, P.J. 752, as "George Emanuel, P.Z. 752." We are the more sorry the error occurred, as Chapter No. 752 is one of the strongest and most influential in Melbourne.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., when presiding for the last time, during his second Mayoralty, on the 5th inst., at the Court of Common Council, took the opportunity of thanking the officers of the Corporation, generally, for the valuable assistance they had rendered him, and expressed the satisfaction he felt at the manner in which the business of the year had been carried out.

The regular meetings of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will in future be held on Wednesday evenings, commencing on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street, E.C. Lodge meets from 7 till 9. Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. Preceptor; brethren cordially invited.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending Saturday, the 14th inst. Monday—Mr. Morton's Ball; St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge. Tuesday—New Holborn Quadrilles; Urban Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge; Lodge of Fidelity. Thursday—Lodge of Regularity; Pilgrim Lodge; Polish National Lodge; University of London Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge; Bedford Lodge; Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Phoenix Lodge; Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

We congratulate Bro. G. H. Stephens, I.P.M., West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, on his marriage with Beatrice, youngest daughter of the late John Edwards, Esq., Cow Cross, E.C. The happy event took place on Sunday last the 8th instant at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, Miss A. Tracey, daughter of Bro. G. Tracey, of Deptford, being the principal bridesmaid in attendance on the fair bride, who was given away by her brother, Walter Edwards, Esq., of New Bart, the bridegroom's supporters being Bros. T. Simpson (churchwarden) and W. Pennefather, P.M., 1623. There was a numerous gathering of the friends of the two families, and several members of the Craft present to do honour to a brother, among the latter being Bro. Professor E. M. Lott, G. Organist, who kindly presided at the organ.

The Worshipful Company of Pewterers are to be congratulated on the display furnished on their behalf by Messrs. Brown and Englefield—of which firm, by the way, Comp. Brown is well known among Masons in connection with the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, where he is a most able and zealous worker. This exhibit consisted of a pewterer's shop, in which the various processes of the trade, such as casting, turning, hammering, soldering, and finishing, were shown in full operation. Moreover, there was this peculiar interest attached to the shop, namely, that the wheel and lathe, with the hammering stool and stake, were the identical ones in use by the predecessors of the firm more than two centuries ago. There were also exhibited many other articles of interest, among them being the old Winchester measure, with the present standard measure, and a barber's basin with place to fit it round the neck. Lastly, as the procession moved along, the artisans were engaged in casting medals commemorative of the occasion, Bro. Staples being a Past Master of the Company.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, November 21, 1885.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Lodge 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 21, Emulation, Albion T'avn., Aldersgate-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall T'avn., Gresham-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall T'avn., Gresham-st.
" 997, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-st., W.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
K.T. Precept. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Loughborough, Cambria T'avn., Cambria-rd., S.E.
Strong Man, Excise T'avn., Old Broad-st., at 7.
Sincerity, Railway T'avn., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. James's Union, Union T'avn., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.