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A PLEASING illustration of the position attained of late years by the Mark Grand Lodge is to be found in the last published “Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland” (p. 90, Vol. 1885-6). It appears that some brethren had been making enquiries of Grand Secretary LYON as to the status of Scottish Mark Masons in England, and his official reply was that the Earl of KINTORE, Grand Mark Master of England, had assured him “that the holders of Mark diplomas issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, if of good standing, are recognised and received as Mark Masons by lodges under his lordship’s jurisdiction.”

Is not this a recognition of the Mark Grand Lodge of England by the Grand Lodge of Scotland? At all events, on the strength of this most friendly and Masonic deliverance by the well-known Masonic author, Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, Grand Secretary, English Mark Masons would be justified in remaining in a Scottish Craft Lodge on the Mark being worked, on the production of their certificates and other satisfactory proof. Hence the Grand Mark Lodge of England is *virtually* acknowledged by the Grand Lodge, and *actually* by the Grand Chapter, of Scotland. We invite the attention of English Mark Masons to this fact.

It is satisfactory to know that Bro. TERRY has succeeded in obtaining the services of an influential brother as Chairman at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next. The Marquis of HERTFORD, G.S. Warden of England, has kindly undertaken the office, and we trust his lordship will receive a generous measure of support from the Craft at large. We have frequently pointed out—and we do so again without offering any apology—that whoever undertakes a function of this kind commits himself to the discharge of a very responsible duty, particularly when, as in this instance, he has no special following of his own to back him up. The post of Chairman at one of our Festivals is not an easy or an enviable one to fill. There is an empty treasury, which, come weal or woe, must be replenished to the extent of several thousands of pounds; there is invariably a long list of candidates awaiting admission to the benefits of the Institution; and the circumstances of the time at which the celebration is held may be the reverse of favourable to large donations and subscriptions. To do the chief part in helping to replenish that treasury and enabling as many of those candidates as possible to be received into the Charity is the special business of the Chairman. If he succeeds in his part, well and good; but if the result falls short of the general expectation, there are always plenty of people who will charitably attribute the deficiency to the weakness of his advocacy or the carelessness with which—in their opinion—he must have performed his task. However, we may safely trust to Lord HERTFORD doing his best to ensure a good average return in spite of the depressed condition of our trade and the unsettled political atmosphere of the moment; and if the Craft stand by him loyally, as they are wont to do, and if, as he has no province to support him, they will just introduce a little extra fervour into their zeal for the good cause, there is reason to hope that Bro. TERRY’s announcement on the day of the Festival will be satisfactory. It is to be regretted that the number of brethren who have thus far given in their names as Stewards is below the average for the time of year. But there still remain three whole months to work in, and if the full array of Stewards do not come in to Bro. TERRY, we may be sure that Bro. TERRY will go out to them and press them by his earnestness to act as canvassers for the year in behalf of the Institution he serves so well.

We congratulate R.W. Bro. the Earl of HARDWICKE, P.G.M. Cambridgeshire, and the compact little body of lodges and brethren he rules over, on the addition made last week to the number of its lodges. The Etheldreda, No. 2107, Newmarket, makes up a complement of six lodges, and what, perhaps, will be considered of still greater importance, helps to restore the area of Masonic influence in the county to something of its old dimensions, there having been in the pre-Union days on the roll of the “regular” Grand Lodge, but now defunct, a “St. John’s Lodge,” of Newmarket, of

1773 creation. The addition, if we regard it from another point of view, is still more gratifying. The junior Cambridge lodge—the Alma Mater, No. 1492—belonged originally to the Province of Berks and Bucks, having been consecrated in 1874, and had its quarters at Bletchley. But it was founded, we believe, chiefly by Light Blue University brethren, and last year migrated to what under such circumstances may justly be considered its natural home—in Cambridge. The junior but one lodge in the province—the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge—was consecrated in 1861, so that the consecration last week of the Etheldreda Lodge is the first that has taken place for 24 years. This gives it a far greater degree of importance than belongs to an ordinary consecration. For, whether we take it by itself or in conjunction with the new lodge acquired by the province last year, through the migration from Bletchley of the Alma Mater, No. 1492, it is very evident there is an increasing amount of activity and zeal in the province, which augurs well for the future. If we may be allowed to offer a suggestion, we would bring to the notice of our Cambridge friends that before the Union both the “Regular” and “Atholl” Grand Lodges were represented in the city of Ely; while the former had a lodge—St. Andrew’s—constituted at Whittlesea in 1809. We imagine these two localities are strong enough to do again towards the close of the nineteenth century what they did during the close of the eighteenth. Thus if it should happen during the next few years that additional lodges are established in Ely and Whittlesea, the former area of Masonic activity will be restored, and Cambridgeshire will be the stronger and the better able to hold its own as compared with other provinces. However, it is something to know that Newmarket has once again its home of Masonry, and hence our congratulations on so auspicious an event.

ABOUT the most important feature in the October number of the “Free mason’s Repository” is an article by Bro. J. H. DRUMMOND, P.G.M. Maine, entitled “Masonic Law and Practice, as approved by the Grand Lodge of England.” Bro. DRUMMOND speaks in very complimentary terms of the influence exercised by our Grand Lodge in the Masonic world, and in one paragraph remarks that “it (the Grand Lodge of England) has always been a conservative body and may well be expected to have preserved ancient Masonic usages—the source (to a great extent) of Masonic law.” He then proceeds to note sundry points of importance for the edification of his readers, so that they may be in a better position to judge of the character and value of certain threatened or proposed innovations in the laws and usages of the Craft. With the general purport of his remarks it is not our intention to concern ourselves. But there is one position he appears to have taken up which, if we understand him rightly, will not stand the test of strict examination as regards the deduction he would have his readers make. Under his sub-head II he says truly, that it is provided in our Constitutions that “neither lodges nor brethren can appear in public, in Masonic clothing, without permission;” and under sub-head 12—“The ceremony for laying corner-stones is given. The Grand Lodge does the work, while open as a Grand Lodge.” He then remarks “in these two particulars, the law and usage of that Grand Lodge”—that is, of England—“are in direct conflict with the doctrine recently promulgated in Pennsylvania, viz.: That the *Craft* has no *public* Masonic ceremonies, and hence, that no Masonic Body appears in public while open as such;” and he adds. “It is quite gratifying to Masons in this section of the country to find that their laws and usages in these important respects have the sanction of the Mother Grand Lodge as shown in her laws and usages.” Now, if our surmise is correct, that Bro. DRUMMOND would have his readers infer, from his description of our English law against lodges and brethren appearing in public in their Masonic clothing without permission—as pointed out in his Sub-Head II—and his statement as to the ceremony of laying the corner-stone being carried out while the Grand Lodge is open as such—see Sub-Head 12—that the Pennsylvanian Masons who condemn the practice which prevails in some of the American jurisdictions of publicly installing lodge officers are wrong in their condemnation, we must join issue with him at once without the slightest hesitation or reserve. We have no fault to find with his version of our law against the public appearance of brethren as Masons, or of the manner in which the ceremony of laying a corner-stone is carried out. But we protest emphatically against his offering this law and this method as a justification for the new-fangled idea which prevails in some American jurisdictions that the public installation of lodge officers is in accordance with Masonic law. There is not a word in our Book of Constitutions—either in the laws he refers to or elsewhere—which warrants any such inference being drawn. Indeed, the inference seem to us to be quite the other way, namely, that all Masonic work must be done in a closeted lodge, except in the case of laying a corner-stone; and that no brother must appear in his clothing as such in public without the sanction of the

authorities. We shall, of course, be very glad to learn from Bro. DRUMMOND that our surmise is incorrect, and that he does not consider our English Masonic law affords any justification whatever for that most objectionable of all the many innovations upon the laws and usages of Masonry which have found so much favour of late years in the jurisdiction of some of the United States Grand Lodges,—the public installation of officers. But whether we are right or wrong in our assumption, the law and usage of Masonry in this country are dead against every kind of publicity as regards both the working of ceremonies and the wearing of Masonic clothing.

It is well to be cautious about accepting unreservedly statements made by interested persons as to the regular or occasional prostitution of Freemasonry to political purposes. People are not in the habit of speaking well of an institution against which they have conceived a prejudice, and least of all in a part of the country where party political feeling even at the best of times runs high. There may, of course, be a grain of truth in these allegations against our Fraternity, or they may be truth itself from the beginning to the end. There may be much in them, or there may be nothing; but, in any case, it is no more than an act of common prudence to investigate them as far as the circumstances at our disposal will permit, and then the judgment that may be formed will have some claim to be respected by an impartial public. Two cases of the kind we refer to have just been brought under our notice. One of them appeared in the *Belfast Morning News* of the 3rd inst., in a letter headed "Sectarian Persecution in the Constabulary," and signed by "A County Down Constable," and the other figured two days later in the columns of the *Northern Whig*, of the same town, as an item of current news. The two differ materially from each other, the Constable's letter in the earlier case, when carefully sifted, presenting only a series of statements which would certainly strike the writer—who is not a Freemason—as being of a suggestive or suspicious character, but which need have no foundation in fact; while the news given in the second case is definite, with chapter and verse in support of its statement. As regards the former, the circumstances of which, as we have said, are at most only of a suggestive and suspicious character, the "County Down Constable" alleges that the conduct of a certain sergeant in the county is "the gossip in every day-room from Belfast to Newry." This officer, it seems, is a Freemason, and "although this county force abounds with men of that Craft striving to grasp its every advantage, he has derived more benefit, and is more secure in his tyrannies, than any other policeman in the service." The charge is, no doubt, a serious one; but when we come to examine the evidence on which it is based, we find absolutely nothing to lay hold of. Thus we find it alleged against the sergeant in question that, being a Freemason, he "attends the meetings of the Masons' Lodge," when he is "accompanied generally by a favourite constable of the same Order." There is nothing remarkable in this, or in the next charge—that he (the sergeant) "very often attends the meetings of the local Orange Lodge, and is a conspicuous figure at Orange balls, Orange suppers," &c. It is clear the man is an Orangeman, as well as a Freemason, and that he attends, as he is entitled to attend, the local meetings of the two Fraternities, just as a Conservative attends his local Conservative Club and a Liberal his local Liberal Club. But, says the writer further, "as a natural consequence, Orange rowdies can commit offences with safety, while poor Catholics are prosecuted for the most minor offences, and the Bench, composed entirely of Freemasons and Orangemen, not only justify, but often commend his actions." There is much else of the same kind, which the public is invited to believe is part of the "natural consequence" of a certain sergeant in the Belfast County Police being a Freemason and an Orangeman, and attending the meetings of the local Masons and Orange Lodges. It is added, too, that a constable once had the temerity to report this superior officer; that the latter "virtually admitted the Constable's statement," with the result that inquiries were instituted "from the sergeant himself and a brother Mason," not a single Catholic constable who could have borne out the charge being questioned; and that the complaining constable was given to understand he was "too independent for one of his grade." The letter concludes by the writer asking "whether it will be the work of Dublin Castle or the Irish Party to stem the iniquity wrought by the legalised boycotting machine known as Freemasonry." Of course, this is only a repetition of a very old story, and, like its predecessors, the fault lies in the person who has compiled it jumping to a conclusion without any evidence to justify him beyond his own personal opinion. There is nothing to connect the sergeant's tyranny, in the event of his having played the tyrant, with his Masonry and his Orangeism. Let "A County Down Constable" set forth chapter and verse for his allegation and we shall be in a position to judge of its value.

THE second case as described in the *Belfast Northern Whig* of the 5th inst. is of a serious character, and, though we cannot accept unsupported the statements it contains, there is so much of circumstantiality about them that it is desirable, in the interests of Freemasonry, that some inquiry should be instituted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It seems "the regular weekly meeting of Masonic Lodge 414 was held in the Masonic Hall, Bushmills," under the presidency of Bro. W. A. TRAILL, W.M., on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. When the appointed business was over, "an extempore meeting of the brethren of the lodge, together with a number of brethren of other lodges in the Bushmills district, was held, when it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Bro. HILL M'NEILL, seconded by Bro. CAMPBELL, as follows to wit:—"That we, the brethren of Lodge 414, and other brethren of the Bushmills district, having read with satisfaction the address of Bro. W. A. TRAILL to the electors of North Antrim, do most

heartily approve of the same, and pledge ourselves to use every exertion for the return of Bro. W. A. TRAILL, W.M. of Lodge 414, and King-elect of the Royal Arch Chapter, to represent this district in the Imperial Parliament, and that we do also commend Bro. TRAILL to the support of all brother Masons in the election division." We cannot, we repeat, accept these statements without corroborative evidence; but should it, on further inquiry, turn out that the "extempore meeting" was held, and the resolution agreed to as described, in that case we can have no hesitation in denouncing the conduct of the lodge in question, and their associate brethren from the other lodges of the Bushmills district, as being in direct contravention of both the letter and the spirit of the Constitutions of Freemasonry, and worthy of condign punishment by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The pre-eminent characteristic of Masonry as heretofore understood in the United Kingdom generally is that it recognises no distinctions of creed, either in religion or politics. It has always been emphatically a non-political body, and in religion non-sectarian, and we respect our ancient Society far too highly to think of allowing so flagrant a violation of its fundamental principles to pass uncondemned. We sincerely hope that it will turn out that our Belfast contemporary has been misinformed or has, unintentionally, exaggerated the circumstances; but if it should prove otherwise, then we say some steps should be taken by the Grand Lodge of Ireland summarily to put a stop to all such proceedings, and make it clearly to be understood that any attempt on the part of brethren or lodges to use our non-political organisation for political purposes will be followed by some such punishment as suspension or exclusion, in the one case, and the withdrawal of the warrant, in the other.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

As a continuation of the supplementary account last week of the recent occurrences in this province, we publish the following list of the Provincial Grand Officers appointed by M.E. Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, Prov. Grand Superintendent, after his installation:—

Comp. E. G. Bruton, P.Z. 340 and M.E.Z. 1399	...	Prov. G.H.
" H. O. Wakeman, P.Z. 357	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. L. Hawkins, P.Z. 357	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. Ryman Hall, P.Z. 340	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. W. Harrison, P.Z. 340 and 357	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" E. Prescott, 1399	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" H. Plumridge, J. 1399	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" W. Emberlin, Treas. 340	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. Lucas, 340	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" H. Robbins, 1399	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" J. Potts, 340 and 1399	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. R. Bowden, 340	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Norwood	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

We publish the following list of brethren appointed as officers of the newly-formed Provincial Grand Lodge of Shropshire by R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, after his installation by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary, as Prov. G. Master.

Bro. Rowland George Venables	...	Prov. Dep. G.M.
" E. J. Brookes	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. E. Harding	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Walter Humphreys	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. B. Meredith	...	
" Joshua P. White	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" V. C. L. Crump	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. H. Spaul	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Maclardy	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Lascelles Southwell	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Thos. James	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Warren Thompson	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. J. Webb	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. C. Royle	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. A. Craig	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. J. Morgan	...	
" John Sewell	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Brayne	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Louis E. Wollstein	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Machin	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" John Brockley	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Thomas Whitefoot, jun.	...	
" John Smith	...	
" J. H. Williams	...	
" John Ginders	...	
" Charles Drew	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. B. Hide	...	

Bros. W. Spraggon and John Bodenham were appointed as Auditors.

The following address of congratulation was presented by the brethren to their Provincial Grand Master:

It having pleased the Most Worshipful Grand Master to divide the old province of North Wales and Shropshire, we, the members of the lodges in the new Province of

Shropshire, beg to express our gratification that the choice of His Royal Highness has fallen upon you as our Provincial Grand Master; and we offer you our sincere and fraternal congratulations on the auspicious event of to-day, feeling sure that it is but the precursor of the increase and general good of Freemasonry in your province.

The zeal you have displayed in pursuing the objects of our organization from the period of your initiation in the privileges and mysteries of the Craft, we cannot but remember with satisfaction; and we are deeply imbued with the conviction that the interests of our truly noble Order will be materially advanced under your guidance; whilst those who are unconnected with us by the ties of brotherhood will be satisfied, from the position you hold in your native country, that there is nothing in our principles inconsistent with true patriotism, active charity, pure religion, permanent order, and every social and domestic virtue. We pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may spare you to govern us for many years, and that the lodges under your rule may flourish and increase.

October 22nd, 1885.

The address, which was read by Bro. W. H. SPAULL, P.G. Sec., having been gracefully acknowledged by the P.G. MASTER, a vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., for his valuable services as Installing Master, as well as to Bros. Rev. C. Spencer Stanhope, Past G. Chaplain of England, who had acted as Prov. G. Chaplain; F. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies of the day. Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and a banquet was subsequently held, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.

