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THE chief business to be transacted at the Convocation on Wednesday next of Supreme Grand Chapter will be the work sometime since begun, of revising the Royal Arch Regulations. We have received a copy of the Report of the Revising Committee and from this it appears that of the numerous amendments suggested by different companions, a small number have been accepted and will be recommended for adoption by Grand Chapter, while the majority have been rejected. It is not necessary we should specify the two classes of amendments, those which have found and those which have not found favour with the Committee of Experts. They are appended to the Report, and those interested in the success of their suggestions will, if privileged to attend, have the opportunity on Wednesday next, either of expressing satisfaction at their having been adopted or of setting forth good and sufficient reasons why Grand Chapter should override the decisions of its Committee. For our own part, it appears to us that the amendments which have not been adopted would neither have strengthened nor improved the Regulations for the government of our Royal Arch Chapters, and that Grand Chapter will be no more than fulfilling its duty if it determines on abiding by the resolutions of its Committee.

THE meeting at Wood Green on Friday last of the House Committee of the Boys' School was of an exceptional character. It was not a numerous one—under the circumstances, perhaps, not so numerous as might have been wished or expected, nor, as regards the festive part of the proceedings, was there any thought of attempting more than to extend a hearty, hospitable welcome to those who had accepted the Committee's invitation to be present. The main feature in the programme was the admission of the boys elected in October last, and the inspection of the New Preparatory School, and it will probably be considered an additional feather in the cap of the Executive, that it should have resolved on inaugurating with so slight a display of ceremony what is virtually a new epoch in the history of the Institution. Thirty years ago there was no School-building whatever, the boys being distributed among private schools in London and the provinces. Last year there was accommodation under one roof for 215 boys, and now there is an Upper School of 200 and a Junior Preparatory School of 30, to be increased, if need be and the funds permit, to 100 boys. But if there was very little formality about the proceedings, there was an abundance of well-merited praise bestowed on the Committee for the businesslike way in which they had seen to the enlargement of the Institution. It was soon apparent that everything in the way of building, furnishing, and appointing the new premises had been done solidly and substantially, with a proper regard to economy, but at the same time in a manner to secure the health and comfort of the inmates. The new boys and the friends who brought them must have been pleased with the arrangements made for their young charges, the Committee's guests were delighted, and the Committee itself must have felt that the handsome praise bestowed on this work was an ample reward for the cares and responsibilities they had undertaken. More than this need not be said on this occasion, but at an early date we propose to lay before our readers a description of the new premises, so that those among them who were unable to be present may have an opportunity of learning something as to the interior arrangements of the Preparatory branch of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE event of the week has undoubtedly been the constitution of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, the installation of Bro. Lord LONDESBOROUGH, Past Grand Senior Warden of England, as its first Worshipful Master, and the investiture by the latter of Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS as Senior Warden; Bro. Sir JOHN GORST, Q.C., M.P., her MAJESTY'S Solicitor-General, as Junior Warden; and the other officers. The ceremony was held at Freemasons' Hall in the presence of what may legitimately be described as a numerous and brilliant gathering of the Craft, such as it has not often been our privilege to attend. Not only—as will be seen from our report—was Grand Lodge very strongly represented by a number of Past Grand

Wardens, Deacons, Chaplains, and other of its members; not only did the provinces make a goodly appearance in the persons of sundry Provincial Grand Masters; but English and Colonial Masonry, and almost every section of the Craft and every profession and calling were fortunate in having one or more brethren as representatives. The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces, the Consular, and Home Civil Services, law, physic, and divinity, literature, science and art, music, and the drama; journalism and its belongings; all and every of these were in great force, so that it would be difficult to imagine a meeting of a more varied character as to its constituent parts, and yet so thoroughly one in tone and spirit. It was a solidly grand night—the consecration of this new lodge—such as perhaps could not have been presented Masonically in any other country, and we must take leave to congratulate the Master and his Wardens, on the success which attended their inaugural meeting.

WE have much pleasure in informing our readers that Bro. HUGHAN has completed his examination and transcript of the latest MS. discovered, and now known as the "Probity MS." It appears that the copy is similar to the old "Lansdowne MS.," in the British Museum, of the sixteenth century, and the "Antiquity MS.," owned by the celebrated Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, London, both of which are given, *verbatim et literatim*, in Bro. Hughan's "Old Charges of the British Freemasons," 1872. We anticipate the satisfaction of transferring the whole of the "Probity MS." to our columns ere long, and meanwhile direct the attention of students to Bro. HUGHAN'S interesting communication in this week's *Freemason*.

THE discovery of another MS. of the "Old Charges," and also of several copies of engraved lists of lodges, during the last few months, proves that there is yet much to be done in conducting careful examinations of the archives of old lodges. Will not the Secretaries of the old lodges—especially in the North of England—have a thorough overhaul of their treasures, and report the result in the *Freemason*, for the information of the many interested? We are persuaded that there must be copies about, somewhere or other, of printed lists of the "Atholl" Lodges of the last century, though none have yet been traced, and surely some of the ancient lodges have old engraved lists, by PINE or COLE, which as yet have escaped observation, and which, if made known, would add considerably to our stock of facts. We fraternally invite the co-operation of zealous brethren to make 1886 memorable as a year of Masonic discoveries.

THOUGH not an unusual, it is certainly a mournful, circumstance that, as the closing days of the Old Year witnessed the death of one of the leading members of our English Craft—Bro. the Rev. C. RAIKES DAVY, Past Grand Chaplain of England—so the New Year has hardly had time to settle itself into working form ere the news reaches us of yet another loss among our magnates—R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. BURRELL, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. Sir WALTER was one of the kindest of men, one whom to know was to love and respect. His whole life seems to have been devoted to seeing how best he could promote the well-being of his neighbours. In whatever capacity we regard him, whether as magistrate or Member of Parliament, as private gentleman or landed proprietor, we find him equally esteemed by his county; while it is no exaggeration to say that not one of our English Masonic Provinces can ever have had a more genial or beneficent ruler than him whose loss the whole body of our Sussex brethren are now so sincerely lamenting. However, it must be some consolation to them to remember that about the last important Masonic function in which our late distinguished brother took the leading part was a work of benevolence—the Anniversary Festival in May of last year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, while it must be still more gratifying to them to call to mind that on that, as on all other occasions, their late revered chief received the loyal and generous support of every one of the lodges in the province. To the family of our late brother, and to the Masons of Sussex, we beg to offer the tribute of our respectful sympathy.

IT will be seen from our advertisement columns that the annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which heretofore has been held in the month of November, will take place on the 26th February next, and that R.W. Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD, G.S. Warden of England, has kindly undertaken to preside. There will be afforded, as usual, an illustration of the manner in which the work is done in this famous School of Masonic Instruction and several well-known Emulation Experts will figure in this part of the proceedings. The banquet will follow and from

the strength of the Committee and the known managerial ability of Bro. SPAULL, Hon. Secretary of the Lodge, we have no doubt the Festival will prove as great a success as it has done in past years.

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It is always dangerous to accept statements without having the means at hand or the opportunity of verifying them. Our worthy contemporary the Philadelphia *Keystone*, which is ordinarily one of the most careful of Masonic journals, has recently furnished an instance of the awkwardness of adopting in this offhand fashion statements which have been made by other people. Among the "Masonic Editorial Notes" in its issue of the 12th December we chanced upon what was supposed to have been derived from "An old minute-book of the Witham Lodge at Lincoln, England, under date of January 2nd, 1732," relative to the initiation of a "musical brother" for the sum of £3 13s. 6d., there and then subscribed by different members of the lodge "towards the charges for his admission," the reason assigned for the adoption of this course being that the "musical brother" in question "might be useful and entertaining to the society." This story is derived from the late Bro. Dr. OLIVER'S "brief history of the Witham Lodge, No. 374"—now No. 297—Lincoln, which unfortunately for the authenticity of the anecdote was not founded till the year 1793. Of course, those brethren who have any acquaintance with Masonic literature are well aware that Dr. OLIVER, though he rendered important services to Freemasonry by his writings, was a great enthusiast, who was not over-particular in his acceptance of a neat little story, if only it happened to fit in conveniently with the purpose of the moment. Thus, when busy in preparing his history of the Witham Lodge he appears to have come upon an old lodge minute-book in its possession in the records of which he discovered the incident of the "musical brother" above referred to and others equally interesting. He does not seem to have been at the trouble of satisfying himself as to its authenticity as regards the Witham Lodge. It was enough for him that the lodge owned the minute-book and that the minute-book contained the record. Unfortunately, however, for Dr. OLIVER'S accuracy of statement there was an interval of three and thirty years between the erasure from the roll of Grand Lodge of the only lodge in Lincoln, in which the "musical brother," as aforesaid, could have been proposed for initiation and the constitution of the Witham Lodge in 1793. There was a lodge constituted on 7th September, 1730, as No. 73, at the Saracen's Head in Lincoln, which in 1730 was renumbered No. 63, and in 1756, No. 38, but which was erased—see Appendix to the "Four old lodges"—on 17th November, 1760. This was the only lodge in existence in Lincoln at the time of the occurrence,—which, by the way is "under date" *October 8th, 1734*, not "*January 2nd, 1732*"—while the Witham Lodge was constituted as No. 530, at the Reindeer Inn, Lincoln, in 1793, and—see HUGHAN'S "Masonic Register"—became No. 557, after the union in 1813; No. 374 in 1832, and No. 297 (its present number) in 1863. Thus the pretty little incident quoted by our worthy Philadelphia contemporary from somewhere—very possibly from Dr. OLIVER'S history of the Witham Lodge—though we have no wish to cast any doubt on its occurrence in a lodge at Lincoln, could not have occurred in the lodge—Witham, No. 297—to which it was so inconsiderately ascribed by the late Bro. Dr. OLIVER.

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In the November number of the *Canadian Craftsman* appears a letter signed "P.M.," on the irrepressible Quebec difficulty. The writer is very indignant; the edict issued by the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the course of last year, has turned out to be practically void and of none effect as regards the members of our Anglo-Montreal lodges, which it was the purpose of such edict to crush out of existence. "One thing," says the writer of this letter, "appears pretty certain, that as far as the English lodges are concerned, we are no nearer the solution of our problem of supremacy than we were when our chicken-hearted edict was authorised to be issued." This is just what might have been expected. The brethren of these lodges go on "making, passing, and raising, just as though nothing of the kind had ever been done; treating the proceeding as a good joke, and laughing at the simpletons who perpetrated it." We are not surprised at our worthy "P.M.'s" discovery, and as he appears to be too angry to have retained a proper amount of control over his common sense, we take the liberty of suggesting that, if he has any influence with the Executive officers of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, he should employ it in the interests of Peace. The one edict which has been issued by that body having had the effect of raising a laugh at its expense, it might, perhaps, be as well to abstain from any repetition of the experiment, lest a greater amount of ridicule should be the result. "P.M." does not define the step he would like the Grand Lodge of Quebec to take, but he hints at its raising a general opposition on the part of the Grand Lodges which have acknowledged its supremacy to the Grand Lodge of England. In other words, we presume that he would have all the Grand Lodges, which are on terms of friendly intercourse with Quebec, issue edicts of non-intercourse with England. This is certainly a nice way of illustrating the beauty of fraternal love. Our advice happens to be exactly the reverse of "P.M.'s." We think it likely that Quebec, if it pursues its present policy any further, will only succeed in making itself still more ridiculous. We would suggest, therefore, that it should cancel its edict of non-intercourse with the Anglo-Montreal lodges, and as far as possible restore what, in the language of diplomacy is called, the *status quo ante*.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday next:—

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st October, 1885, to the 19th January, 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£ 102	1	11	By Disbursements during the		
Unappropriated				Quarter	£ 402	19
Account	188	8	10	Balance	43	5
Subsequent Receipts	349	16	6	Unappropriated		
				Account	185	2
	£ 631	7	3		£ 631	7

Which balances are in the Bank of England (Western Branch).

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

1st. From Comps. Abel Penfold, as Z.; Robert James Warren, as H.; John Aillud, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, North Woolwich, to be called the Henley Chapter, and to meet at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, in the county of Kent.

2nd. From Comps. Nathaniel Merridew, as Z.; Herbert Stanley, as H.; Frederic La Coque Thorne, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Guy's Lodge, No. 395, Leamington, to be called the Guy's Chapter, and to meet at the Crown Hotel, Leamington, in the county of Warwick.

3rd. From Comps. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, as Z.; Joseph Francis Hills, as H.; Frederick Wheeler, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, to be called the Martyn Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Sudbury, in the county of Suffolk.

4th. From Comps. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, as Z.; Alderman Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., as H.; Alderman Sir Robert Nicholas Fowler, Bart., M.P., as J.; and nineteen others for a chapter to be attached to the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, London, to be called the Grand Master's Chapter, and to meet at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, London.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Minerva Chapter, No. 250, Hull, praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882. This memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, P.G.A. Soj., President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

20th January, 1886.

To receive and consider the report of the Committee on the revision of the Royal Arch Regulations—with amendments received since the Quarterly Convocation.

CONSECRATION OF THE DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

On Monday last this lodge was consecrated by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, in the presence of a large, distinguished, and representative assembly of Masons at Freemasons' Hall. The lodge will in future meet at Drury Lane Theatre in a saloon specially fitted for its use. The Grand Secretary was assisted in the ceremony by Bro. T. Fenn, Pres. of the Bd. of Gen. Purp., as S.W.; Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., as Chap.; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Dir. of Cers.; and Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

The founders of the lodge (most of whom were present) were Bros. Lord Londesborough, P.M., P.G.S.W.; Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor General; Augustus Harris; Henry Neville, P.M.; A. M. Broadley, P.M., P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Charles Warner; Thomas Thorne, P.M.; Henry Pettitt, R. C. Woodville, Lieut.-Col. Herbert H. Kitchener, J. S. Fleming, Admiral Sir Edward A. Inglefield, C.B., and J. H. Clynds.

In addition to the founders there were present

Bros. Gen. Laurie, G.M. of Nova Scotia; Lord Suffield, P.G.D., P.G.M. of Norfolk; Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.M. of Surrey; The Earl of Onslow, P.G.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purp.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. C. Parkinson, P. Grand Deacon, P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Capt. N. Phillips, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Frederic Davison, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. L. Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Bearer; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Organist; Edwin M. Lott, G. Org.; Dr. R. Turtle Piggott, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman John Staples, W.M. 2020; Rt. Hon. W. T. Marriott, M.P., P.G.S.; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; R. Eve, P.P.G. Senior Warden Hants and I. of W.; Charles Martin, P.G.S.; Edward Baxter, P.G.S.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks; John Marsham, P.P.G.P. West Yorkshire; Charles Stephens, P.G.T. Berks and Bucks; Gen. Sir Seymour Blane, 349; W. B. Williams, P.P.G.J.W. Worcester; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; H. Hacker, P.P.G.J.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Henniker Heaton, M.P. (S.C.); Dr. Morrel Mackenzie, 28; Major A. G. Dickson, M.P. 1150; J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. 82; Col. Hughes Hallett, M.P., 255; T. H. Bolton, M.P. 704; Lord Alfred Paget, 33; Lionel Brough, 1319; Consul-General Waller (America); G. Smith (America); Percy Wallis, P.P.G.D.C. Derbyshire; Humphrey Wood, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Geo. Gumbleton, P.P.G.W. Oxford; J. L. Mather, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; J. F. Funnell, W.M. 20; E. M. Money, W.M. 28; H. Wright, W.M. 1827; Chas. Wyndham, 36 (S.C.); Dr. Robson Rose, 63; Dr. A. C. Cooper, P.G.S.; Dr. W. H. Russell, St. John and St. Paul, 349, Malta; Herbert E. Story, 667; C. J. Phipps, P.G.S. of W. Somerset; Charles Dickens, P.M. 969; Chas. Coote, 1319; Capt. H. V. Pirie, 1118; A. Barfield, 1681; W. A. Hart, 771; Joseph Fernandez, 790; J. Ramsday, P.M. 162; Rev. R. Morris, Chap. 1185; R. J. T. Hopkins, P.M. 87; K. R. Murchinson, P.M. 1383; Archibald MacNeill, 1928; Frederick Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; V. Brown, 1174; H. Chapman, 293; T. Burnside, 1928; W. J. Fisher, 1928; Alfred Gibbons, 902; J. Somers Vine, 87; Charles Williams, 1928; W. Sexton, 1321; J. M. Le Sage, 766; J. Hodges, P.M. 1706; James Willing, sen., James Willing, jun., P.M. 1937; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; W. T. Madge, S.W. 1987; E. J. Bell, 1319; Robert Berridge, P.M. 21; C. F. Matier, P.M. 1910, P.G.W. Greece; Herbert Standing, 1670; Sheriff Thomas Clarke, 1827; John Maclean, 1319; Major H. Josephs, 96; J. W. Lacon, 1196; J. Sawyer, S.W. 985; A. Levy, 186; H. C. Richards, 1827; F. Spiers, No. 1; James Terry, P.M. 228, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; Charles A. Tagart, J.W. 2; Jas. Moon, P.M. 49; C. T. Burchell, 205; Lennox Browne, 969; D. de Pinna; W. Lumley, 4; Rowland Plumbe, 46; Arthur Roberts; W. Coates; T. Lawler; T. Lawler, jun.; S. Young; C. Basil Cooke, 1928; and many others.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. designate of Ireland; Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. of Scotland; Sir A. C. Campbell, G.M. of Scotland; Viscount Wolsley, Earl of Limerick, W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; Lord Robartes, Earl of Jersey, Marquis of Hertford, Sir Albert Woods, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and many others, most of their letters conveying "Hearty good wishes" for the prosperity of the new lodge.

The music used during the consecration ceremony was (under the direction of Bro. W. Ganz, P.G. Organist) most effectively rendered by Bros. J. Hodges, W. Sexton (altos), G. T. Carter, W. Coates, R. R. Johnson (tenors), and T. Lawler, sen.; T. Lawler, jun., E. J. Bell (basses).

The lodge having been formally opened, the brethren saluted the M.W. Bro. Gen. Laurie as Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

After the hymn "Hail Eternal, by whose aid" was sung,

The GRAND SECRETARY, addressing the brethren, said: We are met here to-day on a very important and interesting occasion, and one which I am sure that will be fully appreciated by all who have the welfare of Masonry at heart. We are assembled to carry out the mandate of the M.W. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, and to form and constitute a new lodge, which will add one more to the magnificent roll of lodges under the Grand Lodge of England—the mother Grand Lodge of the world. We have at present nearly 350 lodges in London, and it is generally considered undesirable to add to that number unless there is good reason to do so. In the present case so strong and powerful a petition was sent in that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master felt himself justified in acceding to its request. This lodge is, as I understand it, to be a Masonic place of union for brethren in London who are connected with or interested in literature and the drama, and it is named the Drury Lane Lodge after our great national theatre, within the precincts of which it will in future hold its meetings. Many of the founders are not only distinguished in theatrical circles, but also in the Masonic world, and they have done very wisely in choosing as the first Worshipful Master my R.W. Bro. Lord Londesborough, who for 30 years has been a Mason, and 25 of those years has been a Past Grand Senior Warden of England. Under the sway of Lord Londesborough I believe the Drury Lane Lodge will have a future before it of unqualified success and prosperity, and I am sure we all unite in wishing it all success.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, as Chaplain, subsequently delivered the following oration on the nature and principles of the Institution—

V.W. Sir and Brethren—It has always seemed to me a rather grandiloquent phrase to designate by the name of "an oration" the few remarks which a Chaplain is asked to address to his brethren on occasions like the present. Still, as such has always been the word which has been used, it is not for me to find fault with it, but rather to crave your indulgence for myself, since I fear you will find little worthy of so pretentious a name in what I am now about to say to you. But first let me congratulate you, one and all, upon the happy and auspicious occasion which has brought us together. We are assembled here to-day to consecrate the Drury Lane Lodge, a lodge which, if I mistake not, is destined to occupy a very leading, though perhaps somewhat peculiar, position in the Craft. Its members will, in all probability, consist of those who have more or less made their mark upon Society, and who are therefore more or less known to thousands besides their immediate brethren in Masonry. And, from the fact that they will more or less belong to the dramatic profession, we are warranted not only in hoping, but in being tolerably certain, not only that the actual ceremonies themselves will be faultlessly and perfectly rendered, but also that there will be a vast amount of that bonhomie and brotherly kindness which is such a distinguishing characteristic of this profession, but also that of an unusual amount of wit and intellectual talent will be exhibited when, the more serious business of the lodge room being finished, they are assembled around what is sometimes termed "the festive board." Yes; and there is another reason for congratulation with regard to the establishment of this particular lodge, and it is this, that we may be sure that amidst all the other distinguishing features which it will possess, that virtue "which may justly be denominated the characteristic of a true Freemason's heart—I mean Charity"—will not only not be neglected, but will be practised in a remarkable degree. Brethren, the kindly, open-handed Charity and liberality of members of the dramatic profession as exercised towards those of their brethren "who, from circumstances of unforeseen calamity and misfortune, have been reduced even to the lowest depths of poverty and distress," are well known, and are widely and deservedly appreciated, and in this respect, if in no other, the connection between the profession and Freemasonry is very real and very apparent. They have their great and noble public charitable funds and institutions for the relief of their needy and aged brethren, and so have we, and most earnestly do I trust "that from the foundations laid this evening, in the consecration and establishment of this Drury Lane Lodge, may be raised a superstructure perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builders," in the flesh, or rather I should say the renewed, impetus which will be given to those glorious principles which are, after all, the crowning point of our profession as men, as artists, as Masons, and as Christians. Very early in our Masonic life the question was addressed to each of us, "What is Freemasonry?" and the answer we gave was, "A peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." Not a bad description surely of what the Stage may be, and is, when properly and judiciously used. "Name the three grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded" were the next words which were addressed to us, a question which elicited the noble and most true reply "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." Brethren, were I preaching a sermon to you I should say, there you have my text; but as I am treating you to an oration, I shall say there is my motto, and the subject matter on which I would gladly extend all the powers of my eloquence and of my oratory, if I were (as, unhappily, I am not) an orator indeed! But, as it is, I cannot surely do better than give you in words far better than any I could use, words which are well known to many of you, and which, those who do not know them, I hope may learn some day, a description, not indeed a thoroughly exhaustive description, but still a very excellent one, of these three grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. First, then, "by the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, and the high, low, rich, and poor, as all created by the same Almighty Parent, and sent into the world for the mutual aid, support, and protection of each other. On this grand principle Freemasonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and thereby cultivates a true and sincere friendship among those who otherwise might have remained perfectly estranged from one another." Secondly, "to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on every man, particularly on us as Freemasons, who ought to be linked together by an indissoluble bond of sincere affection and brotherly love. Hence to soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled and agitated minds is the first object we should have in view, and on this basis we form our connection and establish our friendship as Freemasons." Then, thirdly, "Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every Masonic virtue; to be good men and true is the first lesson we are taught at our initiation. On this grand principle hypocrisy and deceit should be unknown amongst us, and sincerity and plain dealing should be our distinguishing characteristic, while, both with heart and tongue, we join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoice at the prosperity of the Craft." Such, brethren, is a description of the three grand principles upon which Freemasonry is founded, and on which it is based. May they ever be found not only in our heads, but also in our hearts. If used and practised rightly they cannot but make us good Masons and good men, terms which are often declared to be synonymous. By them we can best commend to the outside world the excellence and the reality of our Masonic profession, and by their exercise we shall secure the testimony of a good conscience, the esteem of our fellow men, and, best of all, the approval of our God. Brethren, I thank you for the attention you have accorded to me. May success and prosperity ever attend your lodge, and "may Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, in conjunction with Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice ever actuate your minds and subdue your passions," and may these "three grand principles and these four cardinal virtues" ever be practised by you all, and be "transmitted through your lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation."—"So mote it be!"

