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OUR readers will be pleased to learn that a provincial organisation has been granted to the Isle of Man lodges. It will be remembered that in the summer of 1884 a deputation of Grand Officers under the auspices of Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, visited the island for the purpose of consecrating two additional lodges—the Ellan Vannin, No. 2049, and the St. Trinian's, No. 2050—thus raising the number of lodges holding under the United Grand Lodge of England to five. It was mentioned at the time of their consecration that the position of Freemasonry would in all probability be further strengthened if the lodges were placed under the rule of some local brother of eminence, who, as Prov. Grand Master, would be able to give his personal supervision to the affairs of the Craft, and so secure for the lodges an amount of vital energy which even the able but distant government of our Grand Lodge Executive must be unequal to bestowing upon them. The suggestion thus casually thrown out appears to have at length borne fruit, and probably not many months will elapse ere the five lodges of the Isle of Man, like the five Bedfordshire lodges, will be under the immediate sway of an able and influential chief. We have no doubt the new arrangement will prove beneficial both generally and locally. The brethren will lose that sense of isolation from the main body of the English Craft which must have possessed them heretofore. They will find themselves on precisely the same footing as the rest of the home lodges, and the hope of winning Prov. Grand Lodge honours is sure to have the effect of promoting a healthy spirit of emulation. We trust the day is not far distant when it will be our privilege to chronicle the establishment of the proposed Prov. Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man.

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It will be seen from our report of the proceedings in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, that our anticipations have been fulfilled, and that the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Royal Arch Regulations has been accepted in its entirety. We do not know of any other course that could have been adopted. Grand Chapter had entrusted the responsible task of revising the Regulations for the government of the Royal Arch Degree to a select Committee of experienced Companions, in whose wisdom and ability it had the most implicit confidence, and it would have been a singular illustration of that confidence, if it had taken upon itself to modify or reject partially or entirely, the recommendations they had found it expedient to offer. Hence they adopted the Report *en bloc*, though not without discussion, and Grand Chapter like Grand Lodge, will be henceforth under a Revised Code, which cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence on the position of Royal Arch Masonry and strengthen and extend it in the estimation of all constitutional brethren.

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ANOTHER of our last century lodges—the Antiquity, No. 178, Wigan—has just celebrated the grant of a centenary warrant, and on Friday next, the 12th instant, its example will be followed by the popular Domestic Lodge, No. 177, which meets at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Both these had their origin under the régime of the "Ancient" or "Atholl" Grand Lodge, in 1786, the date of the Domestic's Warrant being the 7th February of that year, and the Grand Officer who constituted it none other than the famous Bro. LAWRENCE DERMOTT, at the time Deputy Grand Master, who was assisted in his agreeable duty by Bro. THOMAS HARPER, the Grand Junior Warden of the day, and subsequently, for a term of years which was brought to a close only by the Union of 1813, Deputy Grand Master. From that day till now the Domestic has passed an uninterrupted, but not unchequered, existence in fulfilling, to the best of its ability, the Masonic duties imposed upon it by custom and the laws and usages of the Society. In the main it has fared well, any momentary disfavour shown it by Dame Fortune having had no other effect than to strengthen the resolution of the brethren to establish their lodge on an enduring basis in the face of all difficulties. This they have done, and the

celebration of next Friday will be the culmination of these successful efforts. That some of the Grand Officers and many visitors of inferior rank will be present to do honour to the occasion may be taken as a matter of course, and from what we have heard of the preparations we have no doubt the anniversary will be a brilliant success. Let us add that the lodge, in order to mark their sense of the importance of the event, have resolved on having a short history of the lodge published, and as, with the exception of some brief intervals, the minutes—still happily preserved—are continuous, there is fair reason to hope that the narrative will prove interesting, even if it does not throw much additional light on the laws and customs in vogue among the "Atholl" brethren.

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MONDAY, the 8th instant, has been chosen for the consecration of "Grand Masters' Chapter, to be attached to "Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, on the roll of Grand Lodge. The ceremony will take place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, and the Consecrating Officer will be Comp. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Scribe E. Probably most of our readers will wonder how it is that our senior lodge—senior in rank, but not in years—has gone on for so long a period without obtaining for its members the usual facilities for becoming acquainted with the mysteries of the Royal Arch Degree. We confess that it does seem strange on the face of it, that our lodge No. 1 should have remained chapterless so long, but we believe it is due, not to the indifference of the members to this branch of Masonry, but to the fact of an application for a Chapter Warrant made some half-century since not having received that amount of consideration which the petition of so ancient and distinguished a lodge deserved. Be this as it may, however, the shortcoming will be remedied on Monday next, and henceforth Grand Masters' Lodge will have its Royal Arch Chapter. A word as to the Principals designate. These are, all three of them, Aldermen and Past Lord Mayors of London and Past Grand Junior Wardens of United Grand Lodge, the senior of the three being also a Past Grand Scribe N. of Supreme Grand Chapter. All three of them likewise have had their civic services recognised by the Queen, the M.E.Z. Designate being Comp. Sir F. WYATT TRUSCOTT, Knt.; and the H. and J. Designate, Comps. Sir J. WHITTAKER ELLIS, Bart., M.P., and Sir R. N. FOWLER, Bart., M.P., respectively. So bright a constellation of municipal and Masonic luminaries is not among our every day experiences, and we hope, as we believe, that a chapter which is launched under such brilliant auspices will have before it a long and brilliant career.

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THE St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, is to be complimented on the success of its second anniversary gathering on Monday. There was a strong attendance both of visitors and members, and the proceedings from first to last showed clearly enough that under the genial rule of its twice-chosen Master, Bro. Lord Mayor Staples, the lodge had established itself on a firm and durable basis. This is no more than we had expected. Where lodges, or any other bodies corporate, go on multiplying themselves rapidly, as they have done of late years in the English Craft, there will always be found some which have, so to speak, a difficulty in fanning themselves into existence, and others which remain for years in a condition of gentle and unobtrusive reputability, doing what is required of them and nothing more. But there are likewise some few which at once create for themselves a name and keep it, and of these the St. Botolph's Lodge is one. It started well, it has gone on well, and will continue in the same fashion. Much of the success it has attained is due to the zeal and energy of the members, but still more to the prudence and general sense of good-fellowship exhibited by the Master, and we heartily congratulate our right honourable brother and his lodge generally on the goodly edifice they have erected in behalf of Masonry in so short a period of time.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, in the Grand Hall, at Freemasons' Hall. The following companions were present: Comps. Rev. C. J. Martyn, as Z.; Col. Addison Potter, as H.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Lieut.-Col. Sackville West, S.N.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.S.; Frank Richardson, A.P.S.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, A.P.S.; James S. Eastes, G.S.B.; G. P. Brockbank, Std. Br.; J. H. Matthews, as D.C.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; M. Ohren, E. H. Letchworth, T. Fenn, Robert Grey, J. M. Case, J. L. Thomas, J. Sampson Peirce, F. Davidson, E. Bowyer, Major Harding, H. J. P. Dumas, J. C. Tombs, Col. Burney, B. Wilkins, J. Parkinson, J. H. Matthews, W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; A. Lucking, P.Z. 1000; Charles L. Mason, P.Z. 304; F. Driver, P.Z., M.E.Z. 742; Alfred Stokes, M.E.Z. 1348; W. Side, M.E.Z. 1507; Charles F. Hogard, M.E.Z. 205, 10, 141, 142; John L. Mather, M.E.Z. 1471; W.

Alfred Dawson, P.Z. 382; H. E. Francis, P.Z. 452; W. M. Bywater, P.Z. 19; Lewis E. Newnham, P.Z. 446; E. W. Stanton, Z. 181; John A. Lloyd, Z. and P.Z. 357, 1533; Surgeon-General T. Ringer, P.Z. 1533; J. L. Warne, P.Z. 20; A. Ridgway, P.Z. 250, 8; Hayman Cummings, P.Z. 1837; Henry Darbiline, P.Z. 581; J. G. Adkins, P.Z. 1642; John Noyes, P.Z., S.E. 58; E. M. Larder, P.Z. 1642; W. Goodacre, P.Z. 1730; R. Foote, Z. 673; Thos. Forrester, Z. 730; Wm. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645; L. Wingate, J. 1423; W. Porter Webb, P.Z. 1381; G. Brown, P.Z. 169; Henry Lovegrove, P.Z. 72; Richard Clowes, J. 51; F. A. Hannin, M.E.Z. 452; H. Maunders Williams, J. 1326; S. Smout, M.E.Z. 1642; Robert Berridge, P.Z. 21; C. F. Matier, P.Z. 615, 59; Thos. Minstrell, J. 1928; A. Penfold, P.Z. 913; H. Massey, Z. elect 1928, P.Z. 619; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; John Chadwick, P.Z. 152, Prov. G.S.E. East Lanc.; F. A. White, P.Z. 907, 416; J. H. Cohen, Z. 58; Henry Wilson, P.Z. 280, Prov. G.S.E. Worcestershire; J. Wilson, J. 169; Charles Balton, Z. 59; H. Ward, P.Z. 586, 622; Ed. West, P.Z. 13; Geo. J. Row, P.Z. 7, 1185; Hen. Baldwin, J. 720; L. Cornelissen, 1201; A. J. Manning, Z. 217; George Allen, Z. 168; and H. Sadler, G.T.

After the formal opening of the Grand Chapter, the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed.

The following is 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	9
„ „ Account ...	188	8	10	„ Balance ...		43	5
„ „ Subsequent Receipts ...	340	16	6	„ „ Unappropriated			
				Account ...	185	2	4
	£631	7	3		£631	7	3

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 Masters' Lodge, No. 1, London, to be called the Grand Masters' 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.