It should be mentioned that the meeting was held at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, and the banquet in the ball room of the hotel, and that everything from first to last passed off most satisfactorily.

REVISED MARK CONSTITUTIONS, 1885.

The new regulations for the control of Mark Masonry, under the protecting wing of the "Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown," as recommended and approved by the General Board, 5th Nov., 1885, will be submitted to a Special Grand Lodge on Monday, Nov. 30th. The revision consists of 226 laws, with distinct clauses respecting the Educational and Annuity Funds, and the arrangement is decidedly superior to the last edition of 1882, besides which not only are several new rules introduced, but old ones have been retouched and improved. The new Constitutions, therefore, for the Mark Degree will require special study, and most careful examination; for it is quite evident that the authorities are determined not only to secure the adoption of more stringent regulations, but will enforce a strict obedience to their several details. Evidently the model of the Revisionists has been the Craft Constitutions of 1884, and there will thus be an advantage obtained by the two sets of laws being arranged on similar lines, as far as possible, for what affects the Craft will in like manner generally appertain to the Mark. Several of the new clauses are familiar already to students of the Craft Constitutions, such as the regulations respecting the Pro Grand Master, President of the General Board, Grand Assistant Secretary (after the Organist), and Assistant Grand Inner Guards (Pursuivants). The Rule 3 respecting the Mark *prefixes* is a welcome addition and accords with the Craft usage, and wisely so, appointments in Provincial Grand Lodges conferring no distinctive prefixes. As with the Craft Grand Lodge, so with that of the Mark, the clauses referring to the conduct of the business is well defined under the management of the General Board (or Committee), membership of the Grand Lodge is forfeited on ceasing for a year to subscribe to a Mark Lodge (E.C.), and all possible contingencies are provided for under clearly expressed regulations.

Rule 36 is extended, so as to read that a Prince of the Royal Blood may continue as Grand Master so long as re-elected; but the Pro Grand Master cannot be retained for a longer period than three years in succession. This new provision seems to point to an impending change ere long, and certainly, if our surmises are at all justified, Mark Masonry may be congratulated. The election of Grand Treasurer is to be by ballot, not by show of hands, as heretofore, and cheques will be signed by that officer, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary (who will hold office during the pleasure of Grand Lodge, after appointment by the Grand Master). No brother will be allowed to hold more than one office in Grand Lodge at one and the same time. The number of Stewards is to be 14, being an addition of two, and the fines are made uniform for non-attendance by the insertion of half a guinea. They had better have been omitted, as in the revised Constitutions of the Craft.

There must be, at least, three lodges to form a Province, not one or more, as previously, and Deputy Provincial Grand Masters will have to serve for three years to entitle them to past rank. Several of the new rules as to Provincial Grand Lodges could not possibly be better, and were much needed.

The changes are neither few nor unimportant respecting "Private Lodges," and it is much to be desired that W. Masters will do their utmost to become acquainted with the new rules, so that they may be thoroughly efficient:—

- (1) Warrants must be produced at each of the meetings.
- (2) The Master can only be *elected* and *installed* at *regular* meetings; but a discretionary power is given to Provincial Grand Masters for holding such meetings within seven days *before* or *after* the regular days. Masters cannot be elected or installed, be it observed, at lodges of emergency.
- (3) Lodges of instruction must be sanctioned by regular, warranted lodges.
- (4) Any alterations of by-laws must be submitted to the General Board.
- (5) Public holidays are provided for as in the Craft Constitutions.

(6) Notice of removal of lodges must be sent to Grand Secretary and Provincial Grand Secretary for Provinces.

(7) Minutes cannot be confirmed at lodges of emergency.

(8) Returns to the Grand Secretary are to be made before 31st March in each year of all advancements and contributing members up to the 31st December previously.

(9) And the usual return must also be made *immediately after the Master's installation*.

(10) Clause 135 is not so clear as it should be, the last few words—"and after election by ballot"—requiring the insertion of "he may then be advanced" immediately before the word "after."

(11) Joining members can only be proposed at one regular meeting, and elected at the next regular assembly.

(12) The clothing cannot be worn as Mark Masters, save in Mark lodges, unless by *special dispensation*.

The "Fund of Benevolence," the "Educational Fund," and the "Annuity Fund" are each to receive a *third* of all contributions obtained for the benevolent purposes of the Order, and the numerous clauses adopted for the purposes of these Funds are well arranged, and calculated to answer the ends desired. They suggest an enormous extension of the Mark Degree and objects, and prove that the General Board is marching with the times. As might have been expected, the "fees of honour" are much increased. Warrants are to cost five guineas, and registration of a joining member is to be 2s. 6d., instead of 1s. The annual fees are wisely unaltered. It is impossible now to even glance at the rules for the three great Funds mentioned, or at the clauses respecting the regalia, but, beyond question, either a glance at the revision or careful study will prove that the Mark Constitutions have been well arranged, and the best thanks of the members of the Degree are due to the General Board and the official staff for such an excellent, complete, and much needed compilation.

W. J. HUGHAN.

LODGE DUES.

Previous to the year 1717 it was the practice in England for the Masons to assemble at any convenient place for consultation or work, and by immemorial usage they were accustomed at such assemblies to practice the rites of Masonry, and receive into the Fraternity Brothers and Fellows. In their conduct they were regulated solely by the ancient charges. The Master of the lodge was elected "pro tempore," and his authority terminated with the dissolution of the assembly. The Fellow Crafts at that time constituted the body of the Fraternity, and the principal object of all assemblies appears to have been for the settlement of difficulties between Craftsmen and to "make Masons." Doubtless a great incentive to attendance upon these occasional assemblies was the banquet provided at the close of the assembly at the expense of the newly-made Masons, in lieu of a fixed fee, as generally practised at the present time.

There being at that time no permanent lodge organisation, there was no necessity of the members of the Fraternity contributing to the formation of a permanent fund for charitable or other purposes. Each Mason, when appealed to for assistance by a needy brother, contributed to his relief such amount as his ability would permit, or the occasion seemed to require.

Accordingly, the old Constitutions contain no regulations for the payment of dues; but when the Grand Lodge was formed, the Craft voluntarily surrendered their inherent right of assembly, vesting the same in the newly-formed body, which immediately granted warrants of Constitution authorising the formation of lodges to be permanently located at the places designated therein.

With the organisation of a permanent lodge arose the necessity for providing a fund for its maintenance; and as all the members were equally interested in its support, it appeared but just that all should be equally assessed for that purpose; and thus arose the system of lodge dues, which at the present time is universally prevalent.

The payment of lodge dues is not a general Masonic duty, in which the Mason is affected toward the whole body of the Craft, but is to be regarded simply in the light of a pecuniary contract, the only parties to which are the lodge and its members. It being a purely family matter, the Grand Lodge does not assume the right to dictate to the lodges what the amount of such dues shall be, but does exercise the right to prescribe by statute that each member of a lodge shall pay dues and gives the lodge the power to enforce the collection of such dues as may be provided for by its bye-laws.

It has been proposed that the system of collecting annual dues from the member be abolished, and the Degree fees be made the sole support of the lodge. The argument in favour of this proposition is based upon the assumption that as the receipts from Degree fees would be sufficient for the proper maintenance of the lodge, the members, freed from enforced payments, would donate more liberally to the charitable and other purposes of the Craft by voluntary contributions.

This proposition, if adopted, would in many localities virtually amount to prohibition; in other places it would confine Masonry exclusively to men of wealth, and thus the accomplishment of the great purposes of the Fraternity would be frustrated.

It is the experience of observant Masons that voluntary subscriptions to any Masonic purpose are generally made by the faithful few, who are always present at lodge meetings, while the large mass of the members, who seldom visit the lodge, are virtually exempt. That the burden may be equally distributed among those entitled to receive the benefits of Masonry, the plan of annual dues has been adopted, and proves eminently satisfactory.—*Keystone*.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

"POINTS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As it is contrary to ordinary usage for any "authoritative" ruling to be given upon any point in dispute unless either such point is raised in a case which comes before the Board of General Purposes, or is of such importance as to warrant a departure from this traditional custom, I venture to address you somewhat at length in reply to two letters in your issue of the 14th inst.

Your correspondents—"Secretary" and "P.M."—ask in one case almost the same question; at all events, the questions are so nearly alike, that they can be replied to in one answer, namely:—

1st. A Past Master who ceases to be a subscribing member of any lodge for 12 months, ceases to be a member of Grand Lodge (and inferentially of Provincial Grand Lodge) till he again becomes a Warden or a Master of a lodge.—Vide Constitutions; Rule 9.

2nd. Such a Past Master, seeing that he still holds the degree of Past Master, can discharge in any lodge the functions of a Master upon being requested to do so by the Presiding Officer, and he would probably be, by courtesy, accorded whatever precedence he was entitled to at the time of his ceasing to be a subscribing member.—See Rule 141.

3rd. The payment or non-payment of a joining fee has nothing to do with the question.

The second question of "P.M." is one upon which no legal ruling can be given; but I will answer it as briefly as the very wide question it raises once more in your columns permits; and, in the first place, let me recommend your correspondent to refer to the long, animated, and valuable discussion of this very subject which took place in your journal between the 4th August and the 10th November, 1883. That discussion arose in consequence of an amendment to Rule 189 (then 186) having been proposed, which aimed at giving every Past Master who joined a lodge rank among the Past Masters of the lodge he joined. This was carried on the 8th August, 1883.

A very large majority of your correspondents (as I pointed out at the time) were opposed to this amendment, and Grand Lodge, on the 5th December, 1883, finally rejected it after a long discussion.

The effect of this decision was, that Grand Lodge emphatically refused to define, and consequently our Book of Constitutions does not define, the position of a Past Master either in a lodge the chair of which he has occupied, or in any other lodge of which he may become a member. The whole question is left open for the lodges and brethren to settle among themselves.

While therefore, as already observed, no legal decision is possible, I venture to think the following is an equitable one.

Bro. Z. being a member of Lodge No. 1, joins Lodge No. 2, and becomes Master of No. 2; the fact of his doing so neither directly nor indirectly alters his position in Lodge No. 1, except that (a) he is entitled to be returned annually by both lodges under Rule 179; (b) and he can discharge the functions of a Past Master as defined in Rule 141.

It follows from what I have laid down above that there are no "proper parties" who can give any "authoritative decision" on this matter, and I venture to express the earnest hope that a subject which has in the past shown itself so full of difficulty, and so much calculated to lead to acrimonious discussion, will be allowed to rest where the wisdom of Grand Lodge has determined it ought.

I venture to think that where "bitterness" over such a matter can arise, no ruling of any authority, however exalted, would remove it, but, on the contrary, would probably intensify it, and that the only way is for brethren to think rather less about sitting in the uppermost rooms at "feasts," and to remember that in Freemasonry, as in all other things, "he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."—Yours fraternally, S.M.M.C.O.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am delighted to see by the note in your leaderette that there is a prospect of an authentic modern work on this subject. The number of questions asked in your columns, and the comparatively small number of satisfactory answers, prove the want.

In despair of an abler brother taking up the subject, I had commenced reading up, with a view of attempting to rewrite Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence;" but am very glad to be relieved of the task. If I can be of any assistance to the brother who has commenced, I shall be most happy to put myself in communication with him.—Yours truly, LEX SCRIPTA.

November 16th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to letters from "Secretary" and "P.M.," I should say that a P.M. ceasing to be a subscriber to any lodge for 12 months, and then joining any, or rejoining his own lodge, would rank as a P.M. "in the lodge," but not "of the lodge," and could therefore occupy the chair in the absence of the W.M. and P.M's. of the lodge, but would not be on any Lodge Committees (unless specially elected), nor would he be a member of Grand Lodge (see Rule 9, Book of Constitutions).

In the second case, he would be in a precisely similar position except that he would be a member of Grand Lodge. I should suggest, however, that the question should be submitted to the Grand Registrar.—Yours fraternally, Broadstairs, November 17th. S.W.

A LEGAL QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the letter which you published last week from "Secretary," the question "Does he resume his rank as Past Master?" is a little ambiguous. If "Secretary" means "Does a rejoining P.M. who has not belonged to a lodge for 12 months resume his position as a member of Grand Lodge?" the answer is "No, by Rule 9 of the Book of Constitutions." If he means "Does he resume his rank as P.M. of his lodge," the answer will be "Yes," because he has never really lost that rank, though he has lost its privileges in Grand Lodge, since no lapse of time or failure of subscription can alter the fact that Bro. A. was W.M. of a certain lodge during a certain year.

The above may also serve to answer the first question asked by "P.M." As for his second question, a P.M. of Lodge B ranks in his mother lodge, A, between the junior P.M. and the S.W. of the latter lodge. This position is given to him by Rule 141. Such enquiries bear you out in your remarks as to the want of a work on "Masonic Jurisprudence," though, after all, it is doubtful if brethren who do not study the Constitutions would study such a work.—Yours fraternally,
November 17th. E. L. H.

THE POSITION OF PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As you do not reply to the queries of "Secretary" and "P.M.," in your issue of 14th inst., allow me to state my views. The subject has been threshed out in your columns, whether satisfactorily or not is a matter of opinion. There can I think be no question that once a P.M., always a P.M., but if such an one has ceased to be a subscribing member of a lodge and joins again, he should always (in my opinion at least) remain the last on the lists of P.M.'s. Such a man deserves, in fact, blackballing (in my opinion) as a joining member, if after having attained the honour of the chair, he deserts his lodge, and then afterwards comes up as a joining member. Such conduct shows he was quite unfit for the position he had attained. There appearing to be no rule on the subject, it must be left to the judgment of the lodge itself, but I have no hesitation in saying that if a joining P.M. under the circumstances supposed by "Secretary" and "P.M." (1st query), who might be senior to myself originally, asserted his right to work the ceremonies in the absence of the W.M., I should most decidedly leave the lodge (for the occasion), as I should consider that the brother had, so to say, retired or deserted his lodge, whichever way you like to take it.

As regards "P.M.'s" 2nd query there seems to be no difficulty. Bro. X. of A lodge becomes W.M. of B lodge, his position is exactly the same in A lodge as before; he is, however, a P.M. of B lodge, and is a P.M. in the Craft; he may, however, be only I.G. in A lodge.

P.M. could of course write to the Grand Secretary's office on the point, but surely if he thinks out the matter for himself, his own common sense will be a pretty good guide, and he must remember that any reply outside the Book of Constitutions would be sure to be set at nought as not binding by any brother who held a different opinion as to the ruling.

I do not venture to lay down the law, I only give my own private opinion of what seems to be the natural answer to the questions proposed.—Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER P.M.

November 17th.



We hope that the example set by Bro. William Watson, P.M., &c. Leeds, will be followed, for his "Brief Record of the Masonic Career of the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., LL.D." &c., is just the kind of thing which is much wanted in relation to many of our esteemed Masonic veterans. Short sketches might be sent to the *Freemason* for publication, or, better still, printed and circulated as the little brochure now in our hands. The cost is slight; but we are persuaded there are a numerous circle of readers who would welcome reliable data of the Masonic career of the chief Masons of our land and of other lands, especially if brevity and accuracy are happily blended. Bro. Watson has done his part well, and in his introduction briefly considers the fact that "Masonry is a progressive science." He considers that to this our Society "largely owes its present brilliant and exalted position," and we are inclined to agree with him accordingly. He evidently objects to the statement that "Arch Masonry is a creation of recent date," and if by "recent date" he means within a century, we also are in agreement with him. We, however, have not seen it proved that "Arch Masonry" was worked any earlier than a century and a half ago.

The "humble tribute" offered by Bro. Watson to "a veteran worker in the Craft" is alike honourable to the author and the respected Dr. Smyth, who it appears saw "Masonic Light" in the Isle of Man some 42 years ago, under the Scottish Constitution. In 1814 he came under our Grand Lodge, and especially at Newcastle worked so hard, that he was made Provincial Grand Chaplain before serving in the chair. As Government Chaplain in India from 1849, his abilities as a Masonic instructor were most conspicuous. As W.M. of 761, Agra, 1852-3, and of 922, Mussoorie, 1854-6, Prov. Grand Chaplain, and Prov. Grand Warden of Bengal, and in other capacities, his name was known and respected far and wide. His Mastership of other lodges and his conduct under the trying ordeal of the Indian Mutiny are all graphically described by Bro. Watson, and his career as a Mason is such as to render it certain that his Mastership of the Prudence Lodge, Leeds, will be most successful; hence we join in the hope expressed that "for many years he will live to enjoy the blessings of health and strength and the respect of the Craft."

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the third annual meeting, held at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 12th instant, of the subscribers to the Rowland Hill Memorial and Benevolent Fund.