The ceremony of consecration was then regularly proceeded with, and, on its completion, Bro. Lord Londesborough was installed as Master.

The W.M. appointed and invested as his officers Bro. H. Neville, I.P.M.; Augustus Harris, S.W.; Sir John Gorst, J.W.; A. M. Broadley, Secretary; Sir Edmund A. Inglefield, S.D.; Henry Pettitt, J.D.; Chas. Warner, I.G. Bro. Fleming, Treasurer of Drury Lane Theatre, who was unanimously elected Treasurer, was also invested. Bro. Goddard was elected and invested as Tyler.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, and moved that they be elected honorary members of the lodge.

The I.P.M. seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The GRAND SECRETARY: Brethren, let me thank you on behalf of myself and those officers who assisted me for the honour you have done us.

We have felt it to be a great honour as well as a great pleasure to be here to-day. We heartily congratulate you on the formation of this lodge, and hope it may have long and continued success.

Bro. BROADLEY: Brethren, we have been favoured to-day with the presence of the Grand Master of a Foreign Lodge, and I think it will be esteemed a great honour to the lodge if he will allow us to elect him an honorary member. I, therefore, propose that M.W. Bro. General Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, be added to our honorary members.

The S.W. seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

THE GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA: Brethren, in acknowledging this vote I have only one regret, that a Colonial Grand Lodge should be styled a "Foreign Grand Lodge," and I would wish that some other word could have been used which would not have implied that we are outside the pale of our common mother country. I do not know what other word could have been used, and I thank you heartily for the high honour you have done me.

The following brethren were proposed as joining members: Bros. Lord Suffield, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. of Norfolk; Thomas Tew, P.G.D., P.G.M. West Yorks; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., Past Pres. Board of Gen. Pur.; Joseph C. Parkinson, P.G.D. of England, P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Major A. G. Dickson, M.P., 1150; James Tynte Agg-Gardner, M.P., 82; Colonel Hughes Hallett, M.P., 255; Dr. Morell-Mackenzie, 28; Thomas Henry Bolton, M.P., 704; Charles Wyndham, 36, Edinburgh (S.C.); Robson Roose, M.D., 63, 840; Col. Robert Douglas, 1615; Alfred Cooper, M.D., P.G. Steward, 259, P.M. 1591; William Howard Russell, D.C.L., St. John and St. Paul Lodge, 349, Malta, Bulwer Lodge, 1068, Cairo; Herbert Edward Story (Herbert Campbell), 667; C. J. Phipps, F.S.A., Architect of Drury Lane Theatre, P.M. 41, Bath, P.G. Supt. of Works Somerset; Charles Dickens, P.M. 969; Lord Alfred Paget, 33; Charles Coote, Professor of Music, 1319; Captain H. V. Pirie, 5th Lancers, 1118; Lionel Brough, 1319; James Fernandez, P.M. 1319; Alfred Gibbons, 96; Thomas Clarke, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, 1827; and Major Hymen Josephs, 3rd M.A.V.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, and sat down to a most recherché banquet.

At the conclusion of the banquet,

The GRAND SECRETARY said he was going to be guilty of an act of insubordination by addressing the brethren without the permission or even the knowledge of the W.M. They were all aware that Lord Londesborough was suffering from a sad accident to his eyes, but his love for Masonry had brought his lordship amongst them to take his place as the first W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge. Now, he (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke) knew that their W.M.'s doctors had told him that he must not only abstain from smoking himself, but that he must not be present where others were smoking. He therefore asked them, as an act of fraternal courtesy, to restrain from smoking while the W.M. was in the chair. (Hear, hear.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the first toast, said: No men it is well known are more loyal than Freemasons, and therefore no words of mine are required to induce you to drink most heartily "The Queen and the Craft."—The Queen, God bless her.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER: The next toast is the health of the most popular man in England, and therefore the most popular man in the world. I give you "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master." (Cheers.) It was my privilege to be present at his Royal Highness's installation at the Albert Hall, and it was a sight which no brother who was there will ever forget, and large as that assemblage was, it would have been much more numerous if the lodge had been three times as large. (Cheers.) Everything the Grand Master does meets with the approval of Englishmen. (Renewed cheers.)

Bro. Sir JOHN GORST, J.W., said he rose by command of the W.M. to propose the next toast, which was "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Without those distinguished brethren the Prince of Wales would not be able to carry on the duties of his high office. This young lodge had been highly honoured by the presence that day of so many Grand Officers Present and Past, and they were very grateful for their countenance and support. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. General Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. (Cheers.)

Bro. General BROWNRIGG said there was an old adage that "they should never halloo until they were out of the wood." That no doubt applied originally to fox hunting, and he was in the position of a fox who had been obliged to break cover. He had not expected to be called upon, for he had forgotten for the moment that for 31 years he had been a Grand Officer. He had been rattled out of cover, and he was sure he had the sympathy of all the Grand Officers, Past and Present. It was always a pleasure to aid and support a new lodge, and such an addition as this to the roll of lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England must be a satisfaction to all of them. He and the other Grand Officers wished them all prosperity.

Bro. Admiral INGLEFIELD next proposed "The Sister Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia." As an old sailor, he could say something of General Laurie, whom he had met abroad. General Laurie stood in the same position to the Freemasons of Canada as the Prince of Wales did to English Freemasons, and he was very worthy of that post.

The GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA, in response, said the form of the toast was especially grateful to him, for the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was a child of the Grand Lodge of England. Some two years ago he had been present at the consecration of Lodge No. 2000, and on that occasion, as on this, he had been struck with the beautiful manner in which the ceremony had been performed by the presiding officer. As to that day's ceremony, he had rarely seen it better performed, if indeed so well. It was gratifying to him to find that the English lodges were progressing so well. With regard to this lodge, perhaps few professions could contribute so much to the progress of Freemasonry as the dramatic profession. It was the duty of Freemasons to improve and enlighten others, and there was no better instructors than the dramatic profession. This fact came home to him in a peculiar manner because he had just returned from Servia, where he found there was a national theatre subsidised by the State to teach the people the history of the past, and to put before them patriotic aspirations and desires for the future. That stage had built up a national spirit and brought into the minds and lives of the Servians much that would otherwise not have come to them. In England and elsewhere the stage put before them important lessons. On behalf of the Sister Grand Lodge he thanked them.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the lodge had great reason to be thankful for the part taken by the noble

lord in the chair. They were all aware of the sad accident—from which he had not yet recovered—that had befallen him, but notwithstanding that he was there with them that evening, and by his presence he had earned the gratitude of all persons connected with the lodge. Their W.M. was a Mason of long standing, and he had held the chairs of no fewer than three lodges. He had taken a great interest in theatrical matters, and it was a good omen for this successfully started lodge that the founders had selected this good and worthy brother to preside over them. They would all join with him in wishing his lordship a speedy and happy recovery from his ailments.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**, in response, said that, kind and flattering as their reception of him had been that evening, he was even more grateful to them for foregoing their cigars, which was a most touching proof of their kind feeling. His accident had brought home to him the meaning of an odd expression used by his punter when duck shooting—that such and such a position was “worth a Jew’s eye.” Now he had lost his eye, he felt he would give anything to get it back again. He thanked them for starting this new lodge so well. Never had there been such a consecration as that of this evening, or one of such interest not only to them personally, but to the whole of the dramatic profession. They had present with them a good representative company, and now those actors who were so well received at home and abroad by other lodges could invite their friends to come to the Drury Lane Lodge to pass a pleasant evening.

Bro. H. NEVILLE proposed “The Consecrating Officers.” Never in his life, he said, had he been so impressed with any ceremony as that of the evening. Masons should always be proud of what Masonry did. They all had the opportunity of looking forward and of looking back—looking forward with anticipation to the chair, and looking back with pleasure to the time when they occupied that distinguished position. Their lodge had no past; but they looked forward to a glorious future they looked forward with faith, hope, and pride; with faith in the good deeds of their Master and Wardens; with hope in the principles of Masonry; and with pride that so many noble and good names were inscribed on their banner.

The **GRAND SECRETARY** said he thanked them for the cordial reception they had given to this toast, and even more for the compliments paid them by one who was not only a Past Master in the Craft, but a Past Master in the art of elocution, and whose elocution was at another place the admiration of the world. Such a compliment from Bro. Neville was praise indeed. All the Consecrating Officers had felt it to be a very pleasing duty to take part in the ceremony of the day. His services had been not only a pleasure, but a duty, for, as their executive officer, it was his duty to further the extension and well being of the Order. He wished to offer his thanks to those distinguished Grand Officers who had assisted him. Bro. Martyn had charmed them all with his most eloquent oration, and he had been supported by able officers. It was a high honour to consecrate such a lodge, because in this lodge they had a new departure. This assembly was a marvellous one, including as it did, in the words of the Prayer Book, “all sorts and conditions of men.” They might congratulate themselves on their lodge, which had a grand prospect of success before it. He would, however, give them a word of warning. He hoped they would not rush to take in every one who came to them. When a new lodge of a popular character like this was started, people read the accounts in the newspapers and became eager to join it; but he would remind them that the more difficult it was to join a lodge, the more their membership was valued. In his own name and in that of the other Consecrating Officers he thanked them, and he looked forward with pleasure to the certain prosperity of the Drury Lane Lodge.

The **SECRETARY** next proposed “The Visitors.” He said a more representative assembly of visitors had never been seen at a lodge. They had with them Bro. Waller to represent America, and Bro. Lawrie the Colonial Grand Lodges. Bros. Lords Suffield and Onslow were there as members of the House of Lords, and they had eight Members of Parliament, six of whom had fled to more tempestuous scenes; but two of them remained at their guns, including her Majesty’s Solicitor-General, who evidently preferred Masonry to controversial politics. They had three generals, and their S.D. represented the Navy. There were also present members of the medical profession, and Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar, was a lawyer learned in the law. The drama was with them in every phase, and literature sent its contingent in the persons of Bros. Russell, Parkinson, and Le Sage, while the Corporate bodies of the community had spared them for a short time the Lord Mayor of London. They had likewise with them the brethren who were the executive officers of the great Masonic Charities, and representatives of the Royal Aquarium and the Inventions Exhibition. He thought they would consider that as a very eminently representative assembly. He concluded by coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Philbrick, Consul-General Waller, and Dr. W. H. Russell.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in response, remarked that the large number of visitors relatively to the members of the lodge showed how thoroughly the lodge founders understood the Masonic virtue of hospitality. The interesting catalogue of guests given by Bro. Broadley, showed the wide spread character of Masonry, pervading as it did every class and rank of society, and it showed how great was the attraction which bound them thus to the great ideas they possessed. It was evident that this lodge fulfilled a want, because it at once filled its place in the ranks of English lodges. That it might fill its legitimate function was the sincere wish of the visitors, and that it had a great future the assembly here this evening attested. The good wishes of the visitors went with the lodge.

Bro. WALLER said that in Masonry they knew they had one place in every country where they could go and be sure of a hearty welcome, where there was no sectarianism, and “where a man’s a man for all that” if he was a good Mason. It was to him a special gratification to be at the consecration of this lodge. There was no profession or occupation that needed the enforcement of the precepts of Charity so little as the dramatic profession. Actors were as jealous as women of each other’s successes, but they were also as kind as women to their distressed brethren.

Bro. Dr. RUSSELL also responded.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON proposed “Prosperity to the Drury Lane Lodge,” coupled with the name of Bro. Augustus Harris. In doing so, he complained that the ground had been cut from under him by preceding speakers. Everything that could be said of the lodge and its associations, the great traditions of the National theatre, from whence it took its name, and the natural sympathy they all had with a great intellectual calling, had been said. It had begun brightly. It had all the assistance that men of high lineage, of dramatic position, and of Masonic experience could give it, and all had united to weld it together into a consistent and harmonious whole. It would not be unappropriate for him to allude to a belief many brethren had that Shakespeare, the greatest English dramatist, was a

Mason. As an evidence of that he would remind the brethren that Shakespeare, in one of his plays, says:—

“They whisper in each other’s ear,
And he who speaks doth
Clasp the hearer’s wrist.”

and Polonius, speaking to the King, with reference to Hamlet’s love for Ophelia, says:—

“If circumstances lead me, I will find
Where truth is hid, tho’ it were hid indeed
Within the centre.”

In regard to the lodge he would ask the brethren to remember in all heartiness that Bro. Augustus Harris was the “head and front” of that undertaking which not only lent its name to this lodge, but to which his name would ever be associated in the future history of the drama.

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, in acknowledging the toast, said that Bro. Parkinson, while saying that there remained nothing more to be said, yet called upon him to say something. That was, to say the least somewhat paradoxical. With regard to the Drury Lane Lodge, he thanked them all for the kind way in which they had drunk to its prosperity. As to the large and magnificent theatre over which he had the honour to reign at present, he could only say he went there seven years ago as young then in theatrical matters as he was still in Masonry. He only hoped he should advance in Masonry as rapidly as he had been lucky enough to do in his profession.

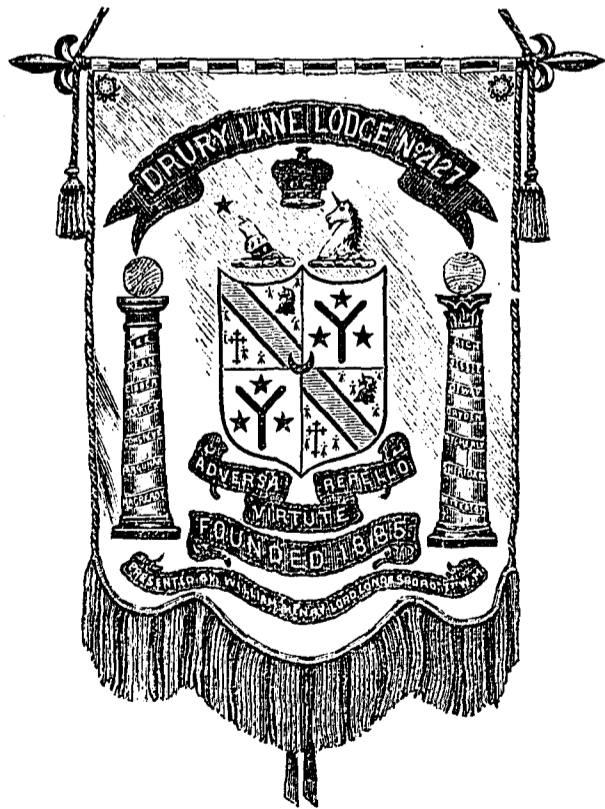
Bro. the Earl of ONSLOW proposed “The Officers of the Lodge,” and said that one of the three principal officers, who had just spoken, had displayed his genius in producing a marvellous pantomime at Drury Lane Theatre. There was in the banquet they had all so much enjoyed evidence of Bro. Harris’s lavish but discriminating hand. The J.W. was not only a distinguished lawyer, but he had a great Parliamentary reputation, and had, with three other prominent politicians, succeeded in establishing a new and separate political party in the last Parliament. The S.D., Sir Edward Inglefield, was a gallant admiral; and Bro. Pettitt, the J.D., was a man than whom, in the ranks of Masonry, no one was more thoroughly acquainted with “Human Nature.” The Secretary, Bro. Broadley, was a man who had gained name and fame on the shores of the Mediterranean, where he had also worked hard in the cause of Masonry. In Bros. Fleming and Warner the lodge had valuable and worthy officers.

Bro. Sir JOHN GORST said the officers would do their best to fulfil the duties entrusted to them, and they hoped by this time next year to feel that they had done something to merit the good opinions of the brethren. As it had been remarked, this lodge was to be an assembly of “all sorts and conditions of men,” all equal and alike, and he was sure that the true spirit of brotherly love would not suffer in their hands.

Bro. F. BINCKES responded to the toast of “The Masonic Charities,” in his usual able manner, and the Tyler’s toast shortly afterwards brought the proceedings and a most enjoyable and memorable evening to a close.

It should be mentioned that the W.M., Lord Londesborough, has presented the lodge with a handsome banner.

The Lodge Jewel was specially designed, and it is an exquisite specimen of the Jewellers’ Art. The Banner is beautifully embroidered in silk, with the arms of the Worshipful Master, Lord Londesborough, supported by two Masonic columns, inscribed with the names of celebrated dramatists and actors. These, together with the Jewels and Furniture, were produced by Bro. George Kenning.



JADOT.—R. C. Curé of Luneville, was cited by the Freemasons of Luneville before the French courts of law for refusing to read the funeral service, or celebrate a religious ceremony, for Monsieur Duverey, Curé de Couvas, a Freemason. Monsieur Jadot was ordered to perform the service. This was just about a century ago, July 1770. The Bishop of Toul was also required to cease from persecuting the Freemasons.—*Kenning’s Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

FREEMASONRY IN NAMAQUALAND, SOUTH AFRICA.

On the 28th August, 1885, the Phoenix Lodge of Namaqualand, No. 2082, was opened at O'okiep, under charter from the Grand Lodge of England. The District Grand Master's Deputy, Bro. George Brittain, P.M., G.D.S.W., assisted by Bros. H. G. Morton, P.M., G.D.S.D., and J. T. Eustace, P.M., consecrated and dedicated the lodge to Masonry, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Hodge, in the chair according to ancient custom. The following brethren were then installed in their respective offices: Bros. W. W. Townsend, S.W.; F. Phillips, J.W.; J. T. Eustace, P.M., Chap.; J. M. W. Van Coevorden, S.D.; J. M. Molesworth, J.D.; J. E. Cook, Org.; J. H. Paull, I.G.; H. Kuthnance, O.G.; Bro. W. W. Townsend was also appointed to act as Secretary and Treasurer (pro tem.) until those offices could be filled.

On the following Monday evening, the 31st August, the lodge met to transact business, and after labour retired to refreshment. The banquet was prepared by Mr. J. L. Wheley (since a brother) in his usual artistic style.

After the usual Masonic toasts had been given,

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. Hodge," was drunk with musical, as well as Masonic honours, and united good feeling, for it was unanimously recognised that in electing Bro. Hodge as first W.M. of the lodge no wiser selection could have been made.

Bro. HODGE, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred on him, and said that the want of confidence he felt in himself to properly fill the responsible post he was placed in was overcome by the feeling of assurance in the ability and cordial support of his officers.

After sundry other toasts, alternately enlivened by songs, to which Bro. Molesworth contributed no mean share, the brethren separated as the small hours were stealing on, and several of the Port Nolloth brethren had then to start for home by train.

Since the opening of the lodge four meetings have been held, nine initiations conferred, and five joining members admitted. The number of members on the lodge books is now 31, with applications in hand from several candidates for initiation.

Notwithstanding the many difficulties the brethren had to face in starting, the want of qualified officers to install not being the least, seeing that the nearest place to apply to was Cape Town—360 miles off—and the journey to this and back, either by sea or overland by post cart, was anything but a pleasant one, the Phoenix Lodge of Namaqualand has now made a fair start, with every prospect of future success.

THE BLUE BLANKET.

A curious and interesting work was published in 1722, the author being Alexander Pennecuik, Burgess and Guild-Brother of Edinburgh, the title being "An Historical Account of the Blue Blanket; or Crafts-Men's Banner. Containing the Fundamental Principles of the Good-Town, with the Powers and Prerogatives of the Crafts of Edinburgh, &c.," Psalm ix., 4, and Gen iv., 22, being quoted on the same page.

In the series of "Sketches of notable Masonic works" I wrote in the defunct "Freemason's Magazine," will be found one on this wee book, August 15, 1868. A second edition of it was issued in 1780, "enlarged and adorned with the fourteen Incorporations' Arms," and another edition was published in 1826, as a supplement to the "Municipal Constitution of the City of Edinburgh," to which I alluded in an article recently in the *Freemason*, under the heading of the "Free Crafts of Edinburgh."

Who Pennecuik was is not known, save that he wrote a small collection of poems—"Streams from Helicon," in 1720, and another volume in 1726, "Flowers from Parnassus." Whatever may have been his skill as a poet and author generally, he does not appear to have been "worldly wise," according to Claudero's (Wilson's) *Miscellanies*, in his "Farewell to the Muses and Auld Reekie":

"To shew the fate of Pennycuik,
Who starving died in turnpike neuk;
Though sweet he sang, with wit and sense,
He, like poor Claud, was short of pence."

As with the early Masonic historians, the author begins with Adam, and gradually comes down to more modern times. He dates the origin of the "Blue Blanket," or Craftsmen's Banner, as far back as A.D. 1200, so that "it is older than any of the Orders of Knighthood, save that of St. Andrew, or the Thistle," which may, or may not be. The "Blue Blanket," it seems, was so named because of its colour, and has been for many years highly valued by the various Incorporated Trades of Edinburgh. King James III. "was the first that gave it the Civil sanction," and from that period it was known as "The Standard of the Crafts within Burgh," bearing the Inscription—

"Fear God, and honour the King,
With a long Life, and prosperous Reign,
And we the Trades shall ever pray."

The interest Masonically centres in the account by Pennecuik of the Crafts, many of the particulars afforded being both curious and valuable. The Arms of the Fourteen Incorporations are given in a series of six plates, viz., those of the Surgeons, Goldsmiths, Hammermen, Wrights and Masons, Skinners, Furriers, Tailors, Baxters, Fleshers, Cordiners, Websters, Waulkers, and Bonnet Makers. The Arms of the Surgeons are certainly suggestive of instruments, which make "the flesh creep," indicative of surgical operations; those of the Hammermen (closely identified with the Masons in the olden time) having a hammer in the centre of a shield surmounted by a coronet. The "Wrights and Masons," though on separate shields, are placed in juxtaposition, those of the former having a Square and Compasses interlaced, and the Masons being the ordinary operative Arms, which have been incorporated in those of our Grand Lodge, since its origin early last century, and are still a prominent feature thereof.

The "Hammer-Men" included the following Trades:—Blacksmiths, Cutlers, Saddlers, Lock-smiths, Loriners, Armourers, Peutherers, and Shear-Smiths.

"The Seal of Cause for the Hammer-Men," 12th April, 1496, and a ratification of date, September 16th, 1681, are worth a careful study. The former provides that "N^r Parsonis of the Hammyrman Craft sett up *Buth* to wyrk within the said Burgh quhill he be made an Freeman thairof, and be examinit be thrie of the best Mastars of the said Craft, gif he be sufficient and wyrkand good and sovir wark, fyne stuff, and habil to serve our Soverane Lord and his Leiges, and then to be admittit to set up *Buth*, he pay and therefor to the said Uphold of Divyne Service to be done at St. Elio's Altar, and Reparacioune of the Ornaments thairof, Fourtey Shillings." Though all the copies preserved of the old Masonic Charges formerly used in Scotland are clearly of English origin, the foregoing of 1496 indicates that portions of the texts of those old Rolls were in use years prior to their formal adoption from South Britain, and not confined to the Masonic trade. The "*Buth*" [Booth] of the Hammermen answered to the *Lodges* of the Masons. Apprentices had to complete their time in the former Craft before being engaged as journeymen, under pain of 20 shillings fine, and Masters had to pay a similar sum to the Altar aforesaid on taking "ane Prentice to teach him the said Craft," and they had on Saturday afternoons to examine and pass the work. Even the Surgeons, with St. Mungo as their Patron Saint, were not allowed to practise "any Poynts of our saids Crafts of Surgery, or Barbar Craft, within this Burgh, but gif he be first *frie man* and Burges of the samen. . . . Every man that is to be made *frie man* be examined and provit on their Points," &c.