These recommendations were all unanimously confirmed, and the companions then settled the Revised Royal Arch Regulations.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE EDWARD LODGE, No. 2109, AT HEATON MOOR.

On Saturday last another lodge was added to the already extensive roll existing under the Grand Lodge of England, the consecration taking place in the future home of the lodge, viz., the Conservative Club, Heaton Moor, and was witnessed by 145 brethren from the provinces of West and East Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, and Warwickshire. The lodge will be somewhat unique, inasmuch as it is to be conducted "on temperance principles." There are few Masonic lodges which absolutely forbid the appearance of wine upon their "festive board," the only one in this part of the country being the Wolsley Lodge, of Manchester, founded three or four years ago.

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. The founders of the lodge, whose names were on the petition, are:—Bros. T. A. Hopewell, W.M. of the lodge, and Past Prov. G. Dir. of Cers. Bombay; W. Webster, S.W.; E. Barton, J.W.; J. H. Wells, S.D.; W. Harris, W.M. 1993, and acting I.P.M.; S. J. Thomson, Treas.; and William Cole, Sec.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation—in the unavoidable absence of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Stanley—were performed by Bro. Wm. Goodacre, Prov. Grand Secretary, in a most efficient manner. Subsequently Bro. T. A. Hopewell was installed first W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Goodacre, W.M., who also invested the officers for the ensuing twelve months.

Among the brethren present were the following: Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Sec. W. Lancs.; John Cobham, P.G.S.D. W. Lancs.; C. Pierpoint, P.G.J.W. W. Lancs.; John Sutton, P.G. Dep. Dir. of Cers. W. Lancs.; J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.D. W. Lancs.; Robert Cain, P.G. Std. Br. W. Lancs.; Geo. Morgan, P.G.J.D. W. Lancs.; J. D. Murray, P.G.D.C. W. Lancs.; John Beesley, P.G.J.D. W. Lancs.; Geo. Beard, P.P.G.D.C. Warwickshire; Joseph Leach, P.P.G. Treas. E. Lancs.; James Whitehead, P.P.G. D.C. Derbyshire; Henry Crosby, P.P.G. Purst. W. Lancs.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec. E. Lancs.; James Walker, P.G.J.W. E. Lancs.; Rev.

E. J. Reeve, P.G.D. Chap. E. Lancs.; Jas. Lowe, P.G. Reg. E. Lancs.; J. W. Abbott, P.G. Dep. Dir. of Cers. E. Lancs.; W. W. Dawson, P.G.A. Dir. of Cers. E. Lancs.; John Bladon, P.P.G.A. Dir. of Cers. E. Lancs.; E. Johnson, P.P.G.A. Dir. of Cers. Cheshire; W. Booth, P.G. Dir. of Cers. Cheshire; H. C. Miller, P.G. Org. Cheshire; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler Cheshire; Rev. James Collier, P.P.G. Chap.; and a large number of visitors from various lodges in the province.

The following are the officers of the new lodge, in addition to those named: Bros. J. G. Bromley, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Wells, S.D.; E. Broadbent, J.D.; J. W. Berra, I.G.; J. G. Litton and J. R. Coxell, Stewards; and Nathaniel Jones, Tyler. These officers will be invested on a future occasion. After the ceremony of consecration the brethren, preceded by the band of Barnes Home, walked in procession to St. Paul's Church. A large crowd had assembled to witness the procession. The service at church was brief and interesting.

Bro. Dr. BUCKLEY delivered an eloquent sermon from 1 Peter ii. 17.

Upon returning to the lodge-room, the brethren sat down to dinner. An excellent repast had been provided by Mr. George Hallmark, of Heaton Moor. During the dinner the Barnes Home band played selections outside the room. Songs and glees were given by Bros. H. Miller, P.M.; W. Dumville, P.M.; N. Dumville, P.M.; and A. Lewtas, S.W. Bro. W. Cole, P.M., presided at the piano.

The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair.

In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales (Grand Master of England), the Princess, and the rest of the Royal Family," Bro. HOPWELL said Freemasons were proud of the Prince as a head, and they hoped he was proud of them as a body. In one of the sons of the Prince of Wales that lodge had a personal interest, inasmuch as, with the direct permission of his Royal Highness, the lodge had been named the "Prince Edward." (Applause.)

In proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master and P.G.M. of the Province," the W.M. said they were proud to be enrolled under the banner of a man who, by wise discipline, had succeeded in uniting the body of Freemasons in harmony and goodwill. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. WEBSTER gave the next toast, "Bro. Col. Stanley, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." They had seen in the ceremony of that day, he said, how worthy were their Provincial Officers of praise and honour. A grander ceremony it had never been his privilege to see. (Cheers.)

"The Sister Provinces" was given by Bro. THOMSON, who said that the invitation to their consecration ceremony had been right loyally and Masonically responded to. He questioned if any brother present had ever seen a ceremony more imposing than theirs of that day, or a company representing more important officers of Grand Lodges. The Prince Edward Lodge was highly honoured by the presence of representatives from the four sister counties, Cheshire, East Lancashire, Derbyshire, and Warwickshire. He hoped the brilliant example those brethren had set would not be lost upon the working of the Prince Edward Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. ABBOTT, P.P.D.D.C., responded for East Lancashire, and wished the lodge every success.

Bro. BOOTH, P.G. Dir. of Cers., responded for Cheshire. He considered that the lodge had been founded with every prospect of success. The Prince Edward Lodge, he felt sure, would be a credit to those who conducted it, and an honour to the Province of West Lancashire.

Bro. WHITEHEAD, P.P.G.D.C., responded for Derbyshire, speaking in the highest terms of the consecration ceremony and the services of Bro. Goodacre.

For Warwickshire, Bro. BOARD, P.P.G.D.C., responded. He said he had a deeper interest, perhaps, than most of the brethren present in the progress and advancement of that lodge. He believed the Prince Edward was to some extent a daughter of his own lodge, the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, Birmingham. From the Temperance Lodge had sprung the Wolsley Lodge, Manchester—in fact, the founders of the Wolsley were somewhat indebted to him for their bye-laws; and the Prince Edward, he understood, had been in a measure the outcome of the Wolsley Lodge. The first daughter was flourishing, he believed, and he hoped the second daughter would even beat the first. (Hear, hear.) If the proceedings of that day were a specimen of the way in which the Prince Edward intended to go on, the lodge would not want for visitors, and those visitors would always appreciate what was put before them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. BUCKLEY proposed "The Health of the Consecrating and Installing Officer." In doing so he said no one present could fail to have been struck with the very impressive nature of the ceremonial that Bro. Goodacre had performed. They all hoped that the good ship set afloat by Bro. Goodacre that day might brave many a storm. (Applause.)

In the absence of Bro. Goodacre, Bro. CROSBY, P.P.G.P., responded.

Bro. HARRIS, W.M., next gave "The Prince Edward Lodge." He said there had been one, or perhaps two, previous attempts made to found a lodge of Freemasons on Heaton Moor, but, from causes entirely without the range of his knowledge, those efforts were not crowned with success. The Prince Edward Lodge, however, was now an accomplished fact, and he trusted its career would be useful and honourable. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. WEBSTER responded, and assured the company that it had cost the founders of the lodge no little anxiety in order to secure the success of that day. He thought, however, they need not fear now for the success of Prince Edward. The success they had achieved could not fail to carry them onward with the flood tide. (Cheers.)

Bro. HUNT, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," referring in very complimentary terms to the Masonic work Bro. Hopewell did when in India.

The W.M. made an able and effective response, and afterwards other toasts—including "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. E. Barton; "The Masonic Charities," by Bro. J. H. Wells; "Newly Invested Officers," by Bro. J. G. Bromley; and "The Masonic Press," by Bro. W. Cole—were given.

Several presents were made to the lodge by members connected therewith, including a very handsome silk velvet cushion for Bible, embroidered with the name and number of the lodge in silver, from the W.M., Bro. T. A. Hopewell; also a sword for the Inner Guard, mounted with a richly gilt and chased hilt, presented by Bro. James W. Beard, first Inner Guard. Another useful and substantial present was a devotional chair, presented by Bro. J. H. Wells, first Senior Deacon of the lodge. The chair was made in oak and upholstered in dark blue morocco. Another present was made by Bro. S. J. Thomson, Treasurer, and consisted of a solid silver square and compasses for the Bible. Bro. William Owen gave the lodge a massive

polished oak chest, in which to store the lodge jewels, collars, &c. A very beautiful Bible was also presented to the lodge by Bro. W. Webster, first Senior Warden. It is scarcely necessary to say the whole of the presents were thoroughly appreciated by the W.M., and much admired.

In reply to a letter addressed to his Royal Highness, Bro. Edwin Barton, the Junior Warden of the Prince Edward Lodge, received the following telegram, unfortunately too late to be read at the gathering referred to:—"St. James-street West. To Edwin Barton, Esq., Rydal Mount, Heaton Chapel, Manchester. Your letter received too late. Please convey my most hearty wishes to the lodge.—Albert Victor."