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- Engraved Lists of Lodges.
- Calendars, various years. Offers of engravings and prints.
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- Reports of Grand Lodge Proceedings for December, 1871. C. F. H.
- "The Freemason," vol. IV. W. L.
- The Masonic Magazine and Mirror (4th edition), vol. II., 1862; vols. I. and II., 1863. C. F. M.

- Wax Impressions of Lodge and Chapter Seals.
- Craft and Arch Certificates before 1800.
- Communications before 1798—Convoactions before 1837—Conclaves before 1813.
- Grand Epochs of Freemasonry—Newmarch.
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UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—The first meeting of the above popular and venerable lodge took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, and was well attended. Bro. W. Akers, W.M., presided, and was assisted by the following Past Masters, officers, and visitors: Bros. G. Masters, I.P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M.; Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; E. Mills, P.M.; R. Smith, P.M.; A. Cleal, S.W.; J. Milbourne, J.W.; H. Grice, J.D.; J. Bell, I.G.; H. Mason, P.M. 913; J. Saunderson, J.W. 700; W. Maule, S.W. 1536; J. G. Dale, S.D. 169; J. Swanson, S.D. 700; J. Miller, I.G. 700; W. Walters, A.D.C. 1326; J. R. Cox, 1326; A. Murdoch, 1536; F. R. Walters, 1326; G. H. Porter, 700; W. Maloney, 325; J. R. James, 382; J. W. Clark, 1428; G. Calton, 158; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

The usual lodge business having been transacted, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Davis and Saunders, and they being approved, were in due course initiated. Bro. Reeve was passed, and Bros. Bishop, Clark, and Keevil were raised. A more heavy and trying night's work for a Master on his first occupying the chair we have seldom witnessed, nor can we withhold our concurrence in the universal feeling that Bro. Akers had and would well and worthily uphold the high reputation of the Union Waterloo Lodge. Refreshments after labour were hospitably and bountifully tendered, and on reassembling round the social board the usual loyal, Masonic, and lodge toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and some excellent singing enlivened the proceedings.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—A bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The W.M., Bro. Daves, presided, and was supported by Bros. Minstrell, S.W.; Birch, J.W.; Watson, S.D.; A. Lambourne, J.D.; Chamberlain, I.G.; Bale, I.P.M.; Slirving, P.M.; Whiting, P.M.; Thurkle, Treas.; Nightingale, Irving, Huntley, Carter, Barrett, Barnet, Nicholls, and others. The ceremony of raising was performed, and a vote of sympathy with Bro. W. Stuart, the Secretary, who was prevented, owing to illness, from attending, was passed. Afterwards the brethren partook of refreshment together.

ZETLAND LODGE (No. 511).—The installation meeting of this old-established lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Parkhouse, W.M.; Taylor, as S.W.; Lock, J.W.; A. Barfield, P.M., Treas.; G. Read, P.M., Sec.; W. Side, J.D.; Fisher, I.G.; Schuler and Death, Stewards; Past Masters Game, Whittick, Avery, Ward, Wehlen, and Blum; and upwards of fifty brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Pocock, W.M. 1891; Honeyball, P.M. 1681; McLeod, P.M. 1624; Hart, S.W. 1582; White, 2030; Francon, 1623, and others.

The lodge being opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. J. H. Taylor, W.M. elect, was presented for installation, the whole of which ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, the several addresses being given in a manner which proved he was no novice in the art. The brethren having saluted in the several Degrees, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Lock, S.W.; Side, J.W.; Barfield, P.M., Treas.; Read, P.M., Sec.; Fisher, S.D.; Schuler, J.D.; Death, I.G.; Wehlen, P.M., D.C.; Barker and Cuff, Stewards; Oliver, Org.; and Schofield, Tyler. Bro. Parkhouse, I.P.M., was invested with the Past Master's jewel of the lodge. Bro. Barfield, P.M. and Treasurer, commented on the liberality shown by Bro. D. Cama to the lodge, and proposed, as a slight recognition of his kindness, and to mark the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the Zetland Lodge, that he should be elected an honorary member; this was seconded by Bro. Read, P.M. and Sec., and carried unanimously.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in Bro. Clemow's best style, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given; the toast of "The Visitors" being ably responded to by Bro. Dr. Pocock and others. The Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable evening to a close. Bro. Oliver presided with his usual kindness and ability at the piano.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—A large and enthusiastic gathering of the members and friends of the above excellent lodge took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, to witness the installation of Bro. William Harvey Harris, S.W. and W.M. elect, and to tender him "Hearty good wishes" for his health and happiness, especially during his coming year of office. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Nevins, W.M., and the work, as shown on the agenda paper, consisted of the raising of Bro. Sully, the passing of Bro. Loney, and the initiation, after ballot, of Messrs. Walter Witton Daw and Charles Ingram, all three ceremonies being admirably performed by the W.M. He then in good style carried out the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. Harris in the chair of K.S. in ancient form. That brother having been duly saluted, invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Watkins, S.W.; C. D. Mears, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Pitt, Sec.; W. Temple, S.D.; J. Still, J.D.; A. Dale, I.G.; J. Tytheridge, D.C.; L. Crow, Stwd.; J. White, Asst. Stwd.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and A. R. Turberfield, Tyler. Bro. Nevins then gave the addresses and finished the ceremony, receiving unstinted applause at the hands of the brethren for the careful and conscientious manner in which he had carried it out, and it was unanimously resolved that an illuminated velum, inscribed with the thanks of the lodge, should be presented to him for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and he was also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, for both of which he feelingly returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an elaborate and handsomely served banquet, under the direct superintendence of Bro. Warcham, 861, and upon the excellence of which we heartily congratulate our worthy host. Among the brethren present and not above named were Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts; J. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; A. Knox, P.M.; F. Brian, P.M.; H. Taplay, P.M. (who acted as D.C. during the installation ceremony); A. W. McCarthy, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; W. Dorton, P.M.; H. Ward, G. W. Pankhurst, P. Barrett, W. Taylor, J. Suttrey, J. Smith, J. Simpson, C. W. Long, Jas. Piper, W. Cramphorne, B. Johnson, R. Brown, N. Stockvis, J. T. Yates, W. J. Callcott, R. Harris, Jas. Grice, G. Treadwell, and C. Morgan, all of the lodge. The visitors were Bros. E. Benjamin, P.M. 1766; A. T. Ives, W.M. 1472; H. Sinclair, 1816; Davey, S.W. 1437; A. Symes, J.W. 554; S. Barfoot, 2048; J. Healing, 127; F. H. Dale, 1278; A. R. Trew, 959; A. Peterkin, 1805; R. Jennings, 1437; J. C. Slade, 1685; J. Cairn, 1772; E. Knox, 554; J. W. Hyam, 898; C. Jolly, S.W. 1472, &c. (Freemason); and others, the above having signed the attendance book.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in bumper, and then

Bro. Nevins, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and, after paying him a high compliment upon the able and earnest manner in which he had risen to his present position, pointed out how admirably he had acquitted himself in the act of investing his officers—a light duty perhaps, but indicative of what would follow when the working of the ceremonies devolved upon him. Bro. Harris was actuated by an earnest desire to do his duty, and he (Bro. Nevins) was sure that none in that room had the interest of the lodge more at heart than their W.M. He called upon them therefore to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. Harris, in response, heartily thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. No words that he could utter could adequately express the pride and pleasure he felt at having arrived at the chair of the lodge that day. He could only thank them for electing him, and could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to carry out the duties of his position, not only to the benefit of Freemasonry at large, but for the benefit of the Capper Lodge. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid much applause.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and, in so doing, trusted he should have the same support from them as his predecessors had had, and, further, that they would find him worthy of that support.

Bro. Nevins returned thanks, as the youngest Past Master, and could only say that it was a position he had long coveted. He had been a member of the lodge for many years, and always looked to the left of the chair as the highest point of his ambition. He should, as the Past Master before him had done, be always willing to assist any rising brother and aid the W.M., should he be required,

in carrying out the duties of his high and exalted position. For himself, he thanked them, and would now leave the other P.M.'s to speak for themselves.

After Bro. McCarthy had briefly responded, "The Initiates" were toasted, and suitably returned thanks.

"The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Benjamin, Ealing, and Ives responded.

"The Masonic Press" received a hearty welcome, and Bro. Jolly returned thanks, congratulating the lodge upon its magnificent contributions to the Charities, it being then V.P. of the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, and had paid 65 guineas off the Vice-Presidency of the Boys' School; while at the last Girls' School Festival, Bro. J. Dorton, as Steward, took up the handsome sum of 200 guineas, a position, as regards the Charities, that any lodge might be proud of.

The other toasts were "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast.

Bro. M. Sherwin presided at the piano, and accompanied the singers, among whom were himself, Bros. Callcott, Cramphorne, R. Brown, and Carne. Bros. Bryan and Jolly recited, and the whole affair was an unmitigated pleasure.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).

The second regular meeting of this lodge for the present session was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th inst. The attendance on this occasion was not so large as usual, owing primarily to a moderate agenda for work, and in many cases to important engagements in connection with the forthcoming General Election. On these accounts it had been considered proper to look upon this meeting as an "off night." The W.M., Bro. R. H. Fendick, opened the lodge at 4.30, and was supported by nearly all his officers, viz., Bros. F. W. Potter, S.W.; H. Bertram, J.W.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M., Sec.; J. A. W. Stephens, S.D.; J. K. Gwyn, J.D.; W. Cook, P.M., D.C.; R. Greening, I.G.; and C. T. Smith, Steward. There were also present Bros. W. Baber, I.P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; John Seax, P.M.; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; Paul Metz, P. McNiven, F. Bailey, G. W. Robson, E. Wesley, Julian Hartley, R. Potter, P.M., Tyler, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the lodge was passed to the F.C. Degree, and, by request of the W.M. of the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, Bro. R. F. Tomlin, of that lodge, having first proved his proficiency, was raised to the Third Degree. The lodge having been worked down, a notice of motion by Bro. Potter, S.W., for the presentation of a Past Secretary's jewel to W. Bro. G. W. Blackie, P.M., on his retirement from the office of Secretary of the lodge, and in slight acknowledgment of his past earnest services and courtesy, was considered and unanimously agreed to. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was promised support. He also proposed a candidate for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge. No further business offering, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Vestry Hall, Bow, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when the W.M., Bro. J. T. Robey, was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. J. R. Tjhou, S.W.; A. Souch, J.W.; F. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Johnson, S.D.; J. Taylor, P.M. 753, as J.D.; R. R. Green, as I.G.; Ellerton, Org.; R. Logan, P.M.; Geo. Thompson, Hobbs, Holland, Wiseman, C. Webster, and Sutton. Visitors: Bros. Hubbert, W.M. 1625; T. L. Kennett, P.M. 1716; J. Taylor, P.M. 753; G. Pugh, 1790; McKenzie, 1625; J. Williams, 15; J. H. Brown, 933; Liddall, 43; W. G. Broad, 1364; H. Johnson, 1805; and J. Allison, 1349.

Since the last meeting the brethren have lost, by death, their much respected Treasurer, Bro. P. Edinger, who was also P.M. and Sec. of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95. The members appeared in lodge in Masonic mourning, and the lodge room was appropriately draped. The W.M. and officers entered the lodge room in procession, the Organist playing the Dead March in "Saul," after which the lodge was opened. The minutes having been read, it was then resolved unanimously that the brethren deplore the loss sustained by the family of the late Treasurer, and that a letter of condolence with Mrs. Edinger and family be forthwith sent. Bro. Hunt, P.M., at the invitation of the W.M., duly raised Bro. Sutton to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

The bye-laws having been read, the members proceeded to the election of W.M. Bro. Chas. J. R. Tjhou, S.W., had the honour of being unanimously elected to that office. Bro. Logan, P.M., was also unanimously chosen as Treasurer, and Bro. George Harrison, as Tyler. Bros. Holland, E. G. Johnson, and R. R. Green were appointed as Auditors. A P.M. jewel of the value of ten guineas was voted to the retiring W.M., to whom also a vote of thanks was accorded for his having, during his year of office, lent a harmonium to the lodge.

The W.M. elect, in acknowledging the confidence reposed in him, urged upon the officers and candidates for office the necessity for making themselves thoroughly efficient for the correct working of their several duties, and stated that in the selection of his officers he should appoint them in the order of their admission into the lodge, providing they were able to fulfil their duties in a satisfactory manner. For himself, as a young Mason, if he would be able to occupy the chair with credit to himself and to confer the Degrees as they should be done, he felt that the credit of the same would be due to his esteemed friend, Bro. J. Taylor, the Preceptor of the Coborn Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Tjhou further stated that he hoped to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, when he trusted the brethren would rally round him, so that he could take up a better list than the lodge had yet sent.

The lodge was then closed in the customary manner, and the brethren sang the hymn "Now the evening shadows closing," after which the W.M. and officers left the lodge room in procession, the Organist playing a voluntary meanwhile.

The brethren then partook of refreshments, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and in addition the W.M. gave "The Memory of their late Treasurer, Bro. P. Edinger," which was received in solemn silence.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—Under circumstances which necessitated a temporary removal from the customary place of meeting at Honor Oak, the lodge met in accordance with the terms of a dispensation from the M.W.G.M. on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The W.M., Bro. H. M. Williams, opened the lodge, supported by Bro. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M., and the following officers and members, viz.: Bros. H. Stokes, S.W.; J. W. Hartley, J.W.; G. R. Langley, Asst. Sec.; H. Hooper, S.D.; A. Darch, P.M., J.D.; Fuller, as I.G.; F. France, D.C.; J. H. Worstencroft, Asst. D.C.; W. Bartlett, W.S.; W. H. Simons, Org.; A. Pitman, Asst. Org.; Cloake, Pearson, Cox, Mordey, Andrews, O'Reilly, Letchford, Cooper, Lawson, E. Bye, sen., B. Forster, Wootton, and others. During the evening the following visitors were welcomed, viz.: Bros. John Richardson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.P. West Yorks; W. Smith, P.M. 1538; H. Baldwin, W.M. 1949, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426; T. Harper, P.M. 1216; A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1669; and W. H. Williams (father of the W.M.), P.M. 104; F. C. Greaves, 1922; E. Bye, jun., 141; Sidney Hill, Org. 1216; W. Wilson, 1837; and D. Baird, late 1986.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the dispensation for the temporary removal of the lodge was then read and ordered to be recorded. Ballots were taken in favour of Messrs. C. W. Bennett and Walter W. Arber, who were then severally introduced into the lodge, and received the benefit of individual initiation. The W.M. "performed his task with the utmost fidelity," and left nothing to be desired by either members or visitors in regard to correct and impressive ritual. The after-dinner speeches of the newly-initiated brethren proved how greatly they appreciated the solemn and appropriate introduction into Freemasonry they had received at his hands, and with the perfect assistance of his officers. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Phillips, I.P.M., for presentation of a suitable jewel to the W.M. at the expiration of his term of office, and a Committee was then appointed to report to the next meeting as to the most suitable place for the future gatherings of the lodge. Several apologies for non-attendance were read, regret being expressed that the candidate for passing should again find it necessary to excuse himself, and also that illness should have prevented both Bros. J. Hammond and W. Hopekirk, Past Masters, from being present.

Lodge was then closed in due form, and refreshment followed labour. Under the genial presidency of the Worshipful Master a very agreeable evening was passed in social converse and harmony, and there being amongst members of this lodge and its frequent visitors many having both gift of song and of recitation, there was no lack of enjoyment up to the time of the Tyler's toast and necessary separation.

STRAND LODGE (No. 1987).

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 12th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and there was a good attendance of the brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M., Bro. J. R. Stacey, initiated Mr. Richard Mackway, and afterwards passed Bros. G. Milton and W. H. Lawrence. The work was admirably performed.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a substantial supper, and the evening passed pleasantly. The usual toasts were drunk with Masonic honours. There were present Bros. J. R. Stacey, P.M., W.M.; W. Harris, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., I.P.M., Treas.; W. M. Styles, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Madge, S.D.; J. T. Buston, I.G.; J. G. Shaw, D.C.; J. N. Hare and E. N. Dale, Stwds; G. B. Banks, Org.; R. Bands, H. Lovegay, J. A. Tassider, W. S. Lee, M. J. Green, C. F. Williams, F. J. Jackson, H. S. Foster, E. Evans, W. H. Lawrence, Ernest Spon, George Milton, T. H. Garland, J. L. Potter, Albert Smith, T. S. Madge, J. Duncan, Walter Merritt, Edward Colley, Chas. J. Watson, W. C. Archer, A. H. Korning, C. J. Taylor, E. J. Argent, J. Willington Cook, Lewis Anidjah, J. McDonald, J. H. Batty, R. A. Robertson, and E. B. Hartt. Visitors: Bros. A. J. Martin, W.M. 188; S. E. Stendridge, 1201; Robt. H. Clemow, 1589; J. Butterworth, P.M. 1604; C. F. Luckhurst, J.D. 1604; H. Cohen, I.G. 1658; G. Moseley, Org. 1744; and C. Basil Cooke, 1928.

