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The Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland provide that "No clothing purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognised and acknowledged." The fact itself is well known wherever Scottish Masonry is practised, as it and St. John's Masonry have long been synonymous terms. Notwithstanding so clear and emphatic a statement, we read in the "Evening Herald," New Zealand, November 20th, 1885, that at the annual installation of the R.W.M. of a lodge in that colony, under the Scottish Constitution, "Bro. ———— was attired in the magnificent regalia of one of the higher branches of the Craft."

Now, whatever does such a paragraph mean? Surely that the brother wore clothing contrary to the laws of his Grand Lodge! We trust that the report is an erroneous one, and that the writer of the notice mistook Provincial Grand clothing for that of the "higher degrees" (so called). We shall be glad of an assurance from our friends in New Zealand that this view of the matter is the correct one, for if otherwise, a very grave question is opened up, as no one who is worthy to enjoy the privileges of the Craft would thus openly violate the laws of his Grand Lodge. Brethren, even in this country, are much too apt to disobey the laws as respects jewels, the "Mark," and others, being frequently worn in lodges, though contrary to the Constitutions. As respects clothing, we are not aware that ever the Regulations are violated, save as to the wearing of the Royal Arch collar and jewel by Provincial Officers, who clearly should not do so in Craft lodges.

WE regret very much to announce the decease of Bro. ROBERT RAMSAY, M.D., one of the most prominent, zealous, and enthusiastic Freemasons in Canada. His death was occasioned by a fall, in which he broke one of his legs, and subsequently developed heart disease. Dr. RAMSAY was a son of the Rev. Canon RAMSAY, and was born in London (England) in 1841, his initiation dating from the year 1866, his mother lodge being the "Tyrian," Cleveland, Ohio. As Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Ohio, and as a frequent contributor to the Masonic journals in Canada and the United States, his name was familiar to all reading Masons in America, and though he was unfavourable to the action of our Grand Lodge in relation to the Quebec difficulty we were always most ready and willing to acknowledge his zeal and conspicuous ability on behalf of our ancient and honourable Society. Only lately he was the recipient of the decoration of a "Knight Commander of the Temple" from H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, as Grand Master, and down to the time of his death was Secretary-General of the Rosicrucian Society, and the Swedenborgian Rite for Canada, as also connected with various other Masonic and pseudo-Masonic Bodies, in which he took a lively interest.

Bro. the Hon. J. R. Clymer, 32°, is a foeman worthy of one's pen. When clothed Masonically and in his right mind, he must be a very intelligent writer, while, as regards the courtesy with which he meets any antagonist he may have to encounter, he is an exemplar to be followed. It was not to be expected that he would pass unnoticed our editorial of 19th September last, in which we questioned the accuracy of certain statements made by him in the course of his address at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 24th June preceding. His reply in the December number of the "Masonic Review" of Cincinnati, Ohio, is before us, and, though we may say at once that it is a very effective illustration of the retort courteous, we cannot pay him the compliment of suggesting that it has strengthened his case materially. The more serious portion of his argument will be found in the concluding paragraphs of his very readable paper, and, dealing with his principal statements slightly out of the order in which he has placed them, we must take the liberty of pointing out, firstly, as regards his belief that Locke and

SHAKESPEARE were Masons, that the burden of proof in the case of every kind of allegation rests with those who make them, not with those who deny or oppose them. We have before now remarked that it is departing with a vengeance from the accepted course of argument when a person audaciously makes an assertion which it is not in his power to support by any evidence worthy of being so designated, and, on the accuracy of his assertion being challenged, calmly turns round and invites his challenger to prove him wrong. This is what Bro. CLYMER has done. He asserted in his address at Bucyrus that JOHN LOCKE and WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, among others, were Freemasons. We rejoined that "a doubtful letter in the case of the former, and a few Masonic expressions culled from the plays of the latter" were about all the evidence adducible in favour of his assertion. In reply, Bro. CLYMER does not attempt to upset our statement; he does not produce anything beyond the evidence we have allowed him; but he maintains that "it is incumbent" upon us to "prove by evidence that JOHN LOCKE and WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE were not Freemasons"—which is, of course, an impossibility. As regards Shakespeare, he does adduce as evidence that in an "old Masonic book," which was published in New York in 1797, four apparently-named SHAKESPEARE lodges were included in a "list of 'Foreign and Domestic Lodges." But even if all these four lodges had been named SHAKESPBARE—as a matter of fact only one was so named, the other three being respectively the St. Paul's Lodge, held at the Shakespeare Tavern, Birmingham; the Beaufort, held at the Shakespeare. Princes-street, Bristol; and the St. Alban's Lodge, also held at the Shakespeare Tavern, Birmingham-that would not prove that SHAKESPEARE was a Mason any more than does the fact that there are two lodges now on our roll-the Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1182, Liverpool, and the Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1259, London-named after the Duke of Edinburgh prove that his Royal Highness is a Freemason, the truth being that he is the one son of our QUEEN who has not sought admission into our Society. As regards the Masonic song by JAMES BISSET of the above "St. Alban's Lodge, Birmingham," it has a strong family likeness to Bro. CLYMER'S address—that is to say, it contains an assertion about SHAKESPEARE having been a Mason, but not a scrap of proof in support of it. However, it is no business of ours to prove Bro. CLYMER is wrong. All we can do-and that we do with infinite pleasure-is to counsel him to drop these two great men from his list of Masonic worthies the next time he feels disposed to trot it out in public; at all events, until he can bring forward something like respectable evidence in support of his assertion that they were members of our Fraternity.

But the strong point in Bro. CLYMER's reply to our criticisms has reference to his list of the 51 so-called English Grand Masters prior to 1717, which he very kindly tells us was derived through the Voice of Masonry of Chicago, from our own columns, in which it appeared in the year 1870; and he triumphantly invites us to acknowledge that such "tableau"-as he is pleased to call it-" was a literary forgery, first conceived, formulated, and published" by this journal, "to deceive a credulous and unsophisticated Masonic public." We have looked into the Freemason for 1870, and there certainly is the list. It was no "literary forgery, first conceived, formulated, and published" by us, however, but was sent by a correspondent, signing himself "PYTHAGORAS," in answer to a request for such a list by another correspondent, "W. G. D.," who appears to have attached so little value to it that in a subsequent letter he enquires of "PYTHAGORUS" why he did not "place CAIN first on the list of Grand Masters, and call him brother, seeing that he was the first on record who built a city, which he called Enoch (Gen. iv., 17)." Our personal responsibility consists in having permitted "PYTHAGORAS" to satisfy the curiosity of "W.G.D." Had Bro. CLYMER turned to our volume for 1870, he would not have committed the further capital error of ascribing to us the authorship of a list for which not we, but one of our correspondents of that period, was responsible. This is another instance of the danger we refer to elsewhere of people adopting statements made by others without being at the pains of verifying them. As to our article of September last, it remains unaffected by Bro. CLYMER's reply. He has neither refuted our case nor advanced his own. Try again, Bro. CLYMER, and may greater good fortune attend you! We shall be delighted beyond expression if you can establish that "tableau" of English Grand Masters, and prove-what has never been proved as yet -that LOCKE and SHAKESPEARE were both of them Freemasons. Only when you return to the charge, as, doubtless, you will do in some future number of the "Masonic Review," please avoid describing us as "venerable." Commend, if it pleases you, our "vigorous Saxon, elegant Latinity, and kindly spirit;" sympathise with us in "the deep sense of annoyance" which overcame us when we read your address at Bucyrus; but do not

dream of suggesting that we have yet entered upon that stage of existence which legitimately entitles us to be spoken of in such terms. No, Bro. CLYMER, you are a charming representative of the imaginative school of Masonic writers, and courteous withal. Nothing in the way of evidence or argument ever affects your generous enthusiasm for the Craft, or disturbs your equanimity. Praise us, if you will; convict us of error, if you can; but please postpone describing us as "venerable" for at least a score or two of years. Do this, and your reward shall be a key to "un-Locke" your present serious "mis-Understanding" of the nature and value of evidence, which every sound student of our history has unhesitatingly declared to be worthless.

FROM time to time we hear of the good feeling manifested by our American brethren towards members of the British Craft in distress. Failing to obtain employment, they have soon found their means exhausted, and starvation for themselves and families almost "staring them in the face," when, happily, their necessities have been relieved by one of the several Masonic relief societies, situations have been procured, and many a heart has thus been made happy and thankful. Recently a brother we knew well went to Philadelphia in search of employment, full of bright hopes and anticipations, but all were shattered, and he became literally penniless, and his clothes had become "rags." He was fed and clothed by a brother who was to him an entire stranger, save as belonging to our beneficent Fraternity, and by him was assisted to seek work elsewhere, and he is now doing well.

Titts month we have heard of an instance of similar kindness towards a brother in distress in another State. He had come from Yorkshire with his wife and family, seeking employment, but was unsuccessful, becoming quite destitute. In his despair he applied to a lodge for aid from the members in procuring him a situation, not for charity. The case was urgent, and the assistance of the Grand Master was sought, who, being a most benevolent as well as zealous Freemason, at once took him into his own employ, until something better offered. We must not say more, as the information comes to us privately; but as this is only one out of many in which this distinguished brother has helped our brethren in their dire distress, no matter from what country, we cannot but express the hope that he will be even more than "twice blessed," and that the Crastsmen who have been so opportunely and generously assisted will unite their prayers with ours for the richest blessings to be his constant portion.

IT will be remembered that a special Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Durham on 21st August, 1885, for the installation of the R.W. Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., P.G.W., as Provincial Grand Master, by the R.W. Bro. Earl of LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master of England. The official document is now being circulated by the indefatigable Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. ROBERT HUDSON. It must have been highly gratifying to the new Provincial Grand Master to witness such an assembly of Craftsmen to greet him on his accession to office, no less than 500 brethren being present on the occasion. The appointment of the W. Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, LL.D., P.G.C., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who has been connected with the Society for some 40 years, was most popular, as was also the reappointment of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

THE report also deals with the annual meeting, held at Bishop Auckland on 27th October, 1875, and some of the statements made then, and now printed for circulation in the province, are so remarkable as to deserve a reconsideration at the present time. There are now 31 lodges in the province, the oldest being No. 48, Gateshead, warranted in 1735 (having a prior existence, however), and the youngest is No. 2104, Stockton-on-Tees, dating only from last year. The income for the year was some £500, including £69 11s. dividends from Consols, the balance in hand being slightly over £200, all of it, but £50, being distributed at the meeting for the various charitable purposes, always so warmly supported by the brethren. report of the Charities Committee, of which Bro. C. S. LANE, P.P.G.D., is Chairman, is most satisfactory, exhibiting a substantial balance in hand, with interest from capital invested, and seven children being educated at an annual cost of some £70. The capital amount of £388 appears to us quite sufficient, the subscriptions being thus used for educational purposes without any deductions. Numerically, the province is still on the increase, there having been 1999 subscribing members in 1882; 2011 in 1883; and 2239 in 1884, notwithstanding the more stringent rules as to "arrears" in the new Constitutions, being a result more favourable in many respects than some other provinces.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF THE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.

This new lodge was consecrated on Tuesday afternoon, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary. A warrant of constitution was granted to the lodge in 1884, but as the W.M. named therein-Bro. Sir C. Warren, G.C.M.G., had then embarked for service in South Africa, the ceremony of consecration was necessarily postponed until his return to this country. The lodge has been established for the association of brethren interested in literary pursuits, and for the prosecution of archæological studies, more especially with regard to the history and antiquities of Freemasonry.

The Grand Secretary was assisted in the ceremony by Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, as S.W.; Bro. R. Gooding, P.G.D., as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The founders of the lodge—the greater number of whom were present were Bros. Sir C. Warren; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Walter Besant, P.M.; G. W. Speth, P.M.; W. H. Rylands; J. P. Rylands; and Major S. C. Pratt, Royal Artillery.

After the lodge had been formally opened,

The Grand Secretary, in addressing the brethren, said that many distinguished and zealous students of Masonic history having started the idea of banding themselves together in a lodge where they could have better opportunities of discussing the various matters in which they were specially interested, had petitioned the Grand Master about a year ago, and that His Royal Highness had readily acceded to their request. members of the new lodge had selected a worthy brother, who was distinguished as a soldier as well as a Mason, to preside over them-Sir Charles Warren-through whose absence on military duty in South Africa until recently, the consecration had to be delayed to the present time, when the brethren were happily met to give effect to the warrant of the Grand

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He congratulated the Grand Secretary on the consecration of another lodge, believing that if their principles and outcome were realistic, the more Masonic lodges were increased the better. For English Freemasonry especially was not merely a social assembly or a friendly aggregation, or for the purpose of going through a cherished ritual, but had something higher to offer to mankind. It proclaimed reverence to God and love for man, obedience to all lawfully constitutional authority, a hatred of persecution, and universal toleration. And just as it avowed loyalty for the throne, a love of order, peace, and legal and constituted rights for all classes, so it disawowed any tendency to those hurtful movements whether of social, political, or agrarian communism which ended in sweeping away alike the claims of property and the savings of industry. All humanitarian efforts, and all charitable questions came under its special sanction, and it was ever favourable to the advance of cultured civilization, and the diffusion of science and light. In that happy revival of "Masonic Letters" which our age had seen, the old, the quaint, the interestions legends of the past had become the subject of study and enquiry. Among those, whether of medæval, or Roman, or eastern origin, few were so impressive and appropriate to Freeniasons as that of the Quatuor Coronati. When then a peculiar name was sought for a lodge with peculiar objects, this name was adopted because it seemed to convey clearly, not only the teaching of Masonic duty, but shadowed out the intense need there was for a cultured study of old Masonic traditions. Bro. Gould had so ably dilated on the subject, in his invaluable "History of Freemasonry," that he (the orator) need only give a passing allusion to the subject. Whether the Craft view of the Legend was then correct relying on one set of authorities, or there was a fuller explanation to be found in the union

The ceremony of consecration was then regularly proceeded with, and, on its completion, Bros. Sir C. Warren was installed as Master of the lodge; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford was invested as acting I.P.M.; W. H. Rylands, as S.W.; R. F. Gould, as J.W.; and G.W. Speth, as Secretary. Bro. Walter Besant was unanimously elected Treasurer.

After the delivery of the addresses, the Worshippul Master in proposing a cordial vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer, said: I am a strong believer in the antiquity of Freemasonry, and I can conceive that when the mediceval basis is fully ascertained we shall find that it rests upon a more antique foundation. I do not believe much in the originality of the views of men, and I can scarcely think that the present forms and ceremonies devised in the eighteenth century or even in the Middle Take for instance the "Seven Ages" of man, we find it based on Horace and again in our early work. I am of opinion that the arrangements for the lodge are derived from the worship in temples which existed in Phænicia before the building of Solomon's temple. I refer especially to the temple of Tyre—how it came into use in this country is a mystery. The very arrangement as a lodge seems to show this. Any person elaborating a Masonic temple in the Middle Ages would never dream of putting the Master in the east, just where the chief door of King solomon's temple was, but would have placed him in the west to observe the rising sun; but it so happens that in the older temples the great image or symbol of the sun was placed in the East. There are many other points which confirm the view. I think at present we shall have plenty of work in assisting to elaborate the history of modern Masonry, but what I wish at the outset to show is that we have no desire to upset ancient traditions. I am a firm believer in them. What we want is to clear them up, to confirm them, and with the assistance of the Grand Officers we hope to do so. only duty, and a very pleasant duty, now to perform is to return a vote of thanks to the consecrating officers for the admirable manner in which they have conducted the ceremonies this afternoon, and also for their uniform kindness and consideration in giving us assistance in constituting this lodge. I have a great faith in the benefits that the human race derives from Freemasonry, and I think that with the assistance of the officers of the Grand Lodge this lodge will supply a want that has been much felt. The lodges under our constitutional law are admirable organisations, and our charities are fully developed, but every Mason has a craving to know something definite about the Craft, and this has never as yet been properly grappled

with. This lodge will be the platform where literary Masons can meet together to assist each other in developing the history of the Crafts; much has already been done by the brethren in this way individually, but we can confidently expect more when they can word together. I am only a novice in such matters, but I can believe that when the brethren here present have rolled away the mist that now surrounds the subject we shall be astonished at the result obtained.

The vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers having been seconded by the acting I.P.M., was carried unanimously, and acknowledged in graceful terms by the Grand Secretary.

The Worshipful Master next moved, and Bro. Woodford seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for kindly lending the furniture and jewels, which were used at the ceremonies of the evening. This motion was carried "nem. con.," and Bro. Fenn said it would give much pleasure to communicate the resolution passed by the lodge of the Quatuor Coronati to the other members of

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The following brethren were proposed as joining members: Bros. Wm. Simpson, 860, Fellow of the Royal Institute of Painters, Hon. Associate R.I.B.A., author of "Meeting the Sun, a Journey all round the World," "Arkite Ceremonies in the Himalayas," "An Artist's Jottings in Abyssinia," and a frequent contributor to the "Transactions" of the Learned Societies; W. M. Bywater, P.M. 19, author of "The History of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19," and "Some Notes on Lawrence Dermott;" Major F. G. Irwin, P.M. 153, P.P.G.W. Andalusia, formerly editor of the "Sapper," and noted for his large collection of medals and Masonic works—a contributor for more than a quarter of a century to the journals of the Craft; T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire, author of the "History of the Mark Degree," "The Connection between the Knights Templars and the Freemasons of York," "Freemasonry in York in the Seventeenth Century," "Some Ancient York Masons, and their Early Haunts," "Notes of Some of the Older Rosicrucians," &c., also of numerous articles in the Masonic journals, both at home and abroad; E. L. Hawkins, P.M. 357 and 478, Prov. G. Sec. and P. Prov. G.W. Oxon, author of "History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire," "The Red Apron Lodges," "Freemasonry in Masachusetts," and who has also published a translation of the "Pope's Encyclical Propers and the Propers and the Propers Encyclical Propers and Propers Encyclical Propers Encyc m Oxiorushire, "The Red Apron Lodges," "Freemasonry in Masachusetts," and who has also published a translation of the "Pope's Encyclical—De Secta Massonum," and an edition of "Aristotle's Ethics"; and J. Ramsden Riley, P.M. 387, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies W. Yorkshire, author of "History of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387," "A Record of the Progress of Freemasonry in Yorkshire," and "The Yorkshire Lodges," also a well-known writer in the columns of the Freemason.

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In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said: Were I to enlarge upon this toast I should only anticipate the few observations with which I have to introduce the toast next in order, as all the visiting Grand Officers assisted at the consecration. Inasmuch, however, as it will devolve upon the Grand Secretary to reply for the Consecrating Officers, I shall associate with the present toast Bro. Thos. Fenn, secrating Officers, I shall associate with the present toast Bro. Inos. Benn, President of the Board of General Purposes, who has also filled the offices of Assistant Grand Dir. of Cers., and of Grand Deacon, and whose labours, pre-eminently at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall, at the installation of the Grand Master, at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of Truro Cathedral, and for a long series of years in connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, are well-known and appreciated by the Craft.

Bro. Fenn, in acknowledging the toast, said: Worshipful Master-Knowing that a Grand Chaplain must necessarily be present at a consecration, I did not expect to be called upon to respond to this toast. I presume I am selected as one of those Grand Officers who you have honoured by a vote of thanks for having assisted in the consecration of your lodge, and who on that account may be considered the real "Quatuor Coronati" of the There is, however, a slight difference between us and the great originals—we cannot in any way be considered martyrs, and we are not five. But Bro. Gould, in his interesting chapter on the Quatuor Coronati, has solved a very difficult problem in arithmetic by proving—and I think it must be admitted satisfactorily—that four are five, so that in that respect must be admitted satisfactorily—that four are five, so that in that respect we may be allowed to resemble them. As I understand that this lodge has been formed to settle knotty points in Masonic history, this problem will probably be one of your subjects of discussion. There is also another subject of interest to you in this same chapter. Bro. Gould has there arrived at the conclusion that these four martyrs, or five martyrs compressed into four, had nothing whatever to do with Masonry, so that the "raison d'être" of the name you have adopted for your lodge should be a subject to engage your earliest attention. I notice from what fell from Bro. Woodford in his address that there is a difference of opinion between himself and ford in his address that there is a difference of opinion between himself and Bro. Gould, so that you are already provided with ample matter for lively argument, which, no doubt, will be very interesting to the members, and result, let us hope, in a satisfactory solution of some of those doubts which have lately disturbed the Craft. We shall know perhaps before long, with some degree of certainty, whether Sir Christopher Wren was a Grand Master, or whether he was no Mason at all. In thanking you on the part of the Grand Officers for the compliment you have paid them, they will, I am sure, join with me in expressing a hope that in all your discussions you will be guided by a true Masonic spirit, and, to use the words of the great Bard of Avon-

Do as adversaries do in law-Strive mightily; but eat and drink as friends.

The Grand Secretary then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, dwelt on the former services of Bro. Sir C. Warren, both as a Mason and when in charge of the Jerusalem exploration expedition, in which latter capacity he brought to light so much of peculiar interest to students of Masonic tradition and ritual. He also alluded to his recent distinguished services in Bechuanaland, and heartily congratulated the lodge in having been able to secure him as their first W.M.