The furniture, jewels, &c., were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

### CONSECRATION OF THE EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 1042.

A large and distinguished gathering of companions took place on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, to assist in the consecration of Excelsior Chapter, No. 1042, the petition for which had been supported by Philanthropic Chapter, No. 304. Many years had elapsed since the formation of a new chapter in that town, and the Excelsior Lodge, after a prosperous existence of 21 years, may be congratulated on crowning its majority not only by a munificent contribution to the Charities, but by the attachment of a Royal Arch Chapter.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, E. Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., having deputed E. Comp. C. L. Mason, P.Z. 304, 306, 380, and P.P.G.H., who is known throughout the province as a skillful and zealous worker, to undertake the ceremony of consecration, the proceedings commenced in the presence of the following companions:

Comps. C. L. Mason, P.Z., as Prov. G. Supt.; J. Barker, P.Z. 258, as Prov. G.H.; W. Gankroger, P.Z. 61, Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, Prov. G.S.E.; A. Williamson, 289, as Prov. G.S.N.; W. F. Tomlinson, P.Z. 304, Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; A. Austin, P.Z. 306, Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; W. W. Macvay, P.Z. 495, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; G. Marshall, P.Z. 521, Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.Z. 837, as Chaplain and Acolyte; R. Williamson, P.Z. 521, as Prov. G. Reg.; J. B. Hargreaves, Z. 304, as Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. Watson, P.Z. 304, as Prov. G. Std. Br.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorks, J. 154, as Prov. G.D.C.; F. Carr, 289, as Prov. G. Org.; W. T. Beanland, P.Z. 1462, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. W. Turner, P.Z. 521; J. Dodson, P.Z. 289; E. Lee, Z. 265, as Prov. G. Stwd.; J. Lee, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Janitor; W. J. Beck, P.Z. 286, P.P.G.S.; R. Craig, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.A.S.; W. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.J.; and others.

The usual formalities having been gone through, letters of apology from the M.E. Grand Supt. (who expressed great regret that important business elsewhere prevented his presence) and others, were read.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in delivering his preliminary address, complimented in eloquent terms the new chapter on their good fortune in securing as First Principal a companion who had rendered such long and eminent services to his Craft and country at home and abroad. After briefly alluding to the solid progress of Masonry during past ages, Comp. Mason went on to remark: We find our Order steadily pursuing its way; we see the rise and fall of nations; we see great changes taking place, socially and politically, in our own land—changes which are still going on. Yet our Order remaineth the same. Without, we have the clamour of strife and bitterness. We cast these behind, and enter the portals of our lodge or chapter to find harmony, tranquillity, and peace. He then related a remarkable incident which occurred to Dr. Smyth whilst in 1853 visiting Muttra, some 36 miles from Agra. He was challenged by some of the natives as a member of a "Jadu Ghar," or "House of Enchantment," and he was surprised to find them saluting him as an E.A. and F.C., the knowledge of which Degrees they declared had been handed down to them by their forefathers from time immemorial; but they had no acquaintance with higher Degrees. In giving further illustrations, Comp. Mason asked: What is this mysterious bond of union and friendship? Is it the love of eating and drinking? It is something higher and nobler, and of a loftier character. It is the dignity, the grandeur of our Order, founded on the sublime basis of virtue—nay, even on the sacred name of the Great God Himself, the Ruler and Governor of all. This is why our Order can "resist the destroying hand of time," has afforded consolation to many in the time that is past, and we trust to many in years to come. Comp. Mason concluded by giving a highly interesting explanation of the Royal Arch jewel, illustrated by diagrams.

The Consecrating Officer, E. Comp. Mason, displayed a fine exemplification of the sublime ritual, and the most lethargic companion would have felt some degree of enthusiasm kindling in his breast had he witnessed the devotional and impressive ceremonial in the beautiful Masonic Hall at Leeds.

The ceremony of installing E. Comp. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.Z., &c., as Z.; E. Comp. Stead, P.Z., as H.; and E. Comp. Tyers, as J., was then conducted by E. Comp. Mason.

The new chapter has been fortunate in securing as its First Principal such an illustrious Mason as Dr. Smyth. From a little pamphlet lately published by E. Comp. Watson, P.Z., of Leeds, we learn that Dr. Smyth was exalted over 40 years ago in the Sussex Chapter, at Newcastle-on-Tyne. He filled numerous offices, and received many honours from the Craft in this country and in India, where he subsequently resided, amongst the rest that of Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago. He became some 30 years ago founder and First Principal of the Dalhousie Chapter, Mussoorie, and later held the same relations towards Zetland in the East Chapter, at Singapore. Dr. Smyth also greatly distinguished himself at Meerut by his courage and devotion during the Indian Mutiny. As a champion against the anti-Masonic attacks, so rife a generation back, he became famous as the author of "Freemasonry Represented and Misrepresented," which, with many others of his writings, will leave an enduring mark on Masonic literature. Under the skillful guidance of such a veteran worker, stability and success should be assured to the Excelsior Chapter for a long time ahead.

The Principals, E. Comps. Stead, H., and Tyers, J., are also old and highly respected supporters of Royal Arch Masonry in Leeds, and the words of loyalty and good feeling uttered by them during the evening may be relied upon as genuine expressions from the heart. The following form the first staff of officers: Comps. Dr. Smyth, Z.; Stead, H.; Thos. Tyers, J.; W. Tyers, S.E.; Heuthwaite, S.N.; Crowbro', Treas.; Bingham, P.S.; Flockton, A.S.; and Barrand, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. stated how greatly they all were indebted to the efforts of Comp. Bingham in bringing matters to a successful issue.

Warm congratulations were also offered to the Prov. G.S.E., Comp. Henry Smith, W.D.P.G.M. of West Yorks, who has in the cause of our Charities rendered noble and incalculable services during the past 30 years.

E. Comp. Smith has recently recovered from severe illness, and the prayer will be echoed by all, that he be long spared to ornament and serve the Craft he loves so well.

A vote of thanks to the acting Grand Sup., E. Comp. Charles Mason, was carried by acclamation, and suitably responded to.

The usual questions having been asked, and several new candidates proposed, the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards gathered in the banquet hall, where refreshment was served, and the auspicious day ended in the most brotherly feeling and harmony.

### CONSECRATION OF THE WOULDHAVE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 362.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., a new lodge in Mark Masonry was consecrated at South Shields by the W. Bro. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M., acting as Prov. G.M. in the absence of R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S. There was a numerous attendance on the occasion, among those present being Bros. R. B. Reed, as Deputy-Prov. Grand Master; Adam Robertson, P.G.S.W.; D. Sinclair, P.G.J.W.; W. E. Franklin, P.G. Treasurer; J. Straker Wilson, P.G. Secretary; A. S. Fowler, P.G.D. of C.; G. Carter, P.G.M.O.; J. Carr, P.G.S.O.; John Strachan, P.G.J.O.; T. M. Watson, P.G.S.D.; T. J. Johnson, P.G.J.D.; H. B. Olsen, P.G.I.G.; Wm. Green, P.G. Organist, assisted by Bro. Daniel Whitehead of Durham Cathedral choir; J. G. Smith, P.G.S.B.; R. Craik, P.G. Standard Bearer; W. Atkinson, P.G. Tyler. Among other provincial officers present were:—Bros. John Wood, C. S. Lane, J. Ferguson, F. H. Bennett, H. Baumann, J. G. Youll; and there were also present Bros. Addison Potter, C.B., W.M. 346; T. G. Mabane, T. Coulson, G. Robson, and the founders of the new lodge; Bros. J. C. Moor, R. J. Pattison, J. Wethrall, F. S. Cowper, and J. A. Hall. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. T. Strachan, D.P.G.M., who expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M.M., the R.W. Bro. Canon Tristram. The Acting Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Strachan) was the consecrating officer, and in the course of the ceremony, which was most ably and impressively performed, he delivered an oration upon the origin and progress of Mark Masonry, pointing out in a clear and lucid manner its relation to the other degrees in Masonry. The new lodge, the Wouldhave, No. 362, was duly constituted and dedicated. It will meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Ingham Street, and Bro. T. G. Mabane was duly installed as its first W.M. The other officers were afterwards appointed as follows: Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.M.O., I.P.M.; Thomas Coulson, S.W.; George Robson, J.W.; W. Davidson, M.O.; W. Ross, S.O.; M. J. Wheatley, J.O.; J. H. Penny, Treasurer; Colin Wawn, Reg. of M.; J. Heppell, Secretary; L. Inkster, S.D.; C. F. Sutcliffe, J.D.; T. D. Marshall, I.G.; Henderson and Brown, Stewards; T. Potter, Tyler. In the course of the ceremony the acting P.G.M. (Bro. Strachan) referred to the pleasure it gave him to take the part he had done in the consecration of this Mark lodge, which introduces Mark Masonry in South Shields, and marks an era in the progress of the degree in the Province of Northumberland and Durham.—In the evening a dinner was held in the dining room of the hall.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE FOR THE ISLE OF MAN.

In our issue of the 2nd January we were able to announce that four out of the five Manx lodges, working under the English Constitution, had petitioned for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Man.

We have now pleasure in announcing that the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Bro. Major John Senhouse Goldie Taubman, P.M., of the Nunnery, near Douglas, as the first Provincial Grand Master of such island.

Bro. Taubman, who is now in the prime of life, was initiated into Masonry in the Tynwald Lodge, No. 1242, Douglas, of which lodge he is still a member. In this lodge he served the offices of Secretary, Junior Warden, and Senior Warden in consecutive years, and in December, 1883, was installed in the chair of K.S. He was also one of the promoters and founders, and is a member of the Ellan Vannin Lodge, No. 2049, and also is a member of the Athole Chapter.

The Isle of Man is emphatically a "Home Rule" country, having preserved its legislative independence from time immemorial. It is governed by a Governor, a Council, and a House of Keys. The Governor, Council, and Keys, when sitting together, form the Tynwald Court. The measures passed by them are called Acts of Tynwald, and are the Statute Laws of the island. The House of Keys is the representative Chamber, the members being elected by the ratepayers. Over this Chamber Bro. Taubman has long presided as Speaker, and sits as Member for Douglas, by far the largest and most important constituency. In the House he has the reputation of being an excellent Speaker; fair and impartial, and thoroughly versed in the duties of the chair. He is also a Justice of the Peace, and captain of the parish of Braddan; he occupies a leading social position, being frequently alluded to as "the First Commoner" of the Island. From the amiability of his character he is deservedly very popular among his fellow countrymen.