EARL OF MORNINGTON LODGE (No. 2000).

The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 13th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Woodhouse Braine, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Jacob Hood was passed to the Degree of F.C., and the other business having been dispatched, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the usual banquet took place, the chair being occupied by the W.M. The usual toasts were proposed and honoured, and a most agreeable evening spent.

The following were present, namely: Bros. Woodhouse Braine, W.M.; J. T. Griffith, S.W.; H. T. Pollock, J.W.; H. C. Master, S.D.; W. A. Frost, Org.; A. W. Mitchell, I.G.; Mills, Tyler; Dr. Lavies, P.M.; A. W. Woodburn, W. S. Lart, H. R. Rose, C. J. Jacob Hood, H. Blaine, N. H. Turner, W. R. Maccauley, and J. Pollard. Visitors: Bros. Lound, 190; Walford, 1196; Ingoldby, 1601; Beardmore, 857; Taylor, 586; and Beckett, 1819.

LODGE OF KING SOLOMON (No. 2020).

The first meeting of the new session of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Red Lion-square, Bro. Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson, W.M., presiding, who was supported by Bros. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., as S.W.; Henry Wright, W.M. 1827, acting J.W.; W. Williams, J.D.; J. Richardson, I.G.; Marten, D.C.; and Harry Tipper, Sec. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. The W.M. informed the members that he had sent a letter of condolence to the family of their late S.W., Bro. Wm. Chubb, which he was sure would meet the approbation of the lodge. It is an odd circumstance that since the last meeting of the lodge the late Bro. Chubb's brother-in-law has also been removed by T.G.A.O.T.U. from this sublunary abode. Bro. Messent installed Dr. Richardson at the commencement of the year. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bro. Wiseman to the Second Degree. Ballot was next taken for Mr. John

Hughes, C.C. Bro. Wright on behalf of the Audit Committee presented the balance sheet, which showed a most healthy state of the finances for so young a lodge. On the motion of Bro. Matthews, it was resolved to adopt, print, and circulate the Auditor's report. Mr. John Hughes having been introduced, the W.M. initiated him into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry, Bro. Wright giving the Lecture on the Tracing Board and the Charge of the First Degree. The next business was the election of W.M. and Treasurer, in both instances being unanimous in favour of, respectively, Bro. Harrison Branthwaite, J.W., who was unable to be present, and Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.I.E., re-elected for the third time. Bro. Miller was re-elected Tyler by a show of hands. After five gentlemen had been proposed as initiates, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

The members partook of light refreshments, and spent the evening together in harmony. In the absence of the W.M., who had to attend a meeting of the Medical Defence Association at his own house, Bro. Wright presided, and gave the toasts, or rather the sentiments, of "The Queen and the Craft"; "The M.W.G.M."; "The Pro G.M."; "The Deputy G.M."; and the rest of "Grand Officers." He then gave the sentiment of the evening, "The Health of the Initiate." Bro. Tipper sang the "Entered Apprentice's Song, the brethren joining in the chorus.

Bro. Hughes duly responded, after which the acting W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," coupling with the sentiment the names of Bros. F. Richardson and Tipper, each of whom responded in suitable terms.

The Secretary and Bro. Williams sang some songs, and Bro. Ferrier gave a recitation during the evening. Amongst those present not already mentioned were Bros. Fisher, Dr. Cobb, Cairns, and W. Williams.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).

At the regular meeting of the above lodge, the W.M., Bro. Joseph Robson Pattison, presiding, Bro. W. B. Ferguson, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. T. M. Watson, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Mr. Wm. Tonkinson, eldest son of the late Bro. H. Tonkinson, P.M., was initiated into Masonry by Bro. W. Beattie, P.M., and Mr. A. Grundy was initiated by the W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison. The installation will take place on Thursday, December 10th.

GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, when there were present Bros. S. Coombes, W.M.; T. Pengelley, as I.P.M.; F. C. Sparrow, S.W.; W. H. Lovell, J.W.; W. De Jersey, P.M. and Treas.; R. M. Smythson, P.M., Secretary; J. Quant, S.D.; R. McGregor, D.C.; J. G. Pickering, I.G.; S. M. Barter, Tyler; A. C. Quick, P.M.; W. H. Courtenay, P.M.; Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and P.P.G.R. Suffolk. A large number of members were present, and amongst the visitors were Bros. P. Le Page, P.M. 243; T. J. Agnew, P.M. Kinistons Lodge, No. 10, Manitoba, Canada; J. Garland, United States Lodge, No. 207, New York; and Major Haighton Wilkins, P.M. 84. The principal business of the evening was the presentation of a handsome gold centenary jewel to Bro. Smythson, Secretary. The W.M., in some complimentary remarks, called upon Bro. Wm. De Jersey, the oldest Past Master of the lodge, to make the presentation. The lodge was worked through the three Degrees by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, but there was no work to do. Bro. De Jersey, in presenting the testimonial to Bro. R. M. Smythson, P.M., Secretary, said: "I fully concur with the remarks made by the W.M. concerning the pleasing duty of presenting you, Bro. Smythson, with this testimonial, and I feel doubly pleased, as I am, next to you, the senior Past Master of the lodge. It is a somewhat remarkable fact, bringing with it most pleasant remembrances, that the first duty I performed, on being appointed Master of this lodge, was to present, your deeply-regretted father with a Past Master's jewel, and it is also a somewhat curious coincidence that he was then Treasurer of the lodge. Having been for the last five years Treasurer of this lodge, and having worked with you during that time, I can fully appreciate and testify to your value as Secretary. I find by the records of the lodge that you have filled the following offices: you were initiated on January 25th, 1871, and on being raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. you were appointed I.G.; Secretary in 1872; J.W., 1873; S.W., 1874; again Secretary; 1875; elected W.M., 1876; I.P.M. in 1877; again elected W.M., 1878; I.P.M., 1879 and 1880; and again appointed Secretary, 1881 to present date. I trust that you will value this jewel not for its metallic worth, but as a souvenir and proof of the esteem in which you are held, and of the good which has always existed between you and the other members of the lodge. In wearing it you will think of the pleasant fact that when the W.M. proposed making you a present of a gold centenary jewel, and that it should be contributed by voluntary subscription, the members came readily and willingly forward with their contributions. I hope and trust that you will live long to wear it, and that it may be worn when you are no more by your son, who undoubtedly will treasure the jewel in memory of his father.

Bro. Smythson, in reply, said: "Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren,—I hardly know how to express my feelings, or convey to you how highly gratified I am at being the recipient of such a beautiful present. Bro. De Jersey has asked me not to value it for its intrinsic worth. Now, I can assure you, in the first place, I do value it for its intrinsic worth, because I know it is an expensive jewel; in the second, which is of far more importance to me, as being a spontaneous token of the esteem you are pleased to have for me; thirdly, because it is an emblem we are entitled to wear on account of our dear old lodge having attained its centenary. That event was anxiously looked forward to by my late lamented father—in fact, it was the dearest wish of his heart; but, unfortunately, he was not to see the consummation of what he had so long looked for; the Great Architect of the Universe deemed otherwise, as he died about six months before the completion of the 100 hundred years of its existence. I am wearing the P.M.'s jewel that was presented by this lodge to my late father for services rendered, and which he bequeathed to me on his death bed, and I shall place the one you have been so kind as to present me with by its side,

and I hope when my little son arrives at man's estate he will become a Freemason and a member of this lodge, and on my dying bed I may hand to him these jewels as pure and unswayed as I received the one from my late dear father. I must not forget to thank the W.M. for the good feelings which prompted him to propose that I should be thus honoured, nor must I omit to thank the subscribers for the liberal manner in which they responded to his proposition. In conclusion, I trust we may live in unanimity and concord to our last day.

Bro. Quick, P.M., with the permission of the W.M., read a very interesting "communique" from Bro. Hughan, showing the history in brief of the Guernsey Lodges, and which we hope to have space to insert later on. The other business of the lodge having been disposed of, and the question as to the purchase of a harmonium having been relegated to the next regular meeting, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren retired for refreshment. The W.M. presided as usual, and gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to.

By command of the W.M., Bro. Emra Holmes proposed "The Visitors," and said how delighted the Mariners Lodge was at all times to welcome visiting brethren, either belonging to the neighbouring lodges or when they hailed from distant countries, and he thought it would be a matter of great interest to the brethren if the visitors would give them some information as to the progress of Masonry in their respective localities.

Bro. Garland, from New York, testified to the great value of Masonry to men travelling to the United States, and strongly recommended every one to be initiated who proposed to go there, as it was an introduction at once.

Bro. Agnew, from Manitoba, spoke in like terms, and enlarged on the hospitality shown to strangers who were Masons in his own province.

Bro. Wilkins complimented the W.M. on the working of the lodge, and several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—A meeting was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. Present: Bros. Wm. Draper, W.M.; Henry Foster, S.W.; Thos. G. Hodgson, J.W.; Jas. Todd, P.M., &c., Treas.; Wm. Smith, Sec.; Saml. Border, S.D.; H. S. Hopton, J.D.; C. M. Forbes, I.G.; S. J. Grummack, Stwd.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler; Mark Rooke, P.M.; A. H. H. Macgachen, P.M.; George Kirby, P.M.; J. Toes, W. J. Kirkpatrick, E. W. Purnell, Jos. Clarke, John Biscumb, T. J. Russell, C. Linley, W. Ward, M. Bryson, Tom Archey, and Wm. Page. Visitors: Bros. J. P. Bell, 57, D.P.G.M. of N. and E. Yorks; M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks; W. Reynolds, P.G. Treas. N. and E. Yorks; W. Tesseyman, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. N. and E. Yorks; G. Sims, P.P.G.D.C. N. and E. Yorks; A. Jones, 250, P.S.W.; J. Martin, J.W. 1091; and W. G. Fricker, 455.

The ballot was successfully taken for Dr. Farbraie Sidney Gramshaw. Bro. Mongs Bryson was raised. Bro. Dr. Bell, D.P.G.M., congratulated the W. Master and brethren on the exquisite appearance of the lodge, and the very great pleasure it had afforded himself and his brother visitors at having been present during the ceremonies that evening, and he paid a very high compliment to Bro. Mark Rooke, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., on the masterly manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the Third Degree; to Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.R., on the explanation of the tools, &c.; and to the officers generally on the efficient manner in which they performed their respective duties. These expressions were endorsed by several other visiting brethren. Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., Treasurer, was elected a representative of the lodge on the Charities Association for North and East Yorkshire.

GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Lodge (No. 243).—The last regular meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Temple, was the occasion for a very gratifying presentation being made to Bro. Lindsay, the I.P.M., of a Past Master's jewel, 18-carat gold, which had been subscribed for by the voluntary contributions of the members of the lodge as a token of the esteem and regard which they entertained for Bro. Lindsay during two successive years of office as W.M. The senior P.M., Bro. Hamley, was to have presented the jewel, but, owing to his absence from the island on that occasion, Bro. Bohn, the W.M., undertook the pleasing duty.

Bro. Lindsay, in a suitable reply acknowledging the gift, thanked the brethren for their substantial appreciation of his efforts to carry out the various duties devolving upon him, and assured them that he would ever bear in mind the kindness and support which he had received at their hands.

DUDLEY.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street, when there were present Bros. G. T. Owen, W.M.; James Turner, S.W.; Robt. Stevenson, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treas.; Saml. Smith, P.M., Sec.; S. Bagott, S.D.; J. Warham, J.D. and Org.; M. Smith, D.C.; W. Swallow, I.G.; Thos. Chambers, Stwd.; F. Garner, Tyler; S. Spittle, Asst. Tyler; Edwin Turner, P.M.; Wm. Waring, P.M.; G. Bagott, P.M.; John Bywater, H. Bagott, E. J. Chambers, James Jones, Wm. Hanson, R. Preece, J. Sidaway, A. J. Baird, Thos. White, W. Docker, and R. Guest. Visitors: Bros. W. Waldron, P.M. 4 and 573; W. Brown, W.M. 347; J. W. Roberts, Sec. 495; and J. Finney, 573.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Richard Guest, who was elected on last lodge night, was then duly initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge and explanation of the tracing board of the First Degree being given by the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, and the brethren present were much gratified by the admirable manner in which the whole was performed. Two candidates, who were proposed at previous meeting, were then submitted to the ballot and duly elected; but, as both were unavoidably absent, their initiation was deferred till next lodge night. The remaining and more private business being next disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

YARMOUTH.—United Friends Lodge (No. 313).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Assembly-rooms, when Bro.

Harvey-George was exalted to the high office of W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Oswald Diver in a very impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed his officers: Bros. Walter Brown, I.P.M.; John Hall, S.W.; J. Taylor, J.W.; J. Tolver Waters, S.D.; J. W. Bunn, J.D.; Frank Burton, I.G.; and Laing, Tyler, Bros. Hammond and O. Diver have also been re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of this lodge.

The banquet was served by Bro. Crane, at the Victoria Hotel, in his usual style. Among those present, in addition to the brethren before mentioned, we noticed the W.M.'s of Friendship and St. Andrew's Lodges, Bros. Sir Henry Tyler, C. Diver, Major Dods, F. Danby-Palmer, Sydney Lacon, W. Barnard, Ruddock, Mayo, H. H. Brand, J. J. Owles, and others.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. J. Copestick, W.M.; C. Webster, I.P.M.; Edgar Horne, S.W.; A. Woodiwiss, J.W.; Rev. T. Orell, Chap.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. Chadwick, S.D.; Severn Taylor, J.D.; J. Walker, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; G. Sutherland, I.G.; T. Day, Tyler; J. Melrose, J. Jones, and W. Todd, Stwds.; John Smith, P.M.; P.P.G.S.W.; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. R. Gee, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. C. Merry, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; A. Frazer, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.P.; James Woumof, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. E. Yeomans, P.M., and J. S. Sanderson, P.M.; Bros. R. L. Greensmith, F. Ball, J. E. Raye, Peake, J. Maxey, A. Tyler, A. Smith, W. H. Wright, G. H. Ward, Baggaley, and Tempest. Visitors: Bros. H. A. Bamore, W.M. 253; J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; C. D. Hart, I.P.M. 1085; R. Slater, S.D. 802; and W. H. Marrow, Stanhope Lodge.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were balloted for and elected: Mr. W. Harrison, Mr. J. A. Linacre, and Mr. George C. Copestick, eldest son of the W.M.; and Bro. Tempest was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., and the charge was delivered by the S.W.; Bro. E. Horne, the whole working being most ably done. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, after which the brethren in large numbers assembled in the lower hall for supper, which was well looked after by Bro. T. Day, the esteemed Tyler.

In responding to the toast of his health, ably submitted by the S.W., the W.M. referred in very feeling terms to the election of his eldest son as a candidate for Freemasonry, and the great pleasure he should have in initiating him on a future night.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given by Bro. S. Taylor, J.D., and responded to by Bro. G. T. Wright, the oldest P.M. of the lodge.

Bro. John Brown, P.M., proposed "The Visitors" in his usual happy and forcible style, and to it Bro. H. A. Bemrose, W.M. 253; C. D. Hart, I.P.M. 1085; and Murrell, Stanhope Lodge, severally and suitably responded.

After other toasts, the Tyler's brought another large and most enjoyable gathering to a close at an early hour.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Brothers Lodge (No. 1060).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on Friday evening, the 6th inst., when Bro. W. T. Dupree was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Henry Cook, who was supported by a very numerous Board of Installed Masters, including Bros. Mark E. Frost, P.P.G.S.W.; Edgar Goble, P.G. Sec.; R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treas.; W. Gunnell, P.G.S. of W.; James Gieve, P.G.A.D.C.; and other provincial officers. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the year: Bros. George Whitehall, S.W.; A. G. German, J.W.; R. J. Rastrick, Treas.; Jenkins, Sec.; C. J. Lawrence, S.D.; House, J.D.; Moses, D.C.; T. E. Smith, I.G.; J. Lobb, Stwd.; and Exell, Tyler.

Subsequently the W.M. presided at a well-served banquet, the catering being carried out in a highly satisfactory manner by Bro. Brunton. An unusually large number of visitors attended the lodge and banquet.