The Worshipful Master said he was very pleased and proud to The Worshipful Master said he was very pleased and proud to be made the first W.M. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which he thought had a distinct and useful work before it, which would act to the benefit of the Craft generally. He entirely approved of the principle on which it was founded. The W.M. remarked further that he had been much pleased also with the Oration, as he thought the legends of the past in their connection with Freemasonry claimed the close attention of Masonic students. He had himself, he confessed, rather turned his attention to the far Oriental legends, and had not as vet studied the mediæval legends: but he thought the study of both as yet studied the mediæval legends; but he thought the study of both would subserve the interest of Masonic culture. He was of opinion that

the arrangement of lodges, for instance, was much older than was generally believed, and it was very probable, he thought, that the Jewish Masons had derived the idea of managing a lodge from the Phœnican temples, which were west and east, instead of the temple being, as it was, east and west. But, he repeated, all these matters and many like them could be studied by the adepts of this new lodge. The W.M. went on to say that he saw the difficulties before the lodge, which were many and peculiar. It was possible that some brethren would be offended who were left out, and others, who might seek to press in, without possessing those qualifications which the might seek to press in, without possessing those qualifications which the founders of the lodge desired to set up as a test of membership. He hoped, however, that the Quatuor Coronati would resolutely grapple with and overcome these and all other difficulties, and any help he could give, either at home or abroad, was at their service. In 1861 it was proposed to establish a military lodge with very much the same design, but yielding to the advice of the Grand Secretary of that day, the scheme was abandoned. In 1869 a Masonic Discussion Society was sought to be founded, but the idea also tell through. In 1872 (said the W.M.), with our Treasurer, Bro. Besant, and others, I endeavoured to form a Masonic society, by means of which papers on Masonic subjects might be read and printed, but this project also had to be given up; and therefore it afforded me peculiar gratification to become a founder-and by the kindness of my brethren-the first Master of the lodge

which, under such happy auspices, has been consecrated this day.

The next toast—that of "The Consecrating Officers"—was then proposed in happy terms by the W.M., who specially alluded to the great kindness and courtesy exhibited at all times by the Grand Secretary.

In the course of a very interesting response, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE remarked that so much having been said during the evening about

the founders of the lodge representing nine martyrs, the Consecrating Officers must, in a certain sense, be regarded as their executioners.

To the toast of "The Officers," which concluded the proceedings, Bro. Gould replied, and said that rather more than a year ago a petition for a charter was sent in; but whilst lying in the Grand Secretary's office, the W.M. designate was ordered to South Africa. Sir C. Warren had suggested that some other brother should take his place as Master. This course, however, the lodge declined to adopt. The members were content to wait patiently until the lodge could be consecrated. Nor were they without compensation for the delay. In the first place they were presided over by the worthy and distinguished brother they had chosen as Master, and secondly the very delay itself was sufficiently conclusive of the fact, that the lodge owed its existence, not to any sudden impulse or transient enthusiasm, but to the deeply rooted belief of a small body of brethren interested in literature and archieology, that their favourite studies would derive a fresh impetus from the formation of a lodge like that of Quatuor Coronati. Bro. Gould said he had only a few words to add. Last year, in proportion as the affairs of South Africa appeared to prosper, so did those of the new lodge seem to decline. It almost looked as if Sir Charles Warren would be detained at the Cape, if not for the term of his natural life, at least for a good slice of it. But "it is an ill wind that blows no one any good," and however unfortunate it may have been for South Africa to lose the services of so capable and resolute a soldier and administrator, what has been their loss, has been our gain; and I can assure the brethren present that the officers of the lodge enter upon the active discharge of their duties, with every feeling of confidence and reliance, under the sway of the able and distinguished brother who so worthily fills the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SHROPSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE BROWNLOW LODGE, No. 2131.

A Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Ellesmere, on Monday, the 4th inst., by Bro. Offley Wakeman, Bart., for the purpose of consecrating the above lodge. The brethren present were: of consecrating the above lodge. The brethren present were:

Bros. W. E. Harding, P.G. J.W.; the Revs. W. Humphreys and J. B. Meredith, P.G. Chaps.; J. P. White, P.G. Treas.; V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Reg.; W. H. Spaull, P.G. Sec.; J. Maclardy, P.G.S.D.; W. Lascelles Southwell, P.G.J.D.; Thomas James, P.G.S. of W.; T. Warren Thompson, P.G.D. of C.; R. A. Craig, G. J. Morgan, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Sewell, P.G.O.; R. Brayne, P.G. Sec.; J. Machin, P.G.A.P.; T. B. Hyde, Tyler; J. Smith, J. Ginders and J. Blockley, P.G. Stwds.; J. F. Edisbury, P.G.J.W. North Wales; E. Andrew, P.P.G.W.; Thomas Roberts and W. Putman, P.P.G.D.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.P.G.O.; W. B. Newnes, P.P.G. Tyler; C. K. Benson, P.P.G.P. North Wales; the Rev. H. K. Southwell, 337; A. C. Williams, 721; J. W. Lawrence, 2131; E. W. Prevost, 592; W. Belton, W.M., A. C. Townsend, J.W., and W. J. Ogg, all of 117; Kyffin G. Salter, and Geo. Bonner, of 1124; J. H. Parsons, I.P.M., J. Whitridge, P.M., J. England, S.W., J. H. Tomb, and C. J. Fotherby, all of 1432; B. Bastow, W.M. 1575; J. H. Cooksey, W.M., Thos. Pratt, P.M., Sec.; and H. E. Roberts, S.W., all of 1621.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and letters were read from the Deputy P.G.M. and a number of other brethren apologising for their

absence. All the lodges of the province were represented.

The draft bye-laws for governing the P.G. Lodge were submitted by the Committee to draw them up, and, after a few amendments, were approved.

The R.W.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Secretary, then proceeded to consecrate the Brownlow Lodge, No. 2131. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and Bro. Rev. W. Humphreys, P.G. Chaplain, delivered an oration, in which he congratulated the R.W.P.G.M. that his first official an oration, in which he congratulated the R.W.P.G.M. that his first official act since his installation should be to consecrate a new lodge, also that Masonry was increasing in the province. This was a matter of congratulation in these days of controversy, as the Masonic lodge was common ground on which men of all creeds and politics could meet as brothers.

Prayer having been offered by the Rev. J. B. MEREDITH, P.G. Chap., and the censer with incense having been carried round the lodge, the lodge was solemnly consecrated by the R.W.P.G.M.

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The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The R.W.P.G.M., assisted by Bro. V. C. L. Crump, P.G. Reg., and Bro. T. Warren Thompson, P.G.D. of C., installed Bro. E. W. Prevost the first W.M. of the Brownlow Lodge, who, after the ceremony was completed, invested the following officers: Bros. A. T. Akeroyd, S.W.; W. J. Ogg, J.W.; K. G. Salter, Treas.; the Rev. H. K. Southwell, S.D.; the Rev. H. Poole King, J.D.; and J. W. Lawrence, I.G. The names of some gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The bye-laws were approved, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bridge-

water Hotel, where a banquet was excellently served by Bro. Lawrence.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and it was announced that the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., had consented to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May, 1887, at the Freemasons' Hall, London. It was also said that the Masonic Charities distributed last year amounted to over £64,000.

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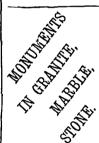


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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1886.

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[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving o 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.]

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I have observed in certain lodges of late, and with

regret, a hesitation on the part of visitors to address those greetings to the W.M., which it has been, for the past 30 years to my knowledge, the general custom amongst Freemasons to offer just previous to the closing of the work in

masons to ther just previous to the closing of the work in lodge.

On enquiry I learn that a doubt has been expressed as to the propriety of any individual brother visitor, not himself the Master of a lodge, presuming to convey "Hearty good wishes" in the name of the lodge from which he hails, it being assumed that he has no direct authority from his lodge to do so; and that this doubt is influencing some brethren who prefer to follow a lead without reasoning for themselves as to the direction towards which it tends.

It appears to many of my Masonic friends, and to myself, somewhat late in the day to make innovations, in respect of a practice which, though not especially ordained, is, nevertheless, a "lex non scripta" amongst Masons, having very much to recommend it, and, as far as one can surmise, nothing objectionable in its performance, and it will certainly require the exercise of considerable authority, and the exposition of strong reasons, to secure a general acquiescence in this proposed departure from Masonic etiquette.

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acquiescence in this proposed departure from masonic etiquette.

It there were the slightest interference with any prerogative possessed by our "rulers in the Craft" an argument for the abrogation of the custom might exist, but there is none such. The equality of Freemasons, "qua" Freemasons, places all present in a lodge (except merely in respect of official duty then in course of performance) on a level; and one brother has as much right as another, nay, it is even his bounden Masonic duty to be courteous to his hosts, and to offer his salutations on behalf of himself and his usual lodge companions. How the reverse proposition can be maintained I know not, and should be glad to learn positively on what grounds the abandonment of the visitor's pleasant greeting is sought for.—Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMIES STEVENS,
Clapham, Jan. 16.

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AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

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Dear Sir and Brother,

After nearly two years' severe illness, the G.A.O.

T.U. has graciously restored me to health, and since, my almost exhausted resources were further depleted by the cruel burglary at my residence on Christmas Day, I am once more desirous, able, and willing to obtain some employment to assist my broken fortunes. I trust, therefore, that some of the many brethren I have known in my happier and more prosperous days will be able to come to my rescue.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL, P.M. 1607.

8, Thurloe-place, S.W.



THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST AND THE AD-PURPOSES IT OFFERS FOR EMIGRATION PURPOSES. By Prof. HENRY TANNER, M.R.A.C., F.C.S., &c., &c., &c. George Kenning: Freemason Printing Works, 16, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. 1885.

We wish the space at our disposal permitted of our entering more fully into the merits of Bro. Professor Tanner's admirable description of the Canadian North-West and its advantages as a field for emigration. In the first place, Bro. Tanner's mode of handling his subject is worthy of all praise. His style of writing is both clear and concise, and he marshals before his readers all the facts he has to bring formed in such excellent order, and explains them all so Bro. Tanner's mode of handling his subject is worthy of all praise. His style of writing is both clear and concise, and he marshals before his readers all the facts he has to bring forward in such excellent order, and explains them all so clearly and thoroughly, that it is impossible to read his pamphlet through without coming to the conclusion that the country he describes is in every respect suited as a home for our able-bodied surplus population. Those who find themselves hard driven to eke out even a precarious living here will do well to consult this account of Bro. Tanner's, which is written, be it remembered, by one of our trustworthiest authorities in all that relates to agriculture, as well as by one who has a personal knowledge of what he writes about. Bro. Professor Tanner has traversed this Canadian North-West, he has made the most careful and minute enquiries on the spot into the results of the agricultural enterprise thus far achieved in these distant, but hospitable, regions. Moreover, he writes impartially, and if there are any facts which are sufficiently well established to be worth recording, but which at the same time somewhat detract from the general brightness of his picture, he does not hesitate to give them in full and, where necessary, without qualification. In fact, this is, after all, the chief merit of Bro. Tanner's essay, that he describes things precisely as they are. If the prospects of a particular district are not such as some other people would have us believe, he says so unhesitatingly. If he feels justified in considering that this or that district has greater advantages for the intending emigrant than have been usually ascribed to it, he explains, fully, the reasons which have impelled him to that belief. That he is an enthusiastic admirer of the North-West of Canada, as a field for emigration, is beyond all question, but he has too much sense to mislead people into the idea that all they have to do is to set out for Manitoba, or a neighbouring region, and their fortune is a possible under the notice of our readers.



ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

I have great pleasure in announcing the discovery of another copy of the "Old Charges." This time it is not an early transcript, but an unusual one in some respects, and not complete, though apparently all that was intended to be copied. It is inserted in "The Book M; or, Masonry Triumphant," Newcastle-upon-Tyne, MDCC-NNVI., and consists of 10 leaves, closely written by the original owner of the book—"Wm. Jubb"—so it is about the year 1736, but possibly earlier, as the leaves are inserted. Bro. Herbert Crossley, Sec. 61, sent the book to me for examination from the Lodge Library, so I have named the copy "The Probity MS." accordingly, and will report again thereon as time permits.

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FREEMASONS AND THEATRES.

According to the scarce work by Cole on the "Constitutions," 1751, "On Friday, the 27th day of September, 1728, the Right Hon. the Lord Kingston, Grand Master of the Antient Society of Free and Accepted Masons, bespoke a play, viz., the second part of King Henry IV., to be acted on the Monday following at the Theatre Royal, for the entertainment of the brethren, and ordered a new prologue to be spoken on that occasion; as also a scene to be alter'd, for introducing the Enter'd 'Prentices Song, as publish'd in the Constitutions, which was done accordingly, and all for introducing the Enter'd 'Prentices Song, as publish'd in the Constitutions, which was done accordingly, and all the Freemasons in the pit and boxes join'd in the chorus, to the entire satisfaction of the whole audience." It is singular that Lord Kingston was not proposed as Grand Master until two months after the date mentioned, viz., November 26th, and installed on December 27th, 1728, so it may refer to 1729.

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"An Epilogue for the Free-Masons, spoken by Mrs. Younger, at the Theatre in Lincoln's Inn Fields, April 27th, 1732," is also given by Benjamin Cole, 1751, as also "An Epilogue by Mrs. Raulins, spoken by Mrs. Horton, at the Theatre Royal in Drury-lane," not dated. The last of these respectives as follows: concludes as follows:
"Ye marry'd Ladies, 'tis a happy Life,

noted of that medal. Major Irwin's impression has no legend or date, as with the one mentioned by Bro. Newton. The one owned by the latter has the legend only "Amor Honor, Justicia," while another in the possession of Bro. J. S. Cumberland bears the date "Anno Lap. 5767," and the legend "Veritas est intas," [sic.] and "Virtuti et Silentio." The year 1767 may refer to the formation of the Grand R.A. Chapter by "Charter of Compact," 22nd July, 1767, or to the year the medal was struck. The official medal of the "Nine Worthies" was not used until 1802 apparently, and then by the "Atholl Masons" only; but the design was evidently well known long before then. Bro. T. Lamb Smith has a very fine impression of a medal in silvet, oval in shape, with the field cut out, and having the same design as the foregoing, the year of origin being 1791. As all my works are out of print, I append a description of the official jewel, which does also to describe all the others, save as to the legends. description of the olucial jewer, which all the others, save as to the legends.

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"The jewels are of silver, nearly circular in shape, and of special and striking design. The loop, for a ribbon to be attached, is connected with a hand holding the medal. Obverse: Building in course of construction; two men are assisting in the raising of a block of stone suspended by a rope, and steadied by a man below, holding another rope; whilst a labourer is ascending a ladder, carrying materials on his back. On other side, on raised ground, is a man wearing an apron, with square in hand, and another, evidently the Master Mason, who is pointing to the structure. Pickaxe, crowbar, and other tools are at foot. Inscription: One of the Nine Worthies.' Reverse: Three arches resting on the edges of tesselated pavement, the two outside open sufficiently to admit a labourer, who, the two outside open sufficiently to admit a labourer, who, suspended by a rope round his waist, is standing on the smallest arch, and seeking to loosen the keystone with a crowbar. In the front are two pillars raised on three steps; operative tools lie around, and other emblems peculiar to the Third Degree and the Royal Arch. On one side is level, below the moon, and on the other the plnmb rule, below the sun. Legend: 'Sit lux et lux fuit,' "—P. 97 Hughan's "English Masonic Rite."



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., when there were present Bros. Henry T. Nell, V.M.; L. S. Fountaine, S.W.; R. E. Hunt, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Heale, Sec.; F. C. Herbert, S.D.; T. C. Cubbon, I.G.; J. Smethurst, Stwd.; E. Mallett, Tyler; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; G. G. Symons, P.M.; S. Wood, E. H. Dove, W. F. Bruty, W. H. Liddall, A. Mace, and C. F. Dowsett. The visitors were Bros. H. Richardson, 1364; J. A. Collins, 1693; W. H. Bromley, 228; J. Pash, 569; and J. H. Castle, 34.

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Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. A. Whitby, A. M. Whitby, and Wm. Smith, and proved unanimous in favour of these gentlemen, and, being in attendance, they were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, according to ancient custom. Bros. Bruty and Sammes were next passed to the Degree of F.C.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet, supplied by Bro. S. Wood, during which the usual loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to.

In giving the toast of "The P.M.'s," the W.M. regretted that several were laid aside by sickness, in which all the brethren sympathised, and hoped soon to see them

all the brethren sympathised, and hoped soon to see them with the brethren again.

"The lnitiates" were given, and most ably responded to, two of them—a case of father and son—being initiated at the same time.

The evening was kept fully alive with capital songs and music, and a most enjoyable evening comfortably, pleasantly, and profitably spent.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in their new quarters, at the Bridge House Hotel. Bro. W R. Davis, the W.M., presided, and was supported by a numerous attendance of brethren—visitors and members of the lodge—including Bros. Thos. Minstrell, S.W.; Birch, J.W.; Bale, P.M.; Smyth, P.M.; Hamer, P.M.; Whiting, P.M.; Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Janaway, P.M.; J. M. Moore, John Wyatt, Watkins, Lambourne, Chamberlain, Nicholls, Nightingale, Woodliffe, Waterer, Woods, Barnard, Carter, and Comfort.

The ceremony of passing was most efficiently performed, and Bro. Minstrell was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. Thurkle was re-elected Treasurer, and the Audit Committee were appointed.

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Bro. Bale said it was his pleasing duty, as the I.P.M. of the lodge, to propose that the usual P.M.'s jewel should be presented to their Master, Bro. W. R. Davis, for the very admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the year. Whilst their W.M. had been in the chair he had shown in every way that he had the interests of the brethren and of the lodge at heart. After the very able way he had performed his duties, the M.M.

character. It related to their dear old friend, Bro. Thurkle who had been their honoured and respected Treasurer for very many years, and he had to ask his acceptance—and he did this with very great pleasure indeed—of the testimonial, which was placed before him, of their great respect and esteem for him. It consisted of an illuminated address, nicely emblazoned, and framed in an elegant gilt frame, and a silver tea service, consisting of a teapot, sugar basin, tongs, and cream jug upon a Chippendale tray. As their old friend would see, the teapot was suitably engraved in commemoration of the occasion, and all the articles beve Bro. Thurkle's monogram. By the inscription Bro. Thurkle would see what they thought of him, and he (Bro. Bale) could only hope that Bro. Thurkle would accept these articles as an expression of their goodwill towards him, for the kindness and urbanity he had always displayed towards them in his capacity of Hon. Treas. It would be most gratifying to Bro. Thurkle to know that these articles had been purchased by subscriptions, obtained without a single effort at canvassing. On the contrary; when it was first mooted that they should show their gratitude to Bro. Thurkle for his long and continued services to the lodge, subscriptions were at once forthcoming. Everything which was given was given freely and willingly. In asking Bro. Thurkle's acceptance of the articles they could only hope that T.G.A. O.T.U. would spare him and his family many long years to have their use, and that He would enable him to continue those valuable services to the lodge which he had so faithfully rendered in years gone by. character. It related to their dear old friend, Bro. Thurkle

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Bro. Thurkle said he was unable adequately to thank them for their kindness and kind words which had accompanied the gift. He heartily reciprocated the wish that the Great Architect would give him health and strength to continue his services to the lodge for many years to come, and he hoped that when they were called hence that they might meet in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

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PANMURE LODGE (No. 720. — A regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday, the 18th inst., the W.M., Bro. George Treves, presiding. The whole of the officers were present, viz., Bros. J.D. Arnold, S.W.; A. Leonard, J.W.; Geo. Lambert, P.M., Treas.; T. Poore, P.M., Sec.; F. Purkiss, S.D.; Dr. Lewis Jones, J.D.; A. A. Wood, I.G.; S. Ash and G. Allen, Stewards; C. Thomas, Tyler; James Stevens, P.M.; C. Everist, P.M.; E. Mitchell, P.M.; J. A. Bell, J. Finch, W. Jones, and others. The visiting brethren were Bros. S. Richardson, W.M. Unity; Edwin George, W.M. Marquis of Ripon; and F. W. Driver, P.M. Strong Man.

After the confirmation of the previous minutes, Mr. Jas. Burridge, already approved of by ballot, was introduced, and in a very creditable manner initiated into the Order, the ceremony being completed by the delivery of the charge by the W.M. A junior member of the lodge, Bro. Bell, gave the lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree, and materially assisted to maintain the reputation for good working which this lodge has always enjoyed. In the course of the routine business at the closing the W.M. referred to his proposed Stewardship at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited support, which was readily accorded. "Hearty good wishes" having been, in accordance with good old custom, offered to the W.M. by the respective visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

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The Initiate, Bro. Burridge, in well chosen sentences acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and remarked that arrangements made by him to enter the Panmure Lodge ten years ago had been unfortunately disturbed. He had often regretted this, and the fact that though now located at Westgate-on-Sea he had after all been made in Fulham, would show that his regret was accompanied by an earnest intention to receive the light of Freemasonry. He could but say now that if he could have conceived that the teachings of the Order and its ceremonial introduction were of so sacred a nature his regret for the delay would have been increased tenfold. He should never forget the impression made upon his mind on that occasion.