Although Bro. Taubman has not hitherto taken a very active part in the ceremonial work of Freemasonry, he has always shown himself an active sympathiser in every movement calculated to advance the welfare of the Craft which has come under his notice.

It may be confidently expected, therefore, that, with the useful experience gained in his legislative capacity, Bro. Taubman will preside over his Provincial Grand Lodge in a thoroughly creditable and satisfactory manner. The appointment seems to be an excellent one. We heartily congratulate Bro. Taubman on his attaining such a high position in the Craft—a position that Princes of the Blood and noblemen are proud to occupy—and trust he may long be spared to fulfil the duties of his exalted position with honour to himself and advantage to Masonry. We also congratulate the insular lodges on the successful result of their petition. A Provincial Grand Lodge is practically made up of the leading members of all the lodges in the province; members of different lodges thus mix together, interchange ideas, and get to know and understand one another in a manner quite impossible where they do not meet on common ground. The bond of brotherly union between lodge and lodge is thus drawn closer, and local Masonic work facilitated. Union is said to be strength, and we trust it may prove so in the Isle of Man.

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- Antient Briton Lodge, No. 1675.
- Chine Lodge, No. 1884.
- ROYAL ARCH:  
Union Waterloo Chapter, No. 13.
- Friendship Chapter, No. 241.
- Downshire Chapter, No. 594.
- The Probity MS.
- Antiquity Lodge, No. 178—Centenary Celebration.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"East Anglian Handbook," "Masonic Chronicle," "Masonic Token," "Keystone," "Freemasons' Journal," "Sunday Times" (New York), "New York Dispatch," "Citizen," "Sunday Times" (London), "The History of Freemasonry, by Gould," "Voice of Masonry" (Chicago), "Hull Packet," "Court Circular," "The Freemason" (Detroit), "Imperial Federation Journal," "Light," "Effective Advertiser," "Masonic Record," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Cadiz Masónico," "The Lifeboat," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Piano, Organ, and Music Trades Journal," "Jewish Chronicle," and "The Star" (Guernsey).



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1886.

## Original Correspondence.

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

## EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a Mason seeking employment, I have read the letter of "Justitia" in this week's *Freemason* with great interest.

Does it not show what immense benefit it would be to the Craft if something were formed, such as an employment agency, that such appeals as our distressed brother felt constrained to make public might be unnecessary?

In seeking employment myself I feel delicate in bringing forward Masonry, fearing that others may think I am making it "a mercenary object."

Pardon the liberty I take in writing you.—I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
February 1st.

HOPEFUL.



## 647] THE "WITHAM LODGE," LINCOLN.

I have been much interested in reading the leaderette of last week's *Freemason* respecting the "Witham" Lodge, and the extracts in the racy "Keystone," of Dec. 1885. The writer is quite correct in his statement that the "Witham" Lodge was not warranted until 1793, and is now No. 297, consequently the curious particulars of 1732 cannot refer to that lodge, as I am not aware it had any name. I find that the Rev. Dr. Oliver describes the older lodge, warranted in 1730, as the "Witham" also, and in his brief history of No. 297 (1841) considers the lodge of 1730, and the second one of 1793, as one and the same. "A cloud has occasionally passed over it, and thrown it into shade, but it was only to render the succeeding sunshine more bright, and to confer renewed brilliancy on its career" (page 3). As a matter of fact, however, they were two separate lodges, the extract of October 8, 1734, being from the records of the senior, and is as follows:—

"Brother Every recommended Mr. Stephen Harrison, of the Close of Lincoln, Music Master, as a proper person to be a member of this Society, and proposed to give a guinea towards the charge of his admission. Sir Cecil Wray proposed to give another guinea; Sir Christopher Hales, half-a-guinea, to which Sir Cecil Wray added another guinea. And in regard Mr. Harrison might be useful and entertaining to the Society, the lodge agreed to admit him for the said sum of £3 13s. 6d."

In many lodges gifted musicians were initiated freely during the last century, for conviviality was one of the chief characteristics of the Craft in early days. The old lodge at Lincoln, unfortunately defunct for over a century, had a Master's lodge, many of the minutes of which are still preserved, and were kindly copied for me by Bro. Watson, P.M. To these I hope to refer ere long.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## 648] PREMIER MASONIC PROVINCE, &amp;c.

Whilst writing No. 643 "Notes and Queries," I had before me the Constitutions of 1767, which place South Wales as the senior province, and so does the "Book of Constitutions" of 1756. Still, I am inclined to side with my friend and Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, and consider those two works in error, and that the "Constitutions" by Dr. Anderson, of the year 1738, is correct in ascribing that distinction to North Wales, especially as he gives the dates of each, viz:—

Hugh Warburton, North Wales, 10 May, 1727, Sir E. Mansell, Bart., South Wales, 24 June, 1727, the Grand Master being the Earl of Inchiquin. The "Constitutions" of 1756 and 1767 are also in error in crediting the Grand Master, Lord Paisley, with the honour of granting the first two patents for Provincial Grand Masters, so it is evident the value of these lists of P.G.M.'s is not very great. I have done my best to fix the lodge held at the "Carpenter's Arms," Silver-street, Golden-square, 1728; but much fear that it will not satisfy Bro. Riley, for it does not quite satisfy myself; still, it is the best that can be done under the circumstances. There are no engraved lists, unfortunately, for the years 1726 to 1728, so far as we know, and in the one for 1729 I cannot find any particulars to afford a clue. In the rare 1725 engraved list, owned by General Pike, there is a lodge noted in the ninth square, held at the sign of the "Three Compasses," Silver-street, which may be the lodge in question, as the "Three Compasses" represented the *Carpenter's Arms* (on a shield), an engraving of which is in Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry," Vol. III. This edition of 1725 being the only one known, I have promised my fac simile of it for Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records," in which it will be exactly reproduced, and form the frontispiece—that is, supposing the Craft takes sufficient interest in that grand work to subscribe for half the heavy cost prior to publication by cheering the author with a list of 100 subscribers.

W. J. HUGHAN.



## Craft Masonry.

**TUSCAN LODGE** (No. 14).—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., when the following were present: Bros. Liddiard, W.M.; Figgess, S.W.; Williams, J.W.; Glover, P.M.; Treas.; Stanley Robinson, P.M.; Sec.; Valentine Robinson, S.D.; G. Smith, J.D.; Frank Richardson, P.M.; D.C.; Regester, I.G.; Nettleship, P.M.; Stwd.; Lane, Tyler; P.M.'s: A. J. Bristow, Mackintosh, and G. Hopkinson; Carter, Thompson, Bird, Ebbetts, Stephens, S. Clair, Weldon, and others. The visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Philbrick, Thrupp, Peters, Lord Hedley, Letord, Bullen, Roswynter, and numerous other visitors.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Figgess was installed as W.M. by Bro. Liddiard, who performed the ceremony in a most able manner. The W.M. then appointed as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Williams, S.W.; Valentine Robinson, J.W.; Gordon Smith, S.D.; Regester, J.D.; Walter Ebbetts, I.G.; Glover, P.M.; Treas. (for the 19th time); Stanley Robinson, P.M.; Sec.; Frank Richardson, P.M.; D.C.; Nettleship, P.M.; W.S.; and Lane, Tyler.

**NEPTUNE LODGE** (No. 22).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, when there were present Bros. W. Cook, W.M.; J. Corbett, S.W.; E. F. Storr, P.M.; Treas.; J. P. Collings, P.M.; Sec.; H. Povey, P.M.; Roberts, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Sec.; C. E. Soppet, Willey, James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; George Kenning, E. Y. Jol-

liffe, Griffin, Clarence Harcourt, P.M.; W. R. Brookes, H. Savidge, W. J. Charles, Taylor, Bailey, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a brother was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was then most impressively rendered by Bro. H. Povey, P.M., Bro. J. Corbett being installed as W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of a large Board of Installed Masters. Bro. J. Corbett then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Cook, I.P.M.; L. V. Walker, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W.; E. F. Storr, P.M.; Treas.; J. P. Collings, P.M.; Sec.; W. R. Brooks, S.D.; H. Savidge, J.D.; W. J. Charles, I.G.; H. H. Knill, Org.; H. Povey, P.M., D. of C.; J. R. Taylor and H. Bailey, Stwds.; and J. Parkinson, Tyler. The newly-installed Master then proceeded to initiate Mr. Robert John Burt White, the ceremony being rendered, together with the charge, in a masterly manner. The I.P.M. was then invested with a P.M.'s jewel, which was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient, Bro. W. Cook. It was proposed by Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M. and Treasurer, that the sum of 10 guineas be placed on the Charity list of the W.M. who has undertaken the Stewardship to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The brethren then retired to a *recherché* banquet, the usual toasts being duly proposed and honoured. A good programme of music was well performed by Miss Effie Chapuey, R.A.M., Thos. Cassidy, and Curtis D'Alton. Bro. J. F. Haskins presided at the pianoforte.

**PYTHAGOREAN LODGE** (No. 79).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, when Bro. W. T. Hunt, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual formalities, installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Irwin, and after the usual preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. A. H. Overton, and proving favourable, that gentleman was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. C. Fowler, P.M., then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and installed Bro. Hunt in a most eloquent and impressive manner.