Free to use the Crafts as a means of livelihood, in the city of Edinburgh evidently, after a lawful apprenticeship and satisfactory workmanship, constituted a "Frie-man" Craftsman, and hence the notion that "Frie" was a corruption of *Frère* nowhere suggests itself in an examination of the old laws of the Crafts in Edinburgh or elsewhere.

Another item provides (A.D. 1505) that "Every Master that is receiv'd frie man to the said Crafts ('Chirurgeons') shall pay his oukly Penny with the Priest's Myte, as he shall happen to come about." The 6th Rule enacts "That nae Person nor frie man of the said Crafts purchase any Lordships in contrair the Rules and Statutes above—written in heredring or skaithing of the Crafts foresaid or common, weall thereof, under the Pain of Tinsel' of their Freedoms;" and the following item requires that "All the Masters, frie men and Brether of the saids Crafts, readily obey, and come to their Kirk Master, or Deacon, at all Tymes."

But enough has been given from this history of the "Blue Blanket" to illustrate the customs of Craftsmen in the "dayes of yore," and that the freedom conferred in those times meant admission to the privileges and monopolies of the Crafts in the City aforesaid.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE "PROBITY MS."

The copy of the "Old Charges" in the possession of the "Probity Lodge," No. 61, Halifax, Yorkshire, was transcribed from a document, not now known, by William Jubb, who owned "The Book M; or, Masonry Triumphant," of A.D. 1736, and inserted the 10 pages of the MS. between the leaves of that work. The date, therefore, of the "Probity MS." is about 1736, earlier rather than later. The text of its original, *now missing*, accords mainly with the "Lansdowne" and "Antiquity" MSS., so that original and transcript belong to that family of "Old Charges."

According to the canon laid down by Bro. Gould in Volume III. of his "History of Freemasonry" (Chapter XIV.), the "Probity MS." must be assigned to either the Class III.—"Rolls or scrolls, and copies in book form"—or Class VI.—"Late transcripts, printed copies, extracts, or references in printed books"—such as the Roberts, Spencer, Cole, Briscoe, and Dodd MSS., 1722-1739.

There is no evidence that Jubb was a Mason. His name is in MS. as an addition to the list of subscribers printed in "The Book M," and occurs as "Mr. William Jubb," not "Br.," as many are described. Of Class I. be it noted, "there is no evidence of a possible derivation through any other channel than a purely Masonic one," and Class II. represents the MSS. "now or formerly in the custody of lodges or individuals, under circumstances which in each case raises a presumption of their being actually used at the admission or reception of new members."

Clearly to neither of these groups, described by Bro. Gould, can the "Probity MS." be referred, so that it is not of the value of the "Gateshead" or "Harris" MSS. of the same period; and yet, owing to the unusual character of portions of its text, its importance is considerable, representing as it does an original MS. of a similar kind to the "Lansdowne" (sixteenth century) and "Antiquity" (A.D. 1686) MSS.

The brevity of the Invocation to the Trinity; Order of the Seven Sciences; Account of the Flood and the survival of the two stones, *Marble and Lather*; Nimrod's Laws for the Craft; Charles Martel's Charter to hold an Annual Masonic Assembly where they would; Athelstan's Son, Edwin, "made a Mason at Windsor," and other points of similarity to the Lansdowne and Antiquity MSS. lead me to class it with those texts, especially the initiation of Prince Edwin at Windsor, which, until the discovery of the "Probity" MS., was peculiar to those two MSS.

The wages cited as having been paid by St. Albanus do not agree with any MS. known, and in my opinion was an error of the transcriber, who has represented 11s. (two shillings) as "eleven pence a week," and in like manner the additional sum as a gift he has written down for "elevenpence for Drink."

Instead of the "Namas Greecious," or "Namas Greecinus," of the "Lansdowne" and "Antiquity" MSS. respectively, Jubb has transcribed "*Namas Presias*." This great Masonic celebrity was a rival of Methuselah, for he was at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and centuries later visited France.

All the laws which usually follow the Charge to the Candidate are omitted in the "Probity MS.," and purposely so, evidently, as it contains the subscription at foot of "*Wm. Jubb, Scriptor*."

Brethren familiar with my "Old Charges of British Freemasons" (1872), may enter the MS. immediately after "Cole's MS.," p. xviii.; and, subject to Bro. Gould's approval, it may be placed as 31b in the classification, p. 194, Vol. III., "History of Freemasonry."

I am indebted to Bros. W. Watson, P.M., Leeds, and Herbert Crossley, Sec. 61, Halifax, for a knowledge of the MS., the latter kindly sending it to me for examination. The MS. I have transcribed for publication.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I am pleased to see that some one has taken up the subject of the visitors' greeting to the lodge visited, as I have frequently put in an appearance both to lodge and chapter on my sojourn in London, and it used to be my proud privilege to offer the "Hearty good wishes" of my lodge or chapter until I was quietly "sat on" by an eminent brother, whom I will not name, but who perhaps may remember the circumstance when he reads this letter in your valuable paper. The occasion I refer to was when visiting a chapter I gave the "Hearty good wishes" from my chapter. The M.E.Z., in open chapter, asked me who authorised me to do so; I replied that, as the M.E.Z. of my chapter, I required no authority. He then said that, unless a brother was authorised by the members assembled in lodge or chapter to take such greetings to a lodge or chapter he intended to visit, it was quite in antagonism with Masonic custom to do so, and he hoped other visitors would remember this on future occasions.

As the custom appeared by the M.E.Z.'s remarks to differ from what I have always been accustomed to in my province (and in other provinces to which I have frequently been a visitor), and as privately he informed me afterwards it was purely provincial, I have since that episode in my Masonic career refrained from expressing this brotherly and friendly greeting when again I have had the pleasure of repeating my visit to the same chapter, or any other chapter or lodge in London.

If others have experienced the same rebuff when friendly inclined, then Bro. Stevens should not be surprised at the hesitation he has noticed on the part of visitors to give the "Hearty good wishes" they may feel towards their brethren assembled in other lodges than their own.

As in many cases custom becomes law when nothing appears to be lost by the carrying out of such custom, I certainly think this is one that is commendable in every sense it is put, and I should not like to see it abolished in the province to which I have the pleasure to be attached, and I trust it may be again revived in London, as, in my opinion, it is a custom which tends to secure a goodly feeling between the visitor and the visited.—Yours truly and fraternally,

M. H., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.D.C. West Lanc.
Liverpool, January 23rd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Noting the letter from our esteemed Bro. James Stevens just at a time when I myself was pondering the same question, and visiting for the first time just lately a London lodge, and myself hailing from a very old country lodge, of course all being strangers to me therein assembled, I felt, not the feeling he speaks of as to being likely to offend some one in authority in our own lodge, but the natural diffidence of a stranger, and his letter has now given me confidence, as I hope it will many others, because of all things I firmly believe that the expressions of good feeling from lodge to lodge could only in the abstract be carried out properly by such "hearty good wishes," as, if Masonry is, as we feel and know it to be, as earnest Masons, it needs but little to decide the genuineness of those wishes, and as men find themselves visitors at lodges oftentimes by the mere accident of location or acquaintanceship, the spontaneity should be the proof of genuine "hearty good wishes." Lastly, if there is any reason why it should not be a custom, as I think Bro. Stevens seems to hint somebody has suggested, I should like to hear more about it.—Yours fraternally,
P.S.W. 41.

ANOTHER APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I know absolutely nothing of Bro. Perceval; but this great disadvantage does not prevent me feeling that he is a brother and a P.M. I do not recollect in my Masonic experience such a public appeal as he has made in your columns. Such appeals are, happily, rare, and I can understand what the effort has cost—an application for provincial relief, with all its criticism, friendly and otherwise, is nothing to it.

Strangely enough, the two cases referred to in your leaderette of the same issue, and which I admire for the delicate, yet manly, way in which you have put them, suggest what may be and ought, as it seems to me, to be done. Bro. Perceval asks no Charity. I assume from his letter, and no doubt I am right, he desires that one of those brethren "who have known him in happier and more prosperous days" will find him employment. Doubtless I am also correct in assuming that Bro. Perceval is worthy of such help; indeed, your leaderette of the 2nd inst. is a proof of it. Now, Sir, I have on many occasions found it possible to do for another what would have been palpably impossible for myself, and I daresay this experience is a common one. I suggest it to the London brethren, who have it in their power, surely, to do something calculated to give Bro. Perceval "a lift on the way." In the meantime, if Bro. Perceval will state the kind of employment he desires, I will not fail to move in his behalf all the influence I possess. But what is done should be done quickly. I would have written direct if the experience of my established custom in such cases warranted a departure in this instance. I shall be obliged, therefore, if Bro. Perceval will communicate, by post, through you. If I am successful it will be all the more pleasing to give him my name privately hereafter.

To London Masons, I would say:
"If ever you have look'd on better days,
If ever been where bells have knoll'd to church,
If ever sat at any good man's feast,
If ever from your eye-lids wiped a tear,
And know what 'tis to pity, and be pitied;
Let gentleness my strong enforcement be."
Somehow I cannot read the appeal of Bro. Perceval without a consciousness of a mightier power behind it. Whether this be wife, and perhaps children, I leave your readers to picture.—Yours truly and fraternally,
January 23rd. JUSTITIA.



THE MASONIC GUIDE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORKSHIRE AND YORK MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1886. Twelfth Year of Publication. Printed at the Gazette Office, York.

In greeting this old friend in the garb appropriate to the New Year, we can have but little to say beyond congratulating our worthy Bro. T. B. Whythead on its reappearance. Local brethren know well the value in respect of accuracy of the information it contains, and we know how useful it is for purposes of reference. There are few provincial guides of which it can be said that all the absolutely necessary information as to times and places of meeting of the different lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies in the county it relates to are compressed into the few pages of a waistcoat-pocket memorandum-book, which is as neatly printed and put together as it is portable. Yet this is

perfectly true of Bro. Whythead's Yorkshire Masonic Guide. We may mention likewise that this "multum in parvo" is not sold, but an annual complimentary gift by its compiler, so that our Yorkshire brethren have good reason to be pleased with the kindness as well as with the pains and accuracy of Bro. Whythead, to whom we offer our thanks for his timely presentation copy.



645] FREEMASONS AND THEATRES.

It was on the day of his installation as Grand Master (27th December, 1728) that Lord Kingston bespoke the play referred to. The notice from "Cole's Constitutions, 1751," is simply a misprint—September instead of December. The speech of Bro. Oakley was printed in 1729, and the note given in No. 643 may be found at the end; also a Prologue and Epilogue "according to the prevailing fashion." I am interested in knowing what lodge was held at the Carpenter's Arms, Silver-street, Golden-square, where this speech was delivered on 31st December, 1728, and shall be grateful for the information. My esteemed friend and worthy Bro. Hughan has had no time to think over his last paragraph, as he knows North Wales was the first Prov. Grand Lodge, and South Wales only about six weeks later in the same year, 1727.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

646] "THE BOOK M." 1736.

The curious work, in which is inserted, or bound, the copy of the "Old Charges," named by me the "Pyobity MS.," is entitled "The Book M; or, Masonry Triumphant." Then follows a larger title. It was printed by "Leonard Umfreville and Company," Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1736. The work is divided into two parts, with separate title pages and pagination, the first portion being similar to the "Pocket Companion" by W. Smith, who appears also to be the author or editor of "The Book M." A long list of subscribers is printed, the old lodge at Swallowwell, now 48, Gateshead, taking 50 copies, the lodge at Hexham furnished 28 subscribers, 25 being credited to the lodge at Gateshead, who took 37 copies in all; then follow the names of 47 other brethren not described under any lodges, and 37 additional subscribers, apparently not Freemasons, because all are distinguished by the prefix "Mr.," the list concluding with the name, in MS., of the owner of the copy—"Mr. William Jubb." Lecture I. contains "An History of Free-Masonry," according to the Andersonian Constitutions of 1723; Lecture II. is devoted to "The Grand Principle—Truth;" the third of the series bears no title, but refers to the Masonic virtues. No. IV. was "Read March 8, 1735-6, at the Constitution of a new Lodge at the Fountain in Pipewell-gate, Gateshead." This description settles the locality of the "Fountain," not hitherto known through Lists of Lodges, and that the year of formation was 1736, not 1735, as a Roll exhibits of 1736-9 (see Gould's "Four Old Lodges," p. 52). No. V. was "Read before a great Assembly of Brethren in London." No. VI. is after the style of the first, and so also is the last (VII.). The next pages (45-6) are utilised for the "Prayers used by Free Masons in Lodge." Pages 49-76 contain "The Charges" and "General Regulations," &c., of A.V. 1723, and conclude the first portion. The second part of "The Book M." has no lack of songs, such as they are, with "Prologues and Epilogues, as they were spoken at Mason's Benefits," the work ending with "An Exact List of Regular Lodges according to their Seniority and Constitution," which is the real value of this curious and rare publication. Taking Pine's Engraved List of 1734 (given by me in "The Masonic Magazine," Nov., 1876) as a basis for comparison, it will be seen that the Roll of Lodges in "The Book M." is mainly a copy of the "Pocket Companion" by W. Smith, of 1735, which was taken from Pine of 1734; but, with a few alterations, to be particularized. Those lodges which are dated or undated in the one of 1734 are likewise so in the others, and in all three the number 79 is vacant, which in the Dublin "Pocket Companion," 1735 (of which a copy is in the library of Bro. J. H. Neilson) is ascribed to "the Hoop, in Water-street, in Philadelphia" (America). Then again, the "Book M." runs on to No. 125, as Pine, but the 126 of the former is filled by the lodge, held at the "Duke of Marlborough's Head, in Petticoat-Lane, Whitechapel," which is No. 128 in the latter, which has 126, "Boston, in New England," and 127, "Valenciennes, in French Flanders." Hence it is likely Smith based his particulars on an earlier edition of Pine for 1734, which is not now known, the only issue preserved being the gem in the possession of Bro. James Newton. Numbers 127-30 are vacant in "The Book M.," but 131 is filled in by "Two Fencing Masters, Swallowwell, in the Bishoprick of Durham, &c., June 24, 1735," which, however, was really 132. Then follows the customary "Finis."

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNNESS LODGE (No. 4).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. Frederick West, P.G.S., P.P.G.R. Surrey, W.M.; C. B. Cousens, G.S., S.W.; H. P. Hughes, jun., J.W.; Rev. Dr. H. Lonsdell, Chap.; H. Mackintosh, M.O., Sec.; H. E. Pollard, J.D.; E. Weldon, I.G.; Freeman, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Henry Lumley, J. Jordan, W. Whitmore, H. Mackintosh, Rev. H. Lonsdell, and others; Bros. J. Hughes, Dr. J. Althaus, W. Stevenson, Hoyte, A. Machin, H. de Stern, and F. Hore. Visitors: Bros. F. M. Jonas, Hiogo and Osaka, Japan; H. Sutton, and S. Andrews.

After the W.M. had opened the lodge, and the minutes had been confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing

year took place, and the choice was unanimous in favour of Bro. C. B. Cousens, G. Stwd., S.W., who, in a few suitable words, expressed his thanks for the honour conferred on him. Mr. Gerald Sturt was balloted for and elected for initiation. The report of the Audit Committee having been read, and being considered satisfactory, was received and adopted. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his services to the lodge.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and customary Masonic toasts, including that of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. F. M. Jonas, from Japan, and during the evening the proceedings were enlivened by an excellent selection of music, provided by Bro. J. Stedman, under the direction of M. A. Toop. Bro. W. S. Hoyte also delighted the brethren with his grand pianoforte solos.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE (No. 30).—

The meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. Louis Steingraber was duly installed, the ceremony being performed in a most efficient manner by Bro. Joseph E. Harling, who also, previously, initiated Mr. Charles William Willshire into the mysteries of the Craft. All labour being ended, the brethren retired to the banqueting room, when the usual toasts were given and responded to. The lodge was honoured by the attendance of many distinguished visitors, among whom we may mention Bro. Terry, who, after advocating the cause of the Charities, gave a very amusing recitation, and this, combined with songs, &c., from several other brethren, assisted in making the meeting a very pleasant and agreeable one.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE (No. 55).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Cannon-street, when there were present Bros. Jubal Webb, W.M.; Jas. Thos. Robertson, P.M., as S.W.; Jno. Dodson, P.M., as J.W.; R. P. Atkins, Treas.; Geo. M. E. Snow, Sec.; Geo. Laker, P.M., S.D.; E. L. Miroy, P.M., J.D.; Herbert Roach, D.C.; Frank Unite, I.G.; Hy. Thomas, Tyler; J. C. Dwarber, P.M.; W. Farthing, P.M.; Jas. Cooper, P.M.; Thos. B. Linscott, P.M.; H. J. Bradgate, D. Stroud, W. H. Dipsdale, W. M. Robinson, L. Steel, P. Block, H. Butley, Geo. Groves, J. Humphrey, W. Snodin, J. Carr, jun., W. Vogt, J. J. Ledle, Thos. Whaley, Jno. Soper, P.M.; George Webster, Harry Price, E. Rumbold, E. Freeman, F. Freeman, J. H. Hedley, Jno. Godwin, and J. D. Gray. Visitors: Bros. U. Latreille, P.M. 28; A. Piper, 177; Gilbertson, 403; Jno. Gardner, 173 N.B.; M. Heywood, P.P.S. Hertford, 403; O. S. Moore, 176; and W. Wright, 1897.

Lodge having been opened, Bros. T. E. Cloake and J. H. Honeybun were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. C. Thompson was successfully balloted for as a re-joining member. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M., when Bro. E. H. Brown, J.W. (who, we regret to say, was absent through illness on this occasion), was elected unanimously, the S.W. having died in October last. Bro. R. P. Atkins was re-elected Treasurer for the ninth time, a P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M., Auditors were appointed, and a sum of £10 10s. voted to the Steward's list for the Boys' School. The Secretary announced the death of Bro. John Thompson on December 29th. Two gentlemen having been proposed for initiation, and a brother recommended to the Board of Benevolence for relief, who had been twenty-four and a-half years a subscribing member, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

EASTERN STAR LODGE (No. 95).—

The election meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present: Bros. John H. Swan, W.M.; J. M. Knight, S.W.; Millner Jutsum, J.W.; G. Ayres, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Wardell, P.M., Sec.; Johnson, S.D.; J. L. Holmes, I.G.; A. Turbell, acting Tyler; Past Masters H. Ruff, A. C. Macklin, and Bros. Collard, Groves, Wayland, Tiffen, Harris, Jerram, and others. Visitors: Bros. Bassington, P.M. 205; J. C. Morrow, Org. 3; Denny, 1662; Chapman, I.P.M. 1922, and G. H. Stevens, P.M. 1623.

The working consisted of the raising of Bro. A. O. Collard, and the initiation of Mr. G. B. Jerram. A gentleman was successfully balloted for, the bye-laws were read, the worthy Secretary favouring the brethren with a capital digest of several which had been recently altered. Auditors were appointed. A Tyler was chosen from three applicants for the honor. Bro. G. Ayres, P.M., was duly re-elected as Treasurer, it being generally felt that a better could not be found. The feature of the evening, and one that displayed a large amount of good feeling and kindness amongst the brethren, was when selection came on for the W.M. for the ensuing year. Then it was that Bro. J. M. Knight, S.W., told the brethren that he proposed asking them to kindly pass over his claims to the chair in favour of his old friend, Bro. Millner Jutsum, J.W. Bro. Knight explained that they had worked together for many years, both in Masonry and outside it, and as he (Bro. Knight) had already passed the chair in another lodge, he was desirous to give way to Bro. Jutsum that he might the earlier attain a similar honour. He had every confidence that the brethren would adapt his request unanimously. Such, on the ballot proceeding, proved to be the case, and we congratulate all concerned upon the outcome, and those kindly feelings which are ever to be found in the hearts of Freemasons. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Swan, and the wish expressed that he might long be spared to wear it. We must also congratulate the brethren of the Eastern Star upon the brother whom they have chosen to guide the destinies of the lodge, as he is one abundantly qualified, by the help of the G.A. O.T.U., to govern it wisely and well.

After lodge a social hour was passed, without tasking the resources of the excellent establishment where the lodge meets, that pleasure being reserved for the meeting in February next, when Bro. Millner Jutsum will be installed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—

The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual installation on Thursday, 21st inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, the following officers and Past Masters of the lodge being

present: Bros. W. F. Hughes, W.M.; J. Ellwood, S.W.; G. Westman, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Kew, P.M., Sec.; Walter Dickeson, P.M.; H. A. Lovett, P.M.; L. Dettmer, P.M.; A. E. Hughes, S.D.; F. J. Hughes, Stwd.; H. Brinkmann, M.C.; J. Herbert Kew, Assist. D.C.; J. W. Cain and W. G. Baker, Musical Directors. The usual routine business having been disposed of, Bro. Ungar was raised and Bro. Bryant was passed, after which Bro. Ellwood was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair of the lodge. He appointed the following as his officers: Bros. C. G. Westman, S.W.; A. Hughes, J.W.; W. Hopekirk, P.M., Treas.; J. Kew, P.M., Sec.; C. Mulvey, S.D.; J. Gittens, J.D.; H. Brinkmann, I.G.; F. Hughes, Assist. Sec.; J. H. Kew, D.C.; W. Baker, A.D.C.; W. Dickeson, P.M., Stwd.; J. Cain and J. Bromley, Mus. Dirs.; and Whiting, P.M. S7, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Messrs. Thos. Simkins, Charles Edward Oscar Walker, James Watts, and Wm. James were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the newly-installed Master. A joining member was elected, and formally welcomed as a member of the lodge by the W.M., who, in a few words, expressed the pleasure he and the other brethren of the lodge experienced in welcoming their new member. Auditors for the Benevolent Fund having been appointed, it was announced that after the next meeting of the lodge a soirée would be held, at which ladies would be welcome. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will act as Steward at the coming festival of that Institution, and after the transaction of some other business lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were honoured. "The Health of the Queen" having been enthusiastically drunk,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The M.V.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." This toast, he said, was sure of as hearty a welcome as had been accorded to the previous one. The brethren all knew the great interest his Royal Highness took in the welfare of the Craft. Anything he could do for its welfare he was only too willing to perform. He could not, of course, be present at all the meetings where he would be welcomed or where he would like to be, but as far as was possible he did everything needed for the welfare of Freemasonry.

"The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were next toasted. The W.M. said the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other brethren comprised in this toast took a great interest in Freemasonry. It would, indeed, be a hard task for the Grand Master were it not for the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M., who well and worthily perform many of the duties which would without them devolve on the head of the Order.

The I.P.M., Bro. Hughes, next assumed the gavel. The special toast he had to propose that night was a most important one; indeed, no other proposed, or to be proposed, that evening was of so important a character to the members of the Manchester Lodge, it being that of "The Present W.M." It was gratifying to the members of the lodge to know that the brother who had that night been installed as Master was capable of carrying out the duties attached to the office in a manner creditable to himself and the members of the lodge generally. He felt he could not say sufficient in praise of Bro. Ellwood; but would call on the brethren to drink to his very good health, long life, and prosperity.