To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. S. Richardson, F. U. Driver and Edwin George respectively responded, and each stated his gratification with the work in the lodge and his subsequent entertainment.

The usual compliments were paid to the Past Masters, the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Officers, and were each briefly acknowledged.

In the course of the evening Bro. G. S. Gra

Believe me, that of a Freemason's Wife,
Tho' they conceal the secrets of their Friends,
In Love and Truth they make us full Amends."
In proof that Provincial Grand Masters held meetings and appointed officers, a speech printed by Cole may be cited, as it is declared to be by "the Right Worshipful Edward Oakley, architect, M.M., late Provincial Grand Senior Warden, in Carmarthen, in South Wales, and was delivered in London on 31st December, 1728. This Provincial Grand Loadge was the first formed.

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ANCIENT R.A. MEDAL.

1 believe, with Bro. James Newton, that the copper medial, similar in design to that of the "Nine Worthies," medal, similar in design to that of the "Nine Worthies," described and illustrated in my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," is the first of the kind which has been in the course of the proceedings and of the lodge at heart. After the trens of the brethren and of the lodge at heart. After the trens of the brethren and of the lodge at heart. After the trens of the brethren and of the lodge at heart. After the trens of the brethren and of the lodge at heart. After the very able way he had performed his duties, the W.M., as every one else would do, would feel it very keenly indeed if he seven lodge took place on the trests of the worth and provincial Grand Lodge was the first formed. Wales, and was delivered in London on 31st December, 1728. This Provincial Grand Lodge was the first formed.

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The only work before the lodge was the raising of Bro. B. Daw, which was admirably done by the W.M. and his

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and ultimately the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Nivins, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said they had seen that evening how capable their W.M. was of carrying out his duties to their satisfaction, and such as the Capper Lodge required. He wished Bro. Harris a happy and prosperous new year, and the lodge

The W.M., in response, thanked them cordially for the handsome manner in which they had responded to the call of Bro. Nivins, and could assure them that if they would only rally round him nothing should be wanting on his part to uphold the dignity and increase the prosperity of the Capper Lodge. At their next meeting he should have more work to do, as there were three candidates, and the more they gave him to do the better he should like it.

The next toast was "The Visitors," who were accorded a hearty and flattering reception, which we know from experience is nothing new at this lodge.

Bros. Bonner and Jolly returned thanks.

The teast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Nivins, who pithily recorded his experience of the valuable assistance rendered him during his year of office by the P.M.'s, and which he and they would only be too glad to extend to the present W.M., and, in fact, to any of the brethren who might require it.

Bro. Watkins responded for "The Officers," and assured the W.M. that he and his colleagues would do all in their power to make his year a successful and harmonious one, and then the Tyler's toast concluded a hearty and enjoyable The W.M., in response, thanked them cordially for the

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KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Kensington Hotel, Russell Gardens, Kensington, when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. A. Walter, J.W.; J. W. Barker, P.M., Treas.; George Read, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Taylor, P.M.; J. Metcalfe, P.P.G.S. of W. Leicestershire and Rutland, P.M.; Lewis Bryett, P.M.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; Arthur Barclay, J.D.; F. J. Oliver, Org.; A. Norman, I.G.; J. Wiggins, Stwd.; Robt. Schofield, P.M., Tyler; several lay members of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, 463; W. W. Snelling, S.D. 1541; G. Ellard, W.M. 1764; W. C. Williams, J.W. 1585; H. J. Rose, 1891; S. Cochrane, 3; C. Woods, 865; J. Rewcastle, 1892; H. G. Heywood, 865; D. P. Cama, W.M. 2105; S. W. Keene, 898; C. J. Foakes, P.M. 1891; J. Banks, 834; A. H. Strong, S.D. 1585; W. H. Causton, P.M. 1726; H. H. Room, W.M. 2090; J. F. H. Woodward, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; W. Bassett, S.D. 1892; C. W. Cunningham, 1612; Jermyn Boyd, P.M. 23, P.G. Stwd.; John A. Gartley, I.P.M. 205; T. W. C. Lenty, W.M. 23; C. E. Soppett, P.G. Stwd.; G. C. Harding, P.M. 1238; W. W. Morgan, jun., and others.

After the transaction of some formal business and the passing of a brother to the Second Degree, Bro. C. A. Walter was installed as W.M., and he appointed the following officers: Bros. Williams, S.W.; Barclay, J.W.; Barker, P.M., Treas.; Read, P.M., Sec.; Norman, S.D.; Oliver, J.D. and Org.; Wiggins, I.G.; J. Mackay and C. Heath, Stwds.; and Schofield, P.M., Tyler.

After the addresses and other parts of the installation ceremony had been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed, the first being that of "The Queen and the Craft." The Queen, the W.M. said, was admired by all for her good qualities and for her desire to advance the interests of those under her rule. In proposing "The Health of the Rel the proposing "The Health of the Rel the Proposing "The Health of the Rel the Proposing "The Health o KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).-The in-

Queen, the W.M. said, was admired by all for her good qualities and for her desire to advance the interests of those under her rule. In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M. felt the brethren would express the heartiest feelings in connection with the toast, as the Prince of Wales was really the one member of the Craft of whom all the brethren were especially proud. He wished it was in the power of the Grand Master to be more frequently present at Masonic meetings to personally witness the enthysics of the break

Grand Master to be more frequently present at Masonic meetings, to personally witness the enthusiasm of the brethren when his name was mentioned.

The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." They had no Grand Officer then present; but they were honoured with the company of two Past Grand Stewards and the present Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, with whose names the W.M. coupled the toast.

Bro. Woodward expressed his thanks for the compliment Bro. Woodward expressed his thanks for the compliment which had been paid him, and for the hearty way in which the Grand Officers, Present and Past, had been toasted. It had been a great pleasure to him, as he was sure it was to his Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, when the present Master of the Kensington Lodge was invested as one of the Wardens of the Province of Middlesex. From what he knew of their present Master he felt that the work of the lodge would be properly carried on during the ensuing year. Bro. Woodward said that one great thing which struck him in connection with Freemasonry—and he work of the lodge would be properly carried on during the ensuing year. Bro. Woodward said that one great thing which struck him in connection with Freemasonry—and he had travelled through 11 different countries of the world—was, that you could meet in Freemasonry men, relations, and friends whom it was impossible to meet in any other institution in the world. He had been entertained by members of the Craft in different countries, and had at all times great pleasure in being present at Masonic outhers. times great pleasure in being present at Masonic gather-

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Bro. Soppet followed, thanking the brethren for the compliment of being associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. He briefly reviewed the system under which he and his fellow Grand Stewards were appointed, and their status at the end of their year of office. As a member of the Royal Kensington Lodge, he looked upon that of which he was a guest as a brother or a sister, and felt especial pleasure—as one of the founders and the present father of the Royal Kensington—in making the acquaintance of brethren so intimately associated so far as name was concerned. The members of the Royal Kensington Lodge had often wondered what the Kensington Lodge was like. Now, from personal observations, he should be able to report to his brethren, and he hoped the two lodges would learn to know more of each other in consequence. He could truly say that for working and hospitality the Kensington Lodge was not to be excelled.

Bro. Jermyn Boyd also replied. He was gratified that he had had the opportunity of witnessing the proceedings of that day. He could but endorse the remarks of his brother Grand Steward, and bear testimony to the excellent way in which the W.M. had been placed in the chair by Bro. Read, the Secretary.

Bro. Read then assumed the gavel. Had the I.P.M. of Bro. Read then assumed the gavel. Had the I.P.M. of the lodge been present he would, no doubt, been better able to submit the toast of "The Worshipful Master," but in his absence he would do his best. As the first Master of the Kensington Lodge, Bro. Read had had especial opportunities of judging of the ability of the present ruler. He could truly say that Bro. Walter was a thoroughly good Mason. In any case of benevolence no one could be found more ready to render any assistance that lay in his power, and as a war of the lodge for the coming wear, he felt he

more ready to render any assistance that lay in his power, and as ruler of the lodge for the coming year, he felt he would add to his already acquired reputation.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had drunk to the last toast. He felt he should have a successful year, as he had good officers, and a united body of members. The brethren of the lodge had supported him hitherto, and would, no doubt, do so now that he was at the head of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, the W.M. giving the guests a most cordial welcome, and assuring them that his lodge looked upon the large number of visitors as one of the most pleasing points of the day's proceedings. Most

of the visitors replied.

Bro. Room, who was the first to respond, had hardly remembered he was a visitor until reminded of the fact by the W.M. coupling his name with the toast. He saw around him so many brethren with whom he was intimately associated—old friends and new—that he felt as if he was in one of his own lodges. He was particularly pleased that he had been present that day, as he had seen the installation ceremony worked in such a manner as could not be excelled. In the course of two months' time it would be his duty-if he was spared—to install his successor in the Hammersmith Lodge, and he felt that he could not do better on that occasion than copy the working of Bro. Read, as displayed that day—so far as he was able. He could not have had a better lesson than he had received in the Kensington Lodge, for which, and for a most hospitable reception, he heartily thanked the brethren.

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Bro. Ellard desired to add his tribute of praise to the Secretary of the lodge for the way in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master. As Director of Ceremonies of the province of Norths and Hunts for the past six years, Bro. Ellard had attended very many installations, but he had never seen the ceremony so ably rendered as it had been that night.

Bro. Foakes felt an especial interest in the lodge, his voice having been among the first heard in it at the time of its consecration. He was, indeed, pleased to witness the prosperity it was enjoying.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and

Bro. Read, in replying, said he had heard so much praise of his working that night as to be almost overcome by the flattery of the brethren. If he had performed the work of installation as ably as their praise led him to believe, he was truly pleased. He felt that it was because he always strove to do his very best that the compliments had been so numerous. He trusted he might always deserve the same kind feelings as had been expressed towards him that day. He really felt that so many kind expressions must really come from the hearts of those who uttered them, and he sincerely thanked them all for their kindness.

The Worshipful Master felt the next toast was one which would give the brethren equal pleasure with the last—it being that of "The P.M's." They all knew that the

which would give the brethren equal pleasure with the last—it being that of "The P.M's." They all knew that the longer the lodge was in existence the more P.M.'s they got, but it was an especial pleasure to him that so many of his predecessors in the chair had been able to attend and

support him on the present occasion.

Bro. Barker tendered his sincere thanks for the toast, to which he hoped to have to respond for many years to

Bro. Metcalfe followed, expressing the pleasure he felt at

being present, and in seeing so grand an assembly of visitors and members.

Bro. Taylor said his greatest pleasure would be to do anything he could for the W.M. or any of the brethren, and he felt that all the P.M.'s were actuated with feelings of a

is milar character.

"The Health of the Treas, and Sec." was next drunk, "The Health of the Treas, and Sec." was next drunk. Bro. Barker felt an especial pleasure in replying on this, the fourth installation at which he had been honoured as Treasurer of the lodge. He referred to what the lodge had been able to do in the past on behalf of the Charities, and hoped they would be able to continue, even if not to increase, their grants to the Institutions. He should like to give at least 30 guineas each year to the Charities, even if by so doing the members had to content themselves with one hanguet less.

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Bro. Read assured the brethren he performed the duties of Secretary with especial pleasure. He considered the office the proudest position in the lodge next to that of Master, excepting, perhaps, that of Treasurer; but that was an honour of a somewhat different character. He trusted the brethren would support their Treasurer, who would act as a Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School, and that the contributions he would alter up would

would act as a Steward at the next residual of the Doys' School, and that the contributions he would take up would be worthy of the Kensington Lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" was next honoured, and was replied to by the respective brethren.

After this came "The Charities," for which, the W.M. said, all true Masons were proud to do anything in their power.

power. Bro. Norman replied, recounting what had been done on behalf of the widow of an old member. The Masons had come forward and helped her at a most critical time, and the result was that the house in which she resided had been secured for her, while a sufficiency had been saved to keep her and her child. This was a practical illustration of Masonic Charity, and he trusted that when he could recount so satisfactory a result it would stimulate his hearers to further acts of benevolence, and convince them that the Charity professed by Freemasons was something more than

a mere name.

The Tyler's toast was subsequently given, and the pro-

ceedings brought to a conclusion.

Some excellent songs were given during the evening by members of the lodge and visitors, and the benefit of having

a practical Organist in the lodge was amply demonstrated The result was, to our thinking, much more enjoyable than if we had to listen to the better—but, at the same time, much less homely-utterances of professionals.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No.

1962).—The installation meeting of this excellent working lodge was opened on Friday, the Sth inst., at Anderton's Hotel, under the Mastership of Bro. Arthur Haig-Brown, I.P.M. 174. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and a full muster of officers, besides the following visitors: Bros. J. Margetts, 1595; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554 and 1278; G. Blake, W.M. 507; H. C. Jefferys, P.M. 902; George D. Bundy, P.M. 902; John J. Taffs, P.M. 1865; W. Simpson, 1664; W. Gardiner, 1664; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; James Salmen, W.M. 2077; J. D. McDougall, P.M. 900 and 788; J. Llewellyn Jones, P.M. 160; and 1928; James Salmen, W.M. 2077; J. D. McDougall, P.M. 507; J.; Aff J. Pritchard, P.M. 162; Thomas Joyce, I.P.M. 597; J. Sergeant Stacy, S.W. 1572; Chas. Fountain, P.M. 1517; Ernest Frederick Debenham, 28; R. Stark Wilkinson, 1445; and W. T. Wyatt, 26. The agenda before the W.M. consisted of a passing, two initiations, and the installation, a programme which gave the assembled brethren ample opportunity of seeing what a valuable presiding officer the lodge had had during the past year. Bro. Haig-Srown initiated Mr. Octavius Lionel Haines, of O Company, London Rille Brigade, and passed Bro. Latham to the Second Degree. The second candidate for initiation did not present himself, and Bro. Haig-Brown inmediately after the passing proceeded to initial Bro. Walter McDougall, S.W., as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The whole of the ceremonies were rendered to perfection. Bro. A. McDowall, P.M., Treas, acted as D.C., and the brethren followed his lead in true military style. The officers invested were Bros. A. Haig-Brown, I.P.M., 16. He officers invested were Bros. A. Haig-Brown, J.W., A. McDowall, P.M., Treas, w. C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; L. V. Walker, S.D.; J. C. Tilit, J.D.; John Green, I.G.; J. Woodley-Smith, Org; H. F. Bing, M.C.; R. H. Tayton and G. Gregory, Stwds.; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler.

After the installing officer had delivered the addresses the W.M. company of the holds of the lodge adjurined

years he would never regret having taken upon himself the obligations he had entered into that evening. He (the W.M.) hoped Bro. Haines was thoroughly impressed with the ceremonies of the evening, and with the manner in which they were performed.

Bro. Haines, replying to the toast, said he had not long been a member of the London Rifle Brigade; but since he had been a member he had found good fellowship and kindness in all the members he had met. He must thank the brethren of the lodge for accepting him as one of their body, and he hoped it would never be his lot to bring discredit either on the London Rifle Brigade or on the lodge. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. enumerated every name on the list, and gave them all a hearty welcome.

Bro. Salmon, W.M. 2077, who was the first to reply, said he happened to be the youngest installed Master in the room with the exception of the W.M. He had had an opportunity that evening of listening attentively to the in-stallation, and following the beautiful ceremony as rendered by the I.P.M. Bro. Haig-Brown was known not only as a good Mason, but as a good neighbour. He and Bro. Haig-Brown resided within a stone's throw of each other, and there was no man in or out of Masonry he more respected. there was no man in or out of Masonry he more respected. He had enjoyed himself very much, and was deeply indebted to the I.P.M. He had rarely enjoyed either a banquet or an installation ceremony more than he had that night. Every brother admitted that the ceremony had been most admirably rendered; he had never heard it done better. He was more than surprised, and he should look to Bro. Haig-Brown to coach him up before the time came for him to perform the same ceremony himself.

Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 544 and 1278, also replied, and said he had not only been present at the consecration of the lodge, but at every installation in the lodge since. Bro. Salmon had referred to the working of Bro. Haig-Brown,

and had said he was surprised at it. Well, he (Bro Berry) was not at all surprised; but he was very much pleased. Bro. Haig-Brown had worked with him in lodges pleased. Bro. Haig-Brown had worked with him in logges of instruction, and had qualified himself as a good worker. For a lodge established only five years the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been worked reflected great credit upon the officers of the London Rifle Brigade. He did not usually comment upon the work, because he had heard praises bestowed sometimes truthfully, many times unterthfully, but he had been pleased to see the times untruthfully; but he had been pleased to see the manner in which the signs were given in the lodge, which told a very good tale for a volunteer regiment and for the brethren of the lodge.

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The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," said the brethren all heartily thanked Bro. Haig-Brown, who so kindly and ably performed the duties of Installing Master. Personally, he had to thank him, and he thoroughly appreciated the ceremony. The other brethren also appreciated it. It was very essential that all these duties should be performed impressively, so that the brethren should thoroughly understand and so that the brethren should thoroughly understand and appreciate the ritual the Installing Master had to draw to their attention.

Bro. Haig-Brown, I.P.M., said he had had but one object in view since he started as a founder of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, viz., to do his humble best to promote the interest of the lodge, and to keep it in its proud pre-eminence in Freemasonry. It was a very young lodge; but it was not unknown. Several older lodges with the hours of these were not so well known or the several seve lodge; but it was not unknown. Several older lodges existed; but many of those were not so well known or respected. He hoped it would never cease to hold its proud position. The brethren had been pleased, through their W.M., to bestow upon him a P.M.'s jewel. He looked upon it with very great pleasure, for he felt it had not been given him as empty praise, which he had had the misfortune to see in some lodges where the W.M. had really done nothing. He had endeavoured to do his best for the lodge, and was proud to feel, now that his term of office had expired, that his efforts had met with the approbation of the brethren; that they felt the lustre of the lodge had not in any way been dimmed. Bright as it might be in the present, he hoped it might be still brighter in the future; that it might rise in eminence in the Craft. For 12 months he should be the I.P.M.; but he hoped to remain a P.M. among the brethren for a long time. It would not be his fault if he were compelled to retire from the P.M.'s chair; but as long as he was a P.M. among them he should feel but as long as he was a P.M. among them he should feel it a pleasure and a privilege to be one.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Charities." He was sure the toast of the Treasurer would meet with the hearty response and gratitude of the brethren for his taking care of their large balances. The brethren knew those balances were in safe balances. The brethren knew those balances were in sate keeping, and that he would take care that no intruder should relieve him of any of his responsibility. With regard to the Secretary, the wonderful work he did for the lodge was something marvellous. It was not only in the lodge, but outside as well, that the Secretary had to work. There was a great deal of detail connected with a Masonic lodge, and the Audit Committee could prove that the figures were all considered. All the brethren thoroughly appreciated the services of those two brethren. The small words which he uttered in favour of them inadequately reprewhich he uttered in favour of them inadequately represented the appreciation of the members of the lodge. In speaking of the Masonic Charities, he might say that Bro. Claridge was going up as Steward for the Boys' School, so that he extended his services beyond his position as Secretary by doing his best for the Masonic Charities. He hoped the brathes awalld give him any sets for the Roys' School. the brethren would give him any votes for the Boys' School or any subscription.

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Bro. McDowall, P.M. and Treasurer, said he was very pleased to have a continuance of the brethren's confidence. During the last 12 months the lodge had some hat progressed. Twelve months ago they were certainly in arrear as 1 ar as the banquet was concerned; but they had gradually made it less, and it was now very small indeed. He filt sure that at the end of the present Master's year, instead of having a very small balance on the wrong side, they would have a balance to the credit. It had been very cateforthy indeed to him to find affairs had been managed they would have a balance to the credit. It had been very satisfactory indeed to him to find affairs had been managed in that way by the W.M. in the chair and the I.P.M. Of course, the Treasurer had a great deal to do with the funds, but if affairs had not been so well managed the deficit would not have diminished so much. He hoped that at the end of the next 12 months the brethren's confidence in him would not be displaced.

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Bro. Claridge, P.M., Sec., said he was so often before the brethren that it was difficult for him to find something new to say, but he must really thank the W.M. for his very kind remarks as to the office of Secretary. He would go on to the subject of Charity. In putting the W.M. in the chair they know they were keeping up the Charities. Bro. Green, P.M., was the first to go up as Steward, and he took up the handsome sum of £200. Bro. Treasurer had followed, and during the four years the lodge had been established they had, with the aid of the lodge and the benevolent association connected with it, carried to these Masonic Charities over £600. He had the honour to appear before the brethren that night as Steward for the Boys' School. When he came into the room that night he had 60 guineas on his list; he then had five, and by the time the Festival came off he believed and hoped it would be doubled, thereby showing to the brethren and visitors time the restival came on he believed and noped it would be doubled, thereby showing to the brethren and visitors that the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, although a young lodge, was doing the work it behoved all lodges to do, viz., to support the Charities. He was endeavouring to work a case which was a very distressing one, that of a son of a Mason who had made himself Life Governor of the Institu-tion, and who had, therefore, done his part. He had also of the Israel Lodge, and was connected with the firm of Messrs. Reid, the brewers. He was taken suddenly ill and died. On the next summons he should ask the brethren to by two children at once, for the reason that the boy was to run two children at once, for the reason that the boy was to run two children at once, for the reason that the boy was to run two children at once, for the reason that the boy was to run two children at once, for the reason that the boy was to reason that the boy was to run two children at once, for the reason that the boy was to reason that the boy was to reason the reason that the boy was the reason the reason that the boy was the reason that the reason that the boy was the reason that the reason not find language to lay it before the brethren. The brother was only 38 years of age, and he left seven children, the youngest seven days old. The brethren were trying to run two children at once, for the reason that the boy was 10 years old, and only had one chance. The girl was eight, and therefore had more chances. When these things came before the brethren, even at a late hour after dinner, they brought many thoughts to the mind, and showed the necessity of the great Charities of the Order. It would be ridiculous for him to attempt to show their necessity.