The following officers were then invested: Bros. V. Orchard, S.W.; C. Syder, J.W.; J. R. Dussee, P.M.; Treas.; H. Roberts, P.M.; Sec.; C. Kidgley, P.M.; S.D.; G. W. Sly, J.D.; W. Kipps, P.M. and P.P.G. Org. Kent, Org.; C. Fowler, P.M., D.C.; J. R. Berry, I.G.; J. Dowsett, W.S. (by proxy); W. E. Ruddle, 1st Asst. W.S.; T. Ingle, and Asst. W.S.; and W. McDonald, P.M., Tyler.

Bro. Fowler then recited the charges with much force and impressiveness, and concluded a service for which he was heartily and worthily commended on all sides. He was then unanimously accorded a vote of thanks, which was ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and returned thanks. A handsome and valuable P.M.'s jewel was then presented to Bro. Irwin, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office. In presenting it, the W.M. said it was of the old Pythagorean type, and bore with it the esteem of the brethren. Bro. Irwin had, during his year of office, initiated some good Masons, who, as they rose in Masonic life, would say with pride, "I had the honour of being initiated by Bro. Irwin." In conclusion he wished Bro. Irwin many years of health and prosperity to wear the jewel, and assist in maintaining the prestige of the Pythagorean Lodge.

Bro. Fowler having briefly returned thanks, ten guineas was voted to Bro. Kedgeley's list, he standing Steward at the forthcoming Boys' School Festival. Several propositions were received for joining members and initiates, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

Among the other brethren present, and not enumerated above, were Bros. R. Boncey, P.M., and P.P.G.P. Middx.; F. Coudry, P.M.; J. Dawkins, P.M.; J. S. Buris, P.M.; H. W. Partridge, P.M.; W. R. Garrod, E. Earl, W. Wood, T. Ingle, H. W. Earl, Jas. Griffiths, A. C. Featherstone, Jas. May, H. Richards, A. Hammond, G. H. Boncey, J. Lucas, E. Shand, A. Meering, R. F. Salter, R. W. Redmond, H. Howard, A. A. Hurley, E. Bartholomew, C. Harris, and P. Earl, all of the lodge.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. Warcup, W.M. 140; G. Newell, I.P.M. 548; J. Pitt, W.M. 147; Sydney Gore, P.M. 829; H. Earle, P.M., and P.G. Stwd.; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; W. J. Kitson, P.M.; C. R. Wickens, S.W. and W.M. elect 733; E. T. Williams, J.W. 1539; Dr. Burney, J.D. 140; J. Dickson, J.D. 1471; Wilde, 140; W. Agate, 13; B. Avery, 548; W. Fennell, 73; T. Hurdle, 1382; Shepperd, 140; H. Lewis, 140; J. Sibley, 373; W. Frigout, 2041; J. Joslin, 217; and C. Jolly, S.W. 1472, &c.

The banquet having been discussed, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and then that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," who, the W.M. declared, was not only a good Mason, but by his presence and example had given such an impetus to Masonry as had raised it to its present high position.

The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and we need hardly say that these three toasts were drunk most enthusiastically.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, the W.M. saying it was the custom at their lodge to give the toast prominently, so as to allow of those of their visitors who had to go long distances an opportunity of so doing, should they desire to. The toast was one that always was well received and heartily greeted by the brethren of the Pythagorean, who were noted for their hospitality; and, as a rule, the visitors attended with a great deal of pleasure, and he sincerely hoped they had all done so that night. There was a great deal of sociality in visiting, not only at the working, but at the festive board, where many a life-long friendship was begun and cemented. They had twenty visitors (whose names he read out) out of a total of seventy brethren present, and he trusted they had enjoyed the working, and were then enjoying themselves as much as they possibly could. He wished them long life, and that they might prosper, but especially he wished that they would come again.

The toast was drunk most heartily, and Bros. Jolly, Newell, and Gore responded.

The next toast was that of "The Initiate," and the W.M., in giving it, regretted that there was only one, although that one was a brother of whom they were proud. He was sure that when they came to know Bro. Overton they would find him as good a little parcel of goods as they ever opened, and a credit to the lodge.

Bro. Overton having briefly responded,

Bro. Dussee, P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said it was unexpected, but nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to have the honour of proposing such a toast. Bro. Hunt had that night been placed in the position of head of the lodge, a position that had been held by many honourable and good Masons before him. They all wished him well, for he (Bro. Dussee) felt that it was a good thing to have fresh vigour and fresh blood infused into such an important post. He asked them to drink health, long life, and prosperity to the W.M. of the Pythagorean Lodge.

The toast was drunk in bumpers.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of an eloquent reply, dwelt upon his unworthiness to fill the chair, but would endeavour to maintain the prestige of the lodge as pure, high, and unsullied as he found it. It was sixteen years since he joined the lodge, and he had never been ambitious of office; but now that he had through their kindness attained the chair, they might depend upon it that he would always do his best for the comfort of the brethren and the prosperity of the lodge.

The next toast was that of "Bro. Fowler, the Installing Officer," who, the W.M. said, had performed the ceremony in a most beautiful manner, and he called upon them to show their appreciation of Bro. Fowler by drinking his health in bumpers, which they did.

Bro. Fowler, in response, assured the brethren that he should at all times be only too happy to perform the office, and, after advocating the claims of the lodge of instruction, thanked them for the toast, and resumed his seat amid applause.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, and then the brethren separated, delighted with both work and play.

The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. Kipps, who accompanied the singers, among whom were Bros. A. A. Hurley, Newton, Lewis, Wickham, Pitt, and others. Bros. Gore and Jolly recited, the former admirably rendering "Brutus's harangue to the Romans on the death of Cæsar."

**FAITH LODGE** (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Fromholtz, W.M.; Coop, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M.; Sec.; Hakim, S.D.; Johnson, W.S.; Werzler, A.D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; P.M.; Green, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Jordan, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Simmonds, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and drunk with acclamation.

Bro. Fromholtz having replied, gave "The Initiate," who duly responded.

"The Health of the Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Tinsler, P.M. 720; White, 1107; Morgan, 1237; and Hollands, 2030, who acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was connected with the names of Bros. Stuart and Dairy, who replied at some length.

"The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Coop, Hudson, Johnson, and Werzler.

The proceedings then terminated.

**STABILITY LODGE** (No. 217).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. James Glanville. He was supported by Bros. J. T. Wright, S.W.; T. R. Hinks, J.W.; T. Hinks, P.M.; Treas.; J. Nixon, P.M.; Sec.; W. Gorrie, S.D.; W. Eckersall, J.D.; H. Lynn, I.G.; F. C. Woolmer, D.C.; P.M.'s J. Addington, H. Marfleet, and W. J. Cattermole and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1903; H. Vickery, P.M. 1475; J. J. Brinton, I.P.M. 1329; J. D. Rose, P.M. 73; R. J. Nishart, W.M. 1789; P. A. Nairne, P.M. 176; W. H. Glyn Smith, 1691; C. James, 1903; J. Bunker, 1158; J. Tasker, 73; J. R. Bunch, 172; J. Humphrey, 55; R. W. Robinson, 879; C. A. White, 1777; J. Justice, 79; W. Leonard, 1777; T. Lane, 186; and F. J. Loughlin, 1365.

Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. T. Wright was presented for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was afterwards duly carried out by Bro. Marfleet, P.M. The newly-installed Master having been saluted in the Three Degrees, installed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. Glanville, I.P.M.; T. R. Hinks, S.W.; W. Gorrie, J.W.; T. Hinks, P.M.; Treas.; J. Nixon, P.M.; Sec.; W. Eckersall, S.D.; H. Lynn, J.D. The ancient charges were delivered in admirable manner by the Installing Master, whose working was most creditable throughout.

The ballot was then opened for Mr. Alfred Charles Brown, who had been proposed by Bro. Gorrie, S.D., and seconded by the then W.M., Bro. Glanville, and the voting being unanimously in favour, he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Glanville on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of valuable services rendered to the lodge during his term of office.

At the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of a *recherché* banquet, provided in Bro. Clemow's usual excellent style, when the loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured.

The I.P.M. in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," congratulated the brethren upon having the right man in the right place. He had watched Bro. Wright through the various offices he had filled, and could only say he had devoted his best attention to the duties attaching to each. He had done his best for the interests of the lodge in the past, and, having regard to that fact, they might look forward to his doing so in the future. He wished his successor every happiness and prosperity during his year of office, and hoped his installation into the chair might be the commencement of a new and successful era in the

history of the Stability Lodge. In conclusion, he expressed his conviction that all the brethren would unite in the endeavour amply to sustain the prestige of the lodge, and to verify its title for stability and usefulness.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been received, took the opportunity of thanking the brethren for having conferred upon him the honour of electing him to the chair of the Stability Lodge. He could not hope to fill that position in the manner in which it had been filled by his predecessors, and he felt it was rather an act of kindness on the part of the brethren than any ability of his own to which he owed his present position. It would be his constant endeavour to conduct the affairs of the lodge in such a manner as should conduce to its continued prosperity, and he trusted that at the end of his year of office he might have given them satisfaction. He then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," and in doing so said it was not often in the Stability Lodge the newly-installed Master had the opportunity of admitting an initiate, and he regarded it as a privilege, for which he was indebted to Bro. Glanville. He could only remind his brother initiate that if he remained true to the principles he had espoused that night he would have no reason to regret having united himself with the ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry.

Bro. A. C. Brown, after the E.A.'s song had been sung, returned thanks for having been admitted into the lodge. He had been told that Masons were a goodly company, but his informant had only told him half. The impressive ceremony he had witnessed would ever be uppermost in his memory, and he should strive earnestly to carry out the promises he had made, and to benefit by the sublime principles of which he had seen the initiatory stages that evening.