The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received. As the proposer of the toast had said, he should do all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the lodge. He trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to carry out the work of his office as ably as the members might desire it carried out, and that when the time for his retirement came round the brethren would be able to say he had done his duty. He remembered that on the night of his initiation in the Manchester Lodge, when Bro. Lovett occupied the chair, he had said that from his brief experience of Freemasonry it would be his desire to rise to the office of Master. He had never lost sight of that ambition, and now that he had risen to the dignity of ruler he could but heartily thank the brethren for the way in which they had elected him to the post, and for the hearty reception they had accorded him on the first occasion he had presided over the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of his Predecessor, Bro. Hughes, the Installing Master of the Evening." Bro. Hughes had performed the ceremony of installation most creditably, and had shown his ability in the other work required of him during his term of office. In having so ably a brother sitting on his left, the W.M. felt he should at all times be sure of any assistance he might require, and there were times when the best of them needed a little prompting. He had much pleasure in presenting to Bro. Hughes the very handsome emblem of past services, which had been voted to him by the members of the lodge. He felt that Bro. Hughes had eminently deserved the honour conferred on him, and, in presenting the jewel, he hoped he might be spared to wear it out.

Bro. Hughes tendered his thanks for the very kind manner in which the toast had been proposed, for its hearty reception, and for the handsome jewel which had just been presented to him. It was a great gratification to him to know that his year of office had ended so satisfactorily as it appeared to have done, and that the brethren were satisfied with what he had done as Master of the Manchester Lodge. He trusted the lodge would continue in its present state of efficiency. Much of the success of a lodge depended on the W.M.; but still more on the way in which the brethren rallied round their ruler. Wishing prosperity for the lodge, he again thanked the brethren for their many kindnesses to him.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiates." Without initiates the lodge would soon go down, but such was hardly to be expected in the case of the Manchester Lodge if they went on as they had begun their present year, when they had had the pleasure of welcoming four initiates among them. The W.M. felt sure the Manchester Lodge would never suffer from a lack of new members. For, although it was not possible for those in it to ask outsiders to join, yet they had many friends who were anxious to be admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry, and who were well acquainted with the high standing of the Manchester Lodge. He heartily welcomed the four brethren who had been initiated that night.

Bro. Simkins having returned his thanks, said he felt very proud to be admitted a member of the Manchester Lodge. He should at all times be pleased to be among the brethren, and do what he could to advance the welfare of Freemasonry.

Bro. Walker thanked the brethren for the heartiness of the reception they had accorded him. He trusted that in his after life he might do all that lay in his power to advance the interests and welfare of the Craft.

Bro. Watts also thanked the brethren. He trusted he might follow in the footsteps of the Worshipful Master, and attain to the highest position in the lodge.

Bro. James felt the brethren had conferred a great honour on him that night. He hoped and trusted that he might be long spared to be among them, and that he might so act as to become a thoroughly good Mason.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and to this several brethren responded.

Bro. Goodchild had been especially delighted to see the way in which the ceremonies had been worked in the lodge.

Bro. Garratt was pleased to have been present. The installation ceremony had been most ably worked in a manner which any body of Masons might be proud of. He felt the Manchester Lodge would lose none of its lustre under the rule of its present Master, but that it would progress during the current year, as it had done in the past. He was sorry he had not been able to visit the lodge as often as he had been invited; after the pleasant hours he had spent there that day he should endeavour not to lose any opportunity he might have of visiting them.

Bro. Marsh followed. It was very interesting to see the retiring W.M. of a lodge instal his successor, and to perform the ceremony as ably as had Bro. Hughes that day. The manner in which the present Master had performed the work he had had to do since his installation was also most creditable, and augured well for the future of the Manchester Lodge. Bro. Marsh referred to the Stewardship of the W.M. for the Benevolent Institution, and forcibly urged the brethren to do their utmost on behalf of the old people.

Bro. Smith added his thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the lodge in so prosperous a condition. Many of his friends were associated with it, and he felt especial interest in its welfare.

Bro. Morgan also replied. While thanking the brethren for their hearty reception, he regretted the cause which took him to the Manchester Lodge, in place of the late Bro. Levy, who had so long represented the Masonic Press at the meetings of the lodge. He concluded by hoping the W.M. might have a prosperous year of office, and the lodge a successful future.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was next given, Bro. Hughes returning his sincere thanks, and hoping the Past Masters deserved the many kind things which were said in their favour. They were always willing to help the W.M. or any of the members in any way that lay in their power. No task was too hard for them to attempt, but in the Manchester Lodge they had little or nothing to do, as the brethren who were elected as its rulers were such apt workers as to need no help in the different ceremonies. He was pleased to see Bro. Ellwood in the chair, for, although they had been accustomed to good rulers in the Manchester Lodge, he felt the present head would excel his predecessors.

The next toast, the Worshipful Master said, was a very deserving one—"The Masonic Charities." He was pleased to say the Manchester Lodge and its members were always ready and willing to support the Institutions of the Order.

Bro. Hopekirk, P.M., in replying, said the charity of Freemasons reflected great credit on the Order. It was the benevolence of the brethren which allowed the evening's enjoyment to bear the morning's reflection. Bro. Hopekirk also made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Institutions, and asked each of the brethren to do their utmost in support of the list of the Worshipful Master for the coming Festival. None of them knew the amount of good they might do if they worked zealously on behalf of the Charities for those who were in distress and unable to plead for themselves.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast. The Worshipful Master said he felt sure the same cordial reception would be given to this toast as had been accorded to those which had preceded it. The brethren he had appointed to office were efficient, and would do their best to perform the work required of them to the satisfaction of all; he knew they would help him, and he hoped that together they would be able to manage the lodge successfully.

Bro. Senior Warden was very pleased the Worshipful Master had appointed him to so important a post, and he trusted that he might discharge the duties attached to it as much to the satisfaction of the brethren as he had that of Junior Warden, filled by him last year. His ambition was to assume the chair as soon as possible, and he hoped he might merit the approval of the brethren when he was eligible for it.

Bro. Junior Warden also replied, expressing his thanks. Bro. Kew, the Secretary of the lodge, followed. It was, he thought, well known that his desire was to help any of the members of the Manchester Lodge, and to do anything in his power to advance its interests. Other of the officers having responded, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

Among the visitors were Bros. Nathl. Goodchild, P.M. 704; J. Weston, P.M. 1602; E. W. Scattergood, W.M. 753; James Thorn, 957; J. Lawrence, 1788; J. Judge, 829; G. Moy, 1744; G. A. Garratt, P.M. 704; Charles H. Thomas, 1696; C. Peters, 575; J. J. Marsh, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; G. H. Wood, 1572; A. Woolsey, 228; G. A. Stewart, 1634; T. C. Pratt, 957; Joseph Lichtenfeld, 205; J. W. Smith, W.M. 1744; H. Slyman, P.M. 753, 1637, W.M. 1900; W. T. P. Montgomery, S.W. 1475; W. Sitch, 1257; W. Holland, 141; A. Giddings, W.M. elect 1446; G. W. Marsden, jun., W.M. 1329; Cecil Collard, 8; H. T. Underwood, 780; Harry Ellis, 525; and others.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—On Tuesday evening, this old lodge held its installation meeting at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. E. H. Norden, W.M., presided. The worthy brother was supported by a large array of P.M.'s of the lodge, and his officers, numerous lay members, and a long list of visitors. Bro. H. J. Tuson was elected a joining member, after which Bro. Norden installed Bro. Alfred J. Henochsberg, P.M. 1502, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most beautifully per-

formed. The officers invested were Bros. S. Jacobs, S.W.; R. I. Paton, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec.; Rev. M. Haines, Chap.; J. de Mosquita, S.D.; W. Hunter, J.D.; J. Da Silva, P.M., D.C.; T. Hart, I.G.; M. Bromet, A.D.C.; S. Scherml and J. Lichtenfeld, Stwds.; and Rawles, Tyler.

When the ceremonies were completed, Bro. Henochsberg presented to Bro. Norden an elegant Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge, and a Past Master's collar and jewel, subscribed for by the brethren who were Bro. Norden's officers during his Mastership. The presentations were accompanied by an exceedingly neat speech by Bro. Henochsberg, in which he reminded Bro. Norden of the debt the lodge was under to him for his administration of the lodge affairs during his year. Bro. Norden made an equally neat reply, and the lodge was then closed.

A delightful banquet followed, after which the customary toasts were honoured.

At half-past five o'clock the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the company numbering upwards of 150 brethren and visitors.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, the W.M. expressed regret that Mr. Fredk. Paton, who had been engaged to undertake the direction of the musical arrangements of the evening, had unfortunately yesterday broken a blood vessel, and was unable to attend. Fortunately, however, they had one or two volunteers, who had agreed with their worthy J.W. to sing during the evening, and he hoped, under the circumstances, the company would extend to those friends their kind indulgence.

"The Health of the M.W. Grand Master" was next proposed and most enthusiastically received.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. briefly observed that they were the right men in the right places. They were honoured with the presence of four of them that night, and he associated with the toast the names of Bros. the Rev. R. Simpson, P.G. Chap., and Lewis Thomas, P.A.D.C.

Bro. the Rev. R. Simpson, P.G.C., said, after the eloquent and expressive words which had fallen from the W.M. with regard to Lords Carnarvon and Lathom, he need scarcely say a single word. The Grand Officers deserved at their hands all honour, both as men and as Masons. He regarded it as a great privilege to be called upon to return thanks for the Grand Officers, and it was a greater pleasure still to know that, in whatever position they were placed by God's providence, they were always ready and able to do their duty. He felt particularly obliged to the W.M. for having spoken of him as indirectly connected with this lodge, inasmuch as he had the honour of taking a humble part in the consecration of the Chapter of Israel. He thanked Bro. Hogard, who had that night been mentioned by the W.M. as one who cemented, and he (the speaker) might add adorned, the chair, for having allowed him the privilege of being present at a meeting of this ancient lodge. It was the first occasion he had done so, and he felt it a real pleasure, not because of the hospitality which had been shown to all, but for the effective manner in which the ritual had been carried out, both by the outgoing and incoming Masters. In a world marked by divisions in politics, religions, and temperaments, as this was, marked by separations of all kinds, it was agreeable to find in a lodge of this character a typical proof that Freemasonry combined all the elements of unity, so that they were able to meet together on the grounds of perfect equality, and in perfect reverence and devotion to the great interests of a 1 that was holy and loyal with regard to their common country. He believed they met as a nation within a nation; yet these two nations could join in worshipping one God, in paying obedience to one Sovereign, and in conducting, so far as was possible, all their proceedings in subordination to one law—of obedience to the Queen and the laws of the country, thus carrying into social life those duties which bound them together as men of men, as well as Masons of Masons.

Bro. Lewis Thomas also responded, and, in the course of his remarks, observed he could not say this was the first time he had been present at the meetings of the good old Lodge of Israel. For many years he was the guest of their excellent Secretary, Bro. Hogard, and each time he came to this lodge he felt a greater endearment towards all the brethren and all their proceedings. Only last night he was present at the consecration of a new lodge, which ceremony was carried out with great splendour—Drury Lane Lodge—and from what he saw there he was fully convinced the Grand Officers were fully prepared to do their duty to the Craft.

The Immediate Past Master then rose, and said for the first time since leaving the chair he took the gavel in his hand, and they would all know it was for the purpose of proposing "The Health of their excellent Worshipful Master." They all knew the working of Bro. Henochsberg, and it would be superfluous on his part to dilate upon his many admirable qualities. He had performed the duties of Mastership in another lodge, and had brought to London such a reputation with him, that it would be useless for him (the speaker) to say anything further. He had great pleasure in installing Bro. Henochsberg into the chair that day, being an old friend of his who had worked with him ever since they were schoolboys together. He was therefore very pleased and proud to see him in the exalted position he now occupied as Master of this lodge. He had just received a telegram from the Past Masters of the Lodge of Israel at Liverpool expressing to their W.M. their hearty good wishes.

The W.M., who met with a cordial reception, said in rising to thank them for the hearty reception they had given to the toast so eloquently proposed by their I.P.M. he did so most sincerely, and he deeply appreciated the enthusiastic manner with which the mention of his name had been received by the brethren. The proposer of the toast was good enough to say they had worked together since their schoolboy days, and that was a good many years ago—he hardly liked to say how many, but at least 30 years. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for having placed him in the proud and honourable position he now filled as Master of the lodge. It was a unique position for a man to occupy, having twice served the office of Master of the Lodge of Israel. That lodge over which he first presided was formed on the lines of the old lodge; its bye-laws were drafted after their own; and it was 10 years since he served the office of its second W.M. He was afraid they would be sadly disappointed with him during his year of office. (No.) Their I.P.M. had said that he (the speaker) brought a great reputation with him;

but they must recollect that he was then 10 years younger, and had more "go" in him than at present. However, he could only tell them that he should endeavour to the best of his ability to carry out the duties of the office to their satisfaction, and if he did so he was sure it would be to his own gratification, because there was always a certain amount of vanity in being able to do one's duty in a way that should please his fellow man. It might be very well for a man to go through the ritual from the opening to the closing of a lodge, and to have his officers do the same, but unless the brethren themselves worked with that love and harmony which was always characteristic of the Lodge of Israel, success could not be attained. The great prosperity which had attended the lodge was due mainly to the action of its members, and he looked to them to support him in his office by that brotherly love and good feeling which they had hitherto done. He would endeavour to maintain that proud and prosperous position which the members had obtained for this lodge, and hoped during his year of office he might give them an opportunity of saying they did not regret having placed him in the position he now occupied. He then said he had a very important toast to propose, though in the Lodge of Israel it required very few words to evoke the enthusiasm which the brethren would give to it. He asked them to join with him in drinking to "The Healths of the Visitors." They were honoured by a very numerous array of most distinguished brethren, and he was echoing the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he said they were all happy and delighted to see them there. It had been the custom in this lodge to read out the names of those who honoured them with their presence; but really this was such a formidable list—and as the visiting brethren were here, at any rate, he hoped they were—he would not go through the whole list. He assured the visitors the members were glad to see them, and he would associate with the toast the names of Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; S. Boas, P.M. 194; Adams, P.G.C. Lincolnshire; Dewsnap, W.M. 188; and Valentine, W.M. 1019.

Bro. Bowyer thanked the W.M. very heartily for the kind manner in which he had coupled his name with the toast of the visitors, and the company for the heartiness with which they had received it. He could assure them, for himself, that he had been so often amongst them during the last 10 years that he scarcely regarded himself as a visitor, for he saw so many familiar faces around him. He thanked them for the bountiful hospitality they had placed before their guests, and if they had not enjoyed this pleasant gathering it was not the fault of the members of the Lodge of Israel.

Bro. Boas said, being one of the rulers of a sister lodge, it was a great honour to be called upon to respond to this toast. As this was one of his first visits to the Lodge of Israel, he had been delighted with what he had seen, and should endeavour to come amongst them as often as possible.

Bro. Dewsnap said he could add but little to what had been said by previous speakers. It had given him the greatest possible pleasure to see the working in the lodge, and also to partake of the hospitality that had followed. This was almost his first visit to this lodge; but that was not because he had not been invited many times before, for he had been asked often to come there, and had been prevented. He esteemed their W.M. as an old friend, and in selecting him as their Master they had displayed a wise choice. He heartily congratulated Bro. Henochsberg upon his promotion, for he had done a good deal for Freemasonry, and in the year to come he would do more if the brethren would only give him plenty of work to do.

Bros. Chapman, Adams, and Valentine also replied to the toast, as also did Bros. Casper, W.M. of the Samson Lodge, and Isaac Davis, in response to calls from the brethren.

The W.M. then rose and said if there was one toast more important than another it was that of "The Immediate Past Master." No doubt they had heard with a great amount of pleasure the beautiful manner in which Bro. Norden had rendered the installation ceremony that evening. During his Masonic career he had never seen it more admirably carried out. But this was only in keeping with the efficiency he had displayed during his Mastership, which, had they not known it before, would have led them to say he was a splendid worker of the ritual of Freemasonry. He was very pleased, in the position of Master of this lodge, to propose his good health. Their I.P.M. had given them a hint why he should have additional gratification in doing this, because they were schoolboys together. He assured the company that he had lost sight of their I.P.M., and they of each other, for 22 or 23 years. But at length they met in a Masonic lodge, and when he told them that lodge was the Lodge of Israel he spoke that which was a fact. They might depend upon it that it had afforded him great pleasure to be installed in the position he now occupied by Bro. Norden. He had shown an example to this lodge which was worthy of emulation, and he should try during his year of office to carry out the duties as Bro. Norden had done before him, to give satisfaction to all the members of the lodge, and he wished their I.P.M. long life and prosperity.

The I.P.M., in responding, acknowledged the kind support he had received from all the brethren of the lodge, without which he should not have been able to go on with his work in a manner satisfactory to the lodge and gratifying to himself. It was to them he owed any credit he might have gained for good working. He expressed his unabated interest in the welfare of the lodge, and said he should endeavour to do in the future as he had done in the past.

The W.M., in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said he was sorry that Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, had been obliged to leave, as he was in hopes that they would have heard from him a speech on the advantages of the Masonic Institutions. But if the brethren would only think of the obligations they had entered into, they would understand that Charity was one of the first and peculiar principles of Freemasonry. They had heard a great deal during the past twelve months of the universal depression of trade in this country, and he dared say most of them had felt that depression in some way. Still he was happy to say that although the depression had touched almost everybody from a commercial or mercantile point of view, the Masonic Charities had not suffered. On the contrary, they had received far more support in the past year than they had done for many years previously. That spoke a great deal for the great principles of Freemasonry. With respect to the Benevolent Fund of this lodge, he should ask its

respected President, Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., to respond, and, no doubt, he would, as in former times, ask them for some little assistance to augment that fund. Therefore, he would not encroach upon Bro. Cohen's ground. The Benevolent Fund had increased very much, and now amounted to those wonderful figures which Bro. Cohen had often spoken of with so much ambition. They had very nearly got into the four figures, and by the appeal which he was about to make to them, no doubt they would send the President of the fund away with a buoyant and happy countenance, and in the most pleasant of moods.

Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., said a rather difficult task devolved upon him, and he regretted that many of the brethren had left, inasmuch as he had a great desire to realise the "ambition" which had been alluded to by their W.M. Under no circumstances did they accept donations from visitors, because it was a pride of the members of the Lodge of Israel that this fund should be devoted to themselves only, so that they could not, and would not accept any subscriptions from brethren who did not belong to the lodge. But he appealed to those who did belong to it, and especially the younger members, to give that assistance to the fund to which the W.M. had so fittingly alluded. Year by year they had increased this fund, until now they had very nearly reached the proverbial four figures. He depended upon the brethren that night to make up the £13 or £14 still required to that end. It had been said of the wise King Solomon that he taught us: "Cast your bread upon the waters, and it shall be seen after many days;" and nothing gave zest to his (the speaker's) appeal, so much as they knew that they were doing good to those who should come after them. He did not ask them even for the price of the banquet they had enjoyed that night; but he asked all, and especially those who had not been prompted to give to this fund at all, to assist him on this occasion. Then he should be able to leave that hall with the buoyancy and *bon homie* that had been depicted by the W.M. Let them hope this fund would never be required by any of those present, but what a satisfaction it would be to them and to the world at large who were Masons to know that to those who needed they could give without stint and without diffidence.

The appeal was then sent round, and later in the evening Bro. Hogard, Secretary, announced that the magic figures they had had before them for so many years had at last been attained. They had that night received one of the largest sums ever collected on an installation night, namely, a total of £15 17s., which exceeded by about £3 is. the figures aimed at by the President of the fund.

The W.M., in proposing the next toast, said the Past Masters of the Lodge of Israel had made such a name for themselves that the toast needed no words from him to ensure for it an enthusiastic reception. That night they had a glorious array of Past Masters, but that was not in consequence of the installation meeting, for at all the gatherings of the lodge the Past Masters met them in goodly numbers. He had never yet in his Masonic experience seen the principles of brotherly love more fully extended than in his own case, though he came as a comparative stranger amongst them. He was taken by the hand and assisted in every way, and he could not forget the kindness they had extended towards him. He coupled with the toast the names of Past Masters Letour and S. Harris, who suitably responded.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Healths of the Treas. and Sec.," whose ability and efficiency had been well tried and proved. Bro. Cohen, their Treasurer, had been connected with the lodge over 40 years, and although he had no official record before him, he believed their venerable brother had attended nearly every meeting of the lodge during that long period. While they had so zealous and efficient a Secretary as their esteemed P.M., Bro. Hogard, the lodge could not but be a success. He paid a flattering compliment to both officers, and the toast was received with much cordiality.

Bro. A. M. Cohen responded as Treasurer, and hoped the lodge would continue to be as prosperous as it was at the present time, and had been for some years past, though he recollected the time, many years ago, when it was not so. The W.M. had alluded to the fact of his having been connected with the lodge over 40 years, and during the whole of that period he had never been absent half-a-dozen times. In his younger days he came from all parts of the country to attend his lodge, and although he could not expect I.G.A.O.T.U. to spare him much longer at his advanced age, yet he hoped as long as he continued as their Treasurer he should not only receive, but deserve, the encomiums that had been showered upon him.

Bro. Hogard having thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received, said during the time he had been a member of this lodge he had endeavoured to fulfil the various duties that had devolved upon him to the best of his ability. They were probably aware that the duties of the Secretary did not begin or end with entering the portals of the lodge. There were many things which occurred when they were not meeting, and it had been his pleasure as well as his duty to attend to every detail connected with the lodge. He was proud to see the high position which the lodge had now attained, and with a list of five candidates for initiation at the next meeting, he felt sure that the lodge would go on and prosper—at all events, under the presidency of their present W.M. The lodge had not only a large benevolent fund of its own, but it year by year supported the great Masonic Charities of which they were all so proud. It had been said that times were bad, but with one exception, last year realised the largest subscription ever given to the Masonic Charities, which, including the amounts given by the Board of Benevolence, reached the enormous total of over £54,000. The brethren are certainly numerous, but for any body of men to have done such work in one single year spoke volumes for the way in which the brethren supported the various Charities connected with the Order. He was sure that the Masonic virtue inculcated in their hearts at their initiation, namely Charity, received at the hands of Masons generally a large and significant support. He reminded the brethren that he was a Steward for the Boys' School at the next Festival, and he hoped at their next meeting to say something on that subject. But at this late hour he would merely content himself by again returning his sincere and hearty thanks for the manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for the confidence the W.M. had reposed in him by again appointing him Secretary of the good old lodge of Israel.