Whether it was the old people, the boys, or the girls, there was a necessity for the Institutions. He was sure the members of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, as well as all the brethren with whom he came in contact, would help

The S.W. and the I.G. responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded an evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the brethren present.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).— The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Wednesday the 13th inst. W. Bro. H. M. Williams opened the lodge, supported by his officers, Bros. H. Stokes, S.W.; J. W. Hartley, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., and Treas.; John Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; H. Hooper, S.D.; A. Darch, P.M., J.D.; J. Fuller, as I.G.; F. France, D.C.; J. H. Worstencroft, A.D.C.; W. H. Simons, Org.; G. R. Langley, Asst. Sec.; and C. Shepperd, Tyler. There were also present Bros. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M.; J. W. Hiscox, P.M.; Arter, Bennett, Mordey, T. Letchford, J. Letchford, R. L. Lawson, W. H. A'Reilly, E. Bye, sen., and other members. The visitors were Bros. S. Richardson, W.M. 183; J. Harling, W.M. 30; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, C. Wise, P.M. 1155; W. H. Williams, P.M. 104; John Mason, P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; G. W. Knight, S.W. 1567; E. C. Hiscox, S.W. 1159; Sydney Hill, Org. 1216; E. Schultz, 1745; J. Nunnerley, 1815; J. Pike, 1586; J. Sutton, 1558; and F. Bye, jun., 141. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Assistant Secretary, and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the initiation of Mr. Wm. Taylor Cue, which was declared clear. Bros. C. W. Bennett and W. W. Arber proved proficiency, and were passed to the F.C. Degree. Mr. Cue being then in attendance was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The respective ceremonies were very ably rendered by the W.M., and were

AIr. Cue being then in attendance was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The respective ceremonies were very ably rendered by the W.M.; and were made more than usually impressive by the perfect working of the several officers, and the appropriate musical accompaniments by Bro. Sidney Hill, who officiated as Organist. The election of Bro. Henry Stokes, as W.M. for the ensuing year, by unanimous vote of the lodge (which was a foregone conclusion, that worthy brother enjoying the highest esteem of every member), was anounced amidst a foregone conclusion, that worthy brother enjoying the highest esteem of every member), was announced amidst acclamation; as was also the re-election of W. Bro. Hopekirk, P.M., as Treasurer. Bro. C. Shepperd was elected Tyler. On the proposition of W. Bro. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel, of the lodge pattern, was voted for presentation to the retiring W.M., Bro. Williams, as a well-deserved recognition of valuable services, and a zealous and faithful discharge of the duties of the chair during the past year. The bye-laws of the lodge were then read by the Assistant Secretary, Bro. G. R. Langley, who prior to the closing of business made a very earnest and feeling appeal to the brethren for assistance on behalf of Richard Turner Groombridge, a candidate for election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a son of the late Bro. Groombridge, publisher, of Paternoster-row. The special nature of this case made Bro. Langley's appeal one special nature of this case made Bro. Langley's appeal one which deserved and received the sympathy of the brethren, which deserved and received the sympathy of the brethren, and in the result promises of material support were given, both as regards lodge votes and those of individual members. "Hearty good wishes," that good old form of expressing the courtesy of guests towards their hosts, and of cementing Masonic friendships and the bond of union between our several lodges, having been exchanged, the lodge was closed in due form.

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Shortly afterwards the brethren re-assembled for dinner, and, on the clearance of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given from the chair.

"The Health of the W.M.," proposed by Bro. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M., was drunk with great cordiality, and the toast was ably responded to by Bro. Williams, who modestly transferred a portion of the laudatory remarks of the proposer to his officers, for their combined exertions in perfecting the ceremonial and other work of the lodge during his term of office, and so enabling him to vacate the chair of K.S. with credit to himself, and satisfaction to all the members. all the members.
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"The Initiate" was also well received, and, after the E.A. song in his honour, sung by Bro. James Stevens, had been heartily "chorused," Bro. Cue expressed his great satisfaction with the introduction into Freemasonry he had that evening received, and the hope that the solemnity of the ceremony might continue to influence his future career as a member of the Order.

"The Masonic Charities"—a toast which is far too frequently placed too low down in the list to receive that attention which its importance demands—was next given by the W.M., who referred to his intention to act as one of the Stewards at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited support. He knew the present need of that Institution for generous assistance this year to maintain its power to help those of our Order who had borne the "heat and burden of the day," and who now in their old age required the careful and substantial sympathy of their tormer associates. He was very pleased to see Bro. John Mason, the esteemed Collector for the Institution, present as a guest, and would couple his name with the toast.

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Bro. Mason, in response, acknowledged the service about to be rendered by the W.M., and, in a very able and forcible speech, emphatically pressed the undoubted necessity for a stronglessort to maintain the efficiency of the particular Charity with which he is connected. The falling off in number of Stewards this year as compared with the lastbeing no less than some 60 or 70—the late increase of liability, and the present increase in the number of candidates for election, were subjects of great anxiety to his Committee, their Secretary, Bro. Terry, and himself, and he trusted that, whilst time afforded the opportunity—for there was yet an interval of six weeks before the Festival—the laudable example of the W.M. and members of the Honor Oak Lodge would be emulated by many other Honor Oak Lodge would be emulated by many other

two or three of his best songs in fine style, and was assisted by Bro. Sidney Hill, Organist 1216, and by the vocal efforts of Bros. Darch, James Stevens, and others.

COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—At the meeting of this lodge on Thursday, the 14th inst., Bro. H. C. Manners, S.W., was installed W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.P.G.J.W., in a most impressive manner, and the working throughout was excellently done. After taking the chair the W.M. expressed his thanks to the lodge for the honour they had conferred on him, and proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. R. Roberton, I.P.M.; H. C. Damant, S.W.; F. Rutland, J.W.; T. W. Faulkner, P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; G. A. Mursell, P.G.S.D., Sec.; J. Leitwich, S.D.; A. Lee, J.D.; J. C. Airs, P.M., D.C.; H. Wheeler, P.M., Reg.; A. Barfield, P.P.G.J.D., Charities Committee; F. Ransome, Org.; R. Cullingford, I.G.; T. M. Taylor and A. Perry, Stewards; and Young, Tyler.

It was unanimously decided to present the I.P.M., Bro. Roberton, with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of the services he had rendered during his year of office. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren, among them being in addition to the officers Bros. O. Haxthausen, P.M.; F. W. Dyett, W. Snellgrove, S. S. Wheeler, G. Chambers, C. Stock, W. Trew, E. Poland, F. Osborne, F. C. Hayes, and G. A. Brannon, 151; Geo. Pack, P.M. 175; M. J. Speir and S. A. Wiltshire, 245; G. Brown, 328; C. J. Huntoun, 940; J. C. Hopwood, S.D. 1457; R. Kirk, W. Dodson, H. Robinson, and G. Dickenson, S.D. 1681; T. Wilkins, 1780; John Bailey, W.M.; A. Greenham, S.W.; and J. H. Brown, 1884.

After the lodge was closed a large number of the brethren partook of a banquet provided at the Fountain Hotel, to which ample justice was done. Due honour was given to the first toasts "Queen and the Craft" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the W.M.'s references to the personal qualities of his Royal Highness, which were well-known to many present, meeting with enthusiastic approval.

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The Worshipful Master proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and the Grand Lodge of England;" "R.W. Bro. Beach, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He paid a high eulogium to the Prov. Grand Master for his great services to the Craft, and his unfailing courtesy, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Mursell, P.G.S.D.; Barfield, P.P.G.J.D.; and Pack, P.P. G.J.D.

The toast was duly responded to by the brethren named, who fully endorsed the high praise given to the R.W. Bro. Beach, and bore testimony to the great services which were rendered by other high officers, notably Bros. Le Feuvre and Shaldon Smith.

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Bro. Faulkner was also called on to respond, and remarked that he had the honour of being the last Grand Warden of the Province of the Isle of Wight.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was ably submitted by Bro. Faulkner, who said Bro. Manners had been most regular in his attendance at lodge, and had proved himself very attentive and earnest in the discharge of his duties. He cordially wished him a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Manners expressed his thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed, and for the enthusiastic reception that the brethren had given it. He felt that he was scarcely entitled to all the praise Bro. Faulkner had given

scarcely entitled to all the praise Bro. Faulkner had given him; but they might rely on his doing his best to serve the lodge and carry out his duties in a proper manner.

Bro. Pack proposed "The I.P.M. and Medina Lodge, No. 35," and spoke of the value to the lodge of the services of an experienced body of Past Masters. He was in a position to bear testimony to the services of Bro. Roberton, and it was with particular pleasure that afternoon he heard the lodge give expression to the regard in which they held him by voting him a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Roberton, in responding, referred to the improvements which had been carried out in the construction of their lodge room during his year of office, the completion of which had given him great satisfaction. His best services would continue to be at the disposal of the brethren.

"The Visitors" was submitted in cordial terms by Bro. Mursell, who said no lodge in the province felt greater pleasure in receiving and welcoming visiting brethren than Medina, No. 35.

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The toast was responded to by Bros. Pack, 175; Bran-

Nilkins, 1780; G. Brown, St. John's Lodge; Wiltshire, 245; and Dickinson, Robinson, Dodson, and Kerr, of 1681, who all expressed appreciation of the hearty welcome accorded them.

accorded them.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Lodge." The W.M. referred to the excellent manner in which that day's ceremony had been performed by Bro. Faulkner, whom they regarded as the patriarch of their lodge, and expressed his thanks for the valuable services rendered by him and other Past Masters. Masters.

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Bro. Faulkner said he was sure there were other Past Masters in the lodge who, if they cared to undertake it, could do the installation ceremony as well as the W.M. had been pleased to say he (Bro. Faulkner) had done it that day. It was 30 years since he had been initiated in the Medina Lodge, and he should continue to do his best to maintain their good opinion of him.

Other respondents to the toast were Bros. Haxthausen and Airs—who spoke of the benefit derived from the lodge of instruction they had established — Barfield, Mursell, Wheeler, and Roberton.

Bro. Faulkner, in submitting the toast of "The Masonic Charities," eulogised the great services in the work of

Charities," eulogised the great services in the work of charity that had been rendered by that veteran in the cause, Bro. Barfield, whom Bro. Mursell seemed determined to emulate.

Bro. Barfield, who wore the collar of the three Charities, adorned with 24 clasps, entered very fully in his reply into the working and needs of the several Charities. In the course of an interesting speech he said in June last 242 girls were being educated in a thoroughly useful and practical manner at a cost of over Coron par annual. tical manner at a cost of over £9000 per annum. In addition to this the Trustees had been able to purchase a addition to this the Trustees had been able to purchase a house and strip of land, which would prove to be a valuable investment; 220 boys were being educated in the Boys' School at a cost of £10,000, to make up which sum the Trustees had to rely almost entirely on subscriptions, as

they had very little money invested, and a considerable sum was urgently needed. The Benevolent Institution had 375 annuitants on the books, at a cost last year of £14,500, and the account was considerably overdrawn. As showing the extent of the Masonic Charities it would be interesting to state the incomes of the several Charities from all sources, as given in their last statement of accounts.

The Benevolent Institution received £21,374 7s. 1d.; the Girls's School, £16,768 19s. 6d.—to which Sir H. Edwards munificently contributed no less than 1000 guineas; and the Boys' School, £16,272 16s. In addition to the regular work of these three Charities, the Board of Benevolence, whose object was the relief of cases of a temporary whose object was the relief of cases of a temporary character, and who gave assistance in cases of emergency in grants varying in amount, according to the circumstances of the claimant, up to 40 guineas, had received funds to the amount of £10,153. The total income of these several funds reached the sum of £64,567 2s. 7d., which gave them an enormous power for the relief of their distressed brethren and their families, and was the means of conferring an incalculable amount of good. In conclusion the speaker expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the the speaker expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the manner in which local cases were treated by the Charity

Committee of the province.

Bro. Mursell, also responding to the toast of "The Charities," said the office of Steward had given him exceptional opportunities for seeing the immense benefits conferred by the manner in which the funds were disbursed. He felt himself specially indebted to Bro. Barfield—whose services he was afraid he could not hope to equal —and the brethren of the Londesborough Lodge, for the generous assistance they had afforded on several occasions. The brethren present would be pleased to know that the collection that had just been made in that room amounted

to £2 5s.

Bro. Brannon proposed "The Secretary and Officers of the Lodge," which, after a song by the W.M., Bro. Manners, was responded to by Bros. Mursell, Rutland, Leftwich, Cullingford, Taylor, Perry, Roberton, and Young.

After the Tyler's toast a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with songs by Bros. Roberton, Poland, Leftwich, Cullingford, and others.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge took place on the 11th inst., at the Castle Hotel. The lodge, in the absence through illness, of the W.M., Bro. Plowman, was opened by Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M. The chief business of the meeting was the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. F. H. Hallett, and the investiture of his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. T. H. Markwick, S.W.; E. Chandler, J.W; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., Sec.; F. Duke, S.D.; J. B. Foord, J.D.; W. S. Allen, I.G.; C. W. Duke, P.M., D.C.; Woodcock, Org.; W. Leslie, Tyler. Bro. C. W. Duke, who was assisted in the installation ceremonies by Bros. Trollope and Hennah, was also elected Provincial Charities Steward. The presentation of a Past Master's gold jewel to Bro. Plowman was deferred, the W.M. expressing a wish to present it when Bro. Plowman was sufficiently recovered to attend the lodge. The business being ended, Bro. F. H. Hallett formally closed the lodge, when the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The newly-elected W.M. presided, supported by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. Bradnam; Bros. the Rev. E. R. Currie, P. G. Chap.; W. H. Russell, P.M.; C. W. Duke, P.M.; F. Rossiter, P.M.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M. The visitors included Bros. C. Spelated, W.M. 341; J. Brooks, 780; W. Denves, 1110; A. W. Tomes, P.M. 1110; R. J. Langley, 1842; T. P. Campbell, 1842; C. R. Chandler, 1184; G. Campbell, W.M. 271; W. Ardley, W.M. 871; G. Cole, W.M. 1636; C. H. Haine, W.M. 1110, Prov. G. Steward; E. Bowles, W.M. 1050; J. Bulkeley. The duties of Stewards were admirably carried out by Bros. S. Chandler and J. B. Foord. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured and agreeably interspersed with songs given by Bros. Gloyns, Russell, Markwick, Meadows, Rossiter, and Duke. HASTINGS.-Derwent Lodge (No. 40).-The

NORWICH.—Union Lodge (No. 52).—The installation meeting of this lodge, the oldest in the province, was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the Norfolk Hotel, St. Giles-street. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Harry Bullard, the recently elected M.P. for the city of Norwich, assisted by his officers. Among those presen: were Bros. the Rev. Sir Wm. Vincent, Bart., P.P.G. Chap., W.M. elect; Col. C. E. Bignold, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Arthur H. Santy, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Chas. R. Gilman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. A. B. Bignold, P.M.; H. G. Barwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G. Sec., P.P.G.S.W.; John B. Aldis, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., P.G. Sec., P.P.G.S.W.; John B. Aldis, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., P.G. Sec., P.G. Treas.; Col. G. W. Boileau, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. C. R. Ferguson Davie, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; G. B. Kennett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Rev. Samuel Francis Creswell, D.D., P.M.; Rev. W. M. Pigot, P.P.G. Chap.; P. H. K. Roberts, P.G. Stwd.; J. B. Pearce, R. Wentworth White, R. Percival Noverre, Mills, Lieut. Bignold, R.N., Rev. Cholmeley, P.P.G. Chap., and J. J. D. Paul, Sheriff of Norwich. Among the visitors were Bros. R. F. Ladell, W.M. 93; E. C. Francis, 93; John W. French, W.M., 100, P.G. Reg.; Thos. Prangley, W.M. 102, P.G. Stw. 100, P.G. Reg.; Thos. Prangley, W.M. 102, P.G. Stw. 100, P.G. Stwat.; H. Harvey George, W.M., 313, P.G. Steward; I. W. Browne, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. J. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.D. C. all of C.; C. W. Bacon, W.M. elect, P.P.G. Stwd.; H. Harvey George, W.M., 313, P.G. Steward; I. W. Browne, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. J. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Quartermaster F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., of Soy; W. H. Moss, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. J. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and A. Bullard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. all of 1500; and D. G. F. Gaul, P.M., 1808, P.P.G. Stwd.

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As soon as the lodge was opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly confirmed. In the absence of Bro. Major Penrice, W.D.P.G.M., P.G.D. England, in consequence of severe indisposition, who had been announced to perform the ceremony of installation, Bro. C. A. B. Bignold officiated, and in a highly effective manner installed Bro. the Rev. Sir Wm. Vincent into the chair of King Solomon. We cannot speak too highly of the manner in which this comparatively young Mason did his work, and upon so short a notice, for it was only at the last hour that Bro. Major Penrice was compelled to re-

linquish the honour of performing the ceremony and entrusted it in the hands of Bro. Bignold. We congratulate Bro. Bignold upon his success, and trust that the G.A.O.T.U. may speedily restore Bro. Major Penrice to a union with his brethren and fellows.

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"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was duly closed with peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to a most recherché banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic,

and general toasts were given and acknowledged.

During the proceedings of the lodge business it was announced that the brethren had been pleased to subscribe announced that the brethren had been pleased to subscribe for, and present to, their late Secretary, Bro. Chas. Cubitt, P.M., P.P.G.R., who had removed from the city, with a very handsome Past Master's jewel—manufactured by Bro. George Kenning—for his zeal and assiduity in carrying on the affairs of the lodge whilst holding that office. Bro. Cubitt was unavoidably absent; but a letter from him was read, thanking the brethren for their kindness, and regretting his absence. ting his absence.

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We congratulate Bro. Harry Bullard upon his retirement, not only for his successful year of office, but also upon his being elected as a representative of his native city. Bro. Bullard has served the office of Sheriff, and was twice appointed to the office of Mayor of Norwich. He has ever been ready to respond to the calls of Charity, and has zealously performed any duties which his fellow citizens have thought fit to throw upon him. We trust the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased to prolong his life, and give him the prosperity which he so richly deserves.

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We also congratulate Bro. the Rev. Sir W. Vincent upon his elevation to the chair of K.S., and we trust he will have plenty of work to do whilst he occupies that proud position. Several songs were sung during the evening, Bro. Geo. Baxter giving the Entered Apprentice's song in truly

Masonic style.

SOUTHAMPTON .- Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—Bro. S. Clarke, the retiring S.W., was on Thursday, the 14th inst., installed as the W.M. for the year ensuing, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Geo. Dunlop, the Senior Past Master of the lodge and Past Prov. G.J.D., the Board of Installed Masters numbering propagated for an and including representations of the longer of Prov. G.J.D., the Board of Installed Masters numbering upwards of 20, and including representatives of the old Economy Lodge at Winchester and the lodges in Southampton and the immediate neighbourhood. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. T. Dartnall, I.P.M.; R. W. Lees, S.W.; Osborne, J.W.; J. B. Thomas, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; J. Fewings, S.D.; H. D. M. Page, J.D.; C. A. Dyer, P.M., D. of C.; Tayler, I.G.; Penny and H. Abraham, Stwds.; Biggs, Tyler; and Vare and Harrington, Asst. Tylers. Following the installation a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Dunlop, P.M., for his impressive service, and a similar vote, with a P.M.'s jewel, was tendered to the retiring Master, Bro. Dartnall, for his year's efforts.

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Subsequently Bro. Jas. Cole, P.M., on behalf of Bro. Dunlop, asked the lodge's acceptance of his life-size half-length portrait in oil, to be added to the portraits of other Masonic worthies which adorn the lodge. Bro. Cole stated length portrait in oil, to be added to the portraits of other Masonic worthies which adorn the lodge. Bro. Cole stated that the gift arose out of a suggestion, made at his installation several years ago by Bro. Dunlop, that, as Senior Past Master of the lodge, he should allow his portrait to be added to others which hang on the walls. Bro. Dunlop had been a Mason since 18,12, obtained provincial rank in 18,16, and was W.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge so long since as 18,48, and he (Bro. Cole) thought it spoke volumes for Masonry and the true spirit of brotherhood it inculcated, that at this distance of time Bro. Dunlop should be found amongst his brethren, as opportunity offered, to encourage them by his presence and to afford them the assistance of his experience. his experience.