In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said one of the leading principles of Freemasonry was hospitality, and they prided themselves upon that virtue. He was very pleased to see so many visitors present on that occasion, and he assured them of a most hearty and cordial welcome. He especially thanked Bros. Rose and Voisey for having assisted him in preparing for the work of the chair.

Bro. Brinton, whose name was associated with the toast, thanked the W.M. most heartily for the cordial terms in which he had welcomed the visitors, and said Bro. Wright was on the high road to progression in the service of Masonry. He hoped and anticipated that the W.M. would have a year of uninterrupted prosperity, and that he would be supported by an able body of officers. It was incumbent upon every officer to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the duties, and if they worked well together they might look confidently forward to the recompense of reward.

Bros. Voisey and Nairne also briefly responded to the toast.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Officer," and said he was deeply indebted to Bro. Marfleet for the admirable manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that day. He hoped he might be spared for many years to discharge his duties as efficiently as he had done that day.

Bro. Marfleet having acknowledged the toast in a few happily-chosen sentences,

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," in doing which he paid a high tribute to the zeal and assiduity displayed during the year by Bro. Glanville, whose excellent example he should endeavour to emulate. It had been a great pleasure to present to their I.P.M. a jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, and he was only echoing the sentiments of every brother present when he wished that Bro. Glanville might live for many years to wear it, in remembrance of his very successful and happy year in connection with the Stability Lodge.

The I.P.M. returned thanks, and expressed his unabated interest in the welfare of the lodge. He thanked the brethren for their recognition of the small services he had been able to render, and promised that in the future he should do, as he had done in the past, all he possibly could to promote its prosperity.

The W.M. afterwards proposed "The Healths of the Past Masters and of the Treasurer and Secretary," paying well-deserved compliments to each as to the manner in which the affairs of the lodge were administered; and these toasts having been duly responded to, the list was fittingly concluded by the Tyler.

The enjoyment of the evening was materially enhanced by singing and recitations, amongst those who specially contributed to the programme being Bros. Voisey, Leonard, and White.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, 18th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Present: Bros. H. McClelland, W.M.; David Hughes, I.P.M.; H. Harbord, S.W.; Dan. Hughes, P.M.; Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; R. P. Stevens, S.D.; Hoddinott, J.D.; Hand, Org.; Whur, I.G.; R. Clinch, D.C.; Haylock, W.S.; Prince and Rubardt, Stwds.; Woodstock, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Ginger, Lewis, and G. A. Cundy; also Bros. Dharty, Russell, E. W. Cundy, Fletcher, Rogers, Harden, Bater, Burnell, Sheffield, Jackson, Fimister, E. Verner, G. Smith, Pearce, Newman, Barwell, Gillard, Lawson, Clarke, Diamond, Corkhill, Whitnall, Derry, Vale, T. W. Verner, Follett, Tavor, Green, Hosking, Vears, Dance, Chivers, Watkins, Ross, and Gordon. Visitors: Bros. Ellis, 1381; Cummings, 1667; Harris, 1662; Pocock, Hewlett Smith, 56; Hiscox, 1512; Fitzgerald, 1364; Lazarus, 1017; Magrath, 1306; Haley, 511; Brook, 1524; Pearson, 453; Jakeway, 683; Haycock, 1196; Hurdle, 548; Carman, 548; Lindfield, 211; Murlis, 1642; Thomas, 1853; Tilling, 765; Sewill, 1457; Glass, 453, P.G.D.C. Essex; Cooke, 34; Bone, 1425; Davis, 1642; Edwards, 1257; Wakeham, 1767; Cunningham, 1612; Barber, 933; Wrigglesworth, 15; and Siegenberg, 212.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. David Hughes, I.P.M., having presented Bro. Harbord, S.W., W.M. elect to the W.M., the ceremony of installation was impressively rendered by Bro. McClelland, W.M., and Bro. Harbord was heartily greeted by the members on being installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. H. McClelland, I.P.M.; Dan. Hughes, S.W.; R. P. Stevens, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M.; Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; J. P. Hoddinott, S.D.; W. R. Haylock, J.D.; Fimister, Org.; R. Clinch, D.C.; A. Prince, I.G.; Whur, W.S.; Rubardt, Stwd.; and Woodstock, Tyler.

Bro. McClelland then gave the addresses, which not only delighted the members, but elicited the praise of all the visitors present. The candidate for initiation, Mr. Hayden, being present, and the ballot having proved unanimous in his favour, the new W.M. proceeded to initiate him, and quite satisfied the members with the very perfect manner in which he worked the First Degree. It was unanimously carried that a jewel of the value of five guineas be presented to Bro. Hand, Past Org., for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the musical services of the lodge during the last five or six years, and a hearty vote of thanks was also accorded him, the same to be inscribed on the minutes.

There being no further business the lodge was closed, the visiting brethren having wished the W.M. "Hearty good wishes," and the brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room. The dinner, which was served in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's usual first-rate style, after which the brethren sang grace, and

The W.M., in presenting the first toast, that of "The Queen," said that was a toast that was always received with enthusiasm wherever Englishmen congregate, no matter whether it be from Cape Comorin to the Himalayas, ans, or from Burmah to Belokistan, the snowy plains of Canada, the arid wastes of Africa, the glorious colonies of Australia, or in the hundred isles which own the sway of her Majesty, and which go make up our great and glorious empire the Queen has demanded our respect constitutionally and morally. Constitutionally, she has steered the even tenour of her way, as only the most constitutional monarch could, and morally for she has brought up a large family, full in the fierce light which beats upon a throne, with credit to herself and satisfaction to the country, and we must not forget she is the mother of our M.W.G.M.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. H. Carman sang "God save the Queen" most effectively.

The next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." The Worshipful Master said the Prince has ever deserved the fealty which we as Freemasons willingly accord to him. He has always shown the greatest interest in our Order, from the time he first came among us, not only in the time and attention he gives to the cause, but by the assistance he renders us by his great and powerful name in the cause of our Charities, and if anything further were required it was shown by his introducing his son among us at the earliest possible moment. Long may he remain our M.W.G.M.; and be an honour to us and we a credit to him.

Solo—"God bless the Prince of Wales"—by Bro. Wilmot.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Grand Officers," said all those whose privilege and duty to attend Grand Lodge must have been struck by the splendour of that assembly, the perfect order, the gentlemanly and almost military discipline which prevails, and the equity and the justice with which every question is approached, discussed, and discharged, and he could fearlessly say that any brother having a grievance, and laying it before that grand jury might rely it would be heard without fear and without favour, and while such a noble band of brothers were at the head of the Craft Freemasonry would have little to fear.

Bro. Jakeway then sang "My boyhood's dream."

The Installing Master, Bro. McClelland, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying the brethren all knew the relationship that existed between the W.M. and himself, and which would prevent him saying so much as he should like to say on his behalf; but they all knew how he fulfilled the various offices in the lodge to their satisfaction. He had the interest of the lodge thoroughly at heart. He could assure them he had worked exceedingly hard in order to qualify himself for his present proud position, and he was sure when his year of office was fulfilled they would have no cause of regret.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, after which Bro. Witmot sang "The pilgrim of love" in his best style, with every mark of approval.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked the brethren most heartily and sincerely for the generous and enthusiastic manner they had received the toast. Words failed him to express the gratitude he felt, and also his inability to reply for the want of subject matter. It was true he had filled most of the offices of the lodge, and he must candidly say the Secretaryship was the hardest; but if he had filled them to their satisfaction, if he had even filled them beyond criticism, he had simply done his duty. As regards the Mastership, it was like the Scotch verdict of not proven. They had had many brilliant Masters in that chair, which he could hardly hope to imitate; but he would give way to none in having the interest of the lodge at heart, in trying to make the working as perfect as possible, or in studying their social comforts and happiness. If any thing further were wanting to impress him with the grandeur of Freemasonry it would be the ceremony he had gone through that night, and he could only say he hoped he should be connected with the City of London Lodge long enough to see them all Past Masters. This brought him to the time when he was initiated in the lodge in September, 1878. On that night he had the post of honour at the right of the W.M., and, like their brother initiate would have to presently, was told he should have to make a speech. Some kind brother told him the usual phrase—W.M., officers, and brethren—and then say something short. He did not say something short; it was this—"As he had shared their humility that evening, he hoped he should also share their glory." He had shared their humility when that night, through their kind suffrages, he shared the glorious traditions of Freemasonry.

Bro. Carman sang "The death of Nelson" with such power and feeling, that the brethren were not denied, and the W.M. stated the song they had just heard sung with effect touched every Englishman's heart to the core, and he was sure Bro. Carman would oblige them as they desired, which he did by singing "Jack of ours."

The Worshipful Master, rising, said the next toast went home to every Freemason's heart, viz., "The Masonic Charitable Institutions." Byron said, "There's nought in this bad world like Charity, 'tis so evening to the soul and face;" and, as we have heard that night, it had the approbation of heaven and earth; and, like its sister, mercy, blesses he who gives as well as he who receives. He was aware he was not addressing an unsympathetic audience in the cause of Charity, for they had kindly voted 20 guineas to his list as Steward, but it was customary, on the night of the meeting previous to going up as Steward, to call attention to the wants of the particular

Institution for which they were going up, for the purpose of relieving them from any burdensome loose cash to their pockets or consciences. They all knew the good work of the Institution he was going to represent; suffice it to say, there was an amount of £12,500 to be made up annually by voluntary contributions. He appealed for those who could not appeal for themselves. He appealed for those, many of whom had addressed festive boards such as this, and from such a position as he had the honour to occupy that night, and who as little thought they would require their generous assistance as any of those present thought at any time they would need the same charitable aid. But, brethren, if there is a dark side, there is also a light side to the picture. We give this to them not as Charity, we give it to them with the full brotherly feeling that it will help them to pass their declining days in peace and happiness, and that in their hour of trial they would remember the time they were admitted into Freemasonry with joy and rejoicing, and he was sure that they on their part would cheerfully embrace the opportunity of practicing that virtue they all admired.