The officers of the lodge having severally responded to

the compliments paid them, the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a choice selection of music was given by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss Alice Bocquet, and Mr. Joseph Hay, Bro. Warren Tear, presiding ably at the pianoforte.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE (No. 206).—The anniversary festival of the above old centenary lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. A splendid room was temporarily used, the extensive alterations, and which include a handsome Masonic temple, not being yet completed. Bro. J. Lothian Anderson, W.M., was well and unanimously supported by the P.M.'s, officers, and brethren, and there was an attendance of about 20 visitors. Bro. Anderson, after usual formalities, conferred the Second Degree upon Bro. R. W. Goldie in capital style, and Bro. E. Squirrell, P.M., next undertook the onerous duty of Installing Master, and proceeded to install Bro. Wm. Gowland, S.W., W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., most impressively and well. On the admission of the brethren the new W.M. was saluted in due form with customary honours, and proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing year. In this duty, Bro. Gowland displayed an amount of ability seldom seen in a newly-installed W.M., the whole of the addresses being rendered ably and with finish. Appointments: Bros. Wm. H. Arber, S.W.; J. M. Rooney, J.W.; J. L. Anderson, I.P.M., Treas.; A. R. Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; Amos Britton, S.D.; Wm. Steel, J.D.; Samuel Gammon, P.M., D.C.; Ernest Marquis, I.G.; E. Squirrell, P.M., W.S.; A. W. Tobin, A.W.S.; and Gullock, Tyler. A masterly rendering of the three charges brought P.M. Bro. Squirrell's labours to a successful close, whereupon the W.M. presented Bro. J. L. Anderson, I.P.M., in the name of the lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, which was intended to mark the high appreciation which the brethren entertain of his services as W.M. during the past 12 months.

Bro. Anderson acknowledged the mark of esteem and promised his best endeavours in the future for the continued prosperity of the Friendship Lodge, which had conferred upon him the additional honour of electing him as its Treasurer.

Among the P.M.'s present were Bros. H. M. Collier, F. Wiggins, C. T. Scrivener, J. Waters, and others. The visitors who signed were Bros. A. H. Coleon, P.G.S., P.M. 58; H. W. Kedgley, W.M. 1614; J. D. Simmonds, 72; J. D. Tannahill, S.W. 171; H. Oldham, S.W. 1365; C. E. Smith, P.G.S., P.M. 58; Edward Linging, W.M. 1563; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M. 174; S. J. Pitt, 890; W. F. Christian, P.M. 1662; A. Lambert, S.D. 1156; A. Mellish, 188; J. J. Coningham, 173; W. Fleming, P.M. 158; R. H. Barton, 3; J. G. Deacon, 39; and G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623.

Masonic labour having ended, a splendid banquet was served in one of the new dining saloons, and, under the courteous superintendence of Bro. Ashby, fully maintained the high character which the Ship and Turtle enjoys. After the banquet the usual toasts were loyally and heartily honoured, and a fine selection of music was given, under the direction of Bro. Heney, by Bros. Sexton, Heney, and Bell, and a happy and pleasant evening was passed, auguring well for the continued prosperity of 206.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The installation meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 12th inst., when there were present a large number of brethren, under the presidency of Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. He was supported by Bros. W. H. Kedgley, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; B. Solomons, S.D.; G. Reynolds, I.G.; W. F. Thorpe, D.C.; R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; G. Coleman, I.P.M.; C. Kedgley, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; A. Bryan, G. H. Foan, S. Isaacs, G. W. Holditch, L. Isaacs, C. A. Ralph, A. Jacobs, L. Goldsmid, T. Skinner, W. Unwin, S. Hewitt, C. W. Lodge, W. A. Dowling, J. Woodward, L. Cohen, A. Bush, A. Temple, J. Potter, G. C. Bond, W. W. Cousins, J. Napper, E. Mills, G. H. Reynolds, Frank Gulliford, W. T. Jay, J. W. Belcham, A. Freeman, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Higgins, P.M. 1381; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; J. Cox, P.M. 190; G. H. Walker, P.M. 733; A. J. Clausen, 1348; J. R. Cumming, S.W. 890; R. Depriez, 1663; T. Fisher, J.D. 192; E. G. Mansell, 879; S. Renaut, J.D. 1623; C. R. Williams, S.W. 72; H. Marks, 1349; T. Redman, 72; D. Moss, W.M. 1275; W. Roots, S.W. 1273; W. Steele, 206; F. C. Nicholls, S.D. 706; J. Osmond, 1348; F. J. Steele, P.M. 1273; J. Skinner, P.M. 538; B. Costa, D.C. 1349; J. Levine, 1349; W. Fowles, S.D. 1348; J. Madell, 1201; W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; H. W. Price, W.M. 177; C. Godfrey, 204; H. Hyams, 1348; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; H. Robinson, 1681; J. Bond, 889, P.M., P.P.G.P. Surrey; Frank Locksett, 1638; D. Dowler, 511; R. Kirk, 1681; C. Solomon, 158; T. Hanken, 2030; G. T. Taylor, 1567; G. W. Watts, P.M. 194; W. Jones, S.D. 890; J. Rowe, 1559; W. Kipps, P.M. 1273; L. A. Costa, J.D. 1349; and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. W. Kedgley, S.W., being introduced by Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., and Treas., as the W.M. elect, was duly obligated and installed by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M., in a very impressive manner.

The newly-installed Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. A. Dickson, S.W.; B. Solomon, J.W.; Rev. P.M. Holden, Chap. (who was unavoidably absent); E. Jacobs, P.M., Treasurer; W. Bourne, P.M., Secretary; J. Jacobs, I.P.M.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; G. Reynolds, S.D.; W. F. Thorpe, J.D.; S. Hewitt, I.G.; G. Coleman, P.M., W.S.; F. Gulliford, D.C.; C. A. Ralph, A.W.S.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. J. Jacobs, then delivered the charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in an eloquent and forcible manner. Bro. G. C. Bond read the Auditors' (Bros. S. Hewitt, C. A. Ralph, and G. C. Bond) report, which showed a good balance, proving the lodge to be in a prosperous condition. The new W.M., in a few well-chosen words, presented Bro. J. Jacobs with a P.M.'s jewel, observing that he had not been absent from his duties for one evening. The name of one gentleman was given in as an initiate by the W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was closed, the W.M. receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors. The brethren expressed themselves much delighted with the perfect manner in which Bro. J. Jacobs had performed the ceremony of installation that evening.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a most sumptuous repast was provided, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini, whose arrangements were most satisfactory to all. The tables were most tastefully decorated with flowers, and each brother provided with a button-hole by Bro. T. A. Dickson.

After returning thanks, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, especial mention being made of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M."

The Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. Jacobs; in rising, said the brethren all knew he held the gavel in his hand for the purpose of proposing "The Health of the W.M." He had filled all the offices in the lodge from the lowest, so working himself up to his present position; and he felt sure the brethren would unite with him in congratulation, and wish him increase of health and strength, and a good year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which they had drunk his health, and said he could assure them it would be his earnest endeavour to uphold the lodge, and help to increase its prosperity. He hoped his health would improve, so that he might be able to perform all the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren. The P.M.s. had added well to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said he must especially thank him for his kindness and help. Bro. John Jacobs had done honour not only to the lodge but to Masonry in general; he should therefore ask the brethren to drink his health most cordially.

The Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. Jacobs, in reply, said he must thank the brethren for their kindness to him during his year of office. He felt that it had been the happiest time of his life, and he fully appreciated all kind feeling expressed towards him during the evening. He would make it his duty to assist all he could, and so help brethren to attain the position of W.M. The jewel that had been so generously presented to him would always remind him of the good feelings of the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge, and he trusted he should be spared many years to wear the same amongst them.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said they were favoured with a large number that evening. The Covent Garden Lodge was always glad to see them, and give them a hearty welcome. He hoped they had been all pleased with the beautiful manner in which he had been installed by his I.P.M., Bro. Jacobs, and that they had enjoyed the banquet. He would call upon Bros. J. Cox, P.M., G. W. Watts, P.M., and F. J. Steele, P.M., to respond.

Bro. J. Cox, P.M., said he felt much pleasure in rising to respond on behalf of the visitors. All knew that a hearty welcome was always given to visitors of the Covent Garden Lodge. The work of installing that evening had seldom been excelled. The banquet was most enjoyable, the brethren showing good fellowship. Outside the lodge he knew the W.M. well, and he trusted he would be blessed with good health and a prosperous year of office, he also wished every success to the lodge.

Bros. G. W. Watts, P.M., and F. J. Steele, P.M., endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Bro. J. Cox, P.M.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," complimented them all on their kindness and geniality, saying that the lodge received great benefit from their experience, and he would ask the brethren to respond heartily, coupling with the toast that of "The Treasurer, Bro. E. Jacobs," and "The Secretary, Bro. W. Bourne, who were both Past Masters.

Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., in replying for the Past Masters and as their Treasurer, said it was a great pleasure to them to hear themselves so well spoken of. He could assure the brethren that nothing should be wanting on their part to do all they could for the benefit of the lodge, and he trusted the W.M. would have a good year of office, and follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M., whose working that evening was all that one could desire. The Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction had shown what he could do, especially at the rehearsal of installation, and he would strongly recommend the officers and the brethren to attend the lodge of instruction as frequently as possible, where they would be welcomed by the Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, and the Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D. of the lodge.

Bro. W. Bourne, P.M. and Secretary, then fully endorsed all that Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., had said. He thanked them for the kindness always shown towards him, and he also hoped that the brethren would still continue to repose the same confidence in him that they had shown for so many years past. He would do all in his power to advance the welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Officers, saying that he felt sure they would each do their best to assist him in his duties. He would call upon Bro. T. A. Dickson, S.W., to reply.

Bro. T. A. Dickson, S.W., assured the W.M. that the officers would use their best endeavours to carry out their duties to his entire satisfaction, and trusted at the end of the W.M.'s year of office he would be able to give a good report of them.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening. Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., filled the office of W.S. to the satisfaction of all the brethren, assisted by his indefatigable A.W.S., Bro. C. Ralph.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by songs and recitations by the following: Miss Lane, Bros. Nicholls, C. Solomon, E. Jacobs, P.M.; Temple, S. Jacobs, P.M.; C. Ralph, and A. Jacobs.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

A regular meeting of the above prosperous lodge was held on the 21st inst. at Freemasons' Hotel, Great Queen-street. Lodge was opened by Bro. J. J. Howes, W.M.; assisted by Bros. A. W. Price, Acting S.W.; F. G. Hodges, Acting J.W.; G. H. Stephens, I.P.M.; W. C. Brasher, S.D.; S. Renaut, I.G.; W. Pennefather, P.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., acting Secretary in unavoidable absence of the Secretary; and J. Howes, Treas. Also present Bros. R. B. Greenwood, S.W.; R. F. Brickdale, J.W.; F. Rumball, D.C.; Worrall, Clisby, S. Rumball, W. Jackson, Linnett, Chatwin, Collins, Hayward, Bolander; and others. There was also a strong array of visitors as usual. Bro. Hayward was duly advanced to the degree of M.M., and, on the ballot proving successful, Messrs. Bishop and Stebbing were admitted into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M. next appointed Bro. J. F. Rumball, D.C., to the post of J.D., which was vacant

owing to an esteemed brother taking up his residence in the Highlands.

Some matters conducing to the good of the lodge were discussed, and an amount of £21 was voted on the list of the W.M., Bro. Howes, and Bro. H. Lardner, P.M., who are representing 1623 at the approaching Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

After lodge a splendid banquet was partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, the viands and service being of the usual excellence. The various toasts were pleasantly enlivened with some capital music, which is always a prominent feature in the West Smithfield Lodge meetings, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. G. S. Recknell, W.M.; R. Kimpton, S.W.; A. R. Carter, J.W.; C. Butcher, Treas.; John Rexworthy, S.D.; H. J. Rolls, J.D.; G. J. Garland, I.G.; A. G. Watkinson, Stwd.; J. Booty, A. T. Porter, G. Adamson, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; C. A. Mackrell, Max Treuherz, F. Cleak, R. Park, G. Spurgin, M. Boltero, J. Webb, J. Spurgin, and W. W. Codd. Visitors: Bros. C. Breden, P.M. 781; Wm. Rest, P.M. 1288; J. Kimpton, 1601; C. G. Ousey, 59; W. Poole, 1901; H. Harris, 201; J. Harris, 201; W. R. Cooper, 1056; M. Samuel, 188; W. Ormond, P.M. 134; E. Isaacson, 188; G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59; A. Y. Loft, S.W. 946; J. Nunn, P.G.S.B.; F. W. Fregout, J.D. 171; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; T. Fenn, P.B.G.P.; J. W. Wardell, P.M. 95; D. J. Bridgroom, I.G. 1364; E. Hobbs, 453; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; F. Marceau, 1558; W. Williams, S.D. 2005; G. F. Grover, 1381; Hy. Ensell, 907; E. A. Harris, J.D. 201; and Rev. C. H. Davis.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. explained that there were two raisings to be performed—Bros. Park and the Rev. C. H. Davis, 1771, by request. Bro. Davis was sojourning in this country, and was very anxious to take the M.M. Degree, which the W.M. readily acceded to, and intimated to him that he would be very happy to confer the Degree, which was accordingly done. The W.M., Bro. G. S. Recknell, then proceeded to instal Bro. R. Kimpton, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The whole of the ceremonies were most ably and impressively rendered, and the officers invested were Bros. A. R. Carter, S.W.; J. Rexworthy, J.W.; Chas. Butcher, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Recknell, I.P.M., Sec.; H. J. Rolls, S.D.; G. J. Garland, J.D.; A. S. Harris, I.G.; M. Treuherz, D.C.; A. G. Watkinson, W.S.; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler.

Subsequent to the transaction of other business, the W. Master invested the I.P.M. with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services during the past year, remarking that it was one of the most pleasant duties he had to perform. Being initiated with the W.M., he had watched his progress in Freemasonry. The I.P.M. duly acknowledged the gift.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and honoured the customary toasts. "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said, at all gatherings of Englishmen was received most enthusiastically, but more especially amongst Freemasons, most loyally. "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were also given. The W.M. said they were singularly favoured and gratified to see in their midst that night two very distinguished Grand Officers—viz., V.W. Bro. Thos. Fenn, Pres. Board Gen. Purp.; and W. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Pres. Lodge of Benevolence; with whose names he would couple the toast.

Bro. Fenn, in acknowledging the toast, stated that in their respective offices they endeavoured to enhance the best interests of the Craft and maintain the true principles of Masonry in their purity and integrity, but his fellow Grand Officer (Bro. Nunn) had not such a thankful task to perform.

Bro. Nunn, in returning thanks, thought the brethren of late were in the habit of voting large sums of money, and he was sorry to see it. His friends would find with him that the day would come when they would not be enabled to dispense so large an amount. He had much pleasure in seeing the installation ceremony performed that night, more particularly as it had been rendered by one in whom he was interested, and with whom he had been closely associated some few years gone by.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The W.M.," and said he considered it a great source of pleasure to propose the health of the W.M., as he was so intimately associated with him, and was specially pleased to see him occupy the position he did that night, as he was with himself one of the first initiates of the lodge, and he was perfectly convinced as to his ability in carrying out the duties of the lodge, and was quite sure every member valued and greeted him in the chair with true Masonic feeling, and therefore he could not too highly commend him to their hearty support and co-operation. Speaking personally, he hoped the lodge would flourish most satisfactorily under his guidance, and wished him a most happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his intention of promoting, during his year of office, the very best interests of the lodge, and that could only be efficiently done with the support and co-operation of his officers. He had no hesitation in saying he looked forward to a most successful year of office, and as he had firmly and strenuously held to the lodge from the beginning, so it would be a fitting occasion to invite the brethren individually to freely display their energies for the welfare of the lodge, now that he had the honour of discharging the various duties in connection with the chair.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," said he was sure the brethren thoroughly appreciated the manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed that night, and that it merited every success there could be no doubt. For his own part, he would say that having been installed by the I.P.M. into the chair of King Solomon, he heartily thanked him for the impressive manner in which he had conducted the ceremony.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he had experienced very great pleasure in installing his esteemed friend the W.M. into the chair. True, he (the I.P.M.) was the first initiate, and from the commencement he had aimed at the position the W.M. now occupied, and it was very gratifying to think

he had now passed the chair. He was personally indebted to the members of the lodge for the handsome jewel with which they had so kindly presented him, and assured them that any service or assistance he was at any time able to render it would willingly be accorded.

The visitors were numerous, and all heartily welcomed.

Bro. Wm. Rest said he was greatly gratified in witnessing the W.M. installed into the chair, and, being personally connected with him, he was pleased to find he occupied that position; but he could not allow the occasion to pass without paying due regard and comment as to the efficient and commendable manner in which the I.P.M. had placed him there. He had witnessed many ceremonies of installation, but had enjoyed none better than that that night. He was much indebted to the W.M., and hoped when the time came round that he would be enabled to instal his successor with equal satisfaction.

Bros. G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59; Watson Ormond, P.M. 134; J. W. Wordell, P.M. 95; F. W. Fregout, J.D. 171; and Rev. Chas. H. Davis also replied, expressing their appreciation of the meeting.

The combined toasts of "The Treas. and Sec." were duly responded to by Bro. Chas. Butcher, P.M., expressing every satisfaction as to the successful issue of the meeting.

The S.W. and J.W. replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).

There was a large and influential assembly of brethren of this lodge on Tuesday, the 26th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. J. C. Smith as W.M., in succession to Bro. J. W. Smith. The meeting took place at Freemasons' Hall, where lodge was opened under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. W. Smith, who was supported by Bros. J. C. Smith, J.W., W.M. elect; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M.; H. Dickey, Sec.; W. Jaques, S.D.; W. H. Darling, J.D.; R. Ross, D.C.; C. Holland, I.G.; E. Moulter, Org.; E. Perry, Stwd.; W. A. Scurreh, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Mason, P.P. G.S.D. Middx.; H. Stiles, P.M. 1732; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; T. E. Bathard, P.M. 1287; E. J. Day, 1681; T. G. Spencer, I.P.M. 73; A. W. Jenner, P.M. 1227; J. Plovman, S.W. 1381; T. Clark, P.M. 1178; W. Christian, W.M. 860; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; T. Markham, P.M. 144; H. Lecker, P.M. 435; G. Garratt, P.M. 1366; G. Goring, W.M. 1732; C. A. Wilkes, S.W. 858; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; J. M. Chapman, I.P.M. 1922; A. Martin, P.M. 252; A. G. Fisher, W.M. 754; G. Mitchell, W.M. 615; A. Bryant, P.M. 1237; L. Solomon, P.M. 1732; G. W. Guyer, I.P.M. 1288; W. Procter, S.W. 1288; E. J. Cook, P.M. 913; J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107; A. Sumner, S.W. 177; A. H. Sandie, W.M. 1599; E. Storr, I.P.M. 167; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the financial position of the lodge to be very satisfactory, was received and adopted. Bro. J. C. Smith was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was impressively installed into the chair. The newly-elected W.M. having been saluted with the customary honours, he proceeded to invest his officers for the year, the collars being distributed as follows: Bros. H. Dickey, S.W.; Jaques, J.W.; Scurreh, Sec.; Darling, S.D.; Holland, J.D.; Ross, I.G.; Perry, D.C.; Holt, A.D.C.; Verdin and Mordey, Stwds.; Price, Org.; and Kaster, Tyler. Bro. Willing, P.M., who had been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, was unavoidably absent; but the W.M. intimated that he would invest him with the collar on a future occasion. The investiture of officers was performed in a highly creditable manner by the W.M., and the addresses were eloquently and impressively delivered by Bro. Stiles, P.M.

It was then proposed by Bro. Stiles, P.M., and carried unanimously, that the sum of 10 guineas should be voted from the lodge funds and placed on the list of Bro. Willing, who intends serving as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was also resolved that a vote of thanks to Bro. J. W. Smith, the late W.M., should be recorded on the minutes for the exemplary manner in which he had carried out the duties.

Bro. J. C. Smith, W.M., eulogised the manner in which Bro. J. W. Smith had performed the onerous duties of the chair, and expressed the very great pleasure it afforded him to present him with the I.P.M.'s jewel that had been voted to him by the lodge.

Bro. J. W. Smith briefly returned thanks for the kind remarks of the W.M. and to the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him with.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

After the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Queen and the Craft" having been warmly received,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said that since his Royal Highness had been at the head of the Craft it had made rapid strides, owing to the great interest he took in everything calculated to promote its welfare.

The next toast was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., R.W. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The Worshipful Master, in proposing this toast, referred to the excellent work done by the Grand Officers, who, by their indefatigable energies, had proved that they were a body of excellent Masons.

Bro. Greenwood, P.G.S.B., thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, and said that he was sure that Freemasonry would continue progressing under the ruling of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He (Bro. Greenwood) was present at this lodge a year ago, and the ceremonies were so ably rendered then that he was anxious to see whether the standard of proficiency would be maintained. Bro. Smith, I.P.M., had installed his successor in a very praiseworthy manner, and he was always very pleased to see the retiring W.M. perform that interesting ceremony.

"The W.M." was next proposed by Bro. J. W. Smith, I.P.M., who congratulated the members of the lodge on their choice, as their newly-installed W.M. would be a credit to them.

G. Noakes, J.W.; J. Hall, P.M., Treas.; H. H. Thompson, Sec.; W. Stephens, S.D.; H. J. Dodd, J.D.; A. MacMahon, I.G.; T. Gowers, P.M., D.C.; J. Northover and H. Buckland, Stwds.; and W. Hill, Tyler. The officers having been invested, Bro. Hall gave the concluding addresses in a most impressive manner, with perfect accuracy, and much elocutionary effect.

The W.M. presented Bro. S. G. Noakes with a beautiful Secretary's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), suitably inscribed, previously voted by the lodge, which gift was very feelingly acknowledged. Two propositions for initiation were received, and after "Hearty good wishes" from visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most recherché repast was provided by Bro. Stone, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren elicited unanimous expressions of satisfaction.

After dessert, the W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that the womanly virtues of her Majesty had gained for her the love of foreigners as well as Englishmen. Her sympathy with sorrow and suffering was not confined to England alone, as evidenced by the messages sent to the widows of the late Presidents Garfield and Grant, and quite recently to the widowed Queen of Spain.

The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," commenting on the prosperity of the Craft under his benign auspices. Much of this might be due to the exalted position of his Royal Highness; but he (the W.M.) thought that much of it was due to the great interest the Grand Master took in Freemasonry, and also to the thoroughness with which he performed (on all possible occasions) the duties of Grand Master. In the words of the old song, "Long may he reign, and the cause maintain."

In proposing the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Dep. Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge," the W.M. said the brethren were aware that much of the work of Grand Lodge devolved upon the Grand Officers. It was quite unnecessary to remind the brethren of the excellent manner in which the Grand Officers performed their duties; but when he reminded them of the Grand Secretary and others continually travelling about the country in the interests of the Craft, consecrating lodges, &c., he was sure they would all admit that a debt of gratitude was due to those brethren for the time and labour they gave to the cause of Freemasonry.

The W.M. then proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Grand Officers of Hants and Isle of Wight," in doing which he paid a deservedly high tribute to the zeal, ability, and courtesy of R.W. W. B. Beach, M.P. He regretted that the Prov. Grand Master could not come among them oftener, as a strong feeling prevailed among the brethren of the Camp Lodge that of late the lodge was forgotten in the distribution of provincial grand honours.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom he wished every success during his year of office. He congratulated the brethren on having made so wise a choice in selecting so tried and skilful a Master to preside over them. There was no part of the Sublime ritual of Masonry with which the W.M. was not thoroughly acquainted, and he always rendered it to the infinite delight of all who heard him.