The picture was cordially accepted by Bro. T. P. Payne, the next Senior Past Master, speaking on behalf of the lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Dunlop for his present, which was unveiled as it hung on

the wall amid general cheering.

The brethren subsequently partook of their annual dinner, which was provided by Bro. Dartnall.

TRURO.—Lodge Fortitude (No. 131).—The brethren of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 12th inst., for the installation of Bro. G. M. Downing, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was carried out by W. Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.P.G.S.W., assisted by a Board of Installed Masters. The presence book was signed by Bros. T. C. Mack, W.M.; G. M. Downing, S.W.; J. Tonkin, J.W.; W. Middleton, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; W. B. Morris, P.M., Chap.; J. Harris, Sec.; W. E. Lukies, S.D.; W. T. Hawking, J.D.; J. Greenaway, I.G.; J. Handley, Steward; T. Kendall, D.C., J. Langdon, Tyler; W. J. Johns, P.M., P.P.G.T.; W. Simmons, P.M.; J. Harris, P.M. 475; R. Lean, P.M., P.P.G. Std.; J. T. Tillman, P.M.; E. Edwards, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; N. B. Bullen, P.M., P.P.G.O.; H. J. Flinn, J. T. Letcher, W. H. Knight, A. H. Edwards, and J. Higgins. The visitors included Bros. W. J. Collins, S.W. 1006; W. Gibson, 605; Rev. R. F. Fraser-Frizell, P.M. 869, P.P.G.C.; C. Tyacke, I.P.M. 1006; G. G. Uren, 1912; C. Bryant, W.M. 331; J. Julian, J.W. 331; T. Turner, J.W. 1006; J. H. Ferris, P.M. 331, P.P.G.R.; A. Lake, 331; J. M. Carne, 75; W. L. Rowe, J.W. 580; T. A. Kistler, P.M. 589, P.G.O.; E. T. Pearce, S.W. 589; G. T. Olver, J.W. 75; and C. Kent, J.W. 699.

The Worshipful Master invested his officers for the

Chap.; W. E. Lukies, S.D.; J. Greenaway, J.D.; J. Harris, I.G.; T. Kendall, D.C.; J. Handley and J. T. Letcher, Stewards; and J. Langdon, Tyler. Bro. T. C. Mack was appointed Steward of the C.M.A. and B.F. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bro. T. Chirgwin, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, and Mayor of the city, presented Bro. T. C. Mack with a Past Master's jewel, beautifully engraved, and a scarf pin, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge, and an acknowledgment of the distinguished ability with which during the past year he has conducted the work. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, London. The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented to The jewel was manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning, London. The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented to Bro. T. C. Mack, P.M., by the brethren of Lodge Fortitude, No. 131, for his zeal and ability as W.M. during the year 1885. 12th January, 1886." Bro. Chirgwin made the presentation in a few well-chosen sentences, and Bro. Mack suitably acknowledged the gift. Bro. Mack afterwards presented to the lodge a handsomely bound volume, consisting of the whole of the summonses issued since the date of his and Bro. Downing's initiations. Bro. Mack and Bro. Downing were initiated on the same night, and now Bro. Downing is Bro. Mack's immediate successor as W.M. The volume given by Bro. Mack therefore presents on the first page the names of both the brothers as initiates, and on the last one appears as W.M. and the other W.M. elect, a perfectly unique coincidence.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel, where an admirably appointed banquet was provided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and song, glee, and recitation kept the ball merrily rolling. Bro. Lukies presided at the piano.

NEWPORT.—Albany Lodge (No. 151).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on the 11th inst., when Bro. J. G. Garnham, J.W., was installed W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. R. Bird-Cheverton, P.M., after which the W.M. appointed and invested the following efficers: Bros. G. R. King, S.W.; A. Price, J.W.; Rev. R. S. Wood, Chap.; D. S. Spring, Treas.; T. Kentfield, Sec.; J. W. Wavell, S.D.; A. Millidge, J.D.; J. G. Jones, Org.; R. B. Cheverton, D.C.; G. A. Brannon, I.G.; and C. Knell, Tyler.

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The usual banquet was held in the evening, when there was a large attendance, brethren from all parts of the Island and from some of the mainland lodges being present. Loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

GUERNSEY,-Mariners Lodge (No. 168).-GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—
The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. S. Coombes, W.M.; W. Thorn, I.P.M.; F. C. Sparrow, S.W.; W. H. Lovell, J.W.; P.M.'s: T. Pengelley, A. C. Quick, Emra Holmes, T. M. Bichard, and W. Courtenay. Visiting brethren: Bros. T. Le Ray, P.M. 1809; T. F. Agnew, P.M. 16, Grand Lodge of Manitoba; Dr. Hinton, I.P.M. 84; W. Clarke, W.M. 84; H. Stickland, P.M. 84; P. Le Page, 243; W. Helman, P.M. 243; J. Bohn, W.M. 243; and others. There were present about 75 brethren, and when the Board of Installed Master was formed to induct Bro. Sparrow, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. there were 22 Past Masters present. Bro. de Jersey, P.M., Treas., presented the elect, into the chair of K.S. there were 22 Past Masters present. Bro. de Jersey, P.M., Treas., presented the W.M. elect, and Bro. Smythson, B.M., Sec., conducted the ceremony with considerable ability. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers, and the usual banquet was spread, the visitors being heartily welcomed as they always are in this deservedly popular lodge. Speech, song, and recitation enlivened the proceedings, and it was at a late hour the brethern separated.

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SWANSEA.—Indefatigable Lodge (No. 237).—
On Monday, the 11th inst., the brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting for the purpose of installing Bro. H.
Taylor, W.M. elect, P.G. Steward, into the chair of K.S.
There were present the following brethren: Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; F. Bradford, W.M., P.G.S.B.; Henry Simons, I.P.M., P.G.J.W.; Thomas Powell, P.M., P.P.
G.D.C.; W. E. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas McKim, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Wm. Morgan, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. Taylor, T. W. Jones, John Williams, H. R. Lee, James Howell, W. G. Nicholl, T. H. Morgan, E. G. Protheroe, G. Jasper, R. W. Ford, E. Nicholls, W. Griffiths, G. R. Phillips, F. Cressy, H. J. Thomas, R. J. Dangerfield, J. L. Smith, J. Bourne, T. W. Gaydon, J. Legg, C. F. Edwards, Rees Jones, G. Pratt, W. Lloyd, G. E. Dowman, David Davies, T. Martin, and G. Bullerwell, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. C. S. Read, W.M. 671; D. C. Jones, P.M. 1573, P.P.G.J.W.; J. R. Davies, P.M. 1573, P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Sandbrook, W.M. 1573, P.G. J.D.; T. Walters, P.M. 1573, P.C. Chap.; J. L. Perrin, P.M. 1573, P.P.G. D.C.; Thomas Thomas, P.M. 1323, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Capper, W.M. 1323, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Hall, P.M. 1323, P.P.G.S.W.; T. L. Lewis, P.M. 651, P.P.G.O.; C. McNamara, 93; Neil Leitch, 1573; James Griffiths, 157; H. Davies, 1323; A. Grant, 404; T. T. Pascoe, T. P. Martin, S. Davies, J. Hughes, J. W., P.G. Steward; R. Parry and W. Terrill, 1573; D. Bowen, U.S.A.; F. Walkins, F. Dowman, 951; T. R. Walters, S.W., and H. Cadle, 476; and J. W. Ball, 1323.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Fred Bradford, W.M., who, after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, proceeded to instal his successor, which he did in an able and impressive manner. The Installing Master was much complimented on his excellent rendering of the beautiful ceremony of installation. The newly-installed Master then anneninted and invested his officers wiv. Bros.

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After the investing of the officers, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. F. Bradford, the retiring W.M., the youngest W.M. who has ever presided over this old centenary lodge, with a very handsome P.M. jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), as a mark of their high appreciation of his services for the past year.

The lodge, after "Hearty good wishes," was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren afterwards proceeded to the Castle Hotel, where a substantial repast was served up in good style by Bro. John Thomas, host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Mr. Hulley's band played a choice selection of music during the banquet, and the following brethren added to the enjoyment of the evening with songs and recitations: Bros. John Legg, James Howell, T. Jones, T. H. Morgan, James Hughes, T. L. Lewis, T. R. Walters, W. Terrill, and T. P. Martin; Bro. W. B. Broad accompanying on

DORCHESTER.—Faith and Unanimity Lodge DORCHESTER.—Fath and Unanimity Louge (No. 417).—The officers of this lodge for the ensuing year are as follow: Bros. B. A. Hogg, W.M.; J. E. Stroud, I.P.M.; J. S. Stroud, S.W.; J. Robinson, jun., J.W.; T. Russell-Wright, P.M., Chap.; J. Pope, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Dunman, Sec.; R. Fudge, S.D.; H. S. Frost, J.D.; J. E. Stroud, I.P.M., D.C.; W. Bishop, I.G.; E. Newman, Org.; W. Osmond, P.M., and W. How, Stwds.; W. Talbot, Tyler; and F. Longman, Asst. Tyler.

A handsome Treasurer's jewel has been presented to Bro. Cockeram, who has filled the post of Treasurer to the lodge for more than six years.

DERBY.—Arboretum|Lodge (No. 731).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. James Copestick, W.M.; Edgar Horne, S.W.; J. Bland, P.M., as J.W.; Rev. Thomas Orrell, Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; J. Brown, P.M., as S.D.; Severn Taylor, J.D.; W. Forman, Org.; John Walker, D.C.; F. Ball, as I.G.; J. Melrose, W. Todd, and J. Jones, Stwds.; Thomas Day, Tyler; P.M.'s. Bros. C. Webster, F. G. Sanderson, and J. Taylor; also Bros. A. Smith, G. H. Ward, G. C. Copestick, J. A. Linacre, W. Knight, W. Eastman, A. Tyler, W. W. Heywood, W. H. Wright, G. Tarver, J. Ascott, J. E. Kaye, W. Harrison, and F. Sale. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Murrow, Stanhope Lodge; S. Waddington, Soz; J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; and H. Carr, S.W., W.M. elect Hartington.

Lodge was then opened, and the minutes of the last lodge were read, confirmed, and signed. Mr. D. Wollatt was elected a member. Bros. G. C. Copestick and W. Harrison were passed by the W.M., and Bro. J. A. Linacre by the I.P.M., Bro. C. Webster. A candidate for initiation was proposed, the working tools being presented by the Treasurer. Lodge was then closed, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors.

LOSTWITHIEL.—Restormel Lodge (No. 856).

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This lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, the 7th inst. The installation of Bro. J. H. Hoit, W.M. elect, was undertaken by Bro. D. G. Derry, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Doney, the I.P.M., and a Board of Installed Masters. After the installation, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. B. G. Derry, I.P.M.; T. W. Perry, S.W.; W. Toms, J.W.; J. Hugill, Treas.; J. Bassett, Sec.; H. Rowse, S.D.; W. W. Beckerleg, J.D.; J. A. Collins, I.G.; T. H. Gibbons, Org.; A. H. Cossentine, D.C.; E. R. Brown, Stwd.; and C. E. Brown, P.G.T., Tyler.

SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—Bro. Dr. J. H. Allden was on Monday, the 11th inst., installed W.M. of the above lodge by his predecessor in that position, Bro. G. F. W. Mortimer. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. G. F. W. Mortimer, I.P.M.; C. G. Beaumont, S.W.; W. Rolfe, J.W.; J. R. P. Sharp, Treas.; Edginton, Sec.; G. Greenslade, S.D.; E. T. Chamberlain, J.D.; W. Pearce, D.C.; G. J. T. Good, I.G.; B. Mainer, Stwd.; and W. Vare, Tyler.

BEAMINSTER.—Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—The W.M., Bro. C. Hann, of this lodge was duly installed into his chair of office on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., at the lodge room, White Hart Hotel. The installation ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.G.P. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Butler, I.P.M.; E. G. Legg, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., S.W.; R. Toleman, J.W.; E. G. Austen, Chap.; J. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; G. Toleman, Sec.; H. Maunder, S.D.; R. E. Samson, J.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D. of C.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org.; E. Holland, P.M., and O. Beament, Stwds.; A. Hann, I.G.; and J. Keech, Tyler. J. Keech, Tyler.
An excellent banquet was subsequently partaken of, Bro.
G. Squire catering in his usual hospitable manner.

HARRINGTON .- Curwen Lodge (No. 1400). The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there was a large muster of members and visitors. Bro. L. Ward, W.M., presided, supported by his officers. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and one candidate balloted for and accepted.

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Bro. Ward then said that the brethren would be aware that one of their highly esteemed Past Masters, and one that had done good service to 1400, was shortly about to bid them adieu for a foreign country, namely, Bro. James Batt; and the members of the lodge, he was pleased to say, were not going to allow him to take his departure without some small token of their esteem, and, in the names of the members of the Curwen Lodge, it gave him much pleasure to present Bro. Batt with a gold hunting watch, of especial make, and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. James Batt, P.M., by the Masonic brethren of Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, Harrington, on his leaving England for British Columbia. January 13th, 1886." He (Bro. Ward) hoped Bro. Batt would be long spared to enjoy the present made, and the brethren of rSS6." He (Bro. Ward) hoped Bro. Batt would be long spared to enjoy the present made, and the brethren of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland would ever the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland would ever be glad to hear of his success when pursuing fortune's slippery ball in far-off lands.

Bro. Batt, in feeling terms, briefly replied, thanking the members for their handsome and somewhat unexpected

present, and said that each time he should look upon his beautiful timekeeper, his fond recollections would ever be

Harrington and 1400.

After a round of warm congratulations from the many present and other routine business, the lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper that had been provided for the occasion, where, with toasts and songs, a most harmonious evening was spent.

CLEVEDON.—Coleridge Lodge (No. 1750). CLEVEDON.—Coleridge Lodge (No. 1750).—
The installation of the W.M. of this lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, the ceremony being performed by V.W. Bro. Else, D.P.G.M. Somersetshire. Bro. Ransford was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the officers appointed being as follows: Bros. James Jupp, I.P.M.; G. F. P. Pizey, S.W.; A. Dawes, J.W.; Thomas Barnes, Treas.; Michael H. Clark, Sec.; E. G. Rivers, S.D.; A. J. Woodward, J.D.; Major Long, D.C.; F. J. Saunders, I.G.; A. W. Wickenden and H. Amos, Stwds.; and Thomas Cox, Tyler. There was a large attendance of visitors from Bristol and the neighbouring lodges. A banquet was subsequently provided at Regent House by Bro. Wickenden. at Regent House by Bro. Wickenden.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Ferrum Lodge (No. 1848).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Murton-road, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when Bro. W. S. Cowper was installed W.M., and the investment of other officers for the year took place. The ceremony was performed by the brother of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.B. The ceremony was followed by a banquet at the Corporation Hotel. There was a very large attendance of the brethren. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. F. E. Streeton, 1.P.M.; R. Davison, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. V. Cooper, S.W.; H. Cochrane, J.W.; George Longbotham, S.D.; T. H. Ward, J.D.; J. Winterschlodin, Sec.; John Glen, I.G.; W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; J. F. Stewart, Org.; W. P. Cochrane and M. W. Proudlock, Stwds.; and James Ingram, Tyler. MIDDLESBROUGH .- Ferrum Lodge (No. James Ingram, Tyler.

HARROW.—Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 16th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Lee, Prov. G. Asst. Sec. Middx., was supported by Bros. J. Weston, J.W.; J. Osborn, P.M., Secretary; O. J. von Holtorp, J.D.; W. Wright, D.C.; J. Bayne, Org.; J. H. Gaskin, I.G.; E. W. Mayne, Stwd.; H. W. Mayes, P.M.; T. J. Bird, P.M.; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; and a good attendance of brethren. The visitors present were Bros. W. R. Woodman, M.D., P.G.S.B.; C. Weeden, S.W. Si3; T. Atkins, 1567; J. Prentice, 1185; H. Branch, 1567; Arliss Andrews, 201; S. A. White, Mass., U.S.A.; H. von Holtorp; and others.

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The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Broach and Ball were then raised to the Degree of Master Mason, after which Bros. E. A. von Holtorp and A. Mayes, also Bros. T. Atkins and H. Branch, of Lodge No. 1567, were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. E. Sheffield was then invested with the collar of Steward,

vice Bro. Stevens, resigned.
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All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that the Grand Officers were a body who were always willing to promote the best interests of the Craft. They were ably represented that evening in Bro. Woodman, P.G.S.B., who had done good suit and service to promote the welfare of the Order. It was now eleven years ago since he (the W.M.) had had the pleasure of seeing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., invest Bro. Woodman with the collar of his office in the Albert Hall, and Bro. Woodman had, by his untiring efforts in the cause of Freemasonry, fully proved himself worthy of the important position he held.

Bro. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B., responded, and sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. The Grand Officers would always

reception of the toast. The Grand Officers would always do their utmost to carry out the principles and tenets of the Order, and he hoped they would do so to the complete satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. J. Osborn, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M." It was needless for him to attempt to eulogise their esteemed W. Master, as the brethren were already so

well aware of the competent manner in which he performed

the duties of the chair.

Bro. W. H. Lee, W.M., thanked the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast, and assured them that he would continue to exert himself to promote the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the

Bro. Bird, P.M., in responding for "The Past Masters," sho. Bird, P.M., in responding for "The Past Masters," at heart. He thanked them for their reception of the toast, and also the W.M. for so kindly passing the two brethren who were members of the Elliott Lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" having been drunk and

duly responded to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceed-

ings to a close. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Bayne, Organist, considerably enhanced the enjoyment of

KIRKBURTON.—Beaumont Lodge (No. 2035).

—The usual monthly meeting was held at the lodge rooms, Royal Hotel, on Saturday afternoon, the 16th inst. Bro. B. Stocks, W.M., occupied the chair, there being also present Bros. H. Shaw, S.W.; W. H. Cook, J.W.; Rev. R. Collins, Chap.; Cocking, S.D.; Mitchell, J.D.; Drummond, I.G.; and E. Smith, P.M., Treas. Several visiting brethren from Lodges Nos. 652 and 521 were present.

Mr. W. H. Groves was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The working tools were explained by the J.W., and Bro. W. Fitton, P.M., delivered the by the J.W., and Bro. W. Fitton, F.M., denverse the charge. The Chaplain for the first time wore his surplice and hood, which very much enhanced the dignity of the

proceedings.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a most excellent repast, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. past, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. During the proceedings at the festive board the question of building a Masonic Hall in the village was raised, and the W.M. promised that, so far as he was concerned, that desirable object would not rest until it was an accomplished fact. Several brethren promised to assist the W.M. in his endeavours to raise a suitable building.

Bro, the Earl and Countess of Percy have arrived at their residence in Grosvenor-square, from Alnwick Castle.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30).—There was a gratifying muster of the members of this lodge of instruction at Bro. Pusey's, Lugard Tavern, Peckham, on the 13th inst., when Bro. Wilkinson ably officiated as W.M., supported by Bros. W. Dutton, S.W.; Skudder, J.W.; Garland, S.D.; W. Wimble, J.D.; S. J. Lampen, Treas,; C. L. Tokeley, Sec.; Thomas, I.G.; Walter Martin, P.M., Preceptor; Ray, A. Pusey, Webster, Smith, H. J. Amphlett, Brieley, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ray personating the candidate. Bro. Wilkinson then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Skudder, and lodge was resumed to the First Degree, the ceremony of initiation being rehearsed, with Bro. Webster as candidate. After having been called from labour to refreshment, and vice versa, lodge was opened, and closed in the Third Degree; and subsequently it was proposed that Bro. Dutton should occupy the chair at the next meeting, and officers were appointed in rotation. It was stated by the Preceptor that, judging from the progress that Bro. Dutton made in the science, a rich treat would be afforded to the members of the lodge at the next meeting, to which visitors will be conflort and convenience of brethren residing south of the Thames elicited spontaneous and unqualified approbation.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting was held on

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the Victoria Mansions, Victoria-street. The W.M., Bro. W. H. Wilton, was supported by Bros. Massfield, S.W.; Hales, J.W.; Cottebrune, P.G.P., Preceptor; Cross, Sec.; Chapman, I.G.; and Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cross being the candidate. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed his duties for the first time in the lodge. The W.M. returned thanks, and said he had hoped to have seen a stronger muster of the brethren. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The muster of the brethren was small, owing to the inclemency of the weather. There were present Bros. Bannister, W.M.; Buckeridge, S.W.; R. Rowlands, J.W.; J. D. Smith, S.D.; T. Brady, J.G.; and J. Hill, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First. As the ceremony of passing was to be rehearsed, Bro. T. Brady gave proofs of proficiency in the First Degree. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. T. Brady, the candidate, was passed through the Second Degree ceremony. The charge was given by Bro. R. Rowlands, and the explanation of the tracing board by Bro. H. Buckeridge. Several questions regarding the ceremony being asked by the members present, the Preceptor gave them full explanations and answers. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. T. Brady, who is the Secretary of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1583, was proposed and seconded as a member. He was pleased to be admitted, and would attend as regularly as circumstances permitted. The lodge was then closed.

STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).—The usual weekly meeting of this the oldest lodge of instruction was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday evening, the 15th inst. Present: Bros. J. Corbett, W.M.; F. E. U. Green, S.W.; W. J. Charles, J.W.; W. R. Brooks, S.D.; S. Stampfer, J.D.; S. Dyball, I.G.; E. Anderson, jun., Sec.; H. Birdseye, A. Sach, Wyndham, Hart, J. Turner, Mann, Wilton, J. Pike, and J. W. Woodthorpe. Visitors: Bros. Mead, 1971; Whiting, 22; and Martin, 185.

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The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and the ceremony of passing worked. Lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation worked. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were then elected as officers for a month: Bros. J. Corbett, W.M.; F. E. U., Green, S.W.; S. Dyball, J.W.; W. R. Brooks, S.D.; J. W. Woodthorpe, J.D.; and H. Dyball, I.G.

The lodge was then closed, and most of the brethren adjourned to partake of the annual supper, at which Bro. H. Birdseye presided.

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The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly given, Bro. Birdseye proposed "The Health of the Secretary, Bro. Anderson," which was duly replied to.
Bro. Anderson then proposed "The Health of Bro. Birdseye," expressing the great pleasure it afforded him and the other brethren in Bro. Birdseye presiding over them that evening, as he had always taken such a very lively interest in the lodge during the last twenty years, and had, during that time, rendered most valuable assistance to Bro. Muggeridge in carrying out its working.
The toast was replied to by Bro. Birdseye.
In proposing the next toast, "The Henry Muggeridge Lodge," Bro. Birdseye alluded in very kind terms to the great services rendered by Bro. Muggeridge to the lodge of instruction during the last forty-eight years (for upwards of thirty-four of which he had acted as Preceptor), and expressed his deep sorrow and regret at Bro. Muggeridge's serious illness, which deprived the members of the pleasure of having him amongst them that evening, and hoped that the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, which bore his name, would prosper. The toast was replied to by Bro. Alfred Sach, P.M. of the H-nry Muggeridge Lodge.
The toast of "The Visitors" was then given and replied to, which brought a very enjoy able evening to an end.
During the toasts some very good songs were sung by Bros. Charles, Dyball, Green, Birdseye, and Brooks, and recitations given by Bros Corbett and Mann.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Surrey Masonic Halt, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 15th inst. Bro. Phillips presided as W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. Styles, S.W.; Baldwin, J.W.; Fitzer, S.D.; Bate, J.D.; Axford, J.G.; James Stevens, J.P.M.; Letchford, Secretary; and Francis [Boyce Wiltshire.

The ceremony of installation was duly rehearsed. Bro. Bate, being candidate for that high and honourable position, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., with the usual formalities, the brethren saluting him in the various Degrees. Bro. Phillips, Honor Oak Lodge, No. 1986, gave the addresses, and the brethren listened to him with much pleasure, his delivery and perfect elocution being particularly noticeable. Bro. Baldwin was nominated by Bro. Jas. Stevens to occupy the chair of K.S. at the next meeting. No further Masonic business offering, the brethren separated.

PRINCE PREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Bagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill. Present: Bros. C. R. Wickens, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; W. T. Mellier, J.W.; F. G. Baker, Treas, and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; E. W. Scattergoods, S.D.; A. E. Hubert, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M.; and C. Coleman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Coleman was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Coleman candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Stratton candidate. Bro. Coleman was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of rehearsed, Bro. Coleman candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Humfress was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Brus. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; O. W. Battley, S.W.; J. H. Wood, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treasurer and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 543, Secretary; D. Stroud, S.D.; J. R. Allman, J.D.; E. F. Ferris, H.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; J. Potter, E. Greenboam, W. J. Mason, Capt. H. S. Andrews, J. Thomas, W. J. Stratton, R. P. J. Laundy, C. S. Mote, T. Rossalale, W. Williams, and W. H. Wadham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, followed by the Lecture on the 2nd Tracing Boaad, after which Bro. Nicols gave the F.C's. charge. The lodge was opened in the three Degrees, and closed down. Bro. Battley was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. S. Hewitt, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; B. Solomon, J.W.; R. J. Harnell, S.D.; G. H. Reymolds, J.D.; Frank Gulliford, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; G. Garden, P.M.; J. Skinner, P.M.; J. Docker, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. With the permission of the W.M., Bro. G. Reynolds acted as J.D. Bro. R., J. Harnell having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro., J. Docker, P.M., worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the third time,

the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, E. Present: Bros. S. J. Barnes, W.M.; B. Stewart, S.W.; W. H. Myers, J.W.; B. Da Costa, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; Maloney, I.G.; and C. N. Fox, Hon. Sec. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, indue form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. L. A. Da Costa; gth—Bro. Moss; gth—Bro. W. H. Myers; and the 7th—Bro. Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. B. Da Costa; 2nd—Bro. Musto; 3rd—Bro. Myers; 4th—Bro. Hogg; and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. B. Da Costa; 2nd—Bro. Musto; 3rd—Bro. Myers; 4th—Bro. Hogg; and the 5th—Bro. McDonald. The lodge resumed to the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Moss; 2nd—Bro. McDonald; and the 3rd—Bro. Musto. The lodge was opened in the Third and Second Degrees, Bro. Moss proposed, and Bro. Musto seconded, that Bros. L. A. Da Costa, L. Rosenthal, L. Isaacs, Bently, Mead, Warman, Toole, Calver, Smith, and West become members of this lodge—carried unanimously. Bro. Musto proposed, and Bro. Myers seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Barnes for presiding, and Bro. Musto expressed the great pleasure it gave him and the brethren to see Bro. Barnes again amongst them, Bro. Barnes, in thanking the brethren, said it gave him a deal of pleasure and satisfaction in presiding that evening, and at seeing so anany young Masons working so efficiently, and proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the officers and brethren who had so ably assisted him—seconded by Bro. Cary, and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—
Presentations to Comps. George Kenning and T. Cohu.—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday. Comp. T. Cohu, M.E.Z., presided, there being also present Comps. Herbert Cuff, H. and Z. elect; W. Medwin, I.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Charles Arkell, P.Z., Scribe E.; W. Darnell, S.N.; John Taylor, P.S.; H. Hughes, A.S.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; R. Dart, P. Hawes, John Kent, James Salmon, E. J. Acworth, A. W. Price, T. T. Holland, W. R. Dixon, John Gibbs, Alf. Cotton, and the following visitors: Comps. E. Anderson, 255; James Forsyth, Victoria Chap.; Walter Jones, 548; W. H. Baker, 25; D. W. Pearse, 1298; T. Vandenheed, 548; W. Gibbs, 107; E. Y. Jolliffe, 1657; C. E. Sparrow, 1471; and A. J. Walter, 552.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the Auditors presented their report for the past year, from which it appears there is a comfortable little balance in hand and that the position of the chapter generally is excellent. The following were those successively installed in the Principals' chairs, namely, Comps. Herbert Cuff, as M.E.Z.; W. Medwin, H.; and W. F. Darnell, J.; after which there were inducted into office Comps. C. Arkell, P.Z., Scribe E.; J. Taylor, Scribe N.; H. Hughes, P.S.; T. S. Holland, 1st A.S.; W. R. Dixon, 2nd A.S.; and George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.

Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., performed the installation ceremony in a very excellent manner, and he was ably assisted by Comp. Henry Birdseye, P.Z.

On the motion of Comp. Copestick, P.Z., the retiring P.Z., Comp. Cohu, was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel in recognition of his services during the year.

Comp. Coh having suitably acknowledged the gift, a valuable silver cup was presented to Comp. George Kenning, P.Z. and Treas. as a slight token of the companions' application of the companions' application of the companions' application of the companions' application of the companions' ap LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192). Presentations to Comps. George Kenning and

M.E.Z. elect; Mousset, J.; J. L. Baker, P.Z., S.E.; J. Austin, P.Z., Treas.; W. Cummings, P.S.; E. B. Cox, S.N.; C. M. Brander, 1st A.S.; H. Halliday, 2nd A.S.; Rhodes, Janitor; and other members of the chapter. Visitors: Comps. W. J. Ferguson, P.Z. 456; A. Fish, P.Z. 95; Gording, 1329; Johnson, 95; Austin, 177; C. R. Wickett, 704; Bellerby, 1604; Stevens, S.N. 173; and J. E. Shand, I.P.Z. 25.

The chapter was duly opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and the three Principals duly and impressively installed by Comp. Austin, P.Z., and the other officers invested. Ballot was taken for five brothers for exaltation, including Bros. Lord Charles Beresford and Seager Hunt, newly elected Members of Parliament for Marylebone, which was successful, and those two brethren and the other three, Bros. Lefort, 1563, Ellis, 1305, and Felton, other three, Bros. Lefort, 1563, Ellis, 1305, and Felton, 1305, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. E. White, the newly installed M.E.Z., in a manner that gave all present the greatest satisfaction, and evidently impressed the candidates with the ceremony. The audit report was adopted, showing a balance in favour of the chapter. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.Z., and the chapter was closed.

The companions dined in the Café Royal in the recherché

way this excellently managed establishment can and do serve dinners.

After grace Comp. E. White, M.E.Z., submitted the usual toasts with his accustomed ability, and referred to the chapter receiving an accession of five exaltees, two of which represented the Marylebone district in the new Postliarnets. Parliament.

The toast of "The Visitors" was also specially referred to, and Comps. Ferguson, Fish, Shand, and others replied in appreciation of the working of the chapter, and the convivial evening they had so much enjoyed.

MALTON.—King Edwin Chapter (No. 660).—
The annual meeting and installation of Principals and officers of this chapter took place on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall. After the chapter had been duly opened and the ordinary business transacted, the installation was gone through in the accustomed form, the following being the list of officers for the year ensuing:—Comps. W. Constable, M.E.Z.; R. J. Smithson, H.; T. M. Goldie, J.; J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O., I.P.Z.; A. W. Walker, P.Z., S.E.; J. B. Nicholls, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.N.; J. Fuckle, P. Soj.; R. G. Lucas, 1st A. Soj.; W. R. Metcalfe, 2nd A. Soj.; R. H. Bower, Treas.; R. Bradley, Swd. Br.; M. F. W. Williamson, D.C.; J. W. Marshall, P.Z., Org.; and W. Stockdale, Janitor.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890)—A convocation of this chapter of improvement was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 16th inst, when there were present Comps. W. H., Dean, P.Z. 77, 47, P.P.G.R., Dorset, Z.; F. Swain, H. 1328, H.; Capt. A. Nicols, H. 390, P.Z. 723, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, I.; H. Dehane, 1st A.S. 890, 802, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, S.E.; W. J. Mason, 1328, S.N.; A. R. Ruddall, P.S. 890, P.S.; G. N. Watts, J. and S.E. 1196, 1st A.S.; and J. Cruttenden, 779. The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cruttenden as candidate. The officers for the ensuing fortnight were elected in rotation, Comp. Watts, on the ballot proving unanimous, was elected a member. After 'Hearty good wishes,'' the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams Lodge (No. 6).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Britannia Hotel, SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.—Adams Lodge (No. 6).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, 12th inst., to perform the very pleasing duty of installing Bro. Wm. Turner Carpenter, the W.M. elect. The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Among the brethren present were Bros. R. J. E. Brown, P.P.G.A.D.C., W.M.; W. T. Carpenter, P.P.G. I. of Wks., J.W.; A. Spears, P.G.J.D., P.M.; J. Bagshaw, P.P.G.A. Sec., P.M.; G. T. Green, P.P.G. Org., I.P.M.; and R. H. Plattin, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.O. Bro. A. Spears, P.M., officiated as the Installing Officer, and in an impressive manner performed the beautiful ceremony of installing Bro. W. T. Carpenter into the chair of A., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-installed W.M. then invested Bro. R. J. E. Brown as I.P.M., stating he felt great pleasure in doing so, feeling assured he would have his kind support during his year of office. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the following brethren invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. H. Plattin, S.W.; J. Tower, J.W.; H. G. Boorman, M.O.; M. Pierson, S.O.; J. Phillips (by proxy) J.O.; A. Spears, P.M., Treas.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Sec.; C. Hallett, S.D.; E. J. Pyke, J.D.; C. M. Glasher, Org.; E. J. Penney, D.C.; C. E. Beck, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. They were then addressed in a very able and impressive manner by the Installing Officer.

On completion of the ceremony, Bro. R. J. E. Brown, I.P.M., proposed Bro. J. Bagshaw, P.M., seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. A. Spears, P.M., for the able manner in which he had conducted the installing ceremony. This being passed unanimously,

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unanimously,

Bro. A. Spears returned thanks in suitable terms, and expressed his regret at the absence of several of the members. "Hearty good wishes" having been given the lodge was closed.

The brethren having assembled in the banquet room, sat down to an excellent banquet provided in a style which reflected great credit to the worthy hostess Mrs. Green. Great admiration was expressed at the magnificent lodge room, now provided by the recent reconstruction of the

should be wanting on his part to make the lodge success-The Tyler's toast brought the happy meeting to a close, and the brethren dispersed with many expressions of gratifications for the pleasant evening they had spent.

COLCHESTER.—Constantine Lodge (No. 145).

The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., Bro. J. P. Lewin, I.P.M., P.P.G. J.W. East Anglia, in the chair, through illness of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Eustace. The principal business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren unanimously fell upon Bro. T. G. Mills, S.W., who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. F. A. Cole was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson, Tyler. Great regret was expressed at the illness of the W.M., with the best wishes for his speedy recovery.

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Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).

This old encampment met at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on Friday, the Sth inst. Among those present were Sir Knts. F. W. Driver, M.A., E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C., acting Prelate; G. Graveley, 1st Captain; Glenn, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Reg.; J. H. Dodson, Expert; Alfred Tisley, C. of G.; Capt. Stohwasser, 1st Std. Br.; H. J. Lardner, 2nd Std. Br.; W. J. Freer, Edward F. Storr, J. U. Spence, and others. Sir Knt. C. F. Matier was a visitor.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knt. G. Graveley was then presented to the E.C. who duly installed him into the chair according to ancient usage. The officers appointed and invested were Sir Knts. F. W. Driver, Prelate; Glenn, 1st Captain; Dodson, 2nd Captain; Paas, Treas.; Walls, Reg.; Tisley, Expert; Stohwasser, C. of G.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Std. Br.; T. Wood, 2nd Std. Br.; J. D. Harris, 1st Herald; Freer, 2nd Herald; Storr, D.C.; and Rawles, Equery. Comp. L. Steele, 898, having been balloted for, was duly installed a knight of the Order by the E.C. It was carried that in future the encampment should meet on the second Friday in March instead of the 11th of March as heretofore. A P.E.C.'s jewel (manufactured by Sir Knight George Kenning, London), having been presented to Sir Knt. F. W. Driver, apologies for absence were read from Sir Knts. Binckes, Roebuck, Alfred Williams, C. Sanders, R. Berridge, J. D. Harris, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served at the Holborn Restaurant. The usual toasts followed.

Malta.

VALETTA. — Union of Malta Lodge (No. 407, E.C.) — The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 27, Strada Stretta, when a large concourse of brethren, numbering upwards of 60, assembled to witness the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. J. W. Coward, J.W. Amongst those present were Bros. J. F. James, W.M.; R. J. W. Coward, S.W. (pro tem.); C. F. Easterbrook, J.W. (pro tem.); W. Read, Treas.; Fred. J. Coward, Hon. Sec.; A. J. England, S.D. (pro tem.); George Lahive, J.D. (pro tem.); J. Young, I.G. (pro tem.); J. A. Sperring, Org.; and R. Beck, Tyler; W. Kingston, D.G.M.; W. Watson, D.D.G.M.; P.M.'s Bros. W. Rotherham, W. Read, R. Glenday, W. Dahn, A. J. England, S. G. Yeoman, J. C. Stanley, 407 (E.C.); Paulson, P.M. 1923 (E.C.); J. Montgomery, W.M. 1926 (E.C.); Dr. W. Brown, R.N., P.M. 126 (I.C.); D. Jackson and F. Savin, P.M.'s 387 (I.C.); G. P. Stephens, W.M. 387 (I.C.)

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and of Permanent Committee meeting, including balance sheet for the half-year ending December 31st, were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. J. F. James, then vaca ted the chair in favour of the D.G.M., Bro. W. Kingston, who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. R. J. W. Coward, J.W. After the ceremony the W.M. proceeded to a ppoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows, accompanying each investment with a very suitable address: Bros. J. F. James, I.P.M.; C. F. Easterbrook, P.S.D., as S.W.; Fred. J. Coward, Hon. Sec., as J.W.; W. Read, P.M., re-elected as Treas.; W. Dahn, P.M., as Hon. Sec.; J. Dennison, S.D.; Wakeley, J.D.; W. Marshall, I.G.; J. A. Sperring, Org.; and R. Beck, re-elected Tyler.

Bro. Watson, D.D.G.M., in his most able and brilliant manner, addressed the W.M., S.W., and J.W. Bros. J. Young and S. R. Pritchard were elected to serve on the Permanent Committee, and Bro. A. H. Gould to serve on the Masonic Hall Committee. Letters were read and general business transacted. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from brethren

PRESENTATION TO LODGE SIR GEORGE CATHCART, No. 617 (S.C.), BY THE EARL OF CATHCART.

On the motion of Comp. Copestick, P.Z., the retiring P.Z., Comp. Cohu, was presented with a handsome P.Z.'s Great admiration was expressed at the magnificent lodge room, Cohu having suitably acknowledged the gift, a valuable silver cup was presented to Comp. George Kenning, P.Z. and Treas., as a slight token of the companions' appreciation of his long and valuable services to the chapter as its Founder, first M.E.Z., and Treasurer for the past fourteen years.

Comp. Kenning briefly, but feelingly, returned thanks, and shortly afterwards the chapter was closed and the companions sat down to banquet, a very enjoyable evening being the result.

ST. MARYLEBONE CHAPTER (No. 1305.—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

P.Z., the retiring reflected great credit to the worthy hostess Mrs. Green. Captain Captain Allan, R.W.M., presiding; recat admiration was expressed at the magnificent lodge room from the lodge, and the composition of the lodge, Bro. Captain Captain Allan, R.W.M., presiding; of the lodge, Bro. Captain Captain Allan, R.W.M., presiding; of the lodge, Bro. Captain Captain Allan, R.W.M., presiding; of the lodge, Bro. Captain Captain Allan, R.W.M., presiding; of the lodge, Bro. Captain Captain Allan, R.W.M., presiding; of the lodge, Bro. Captain Captain Allan, R.W.M., presiding; of the lodge, Bro. Captain On Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the usual monthly meethad in the name of Lord Cathcart presented the pictures to the lodge, and unveiled the portrait amid the applause of

Bro. Captain Allan, R.W.M., in eloquent terms, acknowledged the honour conferred on the lodge by Lord Catheart, and moved—"That the brethren of Lodge Sir George Catheart, No. 617, desire to record their thanks to the Right Hon. the Earl of Catheart for the kind recognition the Right Hon, the Earl of Cathcart for the kind recognition his lordship has made of their lodge, and they further wish to express their deep sense of gratitude to his lordship for the handsome gifts he has made them in the fine portrait of their patron hero, his lordship's illustrious uncle, General Sir George Cathcart, and in the beautiful sketch of Cathcart's Hill in the Crimea, where Sir George lies buried along with the many gallant heroes who fell with him in that hardest fought, and most illustrious victory of ancient or modern times. The brethren, also, more especially desire to record their high sense of the honour conferred on them by the interest taken in their lodge by a daughter of this to record their high sense of the honour conferred on them by the interest taken in their lodge by a daughter of this illustrious hero, and they beg to convey, through Lord Cathcart, their respectful thanks to Miss Emily Cathcart for the inestimable and bentting gift of her distinguished father's characteristic autograph." Bro. Macrone seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Bro. OLIVER, in a commendatory speech, moved "That a vote of thanks be accorded to the Secretary, Bro. Captain Crawford for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which

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vote of thanks be accorded to the Secretary, Bro. Captain Crawford, for the efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has carried through the correspondence, which has resulted in the substantial and highly-prized recognition now made of Lodge Sir George Cathcart by the head and other members of the illustrious house of Cathcart." Bro. Bisset seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Neilson next moved "That Bro. Captain Crawford be respectfully requested to see the whole correspondence engrossed in the minutes of the lodge, as the record of a notable incident in its history." This was seconded by Bro. Howie, and carried, like the others, by acclamation.

Bro. Crawford, in thanking the brethren for the vote accorded him, said he had had the greatest pleasure in the correspondence with his lordship, whose courtesy throughout had been as marked as his generosity. He would have much pleasure in acceding to the wish of the brethren in having the whole correspondence and proceedings of the evening engrossed in the minutes, so that they might be a historic record of the gratifying event.

The portrait is inscribed "Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir George Cathcart, K.C.B., A.D.C., at Leipzig and Waterloo; restored peace to Africa, 1853, was killed 5th November, 1854, at Inkerman, commanding the 4th Division." It should be mentioned that the portrait has affixed a fine, clear autograph of Sir George, obtained from his daughter, Miss Emily Cathcart, and bearing the signature "Your affectionate father, George Cathcart."

The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, it was closed in due and ancient form.

MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

Prominent amongst the charitable schemes which are the distinguishing characteristics of our Order, none occupy a more honourable position than the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which, for a period of nearly 40 years, has done much to give education and material help to the children of dead and distressed brethren from every part of the extensive province. This Charity is conducted entirely through voluntary agency, and it is a proud boast amongst those who take a warm interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Institution that the work is carried out from year to year without any official expenditure. The success of the Institution has increased with marvellous strides during recent years, largely owing to the enthusiasm displayed by those entrusted with its management, and the sustained liberality of the brethren connected with the whole of the So lodges entrusted with its management, and the sustained liberality of the brethren connected with the whole of the So lodges in the division over which Bro. Lord Lathom presides with so much acceptance as Prov. Grand Master. It appears from the last published report that the income for the previous year (1884) amounted to the sum of £1412 175. 6d., the interest from investments, &c., to £722 105. 3d., making a total income from all sources for the year of £2135 7s. 9d. Of this amount £1525 was expended on behalf of the children, which included a sum of £357 paid for two purchase nominations into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for two children who had lost both parents. The invested capital of the Charity at the publication of the last accounts was £18,463, and the honorary Secretaries anticipate that the income for 1855 will be quite equal to that of previous years. The funds of the "West Lancashire" are annually helped most materially by the Masonic festival and ball, and that which took place on the 7th inst. at the Town Hall—the 38th of the series—was attended by an amount of success which gives good promise of a substantial outcome in aid of the pet Charity of the Freemasons in this district.

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The ball enjoyed highly distinguished patronage, the ladies who lent their names being the Mayoress of Liverpool, the Countess of Carnaryon, the Countess of Derby, the Countess of Bective, the Countess of Dathom, Lady Creenall, and Lady Constance Stanley. The patrons were his Worship the Mayor of Liverpool (Bro. David Radchiffe), Bros. the Earl of Carnaryon, P.G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M. (Mark), St. Alban's (Mark), and other lodges, contributing in no small measure to the variety of a scene most brilliant. Over the doorway was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, in Masonic costume. Several of the brethren appeared as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and other lodges, contributing in no small measure to the variety of a scene most brilliant. Over the doorway was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, in Masonic costume. Several of the brethren appeared as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and other lodges, contributing in no small measure to the variety of a scene most brilliant. Over the doorway was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, in Masonic costume. Several of the brethren appeared as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and other lodges, contributing in no small measure to the variety of a scene most brilliant. Over the doorway was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, in Masonic costume. Several of the brethren appeared as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and there is of the brethren appeared as representing the Royal Arch Chapter, Rose Croix Chapter, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master of England, in Masonic costume. Several of the brethren appeared as representing the Royal Arch Chapter, Rose Croix Chapter, the Grand Lodge, and others as representing the Royal Arch Chapter, Rose Croix Chapter, the Grand Lodge, and others as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and others as representing the Royal Arch Chapt

The P.G.M. was President of the Committee; Bro. Col. Stanley, Vice-President; Bro. Thos. Whitehead, P.G.S., P.M. 241, Chairman; Bro. John Beesley, P.G.D., P.M. 823; Bro. Simon Jude, J.W. 241; and the onerous duties of Hon. Sec. were performed by Bro. W. E. Coxon, P.M. 1675, in a manner which contributed largely to the success of the festive gathering, and secured for him the hearty approbation of all the brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. D. Radcliffe, Mayor of Liverpool, Alderman Grindley, G. C. Dobell, J. Houlding, Mr. W. F. Lawrence, M.P., Mr. L. R. Baily, M.P., and others. The Captains of the Stewards were Bros. R. A. Davies, P.M. 1380, and Sylvester Mattison, P.P.G.S. 1609, who efficiently performed the work with which they were entrusted, and most generously gave the very artistic jewels worn by the following strong corps of Stewards: Bros. Thos. Salter, T. Webster, A. H. Hallwood, R. Owen, B. G. Lloyd, W. Roberts, J. Mason, W. M'Lachlan, J. P. Bryan, T. H. W. Walker, W. B. Sweetman, L. T. G. Evans, J. W. Napton, John Edwards, R. Pruddah, T. Wright, W. M'Ganley, J. Fraser, G. Godfrey, G. Hulse, M. Hart, J. Wannop, A. T. Tow, T. Leatherbarrow, J. Beesley, R. Brown, G. Browbridge, J. T. Callow, W. E. Coxon, R. Foote, E. Grindley, J. Houlding, R. Johnson, S. Jude, J. Kitchingman, R. Martin, W. Parker, R. Ripley, G. Ratcliffe, H. H. Smith, Dr. Samuels, J. T. Tickle, R. Taylor, G. Williams, and T. Whitehead.

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In the early part of the evening Bro. Whitehead, Chairman of the Committee, in the Stewards' room presented his Worship the Mayor, Bro. Radcliffe, with a gold Stewards' badge.

Bro. WHITEHEAD said this was given as a slight token of the appreciation of his Worship's efforts on behalf of the Charities generally, and the Masonic Charity in particular. He trusted the Mayor would have a most prosperous second year of office, and that the important and interesting move-ment in which he was taking a lively interest—that of an international exhibition—would be brought to a most suc-cessful termination.

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In acknowledging the gift, his Worship said it gave him great pieasure to be present to receive at Bro. Whitehead's hands the beautiful badge with which he had been presented, and he valued the gift as highly as any he could receive. He had worked in harmony with his Masonic brethren since the time he became a Mason, now about 25 years, and it afforded him the greatest delight to attend that evening to give his countenance to an effort on behalf of a most deserving Charity.

Dancing commenced about nine o'clock, the music being supplied by Bro. Collinson.

Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 1555, again acted as Master of the Ceremonies, performing his duties with that tact and courtesy which have so long distinguished him.

The Committee were fortunate in securing Bro. T. Wood, purveyor to the Queen, Bold-street, as the caterer for supper and refreshments, both of which were of the highest

ANNUAL BALL OF THE HARTISMERE LODGE, No. 1663.

The sixth annual ball of the above lodge was held on Friday evening, the 15th inst., in the Town Hall, Eye. The arrangements, which were in the hands of the W.M., Bro. H. W. Cullum, assisted by the Secretary, Bro. F. Woolnough, P.P.G. J. W., were admirable, and everything passed off well. The ball-room was very handsomely decorated with lodge furniture and banners, and a screen separated the ball-room from the orchestra and refreshment bar. There was a large attendance of brethren and friends, including many from a distance. Among them were Bros. Inere was a large attendance of brethren and friends, including many from a distance. Among them were Bros. H. W. Cullum, W.M.; H. J. Barnes, P.M. 1663, P.G.D. of C., and Mayor of Eye; F. Woolnough and party; C. J. Fisher, P.M.; C. H. Scriven, J.D.; J. Martyn and party; H. Gedney, P.M.; W. Daking, A. N. Fenn, W. S. Nurse, F. Waite, G. B. Bishop, D. W. Harvey, Messis. E. Bend, N. B. Garrod, M. Harsant, W. Breeze, J. Breeze, J. Marchant, C. Harper, E. Page, Herbert Nunn, E. Robinson, A. Preston, and others.

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MASONIC BALL AT NOTTINGHAM.

On Thursday night, the 14th inst., a ball, under the auspices of the Southwell Lodge, whose usual meetings are at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmith-street, was held at the Hall, under the sanction and patronage of the R.W. Bro. his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Grand Master of the province; the W. Bro. John Watson, J.P., G.S.D., D.P. G.M.; and the W.M., Bro. E. Griffiths. The entire suite of rooms available had been decorated with lace curtains, mirrors, and furniture by Mr. Barker, of Angel-row. The staircase, from the entrance to the upper lodge room, which was set apart for dancing, was ornamented with plants and shrubs provided by Mr. Harvey, of Blythe Nurseries. In the ball room itself were displayed the banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the banners of the Newstead, De Vere, Carnar-on, Southwell (Royal Arch), Newstead (Mark), St. Alban's (Mark), and other lodges, contributing in no small measure to the variety of a scene most brilliant. Over the doorway was a portrait of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, in Masonic costume. Several of the brethren appeared as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and others as representing the Provincial Grand Lodge, and others as representing the Royal Arch Chapter, Rose Croix Chapter, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, and Mark Masons; whilst the great majority of the brethren appeared in their dresses as Craft Masons. Cloak rooms for ladies and gentlemen were furnished elaborately.

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; and Bro. C. A. Cotteburne, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the three presiding officers' chairs. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and W. H. Lee also attended. There were likewise present Bros. F. R. Spaull, Henry Garrod, G.P.; David Merser, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; George Read; P.M. 511; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Edward F. Storr, P.M. and Treas. 22; Charles Fredk. Hogard, P.M. 205; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; G. P. Britten, P.M.; George P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. 60; Thomas Duffield, W.M. 1571; W. P. Brown, P.M. 90; N. Tracy, P.M. 376; Robert D. Cummings, W.M. 1677; Charles Sheppard, W.M. 1346; R. W. Frampton, W.M. 1695; W. T. Buck, P.M. 1702; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 1364; Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1705; G. A. Potter, W.M. 1964; W. Mackie, W.M. 2054; Stephen Richardson, W.M. 183; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; Charles Pulman, P.M. 720; H. G. Stranger, W.M. 1326; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59; J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177; J. B. Grieve, W.M. 1351; John L. Mather, W.M. 1910; Geo. Wm. Marsden, jun., W.M. 1329; E. Bessell, W.M. 1632; J. Hart, P.M. 59; Wm. Radcliffe, P.M. 211; John Collinson, W.M. 362; Henry John, P.M. 169; E. M. Money, W.M. 23; W. J. Kent, W.M. 1319; L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813; W. H. Harris, W.M. 1306; R. E. Clarke, P.M. 1158; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler. yler.
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The PRESIDENT announced that several letters had been received from petitioners relieved at the December meeting, thanking the Board for the relief extended.

The Board then confirmed recommendations made to the M.W.G.M. at the last meeting to the extent of £305. The new list comprised 31 names, a smaller number than has been before the Board at one meeting for a long time.

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Four of the cases were deferred, being incomplete, and one case was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £715, which was made up as follows:—Two recommendations of £75 each, one of £50, four of £40 each, two of £30 each, two of £35 each, and grants of £20 each to seven cases, one of £15, five of £10 each, and two of £5 each.

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The Board sat two hours and a half.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL PARTY OF THE BLAIR LODGE, No. 815, AT THE HULME TOWN HALL, MANCHESTER.

The usual soirce, or what, perhaps, is more aptly named "social party," came off at the Hulme Town Hall on Wednesday, 6th inst. Owing to some inadvertence on the part of the Hall Committee the members of the lodge were committee th elled nolens volens to hold their annual re-union on the ledge night (the first Friday), consequently the gathering was not so much a success in point of numbers as it otherwise would have been. At the same time the number present, 85, succeeded in thoroughly enjoying themselves—judging from the frequent bursts of laughter and merriment heard

Dancing commenced shortly after half-past eight, and was continued until 11.15, when the major portion of the company adjourned to supper, and meanwhile extra dances were indulged in by those ladies and gentlemen who remained in the ball room, and who, at a later period, partook of supper also. Subsequently the whole party met together again in the ball room, when dancing was resumed and kept up with unflagging spirit until 4 o'clock, at which time the hall had to be closed. Everything that could be done for the comfort and enjoyment of the company had been planned and arranged by Bros. J. Sheldrick, P.M.; J. Priestnall, S.W.; B. Blair, J.W.; and H. W. Riley, Sec., to whom great praise is due, and we feel satisfied that every one was well pleased with the evening's entertainment, at the same time there was no doubt that had the soirée been held on the usual lodge night a much greater number of visitors would have been present. Dancing commenced shortly after half-past eight, and

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The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Bros. Dr. Jos. St. Patrick Riley, W.M.; J. L. Priestnall, S.W.; Bryce Blair, J.W., Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Vowe; Mrs. Sharples, Mrs. Hughes, and Miss Moore; Bro. W. J. Herring, J.D., Mrs. Herring, and Miss Hopwood, Bro. H. Walton, I.G., and Mrs. Walton; Bro. Colonel H. L. Rocca, P.M., D.C., P.P.G. J.D.; Bro. J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163, and Mrs. Sinclair; Mr. and Mrs. W. Rocca, Mr. W. Sauter, Mr. Morreau, Bro. John Sheldrick, P.M., Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Sheldrick, and a large party of friends, including Bro. J. and Mrs. Challender, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Lemon, Mr. Daniels, Bro. H. W. Riley, Sec., and Mrs. Riley; Misses Ada and Emily Ovey and Miss Booth; Bro. Sergeant-Major Fegan, J.W. 295, 4th Dragoon Guards; Bro. Sergeant-Major Russell, 295, 4th Dragoon Guards; Bro. Sergeant-Major Russell, 295, 4th Dragoon Guards; Bro. and Mrs. Williams and friend; Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook and Miss Foulkes; Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and lady friend; Bro. J. A. and Mrs. White, Bro. W. Waine, Misses C. and L. Botham, Bro. and Miss Owles, Mrs. M. A. Mather and Mr. Brassington; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317 (Freemason), Mrs. Lisenden, and Miss L. Robertson.

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On the following Friday the members of the lodge held their ordinary monthly meeting, when there were present Bros. H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., acting W.M.; J. Priestnall, S.W.; Bryce Blair, J.W.; W. R. Sowter, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Riley, Sec.; W. J. Herring, J.D.; W. Walton, I.G.; W. Waine, Stwd.; Jas. Sly, Tyler; Ephraim Harris, P.M.; and J. Sheldrick, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. Kenworthy, P.M., Sec. 89; C. Maclennan, T. Walsh, and J. W. White.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. Roger Partington and Joseph

Wray as joining members, and Bro. David Foulkes as rejoining member, and declared successful in each case. Bro. Ephraim Harris, P.M., explained the first tracing board, and then assumed the chair of K.S., and passed Bro. J. W. White to the Second Degree, after which Bro. H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G. J.D., explained the second tracing board, and subsequently closed the lodge. The brethren passed a very pleasant evening around the social board.

BALL OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

This lodge gave a grand ball on Wednesday, the 13th lost., at Freemasons' Grand Hall, which was largely attended by members of the lodge and visitors, together with the ladies who are indispensable on such occasions, who were all dressed in most becoming and fashionable costumes, which graced many a pretty face.

The following were the Committee to carry out the arrangements, and in every respect most faithfully did they perform their duties: Bros. J. W. Smith, W.M., President; C. J. Knightley, Vice-President; H. W. Field, Treasurer; H. Dickey, Hon. Secretary; G. Mordey, R. Ross, D.C.; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, and J. Willing, jun., P.M. Stewards: Bros. W. H. Barling, J.D.; J. Bishop, T. Crane, G. Clarke, R. Dipple, J. Greenfield, P.M.; J. Glynn, C. H. Holland, I.G.; C. Horton, G. Hyams, W. Jaques, S.D.; R. Nadenik, E. Perry, W.S.; Dr. J. Powdrell, J. C. Smith, J.W.; and J. Terry, P.M. At midnight, after the first part of the programme was over, the company adjourned to supper, which was a hot one and well served, in the Crown Room and the Glee Room, to which ample justice was done to the abundant hospitality of the Royal Savoy Lodge.

In the Crown Room the supper tables were presided over by President Bro. J. W. Smith, W.M.; Hon. Sec., Bro. H. Dickey; Committee, Bros. Jas. Willing, R. Ross, W. M. Stiles, G. Mordey; Stewards, Bros. W. H. Barling, T. 'Crane, E. Perry, W. Jaques, J. Bishop, G. H. Holland, R. Nadenik, Dr. J. Powdrell, and J. C. Smith. In the Glee Room, Vice-President, Bro. C. J. Knightley: Treasurer, Bro. W. H. Field; Committee, W. H. Scurrah; Steward, J. Glynn.

We are confident that all who had the pleasure of an invitation wish it may be an annual one. We think such festivities are of much good, as they bring the members of a lodge and their friends more together, and make

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BANQUET OF THE PATTENMAKERS' COMPANY.

COMPANY.

The livery dinner of this ancient Guild took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 14th inst. Bro. Capt. George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., the genial Master of the Company, occupied the chair, and among the principal guests were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Mayor Staples; Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B.; Admiral Sir W. Hewitt, V.C., K.C.B.; Sheriff Clarke; Major-General Sir Charles Warren; Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Col. Howard Vincent, M.P.; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Clout (Warden); Major Joseph, Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company; Barrow Emanuel, M.A.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Richard Clowes; W. M. Bywater, P.M. 19; R. Spice; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Beer; C. V. Hudson; W. H. Pannell; T. F. Peacock; D. P. Cama; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; F. Stohwasser; E. Jackson Barron; R. Hervé Giraud, P.G.D.; T. Shipp; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; George Kenning; Col. Harding, G.A.D.C.; A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; the Rev. O. Thompson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Maguire; Dr. Mickley; Capt. Thornhill, F.R.G.S.; Capt. Bowyer; and Youle (Clerk).

After an admirable dinner, served in the style in vogue at the Holborn Restaurant, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, that of the "Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces" being acknowledged by Bros. Admiral Sir H. Keppel, Admiral Sir W. Hewett, and Major-General Sir C. Warren.

In responding for the toast of his health, the LORD MAYOR, having reciprocated the kindly feeling expressed by the Master, said when he first entered the room he thought by the display of flags and banners that they were coming to some military entertainment, but another glance showed him that the decorations on the banners were coming to some military entertainment, but another glance showed him that the decorations on the banners were

thought by the display of flags and banners that they were coming to some military entertainment, but another glance showed him that the decorations on the banners were rather the types of the victories of the great commercial city of which the Master had spoken than of any warlike body. Referring to the victories which the Corporation had won from its earliest days, his lordship said the first victory might be said to be at the time of William the Conqueror, when they obtained from him the triumph of allowing every man to be equal before the law, which had not been the case previous to his arrival. They obtained a victory over the oppressions of the nobles, a victory over the tyranny of kings, victories over disease, victories over famines, victories over dishonest men, and victories in point without, victories over dishonest men, and victories in point of fact which had brought the City of London to that which it now was. What might be regarded as their last victories were the victories of cleanliness, purity, good air, and good water over, the deficiences of our forefathers. (Cheers.) The Master had remarked, in one of his speeches, that they were able to sit down and enjoy this festivity in peace. Was not that a victory of London? (Hear, hear.) The Corporation and the great City companies had possessed a great force in the country, which had been exercised for the general benefit, and not for any advantage of their own. Holding the responsible position of representative of the City of London, he was proud to refer to these triumphs. (Cheers.) He was elected Lord Mayor by the suffrages of his fellow-citizens, and he hoped he would hand down the office, which was one of great dignity, unsullied to his successors, and that a long line of Lord Mayors might still receive from time to time, the hospitality of the Pattenmakers' and other livery companies. (Cheers.)

The toast of "The Houses of Parliament" having been proposed, and acknowledged by Col. DUNCAN, M.P., and Bro. Col. H. VINCENT, M.P., Bro. the LORD MAYOR gave "Prosperity to the Pattenmakers' Company," and associated with the name of its Master (the Chairman, Bro. Captain Lambert), of whose services in many capacities, but especially in connection with this Company, his lordship spoke in most eulogistic terms. The CHAIRMAN having replied briefly, but in his usually happy manner, proposed "The Masters of the City Companies," which was duly honoured and acknowledged, and Bro. Warden CLOUT, the Master elect of the Pattenmakers, having replied for "The Wardens," and Mr. C. J. SHOTPER for "The Visitors," the list was closed with the health of "The Clerk," to which Bro. Youle briefly replied.

Some excellent vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Miss Mary Belval, was given during the evening, Bro. Chaplin Henry being one of the artistes. It may also be mentioned that Bro. T. J. Hamp, the courteous and able manager of the Restaurant, was presented by the

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BANQUET OF THE SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189, PLYMOUTH.

The annual Christmas banquet in connection with the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, Plymouth, was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Bro. Walter's, Farley Hotel. An excellent dinner was provided. The W.M., Bro. Edwin Prout, presided, and was supported by Bros. Col. Healy, I.P.M., P.D.G.S.W.; George R. Barrett, P.M. 189, 1255, 2025, P.G.S.D.; T. S. Bayly, P.M. and Treasurer 189, P.P.G. Treas.; E. L. Maunseil, P.S.O.; J. Griffin, P.M. 70, 2025, P.G.J.D.; E. A. Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. and Chap. 189, P.P.G. Chap.; A. Brickwood Hutchings, Mayor of Devonport, P.M. 2025, P.G.O.; A. Latimer, P.M. 189; C. Croydon, P.M. 189; W. Ollis, P.M.; George Hawken, P.M. 189; A. S. Hendry, P.M. 189, who kindly filled the J.W's. chair; J. Dampney, P.M. 189; F. Codd, P.M. 189; J. Gifford, P.M. 105, and Sec. 2025; George Jackson, P.M. 180; A. W. White, P.M. 1136; J. F. Burns, W.M. 202; C. Dunsterville, S.W. 189; J. Ward, S.D. 189; Frank R. Thomas, J.D. 189; J. B. Moulder, jun., I.G. 189; Charles F. Hocking, S.S. 189; S. H. Phillips, J.S. 189; W. M. Robins, 189; E. J. Rattenbury, R.N., 189; R. D. Howland, 711, Port Elizabeth; F. G. Pinkham, 105; E. A. New, 189; and T. Veale, 230. The W.M. apologised for the absence of the esteemed Secretary, Bro. R. H. Rae, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., and the genial J.W., Bro. G. A. Broome, from indisposition. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Two excellent violin solos were given by Bros. Codd and Hendry. Some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Hocking, Howland, Pinkham, Rattenbury, Moulder, Thomas, Veale, Dunsterville, and Robins, and exceedingly good recitations by Bros. Croydon, Hawken, and Dampney. Bro. A. Latimer, P.M. 189, ably accompanied on the pianoforte. A most pleasant evening was spent.