In faith and hope most men might disagree,  
But all mankind concurred in Charity.  
All must be bad who thwart the one great end;  
And all of God who make mankind amend.

He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Murlis, of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge.

Bro. Murlis, in reply, said he hoped the lodge would thoroughly support their W.M. as Steward, for he could assure them that it was doing a grand and noble work. He had filled various offices at Steward, and on the Committees, and had had an opportunity of seeing the manner in which that work was done. If they would allow him a suggestion, he would say that the list should represent the same number of pounds (£) as the number of the lodge, namely 901; but he was certain of the generous reply of the brethren to the appeal of the W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," said they had been told of the close relationship which existed between them, but he saw no reason why this should prevent him from saying he was proud of having introduced him into that lodge. He was proud of serving under him as W.M., and he was highly gratified at his having installed him into the chair in the manner in which he had done it. They all knew he had had a most successful year of office; the working of the lodge had been fully maintained, and their social comforts thoroughly studied, and he had handed the lodge over to his successor in such a condition of prosperity that they could only hope that he would hand it down in like manner. The W.M. then presented the Installing Master with the P.M.'s jewel, remarking that he was certain it was given to him in no mere perfunctory manner. It was given to him to him with a full intent and belief that he had carried on the work of the lodge to the best of his ability, and that with no mean ability, and he was only reiterating the sentiments of the brethren when he said that they all wished him to wear it many years in the full enjoyment of health, wealth, and prosperity, surrounded by troops of friends.

Bro. McClelland, in reply, said words would fail to express the gratitude and pleasure he felt at the reception given to this toast. He certainly had done his best to promote the good working and harmony of the lodge, and if he had done so to their satisfaction he was amply repaid. As regards the jewel they had so generously voted him, he should ever wear it with pride, and with the deepest feelings of thankfulness as a mark of their appreciation and esteem.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Initiate," and said he was sure they would all receive it with that welcome with which they always received a new member into the lodge. He was glad there was an initiate, for an installation did not seem complete without one, for it settled many queries as to how the new W.M. would do his work; but that was not settled either for good or evil. He trusted that what their brother initiate had seen and heard would convince him that if the principles of Freemasonry were properly carried out, it would lead them to a higher, a better, and purer life; while, on the other hand, he would see they were not unmindful of the lower estate. From what he had seen of their brother, and the attention he had paid to the ceremony, he felt sure he would make a good and worthy Mason.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," said the City of London Lodge were always pleased to see visitors, and he believed visitors were always pleased to see the City of London Lodge. He hoped they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and trusted that any evil they might have seen they would leave out of their eye, and carry away only the recollection of a very happy and enjoyable evening. He was sorry the time was so short that he could not possibly go down the list, there being between 40 and 50; but would immediately call upon Bros. Glass, Batchelor, and Thomas.

In reply, Bro. Glass said he was highly gratified with what he had seen of the working of the lodge, and also of the sumptuous banquet placed before them. He had enjoyed himself thoroughly, and if any of the brethren would return the visit to his poor Province of Essex he would endeavour to return the hospitality, and make them as comfortable as possible.

Bro. Thomas said the only difficulty he had was to make himself believe he was a visitor, and not a member of the City of London Lodge. He was always there, and should continue to come so long as he could get an invitation. He was always sure of enjoying himself, and was certain he could say for the visitors they all had. The hospitality of the City of London Lodge and its working was proverbial, and he wished the W.M. a successful year of office.

In proposing the toast of "The P.M.'s," the Worshipful Master said they were all proud of their P.M.'s, whatever success and prosperity the lodge had attained was due to the individual and collective exertions of their P.M.'s. They each in their day had done their best until it had arrived at its present proud position. As it was so late he should couple the toast with the name of our Bro. David Hughes, P.M.

Bro. Hughes replied, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner it had been received, and assuring them that it was as the W.M. said that the present proud position of the lodge was due to the manner the P.M.'s had done their duty. They each one as they came to the chair exerted themselves to the utmost, and their best efforts would always be at the services of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was to him

almost a personal one, and one which he was certain they would all receive with pleasure. He was sure that the present officers of the lodge were actuated by the desire to assist him in every way possible to keep its working and its traditions fully up to the mark. What Master would not be proud of such officers; he had even a Prince for I.G., and called upon the S.W. and J.W. to respond.

Bro. Dan. Hughes, S.W., replied that in the name of the officers he could assure the W.M. that their utmost endeavours would be exerted to ensure him a most successful year of office, to make its working as perfect as possible, and to add in every way to the comfort of the brethren.

Bro. Stevens, J.W., endorsed all his Bro. S.W. had said and he could promise that nothing on their part should be wanting in any way to make it a success. He thought he should have heard the W.M. say something about the lodge ball, which came off on Wednesday, February 3rd, and was rather sorry he had not done so, as several of the brethren had left, probably some might like to have gone.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when a large number of members and visitors assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Arthur Ferrar. The chair was taken by Bro. J. L. Payne, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Arthur Ferrar, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Polak, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx., Sec.; George Ferrar, S.D.; A. R. Olley, J.D.; W. Beasley, I.G.; J. H. Rich, D.C.; W. Wright and W. Simpson, Stwds.; C. W. Smyth, P.M.; F. Brasted, P.M.; C. Lorkin, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; E. Woodman, W.M. 1950; G. J. Grace, P.M. 73; J. H. Hoit, W.M. 856; J. McLaren, W.M. 1805; W. Darnell, P.M. 1679; J. Wilson, P.M. 1155; A. Clark, P.M. 1897; F. Walters, P.G.D. Middx.; C. Gooding, 1329; H. J. Amphlett, 1511; A. Sanders, 860; E. A. Enright, 1685; F. West, 1445; J. Isaacs, 1624; W. Gascoyne, 395; G. W. Larter, S.W. 1602; H. P. Raikes, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset; R. Pascoe, I.G. 27; C. Stow, 765; R. P. Forge, S.W. 1693; R. Britton, 860; F. Wootton, 1986; E. Daniell, 300; H. S. Diprose, S.D. 1853; S. W. Sutton, 73; F. H. Ayres, 1816; J. Rose, 1607; S. A. White, Mass., U.S.A.; H. W. Burrage, 1115; J. E. Fennister, Org. 901; S. Smither, 193; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting and of a lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, showing a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge. The Auditors drew attention to the increased labours of the Secretary in consequence of the strength to which the lodge has attained, and, after highly commending the way in which the books and accounts were kept, recommended that some recognition should be made of his services in that capacity during the last ten years. This report was unanimously adopted, and a notice of motion on this subject was given by Bro. Beasley for consideration at the next meeting.

Bro. Arthur Ferrar, S.W., W.M. elect, was then duly presented for installation, and the ceremony ably rendered by Bro. J. L. Payne, the outgoing W.M. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Polak, S.W.; G. Ferrar, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; A. R. Olley, S.D.; W. Beasley, J.D.; J. H. Rich, I.G.; W. Wright, D.C.; E. Frisby, Org.; W. Simpson and J. Robinson, Stwds.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. The usual addresses were then delivered in a faultless manner, which elicited the warmest approval of the brethren present. Ballot having been taken in favour of Mr. H. J. Allardyce, a candidate for initiation, he was regularly initiated in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., who concluded the ceremony with the ancient charge. A resolution by Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas., to invest the balance standing to the credit of the Benevolent Fund, was unanimously adopted. Two candidates having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the personal supervision of Bro. Clemow.

After the cloth had been removed, the usual, loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were both received in the usual enthusiastic manner.

In proposing "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. A. Ferrar, W.M., expressed his regret that there was not a Grand Officer present, as Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., had been obliged to leave to fulfil another engagement. However, he had no doubt that the toast would be warmly received, for the Grand Officers were deservedly popular in the Craft.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. L. Payne, who remarked that all the brethren were pleased to see Bro. Ferrar occupying the chair. They had all seen the very creditable and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening, and which left nothing to be desired. He had no doubt but that Bro. Ferrar would perform the other ceremonies equally as well, and would, in fact, be one of the ablest Masters that had filled the chair of the lodge.

Bro. Arthur Ferrar, W.M., heartily thanked Bro. Payne for the compliment he had paid him, and the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast. It would give him great pleasure to work the three Degrees, whenever the brethren afforded him the opportunity, and he hoped to have as successful a year as Bro. Payne. The next toast he had to introduce to their notice was an important one, and one which, he was glad to say, was scarcely ever absent from their list of toasts. It was that of "The Initiate." He sincerely hoped that Bro. Allardyce, who had been initiated that evening, would some day occupy the chair of the lodge. He had no doubt that he would prove a credit to the Craft and to the Duke of Connaught Lodge.

Bro. Allardyce sincerely thanked the lodge for the unanimity and kindness with which he had been received, and expressed his intention of using his best endeavours to deserve the kind remarks of the W. Master.

"The Visitors" was then proposed by the W.M., who said that it was one of the most important toasts of the evening, and he was certain that the members of the lodge would receive it, as they always did, with sincere and hearty enthusiasm. He was exceedingly pleased to see so

many visitors, to whom he offered a warm welcome, and trusted they had spent a profitable and pleasant evening. He was especially pleased to see Bro. White, from the United States, and he sincerely trusted he would carry back to that country a favourable impression of his reception by English Freemasons.