READING.—Greyfriars Lodge (No. 1101).—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., a regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Richard Carless Prickett was installed as W.M. for the coming year. There was a large attendance of distinguished brethren from London and the province, Bro. the Right Hon. J. Shaw-Lefevre being amongst the number. The officers for the ensuing twelve months were appointed as follows: Bros. J. W. Hawkes, I.P.M.; W. Ravenscroft, S.W.; H. Creed, J.W.; J. T. Stransom, Treas.; J. Greenaway, Sec.; T. R. Vowles, S.D.; W. Hickie, J.D.; T. J. Pulley, D.C.; C. Slaughter, I.G.; Sands, Sparrow, and Brown, Stewards; and W. Hemmings, Tyler.

The installation banquet subsequently took place at the Great Western Hotel, and was, as usual, served by Bro. Flanagan in sumptuous style.

SEVENOAKS.—Knole Lodge (No. 1414).—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., this lodge held their installation meeting in St. Nicholas Parish Room, London-road, this being the first gathering of the kind at these premises. Bro. S. L. Green was duly installed by Bro. the Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., P.M., and the impressive ceremony was admirably performed. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Holcroft, S.W.; Rev. G. B. Lewis, J.W.; G. F. Carnell, P.M., Treas.; H. H. Sutton, Sec.; C. W. Smith, Org.; J. W. Jull, S.D.; Moon, J.D.; E. Martin, I.G.; W. Wicking and Burn-Callander, Stwds.; and H. Hills, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due and ancient form, the brethren, to the number of nearly 40, adjourned to the banquetting room, Crown Hotel, and partook of an excellent repast, catered by Miss Morphew and Mr. E. Pawley. During the evening Bros. Rhodes, Plant, Moulding, and W. Whitehead considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren by their contributions of vocal music.

The visiting brethren were Bros. S. W. Shaw, W.M. 709; G. D. Warner, W.M. 1078; J. H. Jewell, P.M.

1223, P.P.G.O.; J. C. Craig, W.M. 1223; J. Plant, P.M. 31; W. Wiltshire, 1507; T. H. Knight, 1223; D. D. Mercer, P.M. 1647, I.G. 1329; G. Graham, 894; and J. E. Shrubsole, 503.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—One of the most interesting Craft festivals of the year is the annual installation meeting of the brethren connected with this lodge, which has deservedly attained a high position in the Province of West Lancashire, as the result of true Masonic zeal and excellent charitable work. The annual meeting on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was largely attended, and the whole of the proceedings gave clear indication of the continued prosperity of a section of the Masonic Fraternity which is a honour to local lodges.

The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. David Gabrielsen, the retiring W.M., who was supported by the following chiefs of the lodge: Bros. H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; A. Jones, P.M.; M. Aronsberg, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.P.G.R., P.M.; Julius Frank, P.M.; H. Archer, J.W.; M. Hart, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Treas.; A. Kirkpatrick, Sec.; Rev. H. M. Silver, S.D.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. Phillips, S.D. 1356; John Beesley, P.G.J.D.; G. Morgan, P.G.J.D.; R. Foote, P.G. Treas.; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; B. Striem, 1928; and others.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bros. M. Hart, P.P.G.D.C., and H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., and installed in a masterly manner by the outgoing W.M. Bro. H. Archer then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. D. Gabrielsen, I.P.M.; Andrew Kirkpatrick, S.W.; Rev. H. M. Silver, J.W.; M. Aronsberg, P.M., M.C. (re-appointed); Rev. H. Burman, Chap. (re-appointed); M. Hart, P.P.D.G.D.C., Treas. (re-elected for the seventh time); H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; H. de Freese, S.D.; J. F. Davies, J.D.; R. Wilcock, I.G.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O., Org. (re-appointed); S. Simmons and W. H. Rhodes, Stwds.; and Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously re-elected Tyler of the lodge for the ensuing year.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Bro. Casey, House Steward. During the evening a handsome P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge, and suitably acknowledged.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 11th inst., when among those present were Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.G.C. Middx., W.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157, &c., S.W., W.M. elect; T. R. Richnell, J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, I.P.M., Sec.; Gurney, S.D.; Bunn, D.C., acting I.G.; Cama, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; H. C. Buss, P.G.A.S., P.P.G.W. Middx., Hon. Member; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Barley, 1704; Porter, Org. 1793; Simmons, 1793; Thomas, 1853; Dunkley, P.P.G.O. Middlesex; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. Toulmin was most impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. The ballot having been taken for Bro. Col. Cuming, 112 (I.C.), as a joining member, Bro. Briggs, the W.M. elect, was presented and ably inducted into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. W. H. Saunders, as S.W.; Cama, as J.W.; Walls, as D.C.; and Buss, as I.G. The following appointments were then made: Bros. Richnell, S.W.; Gurney, J.W.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; E. Jenkins, S.D.; Bunn, J.D.; Williams, I.G.; the Rev. S. Buller, M.A., D.C.; W. H. Saunders, Org.; Toulmin and Colonel Cuming, Stwds. Bro. Raymond Thrupp, P.G.D.M. Middlesex, having been announced, was saluted in due form. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, a Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1886, to head the list of Bro. Taylor, P.M., &c., as Steward. In consequence of Bro. Taylor being absent from severe illness, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed, and directed to be forwarded to him by the Secretary. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; E. Jenkins, Williams, Powell, and others. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed the usual toasts, which were duly honoured.

During the evening Bro. Dunkley carried out an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music. The W.M. presided most genially, and he is to be congratulated on the great success which attended the whole proceedings.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The attendance at the opening since the installation of the above lodge, which has justly been described as "the strongest in the Province of Kent," and which took place on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Lord Raglan Assembly Rooms, Burrage-road, Bro. H. Vallom's well-known and comfortable hostelry, showed unmistakably the deep interest felt in the Craft by our gallant brethren of the various services, they being represented by both officers and staff non-coms. of the Royal Artillery, Engineers, Army Service Corps, both of the Ordnance and Transport Departments, the Army Medical Department, and the King's (2nd Shropshire) Light Infantry; in fact, these "missionaries of Masonry," as our esteemed Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, has felicitously described them, were there in force, while the civil element was represented by some good and true Masons in the locality.

Bro. W. Moulds, W.M., assumed the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, Bros. Col. H. M. Hozier and Holliday were passed, and then Mr. E. Day, pensioned sergeant Royal Artillery; Quartermaster Sergeant E. Haynes, Field Artillery; Sergeant W. E. Buckingham, Royal Artillery; and Farrier-Sergeant W. Wilde, Royal Artillery, were, after approval, initiated. The W.M., who has excellent officers, did the work well, the duties of J.D., admirably done by Bro. T. Cooper, being

especially noticeable. Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent, then gave an account of the efforts of himself and Bro. G. Kennedy, P.M., in the cause of the daughter of the late Bro. T. Hollyman, who was a successful candidate at the late election for the Girls' School, and highly eulogised the kindness of Bros. Russell and Adamson, conductors of elections for the Province of Kent, and also Bro. Hammerton, G. Swd. Br. England, the latter of whom placed at his disposal upwards of 200 votes. He had also borrowed 200 votes, and given his I.O.U. for them to a neighbouring province, so as to secure the election of the candidate, which he would have to repay at the next election. He therefore proposed that letters be sent to those brethren tendering the thanks of the lodge for the kind and generous support given in the cause of their candidate. Bro. Quartermaster Spinks, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Kent, seconded, and it was carried by acclamation.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren partook of dinner, after which the usual loyal, Masonic, and provincial toasts were proposed and drank with enthusiasm.

Bro. Spinks responded for the toast of "Bro. Eastes and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, of the Province of Kent."

The Worshipful Master, in response to a hearty reception of his health, briefly responded, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to sustain the prestige of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

Bro. Weston returned thanks for the toast of "The Past Masters," and gave a most interesting account of his Masonic experiences during a recent visit to Cairo, in Egypt, at which place he met several brethren of the United Military Lodge, who accorded him a hearty welcome, and, at the special request of the Grand Master of the District, he had the honour of raising a distinguished brother, Bro. Quarter-master Marshall, of the 19th Hussars, a Victoria Cross hero.

Bro. Spinks also responded, and spoke of the honours showered upon Bro. Deeves, a Past Master of the lodge, now at Natal, who was there a Grand Officer both in Craft and Mark Masonry, and also the First Principal in a chapter. He fully expected Bro. Deeves home shortly, and felt sure that when he did come he would receive a hearty reception at their hands.

Bro. A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.G. Steward Kent, who is an hon. member of the lodge, in answer to repeated calls, said he felt it a great honour to belong to such a lodge, and had an interest in its welfare second only to his mother lodge, the Pattison Lodge. With reference to the 200 votes owed by Bro. Weston for the late Bro. Hollyman's daughter, he had no doubt the Pattison Lodge would help him, although they would have a candidate themselves at the next election, in the son of a late worthy and good Mason, Bro. W. Watts. He cordially thanked them for the hearty reception of his name.

Bro. Weston said he had no doubt that Bro. Hammerton, who took a kindly and generous interest in their military brethren, would assist him in making them up, but at the same time he could assure Bro. Penfold that in the cause of Bro. Watts' son he would aid him by all the means in his power.

Among the other brethren present and not enumerated were Bros. W. Maule, S.W.; R. Gooding, J.W.; J. Gee, Treas.; Quartermaster W. Morton, Sec.; A. Murdock, I.G.; R. Robinson, D.C.; W. Seager, Stwd.; W. Akers, W.M. 13; G. Shakespeare, S.W. 333; L. Adams, S.W. 500; J. Wilde, 387 (I.C.); T. Cox, 730; S. Watkins, 730; G. Osborne, 697; W. Harrison, 209; H. Mullins, 1037; E. V. Evans, 1066; S. Watts, S.W. 500; E. W. Kenneday, 829; H. Kinder, 115; W. Bidgood, Org. 700; W. Glover, 1331; W. Wood, 381; W. Wray, J.D. 700; J. Clark, 1428; F. Watkins, 1342; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—Installation Day was duly celebrated at this lodge on the 11th inst., when a numerous assembly of brethren and visitors took place at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate. On this occasion the beautiful oak chairs and pedestals, the gifts of various brethren, were used for the first time and subsequently formally presented to the lodge, and were greatly admired by those present. The furnishing of the lodge is now nearly completed, and the spacious rooms admit of all the work in connection with the lodge being carried out efficiently. The brethren and visitors assembled at the hall at three o'clock, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P.

The following visitors were present: Bros. F. Smith, P.M. Ripon; J. Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.S.W. W. Yorks.; C. Anderson, D.C. 236; W. Purnell, 236; J. Barwick, T. M. Goldie, W.M. 660; J. B. Nicholls, S.W. 660; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1991; C. L. Burdekin, 236; H. Darley, W.M. 643; W. Smith, 236; T. Archey, 236; T. C. Clough, D.C. 660; G. W. Pattinson, 602; J. E. McNay, P.M. 236; and others. The Installing Officer was Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorkshire; and he was assisted by an esteemed Past Master, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. Bro. A. T. B. Turner, S.W., was presented for installation as W.M. for the coming year, and the ceremony was carried out in all its details. On the conclusion of the ceremony the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., I.P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; Rev. R. Blackeney, M.A., Chap.; J. Kay, Sec.; G. Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; S. J. Dalton, S.D.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; W. Stephenson, I.G.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Storey, Stwd.; P. Pearson and J. D. Living, Asst. Stwds.; and J. Hall, Tyler. Various presentations were then made by the brethren present towards the furnishing of the lodge, and votes of thanks were accorded to the donors.

The installation banquet afterwards took place at Harker's Hotel, when a large number of brethren and visitors assembled, and the catering gave great satisfaction in the hands of Bro. Matthews. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., I.P.M.; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of York, J. Terry; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Seller, P.M.; Blenkin, P.M.; Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Barker, P.M. Mirfield; M. Rooke, P.M. 236; McNay, P.M.; Smith, P.M. Ripon; and a large number of the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge.

After the banquet the following toasts were proposed and

duly responded to:—"The Queen and Craft;" "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England;" "The Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire;" "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Alfred T. Bywater Turner;" "The Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.W.;" "The I.P.M., Bro. Sir F. Milner, Bart., M.P., P.G.S.W., and the Past Masters of the Lodge;" "The Lord Mayor of York;" "The Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and the Officers of the Lodge;" "The Sister Lodges and the Visitors;" "The Masonic Charities;" "Masons' Wives, Mothers, Sisters, and Daughters;" and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a musical programme was efficiently given by Bros. Child, Wilkinson, Sample, and Cumberland.

SUNDERLAND.—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—At the last regular meeting of the above lodge, the W.M., Bro. John C. Moor, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., read a letter from the Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry, enclosing a cheque for £5, and expressing the deep interest she took in the lodge named after her beloved husband, the late Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., Prov. G.M. Durham. It was unanimously agreed that the letter be entered on the minutes, and that the thanks of the lodge be conveyed to her ladyship.

This kind donation had enabled the lodge, with other donations amounting to £60, to meet the cost of founding and furnishing the new lodge, and end its first year of office with the small deficit of only 10s. due to the Treasurer, Bro. Beattie, P.M. This is no doubt very gratifying to all concerned, and especially to Bro. R. Hudson, the first W.M. of the lodge and Prov. G. Sec. of the Province of Durham, and the W.M., Bro. J. C. Moor. The sum of 11 guineas had also been given to one of the Schools during the year, and £3 to the Durham Masonic Education Fund. The next meeting of the lodge is on Friday evening, the 27th inst.

LEEDS.—Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—The installation of Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.M., Past Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and Vicar of Far Headingley, as the second W.M. of this new lodge, took place in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Saturday afternoon, the 14th inst., when there was a brilliant assemblage of the Craft, every lodge in this town being, we believe, represented by its W.M. Bro. Alderman Woodhouse, the outgoing W.M., performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Bro. C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and a Board of 25 Installed Masters. After the usual proclamations and salutations, the following brethren were invested by the new W.M. with their respective collars of office: Bros. Alderman Woodhouse, P.M., J.P., I.P.M.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., S.W.; T. Trevor, P.M., J.W.; Wm. Watson, P.M., Sec.; R. Abbott, Treas.; M. W. Jameson, Asst. Sec.; Rev. H. S. Butter, Chap.; Rev. H. E. Player, S.D.; S. S. Young, J.D.; J. Tretwell, I.G.; C. Middleton, D. of C.; W. Storey and T. Atkinson, Stwds.; and S. Barraud, Tyler. Two candidates for initiation and one as a joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed with the heartiest good wishes of all present, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, at the close of which the usual toasts were duly honoured, with the "cup that cheers and does not inebriate," according to the practice of this lodge.

At 7 p.m. the W.M. entertained a large company of ladies and gentlemen at a grand evening concert, in celebration of his installation, and in lieu of the usual Masonic banquet—a new departure which has been received with much approval.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth has our warm congratulations and sincere wishes that he may have a very prosperous year of office, and not only may Prudence Lodge and the Province of West Yorkshire feel proud of his appointment, but we think the whole Craft in England will feel that an honour has been done them by the acceptance of office by so distinguished and respected a brother, who, though he now fills for the first time, we believe, the W.M.'s chair in England, was initiated into Freemasonry nearly 45 years ago, and has filled at one time or another out of this country every post in the lodge, under the English Constitution, from the Tyler to the W.M., and up to that of Deputy District Grand Master.