The Worshipful Master, after replying to the toast of his health, called upon Bro. Stephens to give "The Health of Bro. R. Hurrell, I.P.M."

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Bro. Stephens said there was no need for him to eulogise Bro. Hurrell. Those who knew him valued his services to the lodge and Masonry better than he could tell them. He had never failed to carry out the duties which had devolved upon him while in the chair of the lodge, and he had done his utmost, though yielding to none, to please everyone. But while proposing his health a more pleasing task fell upon him—that of presenting Bro. Hurrell with a testimony of the esteem in which they hald him. The timesies upon him—that of presenting Bro. Hurrell with a testimony of the esteem in which they held him. The timepiece which he now gave in the name of the lodge to his brother was the unanimous gift of the members. He had fairly won it, and he (the speaker) hoped that he would long live to enjoy it. The presentation consisted of a handsome marble timepiece with gilt fittings, surmounted by a bronze bust, and bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of Lodge Ebrington, 1847, to Bro. Robert Hurrell, P.M., in appreciation of his Masonic zeal during his year of office. January 13th, 1886."

Songs and selections of music were given during the evening, among the contributors to this portion of the entertainment being Bros. James Lose, Kennedy, Rickeard, C. Sutton, W. H. W. Macey, and others. A very enjoyable evening having been spent, the company separated at midnight.

MASONIC TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. W. WHITTLEY.

In making the presentation at Plymouth recently of a gold watch to W. Bro. the Rev. W. Whittley, on behalf of the brethren of the Three Towns, W. Bro. Wh. Derry, who presided on the occasion, remarked that, unfortunately for them, by the removal of Bro. Whittley to London they had suffered a great loss. During his residence among them he had been a very active Mason, and had done much to widen the borders of Masonry. He had gone through the various offices in Lodge Harmony with the greatest credit to himself and beneft to the lodge. He promoted the institution of the Lodge St. Maurice, 1855, at Plympton, and officiated as its first Master. He had promoted the institution of the Lodge Prudence, 1550, in Plymouth. He had occupied the office of P.G.S.W. to the satisfaction of all the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and gained the warm esteem of the P.G.M., Lord Ebrington, who would have been present that evening but that his Parliamentary duties prevented. Bro. Whittley had been heart and soul in the Masonic educational movements in the province. He had been a member of the Committee for the Relief of the Deserving Poor, and through his exertions much good had been done by that body. He had never allowed a case which had been submitted to him to pass by without careful inquiry and judicious treatment. On the 23rd of last month, through his exertions in London, the Board of Renevolence had been induced to make the somewhat unusually large grant of £ 100 towards the relief of a worthy brother of the province who, through illness, had become distressed. The town had, through the Mayor, presented a testimonial to Bro. Whittley for his exertions on the Committee of the Mendicity Society of the town, and as a mark of the general high esteem in which he was held by his late fellow townsmen. Masons felt they could but follow that excellent example, and as a mark of their recognition of his services to the Order and their esteem, he (Bro. Derry) was deputed to present him with that handsome watch. He hoped Bro. Whi would have before him a pleasing remembrance of his absent brethren in Devon.

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Bro. Gover also bore testimony to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Whittley in the province. Not only had he been active in that lodge, but throughout the lodges of the Three Towns.

W. Bro. Whittley, with much feeling, expressed his warm appreciation of the kindness shown him by the brethren. He should never forget it. He should always continue a member of Harmony Lodge, and ever bear in mind his pleasing connection with Devon, and be ready at any time to give what services he could for the benefit of the province.—Western Morning News, Jan. 16th.

Obituary.

BRO. MAJOR GENERAL SIR PETER SCRATCHLEY. The above distinguished officer died suddenly at sea, on the northern coast of Queensland, on the 2nd December last. He was seized with malarial fever whilst cruising off the coast of British New Guinea a week previously, and the case was considered so serious that the medical officer advised an immediate return southwards to Australia. Major General Scratchley was in 1884 appointed her Majesty's High Commissioner for the British Protectorate of New Guinea, and was at the time of his death perform-Major General Scratchley was in 1884 appointed her Majesty's High Commissioner for the British Protectorate of New Guinea, and was at the time of his death performing the duties of his office. Sir Peter was the youngest son of the late Dr. Scratchley, of the Royal Engineers. He served in the Crimea, and throughout the Indian Mutiny, accompanying an assault party in the final siege and capture of Lucknow. In the year 1860 the Victorian (Australia) Government applied home for an officer of Engineers to superintend the erection of defences, and General (then Captain) Scratchley was selected for the post. He entered with much zest into the volunteer movement of the colony, and received the honorary appointment of Lieut.-Col. of the Volunteer Engineers. It was during this period that our departed brother became a member of the Masonic Fraternity, he being initiated in the Meridian Lodge of St. John, 729 (E.C.), Melbourne. In 1864 he returned to England, and as a recognition of his Indian services was promoted to the rank of Major. After holding several important positions under the War Office, he was commissioned to advise the Agent-General of Victoria in the purchase of arms and munitions of war. In 1874 he became Lieut.-Col., and the following year accompanied Sir Wm. Jervois on an official mission to Australia. Subsequently Col. Scratchley retired from active service with the rank of Major-Gen. Asstated, Gen. Scratchley again went to Australia as High Commissioner of New Guinea, and was created K.C.M.G. by her Majesty in May last.

The remains of our distinguised brother were landed in Melbourne, where Lady Scratchley resides, on the 15th of December, and two days later the interment was conducted with full military honours in the St. Kilda cemetery. In the cortége were two battalions of the Victorian Militia and a battery of field artillery, whilst Sir H. B. Loch, Governor of the colony, was present, together with military representatives from Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, Knights a

Bro, Sir Charles Warren was presented, on 15tli inst. meeting of Cape Merchants with a handsome testimonial in recognition of his recent services in Bechuanaland. Our distinguished brother has since been promoted by the Queen, for the same services, to be Major-General in Egypt with the command of the forces at Suakin.

Owing to her recent indisposition the Princess of Owing to her recent indisposition the Princess of Wales was unable to accompany his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on his visit to Eaton Hall, or to be present with him at the opening of the Mersey Tunnel. The Prince too, in consequence of the Queen opening Parliament in person, was under the necessity of breaking his visit by returning to town immediately after the ceremony. But his Royal Highness was to return to Eaton Hall to-day (Friday), and prolong his visit till Monday next, instead of terminating it as originally intended to-morrow (Saturday).



Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.S.W., and Lady Balfour arrived at Bailey's Hotel, South Kensington,

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the usual weekly meeting, on Friday, the 15th inst., of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Prince George of Wales has been gazetted lieutenant on board H.M.S. Thunderer, one of the ships in our Mediterranean Squadron.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, who was staying with the Marquis of Exeter at Burghley House for some days last week, brought his visit to a conclusion on Saturday

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the Mansion House on Saturday last, at a conference on the subject of recreative and practical evening classes in School Board and other schools.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, arrived in town from Baron's Court, Co. Tyrone, at the close of last week, in order to be present at the meeting of Parliament.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington visited Bro. Earl Granville, at his residence in Carlton House-terrace, on Saturday last, and after their interview the latter called and had a long conversation with Mr. Gladstone.

Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, have resigned their respective offices, but hold them till their successors have been appointed.

The installation festival of the Windrush Lodge No. 1703, Witney, Oxford, was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., when Bro. S. C. Wakefield, P.G.S., was installed as W.M. by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Payne, P.G.C. Oxon.

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At the Convocation of York, which will meet tomorrow (Saturday), under the presidency of the Archbishop
of York, Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D.,
Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain of England, will be
proposed as prolocutor.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., the first
annual meeting of the Tristram Lodge, No. 346, was held,
when Bro. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., the Prov. G. Supt. of
Royal Arch Masons of Northumberland, was installed
as W.M. in succession to Bro. John Strachan, Barrister-atLaw.

We are asked to state that the ceremony of (S.C.), and P.M. 902, at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, held at Bro. T. Meekham's, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Highbury, on Friday, the 29th inst. Lodge opens at 8 o'clock; brethren are fraternally invited. Bro. Charles Du Val has reached India, and

made his first appearance there at the Gaiety Theatre, Bombay, with unqualified success. The Indian journals are unanimous in their favourable criticisms on Bro. Du Val's monologue. He appears for a season at the Theatre Royal, Calcutta, after Bombay, and will probably visit China and Japan.

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A new Mark lodge, the Wouldhave, No. 362, is to be consecrated at South Shields, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., the R.W. Prov. G.M. This will make the sixth lodge created since the learned doctor succeeded to the chair previously filled by Earl Percy, P.G.M.M., and raises the number of lodges in the province to eleven. The lodge is named after the inventor of the life boat, who was a South Shields man, and the first W.M. is Bro. T. G. Mabane, the retiring Mayor of the Borough, supported by excellent Masons as Wardens in Bros. T. M. Coulson and G. Robson.

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A complimentary dinner was given on Twelfth Night at the Royal Hotel, Derby, to our genial and talented Bro. Edward Terry. Mr. T. Roe, M.P., the representative of Derby in the new House of Commons, occupied the chair, and teere was a numerous and agreeable company gathered together to do honour to this highly popular actor. Everything was done to give éclat to the occasion, and Bro. Terry will long retain in his memory this evidence of the welcome extended to him by his many friends and admirers in this Midland town.

Freemasons generally throughout the Kingdom -and their name is legion-will thank the compilers of the Cosmopolitan Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book, which has now seen its sixteenth year, for one of the best and most comprehensive books of reference ever published. It contains lists of lodges, with dates (ancient and modern), chapters, K.T. Preceptories, Conclaves, Colleges, and Grand Councils, together with the names of officers all over the world, and other matter useful to a Freemason. Published by George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.—British and Colonial Printer and Stationer.

Bro. Augustus Harris was at Home on Sunday Bro. Augustus Harris was at Home on Sunday night last to a numerous and representative gathering, amongst whom were Bros. Alderman Isaacs, A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Harry Walsham, Arthur Roberts, the Solicitor-General, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P.; T. H. Bolton, M.P.; Lieut.-Col. Hughes Hallett, M.P.; Lieutenant Henry Wright, W.M. 1827; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; Henry Neville, Lionel Brough, Charles Warner, and H. C. Richards. Messrs. G. Grossmith, Herbert Standing, Odell, E. Ledger, Marius, J. Fernandez, H. Pettitt, and Sir George Armitage.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will hold a levée in Dublin Castle on Monday next, the 25th inst., and a Drawing Room on Tuesday evening.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland entertained a numerous and distinguished party of guests at their seat Aske Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire, during last week.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P., had a long consultation with Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., at the Treasury on Saturday last, after the Cabinet

Bro. Henry Irving has very kindly consented to preside at the annual dinner, to be held in the spring, in aid of the Benevolent Branch of the Dramatic and Musical ick Fund.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., addressed a meeting at the Skating Rink, Croydon, on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., in support of the candidature of Mr. Sydney Buxton.

Bro. Earl and Countess of Granville, and Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., were among the guests at the dinner party given by Sir William and Lady Vernon Harcourt, on Thursday, the 1.4th inst.

A dispensation to wear Craft and Mark clothing at the forthcoming ball of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, has been obtained. The ball takes place on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

The Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, Grimsby, held their annual ball in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, 13th inst., it being largely attended by the Craft and their friends. About 150 assembled, and dancing commenced at

Mr. George Kenning, of Great Queen-street, again issues the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1886," a comprehensive work of reference which has reached its sixteenth year of publication.

—Daily Chronicle.

The installation of Bro. Cowper as W.M. of the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848, took place at the Masonic Hall, Middlesbro', on Wednesday, the 13th inst. After the appointment of officers for the ensuing year, the annual banquet was held at the house of Bro. Carter, Corporation Hotel.

A desire was shown by the brethren of the Province of Cheshire, to mark the occasion of the Prince of Wales's visit this week to Eaton Hall, to present the M.W.G.M. with an address of welcome and congratulation, but his Royal Highness felt obliged to decline it, as his visit was of a private harrotter. was of a private character.

At the last ordinary meeting of the St. Bar-At the last ordinary meeting of the St. Bartholomew Lodge, No. 6,96, held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Anchor Inn, Wednesbury, the W.M., Bro. E. T. Collins, on behalf of the officers and members, presented Bro. Richard Williams with a very handsome illuminated address in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to the lodge as Treasurer during the long period of twe nty-nine years.

The installation meeting of the Friendship Lodge, No. 206, was held with great eclat on Thursday last, when Bro. Wm. Gowland was installed W.M. Bro. J. L. Anderson, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year, and was invested with the collar of Treasurer of the ledge. A report will appear in our part issue. the lodge. A report will appear in our next issue.

The members of the Southwell Lodge, No. 1405, Nottingham, gave a ball at the Masonic Hall, Goldsmithstreet, on Thursday, the 14th inst. Among the Patrons being R.W. Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Notts; Bro. John Watson, J.P., G.S.D., D.P.G.M.; and Bro. E. Griffiths, the W.M. of the Lodge. The usual dispensation was granted for the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing. Everything passed of favourably.

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Bro. General Lord Wolseley was present at the memorial service held in Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, on Saturday last, when a marble tablet to the late Bro. Col. Burnaby, of the Royal Horse Guards, and the non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment who fell in the Egyptian Campaigns of 1882 and 1884-5, was formally inspected, but without any ceremony. The day was chosen as being the first anniversary of the death of Bro. Col. Burnaby, who was slain at the battle of Abu Klea, on 17th lanuary, 1885.

Among the numerous guests at the dinner given Among the numerous guests at the dinner given by the Patten Makers' Company, at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 14th inst., were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B.; Admiral Sir W. Hewett, K.C.B.; Major-General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.; Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.; Coloned Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Col. Howard Vincent, C.B., M.P.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; and others. Bro. Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., Master of the Company, occupied the chair.

Bro. the Earl of Airlie and the Lady Mabel Gore, eldest daughter of Bro. the Earl of Arran, were married at St. George's, Hanover-square, on Tuesday. Among those present at the ceremony being the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor of Wales; Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper; Bro. General Lord and Lady Wolseley; Bro. the Earl of Clonmell; Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville; Bro. the Earl and Countess of Galloway; and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey. The bride, who was attended by nine bridesmaids, was given away by her father, Bro. the Earl of Arran.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills,—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat aliments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phelgm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and back. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate case, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrons forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.—[Anvv.] Bro. the Earl of Airlie and the Lady Mabel

MORTGAGES.—Messes. James are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—(Anner 1)

Bro. Major-Gen, Sir Chas. Warren, G.C.M.G., will leave England to take up his new command at Suakim this day (Friday).

Jackson, M.P., has accepted the office of Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and has appointed Mr. S. E. Spring-Rice his private secretary.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 14th inst., by the Committee of the British and Colonial Emigration Society.

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At the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, on Tuesday last, Bro. Millner Jutsum, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. J. M. Knight, S.W., P.M. 1805, kindly giving way in order that his friend Bro. Jutsum should obtain the position of W.M. of the Eastern Star Lodge. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

The St. John's Lodge, No. 328, and the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, both of Torquay, have resolved on holding a ball early in the couse of next month in aid of the Masonic Charities.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and, E.

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Bro. E. Burfield was installed W.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 567, Warwick, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., and afterwards presided at the customary banquet at the Woolpack Hotel.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided at the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Alliance Bank (Limited), held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday.

The Hastings St. Leonards, and District

The Hastings, St. Leonards, and District Masonic Ball took place on Wednesday, at the Warrior Square Concert Rooms, and proved a great success. A report will be given in our next.

The Lady Mayoress, with sundry members of her family, paid a visit on Thursday, the 14th inst., to the Chancery-lane Safe Deposit, of which Bro. Sheriff Clarke, who received her ladyship and party, is the owner.

Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., and Colonel King-Harman, M.P., addressed political meetings on Saturday last, the former in the Public Hall, Croydon, in support of the candidature of the Hon. Sidney Herbert, and the latter at Birchington-on-Sea, when his return for the Thanet Division of Kent was celebrated.

Bro. H. Carruthers, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. of the Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, Cockermouth, on Thursday, the 7th inst., the ceremony being very ably carried out by Bro. George Dalrymple, P.P.G. J.W. The officers were afterwards appointed and the usual banquet followed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the The Fitteen Sections will be worked in the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, held at the Alfred Hotel, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., on Wednesday, the 27th inst., by the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732. Bros. J. Hemming, J.D. 1287, W.M.; D. T. Davies, 72, S.W.; J. Thom, 957, J.W.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, P.Z. 1056, 1507, Preceptor; F. Silvester, S.W. 193, Treasurer; G. Treadwell, 1076, Hon. Secretary. Lodge opens at 7.30 p.m.

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The following dinners took place at the Free-The following dinners took place at the Free-masons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 23rd inst. Monday—Grand Masters Lodge; Royal Albert Lodge; Mr. Amber's Dinner. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge; Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Noviomagians; Grand Stewards Lodge; Oak Lodge; Metropolitan Dairymen's Ball. Thursday—Universal Lodge; Great Northern Lodge; St. Mary's Lodge; Globe Lodge. Friday—London, Ross, and Cromarty Ball; Jerusalem Lodge; Emulation Lodge; Peace and Harmony Lodge; Urban Lodge. Saturday—St. James's Soirée; Bachelors' Quadrille Party.

The installation meeting of the Indefatigable The installation meeting of the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237, Swansea, was held on Monday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Henry Taylor was installed W.M., and appointed as his officers for the year, Bros. F. Bradford, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; H. Simons, P.M., S.W.; T. W. Jones, J.W.; W. Morgan, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. Williams, Sec.; H. R. Lee, S.D.; J. Howell, J.D.; W. G. Nicholls, I.G.; D. McCrim, D.C.; T. H. Morgan, A.D.C.; W. B. Broad, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; E. G. H. Prothero and W. Evans, Stwds.; and G. Bullerwell, Tyler. A handsome P.M's. jewel was presented in the course of the proceedings to Bro. Bradford, I.P.M., and the brethren banqueted together at the Castle Hotel.

On Thursday, the Lith inst., a handsome testi-

On Thursday, the 1.4th inst., a handsome testimonial consisting of a clock and side ornaments was presented to Bro. A. D. Hesketh, P.M., Treasurer of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, Liverpool, in recognition of his great services to the lodge, and to commemorate the 12th anniversary of his having been raised to the Degree of M.M. The presentation was made by Bro. J. H. Tyson, I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, there being a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. T. Wright, W.M.; G. B. Kirklands, S.W.; J. Pittaway, J.W.; A. Barsley, P.M.; T. Davies, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Galloway, Scc.; J. Edwards, S.D.; W. Rawsthorne, J.D.; A. Morris, I.G.; and several brethren from other lodges. The evening passed very enjoyably.

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Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
,, 1079, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Red Cross 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.
4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St.

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28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Tav., Greenwich.

183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.

1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-gate.

1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

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1628, Steuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Godolphin-rd.

Chap. 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

183, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall.

Mark 4, Prince of Wales, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

Red Cross 2, Plantaganet, 68, Regent-st.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.

92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.

186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.

205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.

158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.

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1348, Ebury, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.

1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

1365, Clapton, St. Botolph-chambers, Bishopsgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.

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Lodge 2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.

, 212, Euphrates, M. H., Masons'-avenue.

, 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.

, 593, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

, 1017, Montefiore, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.

, 1050, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

, 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

, 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

, 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

, 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st.

, 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M. H., William-st., Woolwich.

, 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

Mark 176, Era, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Dukeof Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Fortland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8
Temperance in the East, Geo.the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.3c.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot.. London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
West Smithfield, Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-st., at 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

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34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
56, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
59, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
707, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot., Londo Bridge. 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot. 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford. 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford. 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey, M.H., Camberwell. 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park. 1974, St. Mary Abbotts, Town Hall, Kensington. 5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall. 538, Vane, Freemasons' Hall. Croix 97, Rose and Lily. 33. Golden-sq.

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Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7. City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6. Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8. Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush. W. at 8.

Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldnawkiu, Sunday, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldnawkiu, Sunday, St. John's-gate, Clerken-Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-bouse at 7.

Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford., 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., 5.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon

road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
well. at 6.

well, at 9.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd. 7.30
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd.,
Canonburv. at 8.

Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29. K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

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Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnaryon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., at 6.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

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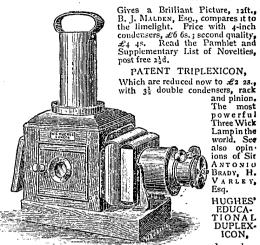
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