The Worshipful Master replied in an excellent speech, thanking the brethren for the great honour conferred on him, and assuring them that during his term of office everything that laid in his power should be done to ensure the happiness and comfort of the brethren. He trusted that when he handed over the gavel and his jewel to his successor, the brethren would be able to say of him that he had worked with credit to himself, satisfaction to the lodge, and usefulness to the Craft.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," observing that it gave him very great pleasure to propose that toast. The brethren had that afternoon been charmed with the manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed. Bro. Hall did everything in Masonry in a like masterly manner. In the absence of the W.M. during the past year, Bro. Hall had frequently discharged the duties of W.M., and always in such a manner as to elicit praise from all who heard him; while his kindness, courtesy, and geniality had gained for him the esteem of every member of the lodge. The W.M. hoped they would long have Bro. Hall among them to offer kindly assistance and counsel. He therefore asked the brethren to be upstanding and drink to the health, happiness, and long life of the Installing Master, Bro. Hall.

Bro. Hall, in responding, assured the brethren that while he was able to offer assistance and instruction they could always rely on him for anything it was in his power to render them.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Masonic Charities," referring to the three splendid Institutions, and the incalculable amount of good done by them. He coupled with that toast the name of Bro. Eve, than whom perhaps no brother had done more in the cause of Masonic Charity.

Bro. Eve, in the course of a lengthy and very eloquent reply, said it was indeed a great honour for any brother to have his name associated with such a toast as the Masonic Charities. He pointed out the excellent support given to these Institutions by numbers of the brethren, but regretted that there were thousands who forgot the lesson of their initiation. He earnestly entreated every brother—as far as his circumstances in life would fairly warrant—to avail himself of the opportunity and privilege of subscribing to these excellent Institutions. If they did so he was certain they would never repent it, for the money contributed would be gratefully accepted and faithfully applied. Their offerings would be "twice blessed," and they would then realize how "much more blessed it was to give than to receive."

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. observed that it was one always received with great cordiality by the brethren of Aldershot Camp Lodge. On behalf of the members he gave the visitors a right hearty welcome; he was extremely glad to see so many, and hoped they would come often, and also assured them that the right hand of friendship and brotherhood would always be extended to them.

Bro. Major Walsh, 1071, in responding on behalf of the visitors, expressed the great pleasure he felt—as an old soldier, and old Mason—for the kind manner in which the visitors were received. In lodge he had been quite delighted with the beautiful rendering of the installation ceremony, and the perfect working of the W.M. and his officers. To him, as an old soldier, this

was particularly gratifying, because he firmly believed that military Masons did more than any others in spreading a knowledge of Masonry. Being constantly on the move round the world, they were often instrumental in opening new lodges—thus diffusing the light of wisdom—while some, like their W.M., left a name behind them in different countries, which would long be remembered by Masons. On behalf of the visitors he again begged to thank the W.M. and brethren for the great treat afforded them in lodge, and for their splendid hospitality at the banquet table.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The P.M.'s," pointing out the work done by the Past Masters during the year, in the absence of the W.M. He thought the lodge had reason to be proud of the Past Masters, and hoped they would long continue to take an active and willing interest in the work.

Bro. R. White, P.M., said he was extremely gratified to be with the brethren again, and find the lodge in such a flourishing condition. During his year he had 25 initiations, and he would be very much pleased to see the W.M. better that record. He intended to represent the lodge as Steward at the Girls' Festival, and trusted the brethren would assist him.

Bro. Robertson, I.P.M., and Bro. Gowers, P.M., also responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," observing that it would be impossible for the head of any department, however efficient he might be, to carry on the duties of his office unless ably seconded by an efficient staff. He was glad to say that the officers he had chosen had proved themselves equal to the duties they had to perform.

The toast was suitably acknowledged by the officers, all of whom responded.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were given by Bros. Eve, Brookes, Seabrook, R. White, Taylor, Noakes, Dodd, Hall, Blades, Mallord, and Harrison.

SUNDERLAND.—Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, 22nd inst., at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, John-street. Present: Bros. J. C. Moor, P.P.G. J.D., W.M.; Thomas Atkinson, acting S.W.; F. S. Cowper, acting J.W.; J. R. Pattison, W.M. 97, Sec.; W. A. Priestly, S.D.; R. A. Brown, J.D.; J. E. Nelson, P.M., D.C.; T. A. Simpson, acting I.G.; W. Milburn, jun., Stwd.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Chas. Cobham, P.P.G.S. of W., acting I.P.M.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Wilkinson, W.M. 1389; R. Kinmond, P.M. 80, P.P.G.P.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. read letters of apology from the S.W. and J.W., who were unavoidably absent. Bro. the Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C., J.W., enclosed £15 towards the Masonic Fund in aid of the Distress Relief Fund. The ballot was taken for Bro. George T. Egdell, 240, as a joining member, who was duly elected. The bye-laws of the lodge were read by the Secretary. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and one brother was proposed as a joining member. The lodge was afterwards closed.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 19th inst. There were present Bros. R. Rowlands, W.M.; J. D. Smith, S.W.; T. Brady, J.W.; W. H. Boys, S.D.; Bannister, J.D.; W. S. Harvey, I.G.; Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; and Hose.

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 Second. Bro. Hose gave proofs of proficiency, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. in a most creditable manner, the traditional history being fully and perfectly given. The W.M. gave the charge for the Third Degree. The lodge was called off and on. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Third Degree with the brethren. The lodge was closed down. Bro. J. D. Smith was proposed as W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Friday evening, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. J. Corbett, W.M.; J. A. Alsop, S.W.; F. E. U. Green, J.W.; W. R. Brooks, S.D.; S. Stamper, J.D.; E. Anderson, jun., Sec.; H. Dyball, I.G.; and J. Turner.

The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising worked. Lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation worked by Bro. F. E. U. Green. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, and the lodge was closed.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—The last meeting of this flourishing lodge was presided over, on Monday last, by Bro. G. J. Pope, the Secretary, supported by Bro. W. Saint, S.W.; W. Gray, P.M., J.W.; Stephens, P.M., acting Preceptor; Draper, S.D.; Beaton, J.D.; Garrod, I.G.; Gray, jun., Dutton, Lowe, Calderara, Hart, Hughes, P.M.; Job, P.M.; and others.

The evening was devoted to the Third Ceremony, which was most carefully rendered, Bro. Dutton as candidate. Bro. Stephens then occupied the chair, and called upon Bro. Job to work the Sections of the 3rd Lecture, which was successfully performed. Bro. Saint was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and a very successful meeting terminated. We note with much pleasure the great success which has attended this lodge since it took up its abode at Bro. Hart's Hostelry; the working is good, attendance regular, and a more comfortable "school" it would be difficult to find.

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 21st inst., when there were present Bros. R. J. Harnell, W.M.; B. Solomon, S.W.; H. G. Marsden, J.W.; C. Grassi, S.D.; W. F. Thorpe, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; E. S. P. Valeriani, D. Stroud, Frank Gulliford, 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. H. G. Marsden worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. S. P. Valeriani having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the Second and then the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that Bro. B. Solomon be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the bye-laws were read and approved. Bro. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, was unanimously elected Preceptor, being pro-

posed by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, and seconded by Bro. T. A. Dickson; and Bro. G. Reynolds was elected Secretary and Treasurer, being proposed by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, and seconded by the J.W.

Bro. G. Reynolds then read the annual report, which had been audited by Bros. T. A. Dickson, G. H. Reynolds, and R. J. Harnell, jun., as follows: During the year 1885, 49 meetings had been held; the number of brethren attending 684; and new joining members 40. The lodge had been opened in the First Degree 49 times; the Second Degree 45 times; and the Third Degree 33 times. Lodge had been resumed from one Degree to another 46 times; closed down 31 times; and called off four times. The ceremony of initiation had been rehearsed 30 times; passing 14 times; raising 23 times; installation four times; and the Fifteen Sections worked once. The First Lecture with its Sections has been worked 56 times; the Second Lecture with its Sections 23 times; and the Third Lecture with its Sections 13 times. Votes of thanks have been recorded on the minutes to brethren for services as W.M.'s, for the first time and to brethren acting as Preceptor 26 times; and three letters of condolence sent. A ballot of £5 ss. was drawn from the lodge of instruction for a subscribership to one of the Royal Masonic Institutions, in accordance with bye-law 27, on the last day of the year, which was declared to be in favour of Bro. F. Kedge, 749. Bro. J. W. Ford, 1348, had presented the lodge of instruction with a handsome box for depositing the tools, &c., and had unanimously been voted honorary member. Bro. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, was elected Preceptor at the commencement of the year to re-place their late worthy Bro. W. H. Richardson. Bro. T. E. Weeks had acted as serving brother, giving every satisfaction. A gratuity was voted to him on the 31st December. The supper in connection with the lodge of instruction, held at the Criterion in March last, was a great success; about 80 brethren attended. The number of brethren attending the lodge of instruction has been considerably larger than last year, and more work done.

Bro. H. G. Marsden, J.W., proposed that the report be confirmed—seconded by Bro. Frank Gulliford, carried unanimously.

Bro. J. A. Dickson then proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, for the very clear way their minute book and accounts were kept, also for the excellent report he had drawn up. Bro. Reynolds conducted the affairs of the lodge, he knew, to the great satisfaction of the brethren who attended it. They were pleased with his services. He was a capital Secretary, and would be to any mother lodge—seconded by Bro. Frank Gulliford, carried unanimously.

Bro. R. J. Harnell, in addressing Bro. G. Reynolds, remarked that he felt sorry a more experienced Mason was not in the chair that evening to carry out its duties, for it appeared to him it was the important meeting of the year. But as a young Mason he would express his feelings by saying that he always felt very happy in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and trusted to have the pleasure of seeing Bro. G. Reynolds at his post, as Secretary, for many years to come, with health and strength.

Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, which were made with sincerity, and also the brethren for the vote of thanks. He could assure them that his labours had been well rewarded by a larger attendance of members at instruction in the year 1885 than in the year 1884. In fact the lodge of instruction had prospered well, especially so considering that their worthy Preceptor, Bro. W. C. Smith, had unfortunately been absent through illness for some time during the year. He was pleased to say he was now able to be with them generally on Thursday evenings. He must also thank many P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and brethren for their kind co-operation in carrying on the lodge of instruction during Bro. W. C. Smith's absence. He regretted, much, that a larger number of brethren did not participate in the ballot for a Life Subscribership (£5 ss.) to one of the Royal Masonic Institutions, there being only seven. The bye-law required 20 attendances. The average attendance of each brother had been about 14. Bro. G. H. Reynolds had suggested that a card should be on the Secretary's table at each meeting, showing the number of times every brother had attended up to that time, as that reminder might induce many to complete the required number of 20 attendances, and he should make it his duty to draw up the same.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, sen., W.M.; Hume, S.W.; Gilbert, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Mason, I.G.; Wray, P.M.; Green, jun., Chilcott, Valeriani, Forscutt, Borgarello, Cope, and O. D. Ward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gibson being the candidate. The chair was vacated by the W.M., and taken by Bro. Valeriani. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Green, jun., a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Green, jun., being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Valeriani, W.M. 1687, and Hawksford, 1604, were unanimously elected joining members. Bros. Valeriani and Hawksford returned thanks. Bro. Hume, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

NICHOLSON CHAPTER (No. 371).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The chapter was opened by Comp. F. R. Sewell, M.E.Z., P.P. G.S.N.; Comp. J. Gardener, H., P.P.G.R.; and Comp. G. W. Thompson, J. The other companions, numbering about 15 were then admitted. The minutes of the last chapter, held in October, were read and confirmed. The companions then proceeded to elect the Principals and other officers for the ensuing year. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved that the present officers fulfil their duties for another year. Some other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed in due form.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dobie Chapter (No. 889).—On Monday evening, the companions of this chapter, which, like its namesake in the Craft, is progressing in a way that is highly gratifying to those who have striven to raise it to its proper level in the province, assembled at the Griffin Hotel. There were two propositions, and as both candidates are worthy and able members of the Craft, there was no doubt as to the result of the ballot. The ceremony of exaltation was performed in a most able and impressive manner by Comp. Elsam, P.Z., and the exaltees—Bros. Lane and Abel Lawrence, both P.M.'s of the Brownrigg Lodge, 1633, and holders of Provincial rank—were deeply impressed with the beautiful ritual.

There were present in convocation Comps. G. Wale, M.E.Z.; C. E. Oldridge, H.; T. Weaver, J.; J. W. Moorman, P.S.; G. Moorman, A.S.; Piller, P.Z.; W. Chapman, W. H. Sharp, G. T. Salmon, and others. Comp. W. Lane proved himself, as he always has been, an efficient and courteous Janitor.

The refreshment which followed after the labours of the evening was thoroughly enjoyed, and Comp. Sharp was deservedly complimented upon what he did to enhance the pleasure of the time that remained for recreation.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The quarterly convocation of the above influential chapter—the largest in the province of Kent—took place on Thursday, 21st., at the High School for Boys, Brookhill, and was attended by the following companions: Comps. R. Edmonds, M.E.Z.; W. Rees, H.; E. B. Hobson, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z.; P.P.G.J. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z.; P.P.G.P.S. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Kent, Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent, S.E.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S. Kent; H. Mason, P.Z.; R. J. Cook, S.N.; J. H. Roberts, P.S.; E. Palmer, 1st A.S.; C. Clapham, H. Shaw, P.Z. 13; J. Farrier, J. Topp, W. Harris, G. Frost, W. T. Richardson, Dr. H. L. Bernays, J. Hooton, G. Nichols, C. Ellis, D. C. Capon, and C. Jolly, all of the lodge; the only visitor being G. Kenneday, M.E.Z. elect, 13.

The chapter having been opened, and the companions admitted, the minutes of the previous convocation were confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. G. Porter, of 700, and proving unanimous, that brother was exalted with all the full ceremonial for which the chapter is renowned, and which was splendidly and faultlessly rendered by the three Principals, and the subordinate officers. Five guineas was then voted to Bro. A. Spencer's P.G. Sec. Kent list for the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution, and the chapter was closed in due form.

The banquet was held in the hall, and was in every detail elegantly appointed and served, and then the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were honoured and drank with enthusiasm.

In proposing the toast of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Supt. of Kent," the M.E.Z. said the toast was one that always called forth their warmest expressions of loyalty to his lordship, whose portrait was always with them at both their Craft and chapter meetings, and who must be a good and earnest Mason, otherwise he would not have held the exalted position he held in the province, and had held for the last three and twenty years. He (the M.E.Z.) in their and his own name, wished their G.S. many years of health and strength to still rule and govern the Masons of Kent, both as G.M. and G. Supt.

The next toast was that of "The G.H. of the Province, M.E. Comp. Pastes, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in giving it, the M.E.Z. said it was an old saying that, "a bird in the hand was worth two in the bush," but they were fortunate enough to have that night no less than five birds in their bush, one of whom had held the distinguished position of G.H. of the province. As a chapter they ought, and indeed did, feel proud of such an array of P.Z.'s, who were past officers of Provincial Chapter, and who also had so well served the chapter in their respective years of office. He then referred to the indefatigable exertions of Comp. Coupland as their Charity representative, and also to the Stewardship of Bro. Spencer, as above shown, and concluded by saying that if they had anything individually to give to his list that brother would receive it with pleasure.

M.E.C. Coupland responding, and in so doing, assured the companions that what little he had done in the cause of Charity was done gladly, because he believed it to be the fundamental principle upon which Masonry was based. He was especially glad to think the cause of the Old Women was taken up by Bro. Spencer, because he knew the Charity was in great need of funds, and in the hands of that brother nothing would be left undone to take a goodly sum up on his list, in aid of the Institution. For himself, he thanked them most cordially for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received, and would leave further response in the hands of his colleagues.

M.E.C. Hayes also briefly returned thanks, and like the other Grand Officers present, felt proud of his and their positions in P.G. Chapter, and they would always be loyal subjects, and reverence their chief as the guiding star of Masonry in the province of Kent.

M.E.C. Mason then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," who he said was "most excellent," both in his working and the genial manner in which he presided over them at the festive board. As to the work done that night, he could safely say that, good as their working always was, that night's work had eclipsed anything he had ever seen in or out of the chapter, and must have taken a lot of Comp. Edmonds's time to have mastered it as he had. He asked them to rally round and support their M.E.Z. through his year of office, so as to maintain the chapter's proud position—being that of the largest, strongest, and most influential in the province.

The M.E.Z., in response, thanked them for their marked favour. It had always been his endeavour in every office he had held to do his duty to his own and their satisfaction, but must confess that his efforts would not have succeeded, at least for that night, without the valuable assistance he had received from his officers, who had rendered their portions of the ceremony to perfection. It had been said that "trifles make perfection," and if a M.E.Z. or Master had doubts as to the efficiency of his officers, or if they were really inefficient, even in trifles, there could not be perfection, but he knew they were efficient, and it gave him confidence. He would therefore conclude by thanking them for their hearty reception of the toast, and ask them to drink the toast of "The First and Second Principals," which was done in bumpers.

The other toasts were "The Past Principals;" "The Exalte;" "The Visitors;" and "Officers." The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.)—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street. There was an unusually large attendance, several visitors from Ripon, members of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 352, being present. The lodge was opened at 7 o'clock, but, although two candidates were eligible, neither of them turned up. Bro. F. Smith, W.M. elect, however, gave the lecture in this Degree. Bro. Smith was then presented for installation to Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., who acted as Installing Master, and the ceremony was duly performed in all details. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. T. Seller, I.P.M.; A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; G. Simpson, J.W.; W. B. Dyson, M.O.; W. Lackenby, S.O.; H. C. Pickersgill, J.O.; Rev. C. W. Lukis, P.M., Chap.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Treasurer and Secretary; J. Blenkin, Reg. of Marks; G. Lamb, S.D.; Major McGachen, J.D.; W. H.

Atlay, Org.; H. S. Hopton, I.G.; and P. Pearson, Tyler. Amongst those who were present were Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; George Balmford, P.M.; W. Coltman, M. Cooper, W. Brown, W. T. Nance, W. Harrison, R. Ware, W. Wriglesworth, E. W. Purnell, W. B. Smith, 352; F. Smith, jun., 352; R. E. Collinson, 352; S. Evans, 352; and others.

The Auditors' report showed a handsome balance in the Treasurer's hands. After the close of the lodge, the brethren met at supper in the banqueting-room, and enjoyed a social evening under the presidency of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and many excellent speeches were delivered. The lodge numbers 77 subscribing members.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Tristram Lodge (No. 346).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., Bro. John Strachan, W.M., in the chair. After the routine business had been concluded, the W.M., in an effective manner, installed Bro. Addison Potter, C.B., Royal Arch Grand Superintendent of Northumberland, as his successor. The following officers for the ensuing year were then invested, namely: Bros. John Strachan, I.P.M.; J. Straker Wilson, S.W.; D. G. Anderson, J.W.; Adam Wilson, M.O.; George Cockburn, S.O.; John Reid, J.O.; Thomas Y. Strachan, Treasurer; F. H. Corder, B.A., Reg.; F. R. Goddard, Secretary; John Wood, Director of Ceremonies; J. G. Dixon, S.D.; Thomas Nelson, J.D.; W. J. S. Ryder, Org.; Thomas Purvis, I.G.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The lodge was visited by the D.P.G.M.M., Bro. Thomas Y. Strachan, and several other Provincial Grand Officers.

After the lodge was duly closed the brethren adjourned to the Station Hotel, and were served with an excellent banquet, under the superintendence of Bro. W. J. Atkinson.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 6th inst., Bro. F. L. Bingham, M.W.S., presiding, supported by his officers. Four candidates—Bros. Henry Josse, Anderson Bates, H. Clarke, and Richard John Tonge—came up for the Degree. The first and second parts were given by Ill. Bro. Ensor Drury, P.M.W.S., most impressively, and the third part by the M.W.S., Bro. Bingham. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister was admitted under an arch of steel and saluted, he also assisted in giving part of the ceremony. One of the candidates was unable to attend.

Business over, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent dinner awaited them. After grace, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the M.W.S., Bro. Bingham.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister replied to the toast of "The Supreme Council."

Bro. G. H. Brittain, 32°, responded for "The Members of the 32° and 31°."

Ill. Bros. Arnison, 30°, Roderwig, 30°, Voight, 30°, and Kelly, 30°, responded for "The 30°."

Bro. C. J. Banister proposed "The Health of the M.W.S., Bro. Bingham," who responded in a capital telling speech.

"The P.M.W.S.'s Health" was proposed, and replied to in proper form by Ill. Bros. Drury, Collinson, and others.

Ill. Bro. T. W. Tew, 30°, was obliged to leave before the toasts were proposed; but he was not forgotten.

Each of the candidates responded for their healths, which were proposed by Bro. Voight, P.M.W.S.

Some excellent songs and recitations were given by the brethren, and a truly happy evening was spent in song and harmony.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—In the absence of the M.W.S., E. and P. Price, Bro. J. D. Kay, through illness, the chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Chas. James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District, assisted by the officers of the chapter. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. J. B. Hargreaves, was presented by Ill. Bro. Richard Wilson, 30°, P.M.W.S., to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who installed him in his useful careful and impressive way. The following brethren were appointed officers of the chapter: Bros. J. D. Kay, P.M.W.S.; Henry Warwick, Prelate; J. W. Fowness, 1st Gen.; Adolphus Hess, 2nd Gen.; Richard Wilson, 30°, Recorder; Fowness, Treas.; J. B. Fox, G. Marshal; G. H. Locking, Raphael; J. F. Pollard, Capt. of Guard; John Barker, 30°, P.M.W.S., Dir. of Cers.; and Barraud, Equerry. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister for his assistance, and for coming to install the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Voight, 30°, P.M.W.S. Talbot Chapter, Sheffield, was a visitor.

After the chapter was closed the brethren dined together in the banqueting hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. J. B. Hargreaves. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and a happy evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 20).—This preceptory was opened at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, on Friday, the 22nd inst., by the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes, assisted by his officers. The business of the preceptory being over, the Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Charles James Banister, the Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. James Monks, and the Great Officers of the Province, were received under an arch of steel, and took their respective places, and the Provincial Priory was opened. After the business of the province was finished, the V.E. Prov. Prior, and the V.E. Prov. Prior of Stafford and Warwick, with the Great Officers, retired under an arch of steel.

The Royal Kent Preceptory was then closed, and the Sir knights met at the Douglas Hotel, to partake of the banquet, which was all that could be desired, under the presidency of the Eminent Preceptor. A truly happy evening was spent.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MARYPORT.—W. M. Sewell Council (No. 11).—The quarterly meeting of this young flourishing council was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Bro. P. de E. Collin, W.M., G.J.W. England, presided, with the following officers: Bros. Colonel F. R. Sewell, S.W.; J. Nicholson, J.W.; J. Gardiner, Sec.; G. Dalrymple, S.D.; J. Dickinson, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. H. Raven, D.C.; J. Messenger, Tyler; T. Mandale, A. Walters, J. Abbott, J. Kendall, E. B. Penrice, J. Hodgson, T. Brown, and J. Paterson.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. Paterson was admitted to the Degree of the Red Cross of Babylon. Each member was presented with a copy of the bye-laws, which bear on the cover the Sewell crest and motto—"In labore quies"—and are very neat. The attention of the members was next called to a circular from Grand Council, which showed several warrants had been granted since the introduction of the Degree to this province. Bro. Collin then moved, and Bro. Nicholson seconded, a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried by a unanimous vote, to Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, S.W., for the various articles of furniture that he had presented to the council since the last meeting, they having been made to his plans; in short, many are made so well adapted for the Degrees, they only want the "mountain torrent rill" to make them a reality. There being nothing further, the council was duly closed.