INSTRUCTION.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 13th inst., at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. H. Pitt, W.M.; H. Strickland, S.W.; A. Phillips, J.W.; R. Borrett, S.D.; J. G. Hovey, J.D.; J. G. Dale, I.G.; J. G. Milbourn, Preceptor; Mowbray, Treas.; and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the questions previous to raising answered, Bro. Hovey was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hovey personating candidate. Bro. Milbourn, with the assistance of the brethren, then worked the 1st Section of the lecture. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, when the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time. Proposed by Bro. Milbourn, seconded by Bro. Dale, and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Strickland for his kindness in presenting the lodge with some new furniture for the W's pedestal. All masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; S. Smout, P.M. 1642, J.W.; George Read, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; J. H. Wood, J.D.; A. Hardy, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; D. P. Cama, P.M. 255, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.G.A.S. of W. Punjab; W. Marten, W. A. Gilbert, O. W. Battley, J. C. Conway, E. C. Mulvey, J. Temple, J. Crutenden, J. Lawrence, J. Greenway, A. G. Boswell, T. C. Edmunds, R. E. Cursons, W. H. Trounson, F. C. Mander, G. Wood, W. Williams, J. Kershaw, A. Steng, P. V. Rogers, J. C. Allan, and Capt. Andrews. The visitors were Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; W. Yetton, P.M. 933; A. Rattray, I.P.M. 1543, P.G. Stwd. Essex; D. Moss, W.M. 1275; Walter Rowe, S.W. 1543; R. Brazier, 1543; Selesinger, 1543; S. Danyger, 205; H. M. Pearce, 375; W. Binns, 1042; C. Woods, 806; S. Abrahams, 205; James Rowe, 1559; L. A. Da Costa, 1349; and T. Rosdale, 1828. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last

lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. After the usual preliminaries, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren: the 1st Section of the First Lecture by Bro. J. Greenway; 2nd—Bro. F. C. Mander; 3rd—Bro. A. Steng; 4th—Bro. E. C. Mulvey; 5th—Bro. D. Stroud; 6th—Bro. D. Moss, W.M. 1275; and 7th—Bro. A. Hardy. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture by Bro. W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; 2nd—Bro. T. C. Edmunds; 3rd—Bro. G. Wood, J.D. 1681; 4th—Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; and 5th—Bro. S. Smout, P.M. 1642. The 1st Section of the Third Lecture by Bro. J. Kershaw; 2nd—Bro. J. H. Wood, 1642; and 3rd—Bro. H. P. Gilbert. Bro. Rosdale was elected a member. A unanimous vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes, was passed, for the able manner Bro. Read had presided, and to the brethren who had worked the sections, especially two of the visitors, Bros. Moss and Musto, for taking the places of Bro. Nicols (through indisposition) and Bro. Davis. The accounts for the past year were then presented by the Auditors, who said they were correct in every particular, and well kept, and reflected much credit on the Secretary; they received the thanks of the brethren, as also did Bro. Dehane, for preparing them and his services during the past year. Bro. Dehane thanked the brethren, and gracefully alluded to the very kind letter of sympathy he had received from them on the occasion of the death of his son. The lodge was then closed.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, N. Present: Bros. Cross, W.M.; Crawley, S.W.; McMillen, J.W.; Weeden, Preceptor; Hughes, Sec.; Gerner, S.D.; Baker, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. McMillen, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Patient as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Heves as candidate. Bro. Crawley was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks, to Bro. Cross, for his able working in the chair, being the first time at this lodge of instruction, was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Queen Ann's Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Joel Davis, W.M.; Gibson, S.W.; Forscutt, J.W.; Ernest Sporn, Sec.; Leonard, S.D.; Davies, J.D.; H. White, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Brindley, P.M.; Wray, P.M.; Hiel, Clarkson, Adams, Smiles, Saunders, and Adonijah.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brindley, when the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was then 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 12th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Fowles, W.M.; H. G. Marsden, S.W.; F. Kedge, J.W.; R. Kirk, S.D.; E. C. Mulvey, J.D.; S. Hewitt, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; J. W. Ford, J. Skinner, P.M.; J. Woodward, F. Gulliford, G. H. Reynolds, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. E. C. Mulvey having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Third Degree. Lodge called off and resumed. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. Skinner, P.M., proposed that Bro. H. G. Marsden, 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., read a letter from Bro. A. Gaminelli apologising to the brethren for his absence on account of business, and in not being able to take the chair, the office of which was so kindly voted to him at the last meeting. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Folsom, W.M.; Gibson, Treas., S.W.; Green, sen., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Chap.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Grist, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; O. D. Ward, Mann, jun., Restell, Weston, Forscutt, McCullagh, Chilcott, Mason, Flattey, P.M.; Jones, P.M.; Arnold, Saunders, and C. White, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mann, a candidate to be to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Mann being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Arnold being the candidate. The lodge was called off, and called on again, when the Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Jones, P.M. 1624, and Saunders, 1604, were unanimously elected joining members. These brethren returned thanks. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Tabard Hotel, Bedford Park, W. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; Gaminelli, S.W.; W. Gomm, J.W.; George Gardner, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; Dowling, S.D.; Sims, J.D.; Hopkins, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Preceptor Ayling, P.M.; Brown, and Furze, Visitor; Bro. Gaminelli.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and resumed to the First Degree. The First ceremony was worked, Bro. P.M. Ayling candidate. Questions leading to the Second Degree were put, and answered by Bro. Gaminelli. The lodge was resumed to Second Degree. Bro. Gardner and Brown occupied the S.W. and J.W. chairs in this Degree. Second ceremony worked, Bro. Gaminelli candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. Proposed by Bro. Gardner, seconded by Bro. Furze, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Gaminelli be a member of this lodge of instruction. Proposed by Bro. P.M. Ayling, seconded by Bro. G. W. Brown, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Gardner take the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—On the 5th inst. a convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Comp. J. Willing, M.E.Z., presiding. There were present Comps. W. M. Stiles, W. J. Ferguson, H. Stiles, T. C. Edmunds, W. Side, R. Fullwood, T. Minstrell, A. Holt, F. W. Dimsdale, J. C. Smith, G. W. Knight, E. J. Day, W. H. Scurrah, D. Stroud, J. W. Smith, J. J. Michael, F. F. Bird, H. Sillis, R. W. Galer, J. T. Breggs, jun., Chapman, Edwin Storr, H. Deekey, G. Mordey, G. Emblin, A. Proudfoot, R. Lambourn, L. A. Richardson, R. Whiting, and many others. After the transaction of the formal business the report of the Audit Committee, which represented a most

satisfactory state of things, was presented and adopted. The installation of Principals was then proceeded with, Ex. Comp. F. Side being installed M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. R. Fullwood, as H.; and Ex. Comp. T. Minstrell, as J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Terry, who has installed every M.E.Z. since the consecration of the chapter. Comp. W. M. Stiles, a P.Z. of the chapter, was invested as Scribe E.; and Comp. T. C. Edmonds as Scribe N. Comp. J. C. Smith was re-elected Principal Soj., and he appointed as his assistants Comps. Knight and H. Deekley. Comp. R. W. Fraser was appointed D.C.; and Comps. G. Mordey and F. W. Dimsdale, as Stewards. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Willing, who was the first Principal of the chapter; and Comp. Terry was warmly thanked for his services, general regret being expressed that indisposition prevented his attending the banquet.

After the chapter had been closed the companions adjourned to the banqueting hall, where full justice was done to the sumptuous repast provided under the personal supervision of Comp. Clemow.

WANDERERS CHAPTER (No. 1604).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 17th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. F. J. Wray, M.E.Z.; E. Seale, H.; J. Gibson, J.; W. Vincent, I.P.Z.; G. Boulton, P.Z.; W. H. Baker, S.E.; G. Coop, S.N.; C. Fuller, Treas.; W. Brindley, P.S.; and Lackland, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Lewis Ascott, P.Z. 733; Von Joel, and others.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. C. F. Bellerby, 1612, Treas. 2021; C. Wetzler, 141; and Fraser, 1604, I.G. 2077, and being unanimously in their favour, they were duly exalted to the Degree of R.A., the work being carried out by the M.E.Z. and his assistants in a most impressive and faultless manner. After the usual proceedings the chapter was closed in due form. The companions subsequently dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, the M.E.Z. presiding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z." Comp. Vincent said seldom had he seen the ceremonies rendered in the manner in which they had been in the chapter that night. Speaking personally of Comp. Wray, his work had been such as to throw credit upon the Wanderers Chapter, and that was the highest honour they could pay him.

The M.E.Z. responded, and said he did not know how to express himself for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and the enthusiastic manner in which it had been received by them. If he had worked to their satisfaction that evening he was amply repaid, and he need hardly say that if he could do anything for the welfare of the chapter, he should always be at its service, and he could only hope that at the end of his year of office he should have the same goodwill of the companions as he had at present.

The Exaltees severally responded to their toast, each bearing testimony to the excellent working of the M.E.Z., Comps. Seale, Gibson, and Brindley stating that the ceremonies had greatly impressed them.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Comp. Lewis Ascott, P.Z. 733, who expressed himself very pleased with his reception, and stated that he was very much gratified by the excellent working he had seen, adding that no chapter did their work better than the Wanderers, a fact, he stated, which was well known in the Metropolis.

Comp. Von Joel also responded. Other toasts followed, and the companions adjourned at an early hour, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

TYNEMOUTH.—Priory Chapter (No. 1863).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Grand Hotel on Monday evening, the 9th inst. The Principals were Comps. Rev. T. B. Nicholls, P.G.J., Z.; J. I. Davison, H.; G. Spain, Z. 685, acting as J. The other officers were Comps. F. Smith, S.E.; E. Green, S.N.; H. S. Browell, P.S.; H. Bott, Treas.; Wyld, 1st A.S.; T. M. Sturgis, 2nd A.S.; and J. Robertson, Janitor. There were also present Comps. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., G. Supt. of Northumberland; John Straker Wilson, P.Z., P.P.G.H. Northumberland; R. H. Holmes, P.Z., P.P.G.H. Northumberland; R. Hudson, P.Z., P.G.S.E. Durham; H. S. Bird, H. 1664; T. Blenkinsop, Z. 24; W. M. Bell, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; J. C. Moor, J. 94 and 97; H. B. Wickhams, J. 685; J. D. Dixon, S.N. 1664; J. Nesbit, P.S. 24; A. Scott, 24; and others.

The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for, as joining companions, Comps. Richard Hudson, P.Z. So, P.G.S.E. Durham; Reginald Dalgetty, 1060; and Geo. Fenwick Boyd, 865, proposed at the last meeting, all of whom were elected. The companions also proceeded to ballot for exaltation Bro. John Archibald Dixon. Bros. J. H. Beckingham and J. A. Dixon were then exalted in due form. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were most ably and impressively given respectively by Comps. John Straker Wilson, P.Z., P.P.G.H. Northumberland; R. Hudson, P.Z., P.G.S.E. Durham; and Col. Addison Potter, C.B., G. Supt. of Northumberland. The work of the chapter was, throughout performed with great dramatic force and effect, and the furnishings of the new chapter were most admirably displayed. Several visitors expressed their "Hearty good wishes" to the First Principal, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form.

Mark Masonry. INSTRUCTION.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE.—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Bro. W. Vincent presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. C. H. Driver, as S.W.; Bywater, as J.W.; and other members, prominent among whom, were Bros. Alfred Williams, P.G.D.; S. J. Hoare, G. Organist; and C. F. Matier, Secretary.

The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, Bro. Shilcock, W.M. 4, acting as candidate, and Bro. C. I. Axford, W.M. 234, as Deacon. It was decided that at the meeting on the 16th December prox., the ceremony of installation should be rehearsed. Bro. Shilcock was elected a member, and the lodge was then closed.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their two sons hunted with the West Norfolk hounds on Saturday last, the meet being at Conham.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—An emergency meeting of this body was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., for the purpose of inducting into the mysteries of the Chivalric Order Comp. Augustus H. G. Harris, of the Drury Lane Theatre. There was a good muster of fratres at six o'clock, and the hall, which has been newly decorated, presented a very handsome appearance, the banners of the knights above their stalls adding to the bright appearance of the apartment, whilst the new organ, of which we gave an account a few weeks ago, gave added force to the ceremonies. The preceptory was opened at six p.m. by E. Fra. T. B. Whythead, P., as E.P., supported by Fratres C. Palliser, Constable; Wm. Brown, Marshal; J. Marshall, P.; G. Simpson, P.; A. H. H. McGachen, C. of G.; M. F. W. Williamson, S.B.; J. T. Seller, Herald; W. H. Cowper, S.B.; E. Holden and P. Pearson, O.G.; and the following visitors were received: T. W. Tew, Provincial Prior West Yorkshire; Rev. W. C. Lukis, E.P. 114; A. M. Broadley, P.G.C.; J. Quarterman, 114, and other fratres. A ballot was taken for Comp. A. H. G. Harris, Maybury Lodge, 969, and Royal Naval Chapter, 59, and that companion was admitted and installed a member of the Order. After the closing of the preceptory a Priory of Malta was opened, and Fratres Williamson and Harris were admitted to the Order, and E. Fra. A. T. B. Turner, E.P., was elected, and installed in the chair of Prior, the ceremonies in this Degree being worked by E. Fra. A. M. Broadley.

The Priory having been closed, the fratres retired to the refectory and partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Conclave (No. 122).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 17th inst. V.E. Sir Knt. Lemon, M.P.S., presided, and was supported by Sir Knt. Thomas, Viceroy, and a fair gathering of the members. The conclave having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Comps. Rev. H. Cummings, Benstead, and Weddell, of the Lullingstone Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1837, were balloted for and elected, and duly installed sir knights, the ceremony being very ably and impressively carried out by the M.P.S. A sanctuary of K.H.S. and St. John was opened, and the Degree conferred on several candidates.

Grand Recorder Sir Knt. C. F. Hogard then presided at a Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent, and installed and invested Sir Knt. Wood as Intendant General of the Province, and the latter, having received the salutations of the sir knights present, appointed Sir Knt. Penfold, M.P.S. Pentangle Conclave, his Deputy Intendant General, and Sir Knt. Lemon, Viceroy. He also expressed his thanks to Sir Knt. Hogard for his attendance on the occasion, and complimented him on the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled his arduous and important duties.

Provincial Grand Conclave and the Saye and Sele Conclave having been severally and successively closed, the sir knights adjourned to a quiet repast, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Scotland.

AYR.—Irvine Harbour Lodge (No. 676).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 6th inst. The members assembled at their lodge-room in Irvine Coffee House, and headed by the Irvine Rifle Band, marched to the Town Hall, where the lodge was opened in the First Degree. The R.W.M., Bro. Alex. Hamilton, presided, and he was supported by Bros. Wm. Stevenson, D.M.; James Gillies, S.M.; W. Owen, S.W.; W. J. Crawford, J.W.; J. B. Craig, acting Chap.; W. G. Higgins, Sec.; and Robert Laird, Treas. Deputations were received from Mother Lodge, No. 0, Kilwinning, headed by Bro. Scott, D.M.; Irvine St. Andrew, No. 149, H. Macgregor Highet, R.W.M.; Stevenson Thistle and Rose, No. 169, D. Sinclair, R.W.M.; and Dregghon St. Matthew's, No. 569, John Fulton, D.M. Apologies were intimated from St. Marnock, Kilmarnock, and Ardrossan Neptune, Kilwinning.

After the usual toasts and the healths of the visiting brethren had been disposed of Bro. Scott, of Mother Kilwinning, gave "Continued Prosperity to the Irvine Harbour Lodge, No. 676," and in doing so expressed the pleasure that it gave him to see Freemasonry increase as it did in Irvine with two lodges, and said that the number of entrants during the past year, though satisfactory, would have been much larger but for the depression that still existed; and said that Freemasonry ought not to be otherwise than acceptable to the public, if one of the most recently published German comments were only considered: "Such a universal association is essentially necessary. All others, depending upon similarity of calling, upon political opinions or religious creeds, suffer more or less from exclusiveness. This union of unions, which joins all good men into one family, in which the principle of equality, together with brotherly love—that is, love of the human race—is the predominant one, and is the end and aim of all its moral influence upon others—this is Freemasonry."

The brethren attended the annual sermon in Fullarton Church, when Bro. the Rev. J. T. Paton, Chaplain of the lodge, preached an impressive sermon from Daniel iii. 25, at the close of which he said: "To you, my brethren, I now turn and say one word. It is with much pleasure that I again welcome you within these sacred walls. With the utmost heartiness I say, 'peace be with you, and prosperity attend you.' The subject which I have brought before you in the discourse to which you have listened is one with which you must be familiar. You never enter your lodge, but the emblem of the all-seeing God reminds you that you are always under His scrutiny, that He dwells with men, takes an interest in their work, and helps them in their trials. I trust, my brethren, that you act in conformity to this teaching. Your every thought and act should be influenced by his presence. If that is not so you cannot be a true Mason. Let me entreat you to think more of this, and try to recognise the presence of God with you wherever you go. When you look around you, and see a

world of exquisite beauty, see also the marks of God's wisdom and love. In the sunshine and the shower; in the melodious warbling of the birds; in the rivulet which dances musically over the rounded stones; in all things recognise the hand of the Great Architect of the Universe, and this will make them all a blessing to you. View also the circumstances of your lot in life as His wise dispensations, and you will feel that He will make all things to work together for your good. The great God whom you serve does not lead you by a rugged way because He takes pleasure in your sorrows, but because He desires to make you strong, and to fit you for the joys of heaven. He himself, through much tribulation, opened the kingdom of heaven. Never faint, then, because of the toilsomeness of the way. Believe that in all things your God is with you, and all will be well. Thus shall you prosper and grow in holiness, and ultimately be fitted for the Lodge above, in which the refreshment of the presence of God shall be with you for ever and ever. Amen.

Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Bulwer Lodge (No. 891).—A meeting was held on the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Francis Memorial. Present: Bros. Otto Dingler, W.M.; B. Blair, S.W.; Admiral Woods Pacha, J.W.; C. Reppen, Treas.; F. Jorgenson, Sec.; Dr. Poleak, S.D.; B. Wills, J.D.; Pietrocochino, I.G.; Gingell, Tyler; B. Hanly, P.M.; E. Pears, P.M.; H. Newbolt, P.M.; Lauri, P.M.; Gilchrist, Nowill, Alexander, Wallenberg, Jenner, Stevenson, Newton, Schneider, Flam, Verndel, Mooney, Magnani, and Teschner. Visitors: Bros. H.E. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, P.M.; W. Bro. Guaracino, of the Italia Risorta; and Bro. Williams, of the Gallery Lodge, London.

Bros. Verndel and Mooney were raised to the Third Degree. W. Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff was saluted in an appropriate speech by the W.M. W. Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff replied, thanking the lodge for the manner of his reception. He expressed his pleasure in seeing Masonry in the East so effectively carried out. He looked upon Masonry not alone as a cosmopolitan institution for doing good and extending relief, but also as a connecting link between man and man, free of all party feelings. Under the Masonic Temple men of all creeds, nationalities, and political opinions could meet together. W. Bro. Wolff dwelt in eloquent terms on the abstract principles of Masonry, and their influence on the man, the citizen, and the head of the family. A Past Master's jewel was voted to be presented to W. Bro. Fredk. Jargensen, as a mark of esteem of the brethren, and recognition of the lodge for the many years of zealous services rendered by that brother as Master, Past Master, and Secretary.

After the closing of the lodge at 10 p.m., the brethren retired to a repast in the hall below, and parted at 11 p.m.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT HOLYWOOD, IRELAND.

Until lately the position of the brethren connected with the Victoria Lodge, No. 254, in Holywood, was not of an inspiring character, as the membership was extremely small; and, while there were many connected with the main institution resident in the town, they were not affiliated with the Holywood body, besides which, the local brethren had no suitable building in which to transact their ordinary or special business, and, as a consequence, that interest which it was desired to manifest by the local body in furthering the objects of the institution in the neighbourhood was allowed to flag. For the past few years, however, there has been an improved tendency exhibited, the membership has been at least quadrupled, and very considerable energy has been displayed in trying to find suitable lodge and other accommodation. The Holywood brethren have exercised a wise discretion in the course they have pursued in providing themselves with proper hall accommodation, which was not to trespass too largely on the generosity of their friends, and at the same time to avoid plunging themselves into debt; and both of these extremes have been largely avoided by the discreet course pursued by the Building Committee. Finding that they could acquire the building in Church View, which had formerly been used as a national schoolhouse, on moderate terms, the Committee came to an arrangement with the landlord, and secured a lease of the premises for a period of twenty-one years. The situation of the building is extremely good, being in a comparatively open space, and commanding a fine view of the surrounding hill scenery, and possesses a frontage of some 80 feet to Church View. This has been most advantageously arranged and altered to meet the wants of the brethren, the work being successfully carried out by Bro. William Jamieson, some six months ago. The entire building has been completely painted and decorated, and the opening ceremony took place on Monday, the 16th inst.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 141.

The annual banquet of this old, popular and well-known lodge was held at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, on the 3rd inst. Bro. Cotterbrune, P.M., P.G.P., the popular Preceptor of the lodge, was the president; Bro. Hunt, P.M. 104, S.W.; — Masefield, J.W. 1328, J.W. Among the past masters were Bros. Ball, Collens, H. Cox, Field, Bassington, Treas.; Von Joel, Cross, Sec.; Bros. Woodruff, W.M. 957; Coop, G. F. Edwards, Chretien, Tonkin, Hawley, Mathews, etc. Many expressions were passed by the brethren assembled, highly complimentary to Bro. Cloots on his efforts to afford them the opportunity of passing a pleasant evening.

Bros. Burdett-Coutts, P.M. 2030, W. H. Baker, 2030, and Barker were also present in the latter part of the evening.

The toasts of the "Queen," "Prince of Wales, G.M." and others were duly honoured.

In proposing that of the "Faith Lodge of Instruction," the president gave a history of the progress of the lodge during the last twenty-five years. He also gave a detailed account of the work carried on in the lodge during the past year.

The health of the president was proposed by Bro. Cross, who spoke of the assiduous and devoted attention which

Bro. Cottebrune gave to the lodge, and the pains he took in the instruction of the members during the past twenty-six years, while he had been the Preceptor.

In responding Bro. Cottebrune thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast, and hoped he might be spared to continue those duties for some years to come.

The health of the "Visitors" was heartily given and received.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts in responding said—Bro. President, Wardens and Brethren, it affords me infinite pleasure to visit this old lodge, of which I have heard so much. It had been my wish during my year of Mastership to have become a member of your lodge, and avail myself of the instruction afforded in the duties required for that office. From my knowledge of Bro. Cottebrune, I am led to believe it is of the highest quality. I regret that I have never been able to carry out my wishes in that respect, in consequence of my numerous engagements. It is one of the regulations of Freemasonry, and I think a wise one, to exclude politics from our meetings. At present my head is so full of that particular subject that I find it difficult to refrain from saying something about some such subject as the "Contagious Diseases Act," or possibly "Local Option." In response to the kind expressions which fell from Bro. Cottebrune regarding the Baroness I beg to tender him my thanks, and you brethren for the hearty manner in which they were received. I sometimes feel as if I ought to join in giving tributes of admiration to that good and noble lady, than in returning thanks, as in my position I am called upon to do. It afforded me considerable pleasure to hear of the ubiquitous character of the lodge, as in that I think it must have rendered good service in the past to members of the Craft generally. I beg therefore to return you my sincere thanks for the way you have received my name and that of the Baroness.

Bro. Woodruff also replied, stating the great pleasure he felt in attending that evening in supporting his old friend Bro. Cottebrune.

Bro. Cross responded on behalf of the Treasurer and Secretary, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

During the evening the enjoyment was much enhanced by songs from Bros. Hawley, G. F. Edwards, Coop, Tonkin and Collens.



At the Standard next week, commencing 23rd, we are promised a great treat. Miss Bertie Crawford, the celebrated Tennessee nightingale, will appear for the first time in England in a musical drama called "Capers." We understand it is a play after the style of "Fun on the Bristol." In America Miss Crawford is a great favourite and well known.

Miss Minnie Palmer will take possession of the Strand Theatre on December 28th. She will play her old piece "My Sweetheart." At present she is playing to large audiences in Edinburgh, Liverpool, and the chief cities of the provinces. She is sure to receive a hearty welcome again in London, where she made so many friends.

Miss Fortescue, who has been charming the East-enders this week at the Standard, goes on Monday for a week to the Grand, where doubtless she will have equally crowded houses to witness her in "Frou Frou" and "Pygmalion and Galatea." This popular young lady has had a most successful tour in the provincial towns, and is acknowledged to have made her mark on the stage. We believe she will now rest a while.

"The Theatre" under its new publishers keeps up to its old reputation. The current number contains a portrait, by Mr. Barraud, of Miss Laura Linden, in costume, as Olivia, in the burlesque of "The Wicked Vicar of Wideawakefield." Mr. George Barrett is the subject of the other photograph. The letterpress is replete with interest, and, after being read, is useful to keep as a book of reference, dealing as it does with all the present plays, which in after years one sometimes likes to look over.

For the present, the last days of "Falka" are announced at the Avenue, to make way for the long talked of extravaganza at Christmas of "Kenilworth," written up to date by Mr. R. Reece, music by Mr. H. B. Farnie. The cast will include, it is rumoured, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Bro. Dallas, Miss Violet Cameron, Miss Constance Gilchrist, Miss Phyllis Broughton, and Miss Laura Linden. With such an array of beauty and talent in the principals the burlesque ought to draw.

The Bros. Gatti have reproduced "The Colleen Bawn" at the Adelphi, where it is nightly received with the same enthusiasm as welcomed it 25 years ago, when Mr. Dion Boucault first brought it out, but owing, we believe, to certain contracts, it will be withdrawn, still in all its fresh popularity, at Christmas, for Bros. Sims and Pettitt's new drama dealing on the life of the sailor, as "In the Ranks" did with that of the soldier. We, therefore, advise those who would like to see this pretty Irish drama to go soon. Miss Mary Rorke is the Colleen Bawn, and pathetically she plays her part. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Berridge, Miss Millward, and Bro. Crawford are the principals in the play, and all do their respective parts to the satisfaction of every one.

"On 'Change," which we noticed with so much pleasure at the time of its production, is nightly advancing in public favour. It has been altered slightly, the ladies' parts being cut down, they not being relevant to the piece, while Mr. Felix Morris and Mr. Farren have had their parts considerably augmented. "On 'Change" is not a one part play; it gives scope for acting on the part of every member of the cast. Mr. Felix Morris, though not a Scotchman, has the absolutely true Caledonian accent, and, together with his mannerism, nothing has been seen on

the English stage to surpass him in such a part. The piece is to be moved to the Strand Theatre on the 28th inst. for four weeks, until Miss Minnie Palmer requires that theatre. "On 'Change" will then probably be played at the Royalty.

At the Gaiety the pretty comic opera of "Billee Taylor" has been lately revived in its former home. It was first brought out at the Imperial in 1880, and since then, whenever and wherever it has been produced, it has had a successful run. This is not to be wondered at, for it is sparkling with fun, is not too long, being in only two acts, the music is pretty and catching, and the cast is the best one could wish for. "Billee Taylor" is the only really successful opera of Messrs. Stephens and Solomon. Miss Marion Hood sings and acts charmingly as Phoebe Fairleigh. Her vocalisation merits all the applause she receives from the audience, and her impersonation does a great deal towards lending fresh interest to the present revival. Miss Harriet Coveney, who takes the part of Eliza, is the only one of the original cast. Her scenes with Ben Barnacle are among the funniest in the whole piece. Mr. Arthur Roberts, as Ben Barnacle, the sailor, is for once not Mr. Roberts; he seems to leave himself. His song, "All on account of Eliza," is encored again and again. Mr. Breeden appears again as the gardener. Bro. T. Squire, Mr. Jarvis, and Miss Bellwood are amongst the rest of the company. The opera is beautifully put on the stage. The burlesque on "The Vicar of Wakefield" follows, and runs even with more merriment and ease than before. It provokes unceasing laughter. Mr. Roberts has a capital topical song, "So says the Postman's Sister." Miss Laura Linden's impersonation of Miss Ellen Terry is a marvellous piece of acting and making up. There is not much likelihood of a change being required here during the tenure of the house by its present occupiers.

The story of "Erminie" recalls to one's mind the tale of Robert Macaire, and the music of Mr. Jakabowski—whoever he may be—suggests a good many melodies one has heard before; nevertheless, it must be owned that if not quiet new the present opera at the Comedy is very pretty, and should be a success. A young gentleman is on his way to be married to Mdlle. Erminie, daughter of the Marquis de Ponvert; he is robbed by two thieves, who tie him to a tree and make off with his portmanteau containing his papers, and one of the robbers—Ravenar—presents himself to the Marquis as his intended son-in-law. Erminie is in love with her father's secretary, Eugenie Marcel, to whom in the end she is united. The adventures of the gaol birds make a more than usually interesting comic opera, specially so when Mr. Wyatt and Mr. H. Paulton are the representatives of the villains. The topical song of the latter, "What the dickey birds say," with a whistling chorus, is delivered with dry fun which convulses the house; but it would be in better taste to omit a verse referring to the late trial at the Old Bailey. Miss Florence St. John is the same as always, full of spirit, beautifully dressed, and sings with her wonted force. She is a host in herself. "When love is young, all the world seems gay," a dream song, and a lullaby in the second act are certain to be popular. Bro. Bracy (1319) sings his song, "The darkest hour," with all possible expression, and his rich clear tenor is heard in the duets with the same satisfaction. The chorus singing is also excellent, the freshest piece of melody in the opera being a glee, "Good night," sung without accompaniment. Miss Edith Vane, as Marie, sings a capital ditty called "Woman's dress," and secures great favour from the audience. We wonder this lady is not more popular in London. Miss St. John, the heroine, dresses in her usually exquisite style. Miss Violet Melnotte, the lessee of the theatre, who is content with a small part as companion to Erminie, dresses in similar good taste, and even perhaps in finer costumes than Miss St. John. Miss Kate Munroe, as a soubrette, is exceedingly lively; but we do not understand how she has such a second-rate part after her late efforts as principal. Miss Everleigh makes an excellent, dashing officer. Miss Victor and Mr. Bolini contribute further fun in their respective parts. The opera is splendidly mounted. Miss Melnotte seems to have spared no expense; she certainly bids for popularity, and does all that fine acting, smart clothes, and pretty music can do to make "Erminie" go down. It has been played in Birmingham and Brighton for a week, and took there well. The Comedy Theatre has been done up, and made to look brighter. A new drop curtain has been introduced, and many other improvements, under Mr. Gilbert Tate's superintendence, to attract patrons, which there can be little doubt it will do.

If "The Fay o' Fire" serves no other purpose than that of introducing two acquisitions to the London operatic stage, it will not have been given for nothing. Mdlle. De Laporte is a young lady endowed with several personal attractions and a fine voice, which she knows well how to display advantageously, specially in her solo, "Through lightning and storm." The other lady, Miss Marie Tempest, has a sweet and powerful voice, which she uses with exquisite skill, and bids fair to take a high place in the ranks of the sopranos. We think we recognise her as a lady who has sung for some time at St. James's Hall concerts. "The Fay o' Fire" was brought out last Saturday for the first time on any stage. It is not adapted from the French. It is a romantic opera in two acts by Mr. Henry Herman and Mr. Edward Jones, musical director at the Princess's Theatre; but not to be confounded with Mr. Herman's collaborateur (Herman and —) of "Silver King" celebrity. Mr. Herman in "Claudian" made his audience grasp the idea of a century between the prologue and the first act. Having been successful once, he makes the venture again, and we have the first act in 1835 and the second in 1885. The Fay o' Fire is a queen of demons, who has fallen madly in love with Egobat, who is enticed by her musical charms, and is led to forsake his fiancée, Lady Blanche, daughter of the Earl of Landogough. The romance consists in "Ina" preserving not only the love, but the youth and the handsome features of Egobat during 500 years. For herself, she is still

The queen of the realms of the fated;
I reign amidst shrieks and despair,
And my name is but known to be hated;
A word that warns men to beware.

In the second act—period 1885—Egobat wanders about, and comes across the Duke of Landogough and his charming daughter, Lady Blanche, in the ruins of the castle. He

falls in love with the daughter, and becomes the husband of a lady whose ancestor he had rejected 500 years before. Mr. Walsham is Egobat, a character he plays well. His fine tenor voice is in excellent form just now, and he sings many pretty solos and duets. Mr. Fred Leslie is the earl and duke of the two periods, and performs his portion in the manner he always does; but he has not a part good enough for his talents. Of course, there is the usual topical song, in which allusion is made to a distinguished politician's phrase of "a cow and three acres of land." The song will very likely become popular. We wonder at Mr. Leslie using the author's stupid words in calling people a "quadrangular safety pin," "an elongated hop-pole," and "an oxidised professional beauty searcher"—phrases which have no meaning in them, and are devoid of the least wit. The scenery, dresses, and the mounting could not be prettier; but whether "The Fay o' Fire" will take hold of the public is a little doubtful, although it seems to have been well received. At any rate, it is worth seeing and hearing.

Obituary.

BRO. C. T. SPEIGHT.

We announce with regret the death of a highly-respected veteran, who had done the Masonic state some service, and whose loss will be greatly felt by the numerous lodges with which he was officially connected. The deceased was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, in 1837, and in 1843 rose to be its W.M. He was also for some years a joining member of the Justice Lodge, No. 147. It was, however, as a Tyler that he was best known and most respected, and will always be remembered. As to our enumerating the bodies for which he acted in this capacity, it would be nigh impossible. Let it suffice if we state that he tyled No. 4; Royal Alpha, No. 16; and other among the most distinguished London lodges, that he was Prov. G. Tyler of Surrey, and G. Tyler of the Mark G. Lodge of England and Wales, &c. It should also be mentioned that the deceased, and his father before him, tyled St. Michael's, No. 211, for the long period of between 60 and 70 years, a fact which, as much as any other we are acquainted with in his career, demonstrates how highly appreciated were his services, and how enduring the regard in which he was held. Bro. Speight's death comes upon us somewhat as a surprise. We understand that as lately as Saturday last he was in harness, but out of health, it being not improbable that he had never fully recovered from the death, some time since, of his wife. We offer our respectful sympathy to his family and the large circle of those whose friendship he so greatly prized.

BRO. F. HOCKLEY, P.M., P.G. STWD.

We regret that it devolves upon us to announce the death of Bro. Hockley, P.G. Stwd., for several years, and Secretary of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. Bro. Hockley was a well known and much respected London Mason, who quietly pursued the even tenour of his way, and yet missed no opportunity that presented itself of doing good solid Masonic work. His presence will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was initiated in the British Lodge, No. 8, in 1864, and was elected W.M. in 1868, being also in the latter year a Grand Steward, and joining the Grand Stewards' Lodge. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the British Chapter, No. 8, in 1866.

BRO. JOHN JAMES.

We hear with deep regret of the demise of Bro. John James, of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, which event occurred on Saturday, the 7th inst, at his residence, at Streatham, after a short illness of rheumatic fever. Deceased, who was only in his 36th year, had been a prominent member of his lodge, amongst the members of which he was deservedly respected. He was also Sergeant in the 3rd Surrey Rifle Volunteers, and as a last tribute of regard for their departed comrade, the members of the corps attended in full uniform, and the bier was literally embowered with wreaths,—emblems of affectionate esteem. The funeral took place at Tooting Cemetery, when amongst the chief mourners were Bros. H. J. Layton, 1571, Morland, J. Janes, Noyce and many others. The Volunteer Detachment was under the command of Sergt.-Major Short and the funeral was conducted with full military honors. Our deceased brother was deservedly respected by a wide circle of friends amongst whom his early demise is most sincerely deplored.

The *New Zealand Freemason* of the 15th September last contains an article, which is very moderate in its tone, on the vexed question of the so-called G. Lodge of New South Wales, but which points out, reasonably enough, that "the assumption of central Masonic affairs by the minority" is out of the question. That is what we in England are saying, though it seems to strike some G. Lodges as being legitimate enough that the few should over-ride the many.

It is said "there is nothing new under the sun;" but it strikes us as being a novelty of an exceptional character when we hear of a "Fish, Reptile, and Amphibie Depôt," such as is to be found at 177, Euston-road, N.W., being established in the very heart of London. Even more surprising still is it to learn that the proprietors of this 'Depôt' are doing a large and thriving trade, especially in gold fish, of which, it seems, they sell some 5000 per week, to say nothing of other rare fish of the same class, the prices charged ranging from 1s. to £1 each. Nor is the business confined to gold fish, for green tree-frogs, tortoises, salamanders, harmless snakes, beetles, earthworms, frogs for students to experiment upon, &c., have a ready sale, from 400 to 500 being sold in the week. If, as we have been given to understand, this is only the beginning of a new trade, and a Zoological Society, for the purpose of buying and selling, is about to be formed, we can only express the hope that the business will prove as successful as it has been thus far, and that what has proved a prosperous enterprise in the outset will gradually establish itself as one of the "institutions" of London. Any of our readers who may be desirous of purchasing specimens for natural history purposes, will do well to pay a visit to the Depôt in the Euston road. They will be received with courtesy, and will stand every chance of having their requirements satisfied.



A stained glass window to the memory of the late Bro. Col. Fred. Burnaby was unveiled at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on Thursday, the 12th inst.

At a recent meeting of the electors of the White-chapel Division of the Tower Hamlets, a resolution in favour of the candidature of Bro. Alderman Cowan was passed unanimously.

Bros. Lord Hartington, M.P., Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and the Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., were among the speakers at different political meetings on Thursday, the 12th inst.

The Prince and Princess of Wales gave a county ball at Sandringham House on Friday evening, the 13th inst., the Princes Albert Victor and George and Princess Louise of Wales being present.

It is reported that Bro. F. R. Lawrence, M.W.G.M. of New York, is maturing a plan by which it is hoped that at no very distant date the heavy debt which presses on the G. Lodge of that jurisdiction will be cleared off.

Bro. General Lord Wolsley presided, and Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., was present at a meeting held on Friday, the 13th inst., in the theatre of the Royal United Service Institution, when a paper on machine guns was read and discussed.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., will present the scholarships, prizes, and certificates to the students of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the advancement of Technical Education at Salters' Hall, St. Swithin's-lane, on Wednesday, the 9th December.

A scholarship of the annual value of 12 guineas has been founded in connection with the Exeter Hall (London) University Classes by way of perpetuating the memory of the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, who for 40 years was President of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Bro. Colonel Sir Charles Warren, K.C.M.G., should have been added to the list of those brethren who regretted their inability to attend the installation meeting of the Alliance Lodge, on the 4th inst. Sir Charles was prevented by his political engagements, as a candidate for a division of Sheffield.

Bros. J. H. Puleston, M.P., E. Dresser-Rogers, and Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks., are among the new members of the Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London, the opening meeting of which was held at the Mansion House on Friday, the 13th instant, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor.

A scheme is on foot to form a lodge of instruction at the Old Welsh Harp, Hendon (Bro. Warner's), to meet on Saturday evenings. Brethren living in the neighbourhoods of Hendon, Childs Hill, Kilburn, &c., who would be willing to assist in its formation are invited to communicate with Bro. Westerby, P.M., The Limes, Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft presided at the annual general court, on Thursday, the 12th instant, of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy. Bros. Allcroft and Alderman Stone, P.G.W., with the Rev. Sir E. G. Moon, were re-elected Treasurers, and Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton was elected to fill one of the five vacancies in the Court of Assistants.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presided, on Saturday last, at the annual meeting, held at the Crystal Palace, of the London Rifle Brigade, when the prizes, won by members for proficiency in shooting and drill, were distributed by her ladyship. Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke were among those present, while Bro. Lord E. Pelham Clinton was in command of the regiment.

The London Stereoscopic Company, of Cheap-side and Regent-street, have published lifelike portraits of the new Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, all of whom are Masons, Bros. Alderman Staples, W.M. Botolph Lodge, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke, 1827. They are taken in various ways: the two Sheriffs are wearing the chains made by Bro. George Kenning, of which we gave a wood-cut some few weeks ago, the photographs show them very distinctly, the features are plainly marked, and the pictures make a very pleasant memento, to keep, for those who have any interest in the City, or the individuals connected with it.

The portrait by Mr. Frank Holl, R.A., of Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., which forms part of the testimonial which the citizens of London decided to present our distinguished brother with in recognition of his services as twice Lord Mayor, is now finished and on view at Salters' Hall, St. Swithin's-lane, E.C., where it may be seen any day before 1.30 p.m. on presentation of visiting card. The portrait, which is an exceedingly faithful likeness, represents Bro. Ex-Lord Mayor in his full dress.

A NEW MARK LODGE.—A warrant has been granted for a new Mark lodge, to be called the Onslow Lodge, the officers being the Earl of Onslow, P.G.W., W.M.; P. A. Scratchley, D.M.; Horace White, S.W.; and Col. Sir Francis Bolton, J.W. The Onslow Lodge chiefly consists of members of the Westminster and Keystone Craft Lodge, No. 10, and the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 7, and counts on its list of members the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M.; Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; F. Davison, D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, D.P.G.M. Cheshire; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. East Anglia; Lieut.-Colonel Eois, P.M. 7, G.I. of Works; Major Charles Harding, W.M. 7; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.O., P.M. 7; James Inglis, P.G. Stwd., 7, and W.M. Davison, O. H. Pearson, P.G. Org., P.M. 7; and many other distinguished brethren. The consecration of the Onslow Lodge will take place at SA, Red Lion-square, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 4 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M., and many distinguished guests are expected.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., was one of the speakers at a meeting of the electors held at the Rink, Blackheath, on Saturday evening last.

The Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, will hold its installation to-day (Friday), at the Masonic Hall, SA, Red Lion-square, W.C. Bro. J. L. Mather is the W.M. elect. Banquet at the Holborn Restaurant.

Bro. Santley, the eminent baritone, who for some time past has been a member of the Musicians' Company, was on Tuesday admitted to the freedom of the City by purchase.

It is said the Queen does not propose to give her sanction to any celebration in honour of the jubilee of her reign until the full period of 50 years from her accession to the throne has been completed.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., and the Right Hon. J. G. Hubbard, M.P., addressed a meeting of the electors of the City of London, held at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Claunsentum Lodge, No. 1461, held at the Masonic Hall, Woolston, on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., Bro. R. Bell, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bros. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., W. Malt-house, and Professor E. M. Lott, G. Org., were among those present at the annual dinner held at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, of the Bartholomew Club.

Viscount Ranelagh, whose death occurred a few days ago, and whose remains will be buried with military honours in Fulham Churchyard to-morrow (Saturday), was founder and first W.M. of the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858, consecrated in the year 1861.

An ancient Court of Hustings was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, when there were present Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke, and several Aldermen, and three deeds of gift of scholarships to the Corporation were recorded.

The November Sessions of the Central Criminal Court were opened at the Old Bailey, on Monday, when Bro. the Lord Mayor attended in state, and was accompanied by Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke, Bros. Aldermen Sir R. Hanson, De Keyser, Gray, and others.

The Four Kings' Council, No. 7, of the Allied Degrees, will hold its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, SA, Red Lion-square, to-morrow (Saturday), when Bro. John Ramsay, G.J.D., will be installed W.M. As this is the annual meeting, the Degree of G.H.P. will be conferred on sundry candidates. The usual banquet will be held at the close of the proceedings at the Holborn Restaurant.

We are glad to hear that a patent has been granted, under which Hertford will henceforth be included on the roll of Mark provinces, with Bro. T. F. Halsey, P.G.M. (Craft) and P.G. Supt. (R.A.), as its first P.G.M. M.M. A patent has also been granted conferring the office of P.G.M.M.M. Monmouthshire on Bro. Captain S. G. Homfrays, in succession to his brother, Bro. L. A. Homfrays, who retires.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 21st inst.: Monday, 16th—British Lodge; Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday, 17th—Cadogan Lodge; Salisbury Lodge; Ebury Chapter. Wednesday, 18th—Oak Lodge; Grand Stewards' Lodge; Noviomagus Lodge. Thursday, 19th—St. Mary's Lodge; Universal Lodge; Great Northern Lodge; Globe Lodge; United Pilgrim Chapter. Friday, 20th—Jordan Lodge; University Lodge.

The monthly meeting of the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, was held on Tuesday the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford. Bro. Francis S. Prosser 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, of Kingston, member of a London lodge, was a visitor. The names of two gentlemen were submitted as candidates for initiation into the mysteries of Masonry.

At the convocation of the Gloucester Chapter, No. 130, held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., Comps. T. Lashmore, M. Emanuel, and H. Lashmore were installed in the chairs of the Principals, the ceremony as regarded Z. and J. being conducted by Comp. Emanuel. The following officers were invested by the M.E.Z., Comps. J. R. Weston, S.E.; R. S. Pearce, Treas.; H. Webb, S.N.; Waters, D.C.; Aslatt, P.S.; C. Bemister and M. Smith, Stwds.; and Harrington and Vare, Janitors.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered his lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree, in the Lodge of Union, No. 414, at Reading, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst. W. Bro. M. J. Withers, Prov. Grand Junior Deacon, the W.M., presided, and, notwithstanding an important election meeting being held in the town at the same time, there was an encouraging attendance of members and visitors. The lecture was greatly appreciated. A full report of the proceedings will be given in our pages next week.

The Installation Festival of the Royal Lebanon Lodge, No. 493, was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bell Hotel, Gloucester, when Bro. Samuel Bland was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Wor. Bro. the Deputy Prov. G.M., J. Brook-Smith, M.A., assisted by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.S.W., P.G.S.D., and other Provincial officers. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and a still more numerous assemblage of visiting brethren.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—It is difficult to determine what is the more trying to health, intense cold or excessive heat, though everybody knows that sudden transitions from the one to the other tend to disease, which may in most instances be stayed off by an early resort to these purifying, regulating, and strengthening Pills. This well-known and highly esteemed medicine affords a safe and easy remedy for almost every constitutional wrong which climates, changes, or dietetic errors can engender, and effectually removes any weakness self-indulgent habits may have induced. In all conditions of the system bordering on disease indicated by apathy, listlessness, and restlessness, Holloway's Pills will prove especially serviceable in begetting a vivacity appreciated by both sound and sick.—[Adv.]

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, left Dublin for London on Wednesday.

Bro. Sir Farrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P., has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

The Grand Master's Council, R. and S.M., will meet at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Friday next, the 27th inst.

The Playing Card Makers' Company, of which Bro. R. Berridge is one of the Wardens, have issued invitations for a banquet on Monday, the 30th inst.

The flag of the Stellaland Republic, which has been brought to England by Bro. Sir Charles Warren, is said to be intended for presentation to her Majesty.

The Mark Grand Stewards' Lodge will hold its annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Monday, the 30th inst. Bro. Spice, Past G.D., is the W.M.-elect.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have been invited to a meeting or entertainment at the Schools, Primrose-street, Bishopsgate, a large number of guests to meet his lordship having also received invitations.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the warrant for the United Northern Counties' Lodge, No. 2128, has been granted by the M.W.G.M. The meetings will take place at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square.

Bro. R. Richardson Gardner, M.P., has offered a reward of £50 for any information that will lead to the conviction of the writer of the anonymous letter he received on Saturday morning last, in which threats were uttered to shoot him if he attended any more political meetings at the Windsor Theatre.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided for the first time at the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday, when there were present among others Bros. Alderman Stone, Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. Hanson, De Keyser, Waterlow, Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke, and among the corporation officers, Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, (Town Clerk), and H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor). A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., after which Bro. the Lord Mayor expressed the pleasure he felt in addressing them from the chair, and the belief that the kindness his brother aldermen had invariably shown him in the past would be continued during his year of office.

PRESENTATION TO AN EMPLOYER.—Bro. J. M. Hart, C.C. (Hobbs, Hart, and Co., lock and safe makers, of 76 and 77, Cheap-side), was lately waited upon by his employes for the purpose of presenting him as a memento of his twenty-fifth year of the proprietorship of the business, with an album, containing an illuminated address, thanking him for his universal kindness and philanthropy towards them, and expressing the hope that he might long be spared to rule over the affairs of the business. Bro. Hart was quite overcome as the deputation read the address, and replied briefly to the effect of this fresh evidence of their good-will towards him. He knew that each had tried to carry out in its integrity his motto of "Protectors and Progress." The fact that he should live in their hearts, was to him of more value than any earthly dignity which could be conferred upon him. The address was signed by 320 employes now in the firm, many of them having seen more than thirty years' service.

On Tuesday evening last, Bro. John W. Woodthorpe, A.C.A., was presented by his fellow clerks with an illuminated testimonial, bearing their individual signatures, accompanied by a handsome silver-plated tea and coffee service. Bro. Woodthorpe has for a period of upwards 12 years been with Messrs. Cooper Bros. and Co., of 14, George-street, Mansion House, E.C., chartered accountants, during the greater part of which time he has held the position of chief clerk. He is about to commence to practice in the profession in London on his own account, and his leaving the firm referred to being a source of great regret to the clerks there associated with him, this testimonial was presented in signification of their unanimous expression of the high esteem in which he has always been held by them, and as a memento of past friendship which he has won by his cordiality and genial disposition. The donors, one and all, gave him their very heartiest wishes that all success and prosperity—which are essentially his due—may accompany him during his future professional career.

It seems the extent of the losses by the great fire which happened a few weeks ago, cannot be estimated by a money value. In one warehouse—that of Messrs. Hyde, Archer, and Co.—were stored the designs of all the exquisite laces which for the last century have adorned the furniture of our Royal palaces. With but few exceptions, these have been destroyed. So fierce was the fire that the best safes failed to preserve their contents; but, as regards the firm in question, so much value was attached by them to the particular designs for which they are famous, that Bro. Norrington, of the firm of Norrington and Routledge, risked his life while the smoke from the ruins was almost blinding the firemen and the walls tottering around them, and actually had the safes containing the much-valued patterns and books removed so that the extent of their losses might be ascertained. Much charred by the intense heat as they were, and of course irretrievably damaged, yet sufficient is left on which to form some idea of their original beauty. We beg to sympathise with Bros. Norrington and Routledge.

The "Improved American Portable Music Stands" (Walter's Patent) are among the most serviceable inventions of the day. They are easily portable, being light, and compressible into a small compass; being of iron or brass, they are strong, and will stand almost any amount of wear and tear, and knocking about; and, the most important feature of all, considering their merits, they are purchasable at moderate prices. They have this further advantage, that they can be very easily adapted to other purposes, as, for instance, to support banner screens, sketching easels, sconces, &c. It is not surprising they should have been adjudged the highest award at the recent Inventions Exhibition at South Kensington, and we are convinced that the more widely they are known, the more likely are they to come into general use. They can be obtained from all music dealers, or direct from the manufacturers and proprietors of the patent, Messrs. Harrow and Co., music smiths, brassworkers, &c., 13 and 14, Portland-street, Soho, London, W., of whom descriptive circulars and price lists may be had free on application.