India.

CALCUTTA.—True Friendship Lodge (No. 218, E.C.).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at 55, Bentinck-street. Bros. Aeneas John Macdonald and John Kirk were balloted for and admitted; Bro. Eaton Hall was elected Treas.; and Bro. C. C. Robinson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. nominated the members of the Permanent Committee for the ensuing year, and a representative on the Board of General Purposes of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal was elected.

CALCUTTA.—Courage with Humanity Lodge (No. 392, E.C.).—A meeting was held on the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, 55, Bentinck-street, when a large number of the Craft assembled for the installation of Bro. Dwarka Nauth Pundit, a Cashmerian, holding the position of Peishkar, Calcutta High Court. The installation ceremony was performed by W. Bro. W. P. Carsons, P.M. 486, E.C., in a masterly way. The officiating District Grand Master of Bengal and several members of District Grand Lodges of Bengal and Punjab were present. The meeting was a very satisfactory one, and the banquet arrangements were excellent. The usual toasts and songs on such occasions followed, and the party broke up at an early hour, well pleased with the good things discussed.

CALCUTTA.—St. John's Lodge (No. 486, E.C.)—A meeting was held on the 19th ult. at the lodge rooms, Plassy-gate, Fort William, when there were present Bros. Adam Smith, W.M.; W. C. Peck, S.W.; Frigona C. Bose, J.W.; Dwarka N. Pundit, Treas.; Hubert Newton, Sec.; T. C. Collins, I.G.; C. Morgan, Stwd.; T. Morgan, Tyler; J. T. Limpus, P.M.; W. H. T. Ayres, P.M.; J. Nicholas, P.M.; W. Loggie, P.M.; J. McCanna, P.M.; W. Fergus, P.M.; Thomas Jones, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.; T. Paul, D. Mundell, J. Thompson, T. Sims, J. Franklin, J. Colly, J. Widgery, C. W. Priston, W. J. Vincent, and others. The visitors included a large number of representatives from various Indian lodges and one from Dundee.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Wm. Smellie, a candidate for initiation, was balloted for. The communications from District Grand Lodge were then read, after which the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. C. Peck, was performed by Bro. Adam Smith, according to Emulation working, in a manner that elicited the hearty approval of all present. The W. Master invested his officers in an able way, and in a neat speech presented the P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Adam Smith, who gave a suitable response. Three brethren were then appointed to serve on the Permanent Committee, and a brother elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes.

After labour the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very substantial feast was provided, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was passed, the utmost cordiality and goodwill pervading all hearts. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Rogan, of Lodge Harmony, Cawnpore, the popular bandmaster of H.M.'s 2nd Queen's Regiment, now in garrison at Fort William. The lodge is in a very prosperous state.

MASONIC WELCOME TO BRO. LORD CARRINGTON, P.G.W., AT THE ANTIPODES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

MELBOURNE, December 10.

Bro. Lord Carrington, Lady Carrington, their children and suite, arrived at Melbourne, en route to Sydney, on Monday last, the 7th inst., after a very pleasant voyage. In accordance with an invitation wired to Western Australia, the new Governor of New South Wales consented to become the guest of Bro. Sir H. B. Loch, K.C.B., the Governor of Victoria, during the three days' stay of the Carthage in Hobson's Bay, and the party were received and conducted to Government House immediately on arrival. During the brief sojourn of Lord and Lady Carrington every opportunity was afforded them of witnessing and inspecting the sights and objects of interest of "marvellous Melbourne," as Bro. G. A. Sala has dubbed the principal city of the Australian colonies.

The week previous to the landing of his lordship steps were initiated by the brethren of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions in Victoria to tender the distinguished visitor a fraternal welcome, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master, taking a most active and warm interest in the arrangements. To commence with, Sir William, as President of the Masonic Club,

informed his lordship of his election as an honorary member. The most important proceeding, however, was the ceremony above noted. On Tuesday, a large party of the brethren proceeded to Government House, by appointment, and were received in the Council Chamber. The members of the deputation were introduced severally to Lord Carrington by Sir W. J. Clarke as follows: Bros. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, Deputy District Grand Master, E.C.; G. Baker, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, I.C.; Captain C. R. Martin, Depute District Grand Master, S.C.; Dr. Balls-Headley, P.M. 729, E.C.; J. M'Kinney, P.M. 380, I.C.; T. H. Lempriere, D.G. Sec., E.C.; H. W. Lowry, D.G. Sec., S.C.; Dr. C. S. Ryan, W.M. 729, E.C.; W. H. Ellerker, P.M. 922, E.C. (Mayor of St. Kilda); Dr. J. J. E. Willmott, P.M. 752, E.C.; W. J. Runtig, W.M. 2080, E.C.; G. F. Martin, P.M. 930, E.C.; J. J. Sagin, W.M. 1881, E.C.; P. Blashki, P.M. 845, E.C.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 752, E.C.; and several others.

The introductions over, the English District Grand Secretary read the following address:

"To His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Carrington, Baron of Upton, in the peerage of Great Britain and Ireland, Baron Carrington, of Bulcot Lodge, in the peerage of Ireland, Governor of the colony of New South Wales, Past Grand Senior Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, &c.

"May it please Your Excellency,—We, the brethren of the Antient Order of Freemasons in Victoria, under the Constitutions of England, Ireland, and Scotland, beg to offer to your Excellency our sincere and fraternal congratulations and hearty welcome upon your safe arrival in the colony of Victoria, and to express a sincere hope that, as the representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty—to whom no class of her subjects are more loyal than the members of the Craft—your rule may be beneficial and prosperous alike to the colony of New South Wales and yourself and family.

"We are aware that your lordship has held high rank in the Grand Lodge of England, and that you have in that capacity added dignity and honour to the office which His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master appointed you to fill, and whilst we have no doubt the Order in the mother country will feel deeply the loss they have temporarily sustained by your absence, we venture to hope that Australian Freemasonry will derive valuable benefits from your lordship's sojourn amongst us.

"We regret that the very brief period of your lordship's stay in Melbourne prevents us from proffering some more substantial token of our Masonic regard, but trust that on some future occasion an opportunity may be afforded us of receiving you lordship in a more truly Masonic manner.

"We earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may aid you in the important duties you have undertaken, and that He may bestow upon your lordship, Lady Carrington, and family, all the blessings of this life.

"Signed, on behalf of the brethren—W. J. Clarke, District Grand Master, E.C., Provincial Grand Master, I.C., and District Grand Master, S.C.; H. St. John Clarke, D.D.G.M., E.C.; T. H. Lempriere, D.G. Sec., E.C.; George Baker, P.P.G.M., I.C.; Angell Ellis, P.G. Sec., I.C.; Charles R. Martin, D.D.G.M., S.C.; W. H. Lowry, D.G. Sec., S.C."

Lord CARRINGTON, in reply, said: Brethren,—I beg with great respect to return my grateful thanks for the address of fraternal congratulations and hearty welcome on my arrival in the colony of Victoria, which you have been good enough to present to me. It is a matter of deep regret that, owing to the shortness of my stay in Melbourne, I am prevented from accepting your invitation to attend some of the lodges and to be introduced to the brethren. I trust, however, I shall be able to avail myself of your kindness at some future occasion. I beg also to thank you for the kind wishes expressed to Lady Carrington and my children; and I trust that, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Craft may ever continue to prosper in your great and important colony.

The deputation then retired, Lord Carrington giving each member a hearty shake of the hand.

The address was beautifully illuminated by Bros. Hamel and Ferguson, Queen-street, Melbourne. The border is composed of Australian flora, and on each side are supporters in the shape of Doric and Corinthian pillars; whilst the Royal and Australian coats of arms, together with various Masonic emblems, are interspersed here and there. The whole is handsomely enclosed in a purple morocco and gilt cover.

In the evening Lord and Lady Carrington accompanied Sir Henry and Lady Loch to a concert in the Melbourne Town Hall, given in aid of promoting a chair of music for the University. The distinguished visitors were received with a cordial welcome by the large audience. *Inter alia*, it may interest your musical readers in the far distant old country to know that the worthy object named benefited to the magnificent total of £976, as the result of the concert.

Lord and Lady Carrington re-embarked the following morning for Sydney, and were seen off by Bro. Colonel H. S. Brownrigg, Past Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjaub, an old friend of his lordship's, and now Assistant Adjutant-General of the Victorian Land Forces. The official landing at Sydney is arranged for Saturday afternoon, the day after to-morrow, great preparations having been made by the citizens of the New South Wales capital, as we hear by wire.

PROVINCIAL GREAT PRIORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.

This Provincial Great Priory was held under the banner of the Royal Kent Preceptory on Friday, the 22nd inst. The V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Past G. Captain of England; the E. Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. James Monks; and the Great Officers were admitted under an arch of steel, and saluted in due form. The Provincial Priory was opened by the V.E. Prov. Prior, after which the muster roll was called, and the several knights answered to their names.

The Prov. Prior of Staffordshire and Warwickshire, Sir Knight Charles Fendelow, was announced, and escorted under an arch of steel to a stall on the left of the Prov. Prior, and saluted in proper form, thanking the sir knights for the honour conferred upon him.

The roll of preceptories was called over, when the Pre-

ceptors of the preceptories explained the position of their several preceptories.

Sir Knight C. R. Fry was unanimously re-elected Prov. Treasurer.

The following Prov. Great Officers and Officers were then appointed by the V.E. Prior:—

Sir Knight R. A. Luck	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. Canon Tristram	Prov. Prelate.
" Henry Maddison	Prov. Chancellor.
" C. R. Fry	Prov. Constable.
" T. M. Watson	Prov. Marshal.
" J. J. Wilkes	Prov. Registrar.
" Thos. Ness	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
" Rev. C. Jackson	Prov. Almoner & Chap.
" S. Wilson	Prov. Herald.
" T. M. Barron	Prov. Std. Br.
" R. L. Armstrong	Prov. Aide-de-Camp.
" D. W. Dixon	Prov. Capt. of Lines.
" E. Cowper	Prov. Swd. Br.
" T. Toney	Prov. Organist.
" Trenholme	Prov. 1st Equerry.
" W. Kennedy	Prov. 2nd Equerry.

Provincial Committee: Sir Knights R. A. Luck, H. Maddison, C. R. Fry, T. M. Watson, John Bailey, Henry Hothorn, and W. Logan.

Letters of apology were read from the sir knights who were unable to attend through illness and other unavoidable causes.

The business of the Provincial Priory being finished, it was closed in due form, and the V.E. Prov. Prior, the V.E. Prov. Prior of Stafford and Warwick, the E. Prov. Sub-Prior, and the Great Officers of the province retired under an arch of steel. The Royal Kent Preceptory was also closed in due form.

The banquet was held at the Douglas Hotel, under the presidency of the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes, and was most excellent, and gave universal satisfaction, the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, and the V.E. Prov. Prior of Stafford and Warwick being on the right of the chair, and the Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight R. A. Luck; the P.P. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. Jas. Monks, and Sir Knight W. Youll on the left. Sir Knight C. R. Fry occupied the vice-chair.

The loyal toasts were proposed by the CHAIRMAN. Sir Knight C. R. Fry proposed "The Health of the V.E. Prov. Prior of Stafford and Warwick, Sir Knight Charles Fendelow."

Sir Knight FENDELOW responded in a very telling speech, afterwards proposing "The Health of the Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister."

Sir Knight C. J. BANISTER, in response, gave the knights excellent advice, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Preceptor, Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes, Chairman."

Sir Knight J. J. WILKES responded in his usual impressive style.

Sir Knight T. M. WATSON proposed, in very suitable terms, "The Health of Sir Knight R. A. Luck, Prov. Sub-Prior."

Sir Knight LUCK, in most kind and feeling terms, returned thanks.

Sir Knight YOULL proposed "The Health of Sir Knight H. Hothorn, P.P. Sub-Prior, and the Absent Sir Knights." "The Preceptors of the Province" were proposed by P.P. Sir Knight S. F. BOUSFIELD.

The V.E. Prov. Prior retired before the evening was far advanced.

LIVERPOOL MASONIC CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Club was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. George Morgan, Prov. G.D., President, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. In the absence of the Secretary, Bro. J. T. Callow, Bro. R. Martin submitted a statement of the accounts for the past year, from which it appeared that, including stock in hand, there was a balance to the credit of the Club of about £529. The accounts were unanimously adopted, and afterwards Bro. G. Morgan was re-elected President; Bro. H. H. Smith, Vice-President; Bro. J. T. Callow, Sec.; Bro. G. Broadbridge, Treas.; and Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, R. Johnson, and J. Beesley were appointed members of the Committee. A recommendation of the Committee voting a sum of about £100 for the West Lancashire Masonic Charities—namely, the Masonic Educational Institution, the Hamer Benevolent Fund, and the Alpass Benevolent Fund—was unanimously confirmed. It was afterwards resolved that the Committee should consider the desirability of forming a Masonic library and providing the principal current periodicals for the use of the members.

MASONIC BALL AT LANCASTER.

The members of the lodges in Lancaster held their annual ball in behalf of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution in the Town Hall on Thursday, the 14th inst., under the patronage of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. Lord Winmarleigh, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bective, Bro. Col. Stanley and Lady Constance Stanley, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bro. Lord and Lady Claud Hamilton, Mrs. Williamson, the Hon. Mrs. Marton, and many other ladies and gentlemen. Of the Executive Committee Bro. Joseph Fenton, P.M. 281, was Chairman, Bro. J. R. B. Pilkington, P.M. 281, Vice-Chairman, Bro. H. Longman, Hon. Treas.; and Bro. R. Stanton, W.M. 281, Hon. Secretary.

The Town Hall was elaborately and luxuriously decorated and fitted up for the occasion, all the unofficial rooms of the building being employed in some way or other for the reception and entertainment of the guests. The Council Chamber was of course the ball-room, the committee-rooms were used as reception rooms, &c., the magistrates' parlour was used as the tea-room, and the supper was set out in the Borough Court-room, which was charmingly metamorphosed for the occasion.

The Hall was thrown open for the reception of company at half past 8 o'clock. Bro. Fenton, P.M., had the honour of receiving the guests, of whom some 140 had assembled by shortly after nine. The Masters of Ceremonies were Bros. S. Satterthwaite and J. H. Irvin, I.P.M. 1501. The Stewards were Bros. John Atkinson, P.M. 281; John Cutts,

P.M. 1051; James Heald, J.D. 281; A. McRath, S.W. 281; David Shaw, 1353; J. Thistlethwaite, S.D. 281; W. Capstick, I.G. 1051; Peter Dutton, P.J.W., 1353; William King, S.W. 1353; J. R. Nuttall, Secretary 1353; C. J. W. Stork, W.M. 1353; and J. W. Towers, 281.

The music was supplied by the quadrille band of Bro. F. Vetter, of Manchester. The programme of dances was of the usual kind, and it was not unpleasantly interrupted at half past 11 o'clock by supper.

SECOND ANNUAL BALL OF THE ELLIOT LODGE, No. 1567.

The "first ball" of this flourishing Middlesex lodge having proved a success, the brethren determined to hold a "second (annual) ball," which has proved even a greater success than the first. Under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., a Board of Stewards, comprising all the Past Masters and the officers of the lodge, energetically, but quickly, carried out the necessary arrangements, and, as a reward for their labours, had the gratification of welcoming a brilliant assembly of about 200 ladies, brethren, and other friends at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 14th inst. A dispensation to wear Masonic Craft clothing and jewels was obtained, and made liberal use of. Coote and Tinney's band was again engaged, and performed the very excellent selection of music in a manner which gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock, the spacious and elegant ball room being well filled by the time the first quadrille was formed, and was kept up with much spirit till at 12.30 the company repaired to the supper room, and did ample justice to the substantial, but elegant cold collation provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The toasts were but three in number, and the speeches short, the W.M., who occupied the chair, being fully aware that music and dancing would be much more appreciated by his guests. The toast of "The Queen" was received with enthusiasm, the W.M. claiming that Freemasons, and especially "Elliot" Freemasons, their wives and friends, were among the most loyal and devoted of Her Majesty's many subjects. Bro. John Mason, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middx., proposed "The Elliot Lodge, and success to its Annual Ball," coupling with it the name of Bro. T. I. Bird, W.M., and President of the Ball Committee, who had good reason to be proud of the way it was received.

The W.M. then proposed "The Ladies," bidding them hearty welcome, thanking them for coming in such numbers to support the "Elliot Ball," and drew a humorous picture of the difference between waiting at home for their husbands to return from a Masonic meeting and spending the time with them at a Masonic Ball. With the toast was coupled the name of Bro. S. J. Ball (name of good omen), one of the able and courteous M.Cs., who pleasantly but briefly replied.

Supper and speeches were over in an hour, and the company were soon engaged in treading a measure, footing it fealty to the end of the programme, very few indeed leaving till the close.

The lodge meets at Feltham. Many local members and ladies came to Town, the London and South Western Railway Company specially attaching saloon carriages to a convenient evening train and to the first down train from Waterloo on Friday morning, and conveying the party to and from Freemasons' Hall in their private omnibusses.

The M.Cs. were Bros. S. J. Ball and Joseph Webster, both members of the "Elliot." Bro. R. H. Dillon, J.W., was Hon. Treasurer, as before, and Bro. T. W. Thurlie, Hon. Secretary. The proceeds of the Ball will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and will be placed on the list of the W.M., who is serving as Steward for the lodge.

The W.M. was accompanied by Mrs. Bird, Mr. Charles Bird, Mr. George Bird (sons), Miss Bird, Miss Emily Bird (daughters), Miss Henley, and Mr. T. Matthews. Among the members and friends were: Bro. John Mason, P.M., &c. &c., and Mrs. Mason, Bro. J. H. Pearson, P.M., Miss Pearson, Miss Johnson, Bro. Bartle and Mrs. Bartle, the Misses Bartle, Miss Sanders, Bro. A. Bevis, Mr. W. Bevis, Bro. Dillon, Mrs. Dillon, Mr. W. T. Dillon, Bros. Humfress, N. Turner, W.M. 72; Wickens, W.M. elect 733; Dash, P.M. 72; Conway Stephens, W.M. 1425; Stadden, G. Mahone, Watson, Rich, and ladies; Bro. S. J. Ball, Mrs. Ball, Miss Ball, Miss Jessie Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliffe, Bro. W. Edwards, Mrs. and Miss Edwards, Miss Cornwall, Bro. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Royle, the Misses Royle, Bro. W. C. Wigley, Mr. Bunyard, Mr. Mayes, Bro. R. Grey, Bro. Dr. Phelps, Bro. and Mrs. Webster, Miss Webster, Mrs. and Miss Jones, Bro. Skudder, Mr. Harper, Miss Martin, Miss Skudder, Bro. John Osborn, P.M.; Bro. R. P. Forge, P.M., and Mrs. Forge; Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Bro. and Mrs. Homan, Bro. and Mrs. Harper, the Misses Simpson, Bro. and Mrs. Keogh, Mr. and Mrs. Columbine, Bro. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Carnom, Mr. T. Carnom, Mr. Needham, Bro. Yates, Bro. Isaac Dixon, P.P.G.P. Middx., and Mrs. Dixon; Bro. H. P. Harris, Miss Harris, Bro. and Mrs. Branch, Bro. and Mrs. Bowins, Bro. H. T. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, Bro. Job Hayes and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. W. Hayes, Bro. and Mrs. Cutbush, Bro. and Mrs. Coleman, Bro. J. Dockrill, Bro. F. T. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Capt. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Foan, Mr. H. Thacker, Mr. S. G. Thacker, Miss Quinn, Bro. G. R. Nichols, Bro. D. Capon, Mrs. Capon, Bro. and Miss Tappenden, Bro. Hooton and Mrs. Hooton, Bro. S. H. Nichols, Bro. R. Parks, Mrs. Tom Nichols, Mrs. Druce, Bro. T. W. Tharle, Bro. and Mrs. Wadson, Bro. and Miss Otley, Bro. and Mrs. A. W. Paul, Mr. R. Paul, the Misses Jeffries, Mr. T. R. Anning, Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Bro. S. J. Millin and Mrs. Millin, Bro. H. J. Bird and Mrs. Bird, and Bro. W. A. Brown.

HOUSE COMMITTEE, ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Among the members present at the meeting held on Friday, the 22nd inst., at Wood Green, for the admission of the boys elected in October last and the inspection of the Preparatory School, were Bro. William Paas who, as chairman for the month, presided, and Bro. J. Joyce Murray, T. Hastings Miller, Edgar

Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd.; J. L. Mather, George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Secretary of the Institution; and others. There were likewise present several invited guests, both brethren and ladies, to whom was thus afforded an opportunity of seeing how well the new school had been prepared for the comfort and health of the pupils and the staff in charge. Of the 37 boys elected in October, 1885, 33 presented themselves, and were formally admitted by the Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was held on the 21st inst., at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke, when W. Bro. Frank James, P.P.D.G.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of brethren representing most lodges in the province.

The fifteenth annual report was presented by Bro. T. Mount Humphries, which showed that the amount of subscriptions contributed to the association by the various lodges amounted to £779 17s. 7d., and a sum of £753 18s. had been sent direct to London from the province.

The following brethren have given in their names as Stewards for the Festivals of 1886:—W. Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.M. 624, for Benevolent Festival, February 24; W. Bros. W. Vernon, P.M. 456, R. Tooth, P.M. 637, also of 1001, Bro. G. M. W. Randall, D.D., W.M. 482, for the Girls' School Festival, May 19; W. Bros. Percy Evershed, P.M. 624, F. J. Turley, P.M. 1792, for the Boys' School Festival in June.

In moving the adoption of the report, the PRESIDENT said it had been carefully considered that morning by the Committee, and it was one which everyone would consider was of a very high and congratulatory character, when they considered that the association had only been in existence something like 16 years. When it first commenced the association was started with a subscription of £5 5s. only, but singular progress had been made, and they now had a subscription list of over £300 a year, which was collected for the purpose of carrying on the work of this association. That could not be otherwise than satisfactory throughout. He did not mean to say that £5 5s. was the only sum contributed by the brethren of Staffordshire, because individual subscriptions were given direct to the various Masonic Charitable Institutions, but the subscription of £5 5s. was the beginning of an organisation which had worked so much good, and so effectively, for the purpose of securing the interest of Staffordshire in connection with the Masonic Institutions. He had always held that loyalty to these institutions was a great point, and he would impress on all brethren of Staffordshire loyalty, because, as had been said in the report, year by year the difficulty of securing the election of any candidate became greater and greater. However, there was the fact, that since the establishment of this institution the province of Staffordshire had never put its hand to any good work for the purpose of getting elected any candidate, whether to the Boys', Girls', or Benevolent Institution, without effecting its object. (Hear, hear.) Having succeeded on all these occasions, they might take credit for those successes from the simple fact that the organisation, which was formed for the purpose, had accomplished its object. The President said perhaps the poorest lodge in the province had from necessity to make the largest application for benefits, but he hoped that those lodges receiving benefits would endeavour to do all they could, and use every effort they could, to recompense the association, to show that they were actually grateful for the benefits conferred upon them. In connection with the subscriptions, whether considered as to the A or B fund, they were a matter for congratulation. He thought the brethren of the different lodges would see that the longer the association existed, the greater the necessity for their holding together, and uniting in loyal support to the institution of which they were members. He then most cordially moved the adoption of the report.

Bro. J. F. PEPPER seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Bro. PEPPER then moved the re-election of Bro. Frank James as President for the ensuing year. He said Bro. James had shown a great interest in the work of the association, and since his election to the office he had not missed a single meeting.

Bro. A. G. PRICE seconded the motion, and said that the Province of Staffordshire was deeply indebted to Bro. James for his great exertions in the work of the association. The motion was carried unanimously.

In acknowledging his re-election, Bro. JAMES thanked the brethren heartily for the vote of confidence they had passed in him. While he cordially accepted the office for the present year, he did desire distinctly to give them intimation that at the expiration of this year he should desire to retire. ("No.") Yes, he could assure them that he had so many engagements of a public and private character that he must ask them to seriously consider before that time next year, and endeavour to find some brother to occupy the position he now held. For a period of ten years, ever since the lamented death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, he had been President of the association, and it was true that he had never been absent from one of the meetings, either general or committee, but it was absolutely impossible that he could continue to occupy the position of President of the Masonic Charitable Association of Staffordshire after this year. The brethren of the

south for a considerable period had done honourable work, and no doubt honourable work would continue to be done by them, and he hoped some one from the north would undertake the duties he now cordially accepted.

Bro. Bodenham, who was prevented from being present through illness, was re-elected a Vice-President of the association, along with Bro. W. H. Bailey, 624. Bro. Bayliss was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Humphries, Secretary, and Bros. Humphries and Turner were appointed managers of elections, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bayliss for his services in the past. Bros. Joyce and Woodhouse were re-elected auditors.

A discussion took place on a communication that had been received from Bros. Greatbatch (Hanley) and Turner (Longton), with regard to the expenditure at the Masonic Charitable Institutions.

Bro. GREATBACH said he had carefully compared the cost of educating the boys at institutions similar to that of the Masonic Institution for Boys in London, and he was firmly convinced that the cost of maintenance at the latter institution was excessive. The cost for educating each boy was £45 11s., whereas at other institutions, such as the Commercial Travellers', the Yorkshire Society, the Licensed Victuallers' Society, and the Clerks' and Warehousemen's Society, all being institutions similar in character, and on all fours with the Masonic Institution for Boys, the cost was much less. He contended that the cost ought not to exceed £35 per annum per boy, and if it was reduced to that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys would provide for thirteen boys in place of ten as at present. The matter ought to be taken in hand, and something done to reform the expenditure of the institution. He concluded by moving—"That a presentment be made from the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire—That the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association is of opinion that the expenditure at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is excessive and injudiciously applied, and that it is desirable for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire to petition H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master of England, as President of the Institution, to authorize the appointment of an independent committee to investigate and report to the M.W.G.M. what alterations are necessary to render the said Institution more extensively useful."

The PRESIDENT expressed his hearty sympathy with the remarks made by Bro. Greatbatch. This was no new matter by any means. For years past he, from his position, had been preaching the same doctrine, that they were not getting, as Masons, the largest amount of benefits for the enormous sums of money which they annually contributed to those Institutions. When they considered the contributions of brethren in support of the three Institutions amounted to over £50,000 a year, there was very considerable room for doing an enormous amount of good, and the only question that had been present to his mind had been, did that £50,000 a year do that amount of good, and was that amount of discretion exercised over the funds which there out to be? Over and over again he had brought forward to this association comparative figures of the cost of education at different institutions, and there had always been this fact noticed, that the cost of Masonic Institutions had been largely and grossly in excess of any other similar charitable institutions.

Bro. TURNER (Longton) seconded the proposition of Bro. Greatbatch, and corroborated the remarks of the latter; but, after some discussion, on the suggestion of Bro. Bayliss, the proposition was withdrawn, and Bro. Bayliss moved and Bro. J. L. Hamshaw seconded a resolution to the effect that a committee be nominated to consider the whole question, which was carried.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the association at Lichfield, and the brethren subsequently dined together.

Obituary.

R.W. BRO. SIR W. W. BURRELL, BART., P.G.M. SUSSEX.

The news of the death, on Sunday last, of Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., the respected P.G.M. of Sussex, has been received everywhere throughout the country with a feeling of the most sincere regret. Other prominent brethren may, perhaps, have been more widely known outside their own more immediate sphere of duty, but none were more successful in securing the esteem and respect of all with whom they were brought in contact, whether in their own province or in neighbouring or more remote provinces. Many, even among his younger contemporaries, could boast of a longer connection with the Craft; but none had exerted themselves more faithfully, zealously, and successfully in order to promote its interests. During the eight and a half years of his presidency over the brethren in Sussex, his chief ambition had always been to strengthen and extend its influence, and it is only necessary to contrast the present position of Freemasonry in that county with what it was when its government was placed in his hands in 1877 in order to judge of the measure of success which attended his efforts. As regards the details of his career, we find he was initiated in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton, on the 19th August, 1864. On the 11th March, 1874, he was installed first W.M. of the Ockenden Lodge, No. 1465, Cuckfield, and the same year was appointed Prov. G.S.W. Sussex. It was also about this time—on 6th February, 1874—that he was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Lennox Chapter, attached to his mother lodge, but it was not till October, 1880, that he was installed Z. of the newly-consecrated Hova-villa Chapter, No. 1466, Brighton. In 1877, on the resignation, through feeble health, of R.W. Bro. Lord Pelham, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Bro. Sir Walter Burrell was chosen by H.R.H. the Grand

Master to succeed him, and his installation took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, in the presence of a large gathering of the brethren, on the 2nd June of that year, the installing Grand Officer being the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. In 1881 Sir Walter was installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in Sussex by M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., so that for some time past the entire charge of constitutional Masonry in this province had been in his hands. That he laboured successfully in his endeavours to confirm and extend its welfare is undoubted. Under his auspices was established, in 1879, the Sussex Provincial Benevolent Association. When the Health Congress was held in Brigoton, in 1881, a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge was specially called for the purpose of extending a hearty welcome to the members who were Freemasons, while in the summer of the same, and that of the following year, when the Festival of the Boys' School was celebrated in Brighton under the auspices, on the first occasion, of the late Bro. Marquis of Londonderry, Provincial Grand Master of Durham, and on the second, under those of Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., at the time Lord Mayor of London and G.J.W. of England, the brethren of Sussex, with the encouragement of their chief, spared no pains to ensure the success of the celebrations. Moreover he was a Vice-President of the Boys' School, a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and by his personal donation last year constituted himself a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School. Indeed, at the annual festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, held last May, over which Sir Walter presided, so cordially was he supported by the brethren in the province that the list represented £1,850—a sum in excess of any aggregate ever raised by a single province for that particular Institution, while the total from all the provinces, amounting to £14,187 11s. 6d., was the largest ever collected at a festival of the Girls' Institution. It should also be mentioned that in February, 1880, Sir Walter, assisted by the Prov. G. Lodge, laid the foundation-stone of the new permanent Children's Hospital in the Dyke-road, Brighton, and, last August, laid the foundation-stone of St. Saviour's Church, Brighton, with Masonic rites. His death has created a vacancy in our ranks which it will be difficult to fill. He was, indeed, true and trusty, courteous in manner, easy of address, but steady and firm in principle.

GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS COMPANY.

At the last Court meeting the Master, Bro. Major Josephs, C.C., in addressing the Wardens and Assistants, explained the part the company had taken in reference to the Lord Mayor's procession, and the handsome way in which Bro. George Kenning (the Immediate Past Master) had, at his own expense, fitted up a portion of the show, illustrating the trade of the company, thus rendering that section the chief feature of the day. In recognition of the manner in which the whole arrangements were carried out, a vote of thanks in the following terms was proposed by Bro. Captain George Lambert, F.S.A., seconded by Mr. Warden Lindo, and carried unanimously:—"That a cordial vote of thanks be and is hereby given to Mr. Past Master George Kenning for the part he took in illustrating the trade of the company in the Lord Mayor's Show."

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- DRURY LANE THEATRE.
- Every Day at 1.30 and 7.30, Pantomime, ALADDIN.
- COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.
- Every Day at 2.0 and 7.30, GRAND INTERNATIONAL CIRQUE.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.
- Every evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce, STRAND THEATRE.
- Every Evening, at 7.45, HAPPY PAIR; at 8.15, MY SWEET-HEART.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 9.0, CONFUSION; at 8.0, CUPID'S MESSENGER.
- GLOBE THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 8.0, THE SINS OF THE FATHERS; at 9.0, THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.
- SAVOY THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 8.15, THE MIKADO; or, THE TOWN OF TITIPU.
- OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
- Every evening, at 8.45, ON 'CHANGE; at 8.0, Comedietta.
- OLYMPIC THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 7.45, ALONE IN LONDON; at 7.15, Comedietta.
- GAIETY THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 7.30, BORROWED PLUMES; at 8, JACK SHEPPARD.
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.
- Every evening at 7.30, Comedietta; at 8.30, GOING IT; concluding with THE BIRTHPLACE OF PODGERS.
- COURT THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 8.45, THE MAGISTRATE; preceded by BREAKING THE ICE.
- COMEDY THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 8.0, ERMINIE; preceded by a Comedietta.
- ROYALTY THEATRE.
- Every Evening at 8.15, LA DOCTORESSE.
- GRAND THEATRE.
- Every Evening, at 7.30, Pantomime, BLUE BEARD.
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Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., has accepted the Presidency of the Early Closing Association.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Edis presided at the distribution of prizes, at the Criterion on Saturday last, of the Artists' Rifle Corps.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight has consented to preside at the Cripplegate Ball Supper, at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th prox.

Bro. Richardson-Gardner, M.P., and Mrs. Richardson-Gardner have returned to their residence in town, 41, Grosvenor-square, for the season.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, as president of the Society of Cyclists, presided at the first annual general meeting of its subscribers on Wednesday.

Bros. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Henry de Worms, M.P., and Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., were present at and addressed different political meetings on Wednesday.

Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth has been elected First President of the Federation of Steamship Owners, which was formed at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Thursday, the 21st inst.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany has consented to lay the first stone of the new parish church at Hershham, Walton-on-Thames, on Wednesday next, the 3rd proximo.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and attended by their usual suite, left Buckingham Palace, on their return for Osborne, on Friday, the 22nd inst.

Bro. Leonard B. Henderson, Deputy Chief Constable of the West Sussex Constabulary, will be installed W.M. of the Mid-Sussex Lodge, No. 1141, Horsham, at the annual meeting on Monday, the 15th inst.

Bro. W. Hudson was installed W.M. of the Wear Valley Lodge, No. 1121, Bishop Auckland, on Friday, the 8th inst., Bro. Babington Boulton, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.P.G. Treas., being the Installing Master.

We regret to hear that the condition of Lady Bective, wife of the Prov. G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, who has been confined by illness to Underley Hall ever since Christmas, is reported as being still unsatisfactory.

Bros. the Lord Mayor (in the chair), and Aldermen Sir B. S. Phillips, Stone, Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. Hanson, DeKeyser, Savory, Isaacs, and Gray attended the Court of Alderman at the Guildhall on Tuesday.

At the election banquet given by the Fruiterers' Company, on Monday, Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke, Aldermen Sir R. Hanson and Sir H. E. Knight, and Sir W. A. Ogg, were among the principal guests.

Bro. Major-Gen. Sir Chas. Warren left London for Brindisi on Friday, the 22nd inst., en route for Cairo and Suakin, at which latter place he will take up his command of the troops stationed there to guard our interests on the Red Sea.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Farquharson, of Invercauld, has recently been elected R.W.M. of the St. Nathalan Lodge, No. 259, Tullich-in-Mar, Scotland, Bros. Captain Jones Dean being P.M.; Alex. Tosh, D.M.; W. Mitchell, S.M.; J. Stewart, S.W.; Alex. McHardy, J.W.; W. Castel, Treasurer; and Crawford Abel, Secretary.

Bro. Walter Dyke, S.W., was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Science, No. 437, Wincanton, on Thursday, the 14th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Somersetshire. Bros. R. Leach and S. W. Bewsey are respectively the newly-appointed Senior and Junior Wardens, and Bro. W. H. Good is I.P.M.

The following are among the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeen City: Bros. Dr. Beveridge, P.G.M.; Edward Savage, D.P.G.M.; Charles Shepherd, P.G.S.W.; John Laing, P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. C. Macdonald, P.G. Chap.; A. L. McConnochie, P.G. Treas.; Alexander Dakers, P.G. Sec.; W. Smith, P.G. S.D.; and J. M. Fraser, P.G.J.D.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Hants and Isle of Wight will assemble at Basingstoke on Friday, the 5th February, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Superintendent Z., when the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed. The Provincial Grand Chapter will have to elect a new Treasurer, M.E. Comp. Loveland having resigned that office.

The Prince of Wales and his sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, returned to Eaton Hall to complete their visit to the Duke of Westminster, on Friday, the 22nd inst., but the Royal travellers alighted at the Waverton Station instead of, as originally arranged, at Chester, it being considered unsafe, in consequence of the alleged Fenian threats against the Duke, to expose the Princes to any risk. Of course, this change of programme was a great disappointment to the worthy citizens of Chester, with whom his Royal Highness is immensely popular, and who had bravely illuminated their city in his honour.

The "Garden Oracle" for 1886 (London: The Gardeners' Magazine Office, 4, Ave Maria-lane) differs from all other works of the kind in the completeness of the register of plants, flowers, &c., introduced in the past year, and the selection of the best varieties in all departments for the year that is now before us. In addition to the established features, the new Oracle contains a selection of herbaceous and Alpine plants, and a treatise on their cultivation, and so far as we know, it is the only almanac in which the new Parliament has a place. But here is the list of the new House of Commons, which gives peculiar value to this issue of the favourite garden almanac.

Bro. A. L. Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, has again been re-elected a member of the Portsmouth School Board.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has consented to open the new buildings of the Cambridge University Union Society on Wednesday the 24th prox.

Bro. Chas. Cunnell was, on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., duly installed W.M. of the Social Lodge, Norwich, No. 93, by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. F. Ladell.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton is one of the Commission appointed by Her Majesty to enquire into and report upon the condition of the blind in the United Kingdom.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their sons and daughters, visited the exhibition of Sir John Millais' works at the Grosvenor Gallery on Wednesday.

A general meeting of the Hospitals Association was held on Wednesday evening at the rooms of the Social Science Association, Adelphi, Sir Andrew Clark presiding. A long discussion on the out-patient system took place.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting, held in the long parlour of the Mansion House on Tuesday, of the British and Colonial Emigration Society, and was supported by the Agents General of several of the Colonies in England.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., and Aldermen DeKeyser and Gray, were among the principal guests at the dinner given at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, by the Court and Livery of the Glass Sellers' Company.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has promised to preside at the first annual general meeting, to be held at the Mansion House, on Monday, the 15th prox., of the members of the Imperial Federation League. Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., is among those expected to be present.

Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Colonel Stanley, M.P., Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., and Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, were present at the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Wednesday.

Bro. Dr. Richardson considers that the food supply of the people lies at the root of their national life. Speaking on Wednesday evening at a conference in London of persons interested in the question of food reform, he said that while the people could get a good, wholesome, and cheap supply of food, there would be no tendency towards revolution.

Bro. William Young was elected R.W.M. of the St. James Lodge, No. 653, Macduff, Banffshire, on the 12th inst., and Bro. J. C. Brown, Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge. At the close of the election proceedings Bro. Joseph Barclay, Tyler of the lodge, who completed the sixtieth year of his connection with Freemasonry in December last, was entertained at dinner in honour of the event.

Comps. J. A. Matthews, A. Woodward, and F. W. Fisher were installed as M.E.Z., H., and J., respectively of the Royal Lebanon Chapter, No. 493, Gloucester, at its annual convocation, at the Bell Hotel, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., the ceremony being performed by Comps. J. Brook-Smith, Prov. G.H.; R. W. White, P.Z.; and W. Forth, P.Z.

Bro. Alfred Robinson was installed W.M. of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 426, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, on Thursday, the 7th inst., Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire, being the installing officer. Bros. Colonel Grantham and James Seaby, jun., are the S.W. and J.W. respectively. Bros. C. J. Fox, I.P.M.; the Rev. C. R. Patey, Chaplain; T. W. Thimbleby, P.M., and T. H. Dodds, P.M., Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Quite recently, at the Huyshe Masonic Hall, Plymouth, Bro. J. P. L. Elliott was installed W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, Plymouth, the following, among others, being afterwards appointed officers for the year: Bros. T. R. E. Olver, S.W.; W. H. Hamblin, J.W.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer; P. G. L. Pearce, Secretary; R. C. Wyatt, S.D.; and E. S. Lancaster, J.D.

At a regular meeting of the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., Bro. W. Mason, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G.S.D., who had thrice occupied the chair of the lodge and been its Treasurer for twenty years, was presented with a handsome jewel of Treasurer and P.M., every member of the lodge having subscribed towards the presentation. As there remained, after purchasing the jewel, a good round balance in hand, Bro. Mason was invited and consented to sit for his portrait in oils, the object being that it should adorn the walls of the lodge and remain as a perpetual memorial of this worthy brother. The evening, which was of a festive and very enjoyable character, passed off well.

The annual ball of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, was arranged to take place at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday, when the services of the band of the Honourable Artillery Company having been secured, and a good working Committee arranged, there was every prospect of brilliant and successful gathering. A dispensation was granted for the brethren to appear in Masonic Craft clothing, and with the jewels of their rank. The list of Stewards included Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs; Bros. J. Gibbs, W.M.; Westerby, I.P.M.; J. W. Button, S.W.; G. Harlow, J.W.; H. Stevenson, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Foulger, P.M., Sec.; R. Garner, and other Past Masters, the Deacons, and several of the members of the lodge.

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Bro. the Duke of Connaught visited the Royal Stained Glass Works at Windsor on Tuesday, and inspected the window which is to be placed in Bagshot Church as a memorial to the late Bro. the Duke of Albany.

We regret to announce the death, on Saturday last, at the age of 75, of Bro. Viscount Strathallan, a distinguished Scottish brother, who was representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland from the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and Seneschal of the Order of Masonic Knights Templar.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., presided at the election of children which took place at the Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Orphan Working School, which was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday.

The Lady Mayoress will hold her first reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday next, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Wednesday, the 17th prox., Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will entertain at dinner the Masters of the City Companies.

At a meeting of the Hilda Chapter, No. 23, —Ancient and Accepted Rite—held at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, York, on Friday, the 22nd inst., Bro. George Simpson was elected M.W.S., and Bro. T. B. Whytehead was re-elected Treasurer. The installation meeting will take place on Friday, the 5th prox.

An influential deputation from the parishioners of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, waited on Bro. the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House on Wednesday, for the purpose of inviting his lordship to extend his help in the efforts they were making to restore the church. Bro. the Lord Mayor expressed sympathy with the object, and promised to attend a conference in the church later on.

A Masonic ball is announced to be held at the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Tuesday, the 2nd prox., under the auspices of Lodge Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth. The tickets will be, gentlemen 15s., ladies 10s. Bro. Jas. Bond, Bank House, Great Yarmouth, is in charge of the arrangements, and the different lodges in the province have been solicited for their kind co-operation.

Freemasons will welcome the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book," which is a little mine of information concerning all things connected with the Craft. It contains particulars of every Grand Masonic body in the world, a list of all lodges in the United Kingdom, with the addresses of Grand Secretaries, and other matters of interest, besides a diary and calendar. It is altogether a very useful little volume.—St. James's Gazette.

At the annual meeting on the 14th inst. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1093, Tredegar, Bro. Walter Taylor, S.W., was installed in office as W.M. by his predecessor, Bro. J. Green, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. G. Golding, P.M., and J. Williams, P.M. Bro. Taylor afterwards invested as among the officers for the year Bros. J. A. Shepard, S.W.; C. L. Phillips, J.W.; Rev. S. Price, Chap.; C. Widdowson, Treas.; and J. P. Fowler, Sec. The banquet took place at the Castle Hotel.

Bro. J. Jones was recently installed W.M. of the Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr Tydvil, the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. D. Rees Lewis, P.M. Bros. R. R. Davies, I.P.M.; G. F. Harris, S.W.; J. E. Davies, J.W.; Rev. R. N. Williams, Chap.; T. W. Goodfellow, Treas.; and J. S. Jones, Sec., are among the officers for the year. There was a numerous muster both of members and visitors, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M. South Wales (East Division), being among the latter. The banquet was held at the Bush Hotel and gave every satisfaction.

The consecration of the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, took place on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the future home of the lodge—the Conservative Club, Heaton Moor—and was witnessed by 145 brethren from the Provinces of West and East Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Warwickshire. The petition for a warrant to constitute the lodge was applied for at headquarters as far back as July last, but, owing to the absence of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales on the continent, the authorities were unable to obtain his signature thereto. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, has very kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of consecration at the meeting, at 6 p.m. on Friday next, the 5th prox., at the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355. Mark brethren anxious to be present and witness the impressive working of Bro. Binckes, will be heartily welcomed. At the close of the proceedings, a dinner will be provided at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury-square, E.C. Tickets, price 4s. 6d., may be had not later than Monday next, on application to Bro. W. M. Stiles, Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction, 28, Vernon-street, West Kensington, W. Morning dress, but Mark clothing to be worn.

On the 22nd inst., the Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 167, (S.C.) held a smoking concert in the Oddfellow's Hall, Edinburgh, in aid of the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund. There was a good audience. Bro. Ironside, R.W.M., who presided, said that it was hardly necessary to state to members of the Craft that most of the Masonic funds were spent in Charity; but for some years past they had met with this difficulty, that they had not an adequate permanent fund from which to give pensions to deserving widows and orphans. It was now proposed to raise a fund of £10,000 before they began to operate upon it in a systematic manner. That concert had consequently been fixed upon as a pleasant means of furthering the object they had in view, all the artistes giving their services for nothing. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was afterwards gone through in a creditable manner.

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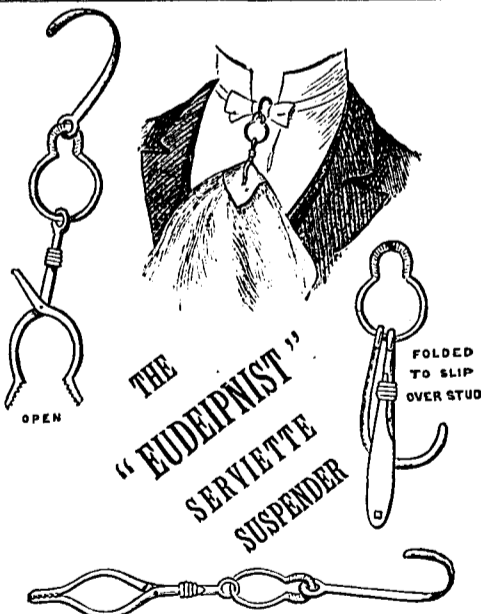
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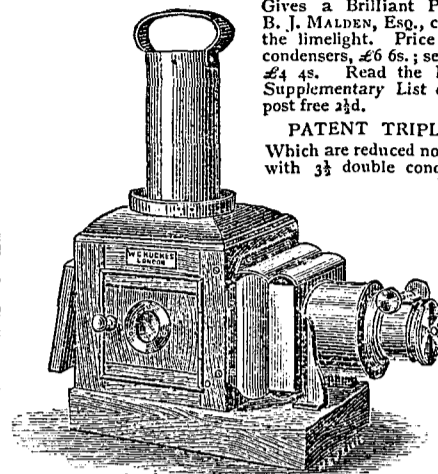
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