Bro. White, Mass., U.S.A., in responding, expressed his pride at hearing the United States mentioned, for no mother could be prouder of her son or daughter than England is of her daughter America. Freemasonry is universal, and so is the hospitality of Freemasonry, which was fully exemplified in the way in which the lodge had entertained the visitors that evening.

Bro. Raikes, P.P.G. Chap. Dorset, in replying to this toast, said that in all the lodges he had visited he had never seen the work surpassed.

Bro. J. Hoit, W.M. 856, also responded, and, after commending the excellent working of the lodge, cordially thanked the lodge for the munificent hospitality with which the visitors had been received.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a good array, there being only one absentee, viz., Bro. Chapman, whom the brethren would be grieved to hear was seriously indisposed. The P.M.'s of that lodge were always ready to assist the W.M. with their advice whenever it was required, and they had one and all helped considerably to place the lodge in the distinguished position it now held. He had now a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present Bro. J. L. Payne, the I.P.M., with the jewel that had been voted by the lodge. Bro. Payne had, during his year of office, performed the duties of the chair in an able and efficient manner, that reflected the highest credit on his zeal and assiduity. He (the W.M.) considered it an honour to have the privilege of presenting the jewel to so worthy a Mason, and he trusted that the time might be far distant ere Bro. Payne would be parted from the lodge.

Bro. J. L. Payne, I.P.M., heartily thanked the lodge for the handsome jewel presented to him, and the W.M. for the kind remarks he had been pleased to use. He sincerely hoped that his successor would have as successful a year as he had had. It was one of the proudest moments of his life, and he hoped that the members of the lodge—whom he was sure were all good Masons—would work up until they reached the proud position of W.M. He had been most cordially supported during his term of office by the brethren, and he assured them that he should always wear the jewel to remind him of one of the happiest years he had ever spent.

Bros. Smyth and Brasted also returned thanks on behalf of the P.M.'s, and congratulated the W.M. on attaining the chair, and wished him a successful year of office.

"The Treas. and Sec." was then given by the W.M., who eulogised the efficient manner in which Bro. Brand performed the duties of Treas., and said that the careful way in which he watched over the lodge funds was proved by the admirable proposition he had brought forward that evening respecting the investing of the balance standing to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. With respect to their Secretary, he was certain that no lodge in London could have a better one than Bro. Lee.

Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas., thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. It was very gratifying to him to be able to show such a substantial balance brought forward on the lodge account. He was also pleased to see the balance in favour of the Benevolent Fund steadily increasing. He assured them that he would, in conjunction with the W.M. and P.M.'s, do his best to manage the financial affairs of the lodge in a manner that would prepare them for a rainy day.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec., also responded, and thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He was the first Master, and therefore father of the lodge, and they would pardon him if he felt exceptional gratification at its continued prosperity. The true prosperous condition of a lodge was not to be gauged by its financial position, but by the feelings of unanimity and brotherly love, which he was glad to say was so prevalent in the Duke of Connaught Lodge. He hoped he would be spared for many years to see that feeling continually increasing, for its help would enable them to support the Masonic Charities and assist the widows and children who might be in want.

Bro. R. Polak, S.W., responded for "The Officers," and assured the W.M. that he could rely on the officers giving him all the assistance in their power during his tenure of office.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings this lodge has held.

The musical arrangements added greatly to the success of the evening. Bro. Frisby, Org., ably presided at the pianoforte, and was assisted by Bros. Dunn, Hoit, Wright, and Lee, jun., while Bros. Oakley and East rendered some effective recitations.

**BAYARD LODGE (No. 1615).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at 33, Golden-square, W. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Blunt, W.M.; Capt. G. Moore, S.W.; H. Sauerbrey, J.W.; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Sec.; E. F. Bamber, S.D.; S. T. Fisher, J.D.; Col. Somerville Burney, D.C.; Major Scott, I.G.; G. Austin, Tyler; D'Avignon, P.M.; Col. Chaine, H. Gold, A. G. Gold, Rev. J. Robinson, Chancellor, Morice, Griffiths, Mecey, Goodhall, Birkett, Macaulay, Major V. Bailey, and others. Visitors: Bros. Capt. McCalmont, M.P.; Hemming, and Watson.

After the usual formal business, Bro. Morice was raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. Major V. Bailey was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. W. G. Pearce was duly initiated. The lodge voted the sum of 10 guineas to each of the three Masonic Charities, to be placed on the Stewards' lists of Bros. Fisher, Moon, and Dallmeyer, respectively.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—This prosperous civic lodge met at the Victoria Hotel, on the 25th ult., when there were present among others Bros. J. Young, W.M.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting S.W.; Lister, acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Louis

Lardner, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., D.C.; Parkinson, Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. Aynsley, W.M. 1920; Wood, 720; T. Wildash, C.C. 740; Kift, 1791; Bing, 1962; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Dorling, and it proved to be unanimous, but from unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending. The resignations of Bros. Skelthorne and Potter were received with regret. Letters apologising for absence were read from Bros. H. B. Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treas., P.M., &c.; T. Simpson, S.W.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts were given by the W.M. briefly but pertinently, and a most agreeable evening spent, thanks to the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Kift, Young, L. Lardner, and others.

**CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).**—The first regular meeting of this prosperous lodge took place at the Army and Navy Hotel, Victoria-street, W., on Wednesday, the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. James S. Edmeston, occupied the chair, supported by the following members of the lodge: Bros. Howard Smith, I.P.M.; Louis Hirsch, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Gooding, P.M.; Arthur Turner, S.W.; D. H. Harrison, J.W.; Joseph Cleaver, S.D.; F. S. Gillett, J.D.; Robert Norton, Hon. Org.; Frank Manby, J. Liscombe, and others. The visitors were Bros. Dodd, P.M. 171; Felix Sherrin, J.D. 1686; C. Sawbridge, 21; and J. Anstead, I.G. 171.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably initiated Messrs. John Jeffreys, Charles E. G. Dodd, and Arthur Herbert Dodd into the mysteries of the Craft; Bro. Norton presiding at the organ. Bro. Hirsch, P.M., intimated that he was desirous of representing the lodge as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and asked the support of the brethren. This was most liberally responded to. The W.M. proposed that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the Charity Fund to be placed on Bro. Hirsch's list, which was seconded by Bro. G. T. Gooding, P.M.; the W.M. himself, Bros. Turner, Norton, Harrison, Dr. Lewis Evans, and others also subscribed most liberally, and Bro. Hirsch seemed most gratified with the support accorded him. The Secretary having read several letters from members and visitors regretting their inability to be present, the lodge was closed in ancient form, Bro. Hirsch, P.M., delivering the parting oration, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant and sumptuous banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given by the W.M., and duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Howard Smith, J.P. No lodge, he said, could possibly be more fortunate in the choice of their W.M. than the Clapham Lodge. His courtesy and generosity had endeared him to every member of that lodge, and never had the beautiful ceremony of initiation been rendered more impressively than on that evening. The sentiments expressed by Bro. Smith were fully endorsed by the brethren by their hearty applause.

The Worshipful Master very appropriately replied. He said he had every reason to hope that his year of office would be a successful one, and nothing on his part should be wanting to make it so.

The next toast was that of "The Initiates," and to which Bros. Jeffreys, C. E. Dodd, and A. H. Dodd responded, and expressed their pleasure at having joined the Clapham Lodge. They were greatly impressed with the solemn ceremony, and would endeavour to become useful members of the Craft.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially received, and responded to by Bro. Dodd, P.M., who expressed the gratification it had afforded him in being present that evening, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their generous hospitality on his own and also on behalf of the other visiting brethren.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Hirsch and Gooding.

Bro. Cleaver replied for "The Masonic Charities."

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers," who, he felt sure, would be zealous in the discharge of their important duties.

The toast was most enthusiastically received, and replied to by Bros. A. Turner, S.W., and D. H. Harrison, J.W.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Bros. Norton, Gillett, and H. Smith, assisted by several other brethren.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. There were present Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Staples, W.M.; P. F. R. Saillard, S.W.; T. Benskin, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; H. H. Wells, S.D.; B. Norman, J.D.; E. W. Stillwell, I.G.; E. J. Husey, D.C.; G. M. Sayle, Stwd.; G. P. King, Augustus Walton, H. J. Staples, H. W. Poole, H. P. Kilby, T. Murray Jones, and H. G. Cubitt. Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Col. Shadwell II. Clerke, G. Sec.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Bac.; G. Org.; T. Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.W.N. and E. Yorks; W. H. Froom, W.M. 1657; Henry Wright, W.M. 1827; A. GreatRex, P.M. 22; Dr. Robt. Cross, P.M. 198; George Kenning, P.M. 1657; P.G.D. Middx.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; Alderman Isaacs, P.M. 218; E. J. Altman, W.M. 101; S. Temple, 569; H. Oaksheth, 1278; A. E. Sydney, P.M. 155; Chas. Potter, 1745; S. Lyon, 1950; E. Y. Jolliffe, 1657; B. T. Fountaine, P.M. 948; Augustus Harris, S.W. 2127; E. Moss, P.M. 1929; T. Tremere, I.P.M. 1929; M. R. Webb, 1657; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th Dec., and of the emergency meeting on the 15th Jan., were read and confirmed. The chair was then occupied by Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., who proceeded to install the W.M., Bro. Saillard, into the chair of King Solomon.

The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Staples, I.P.M.; Thos. Benskin, S.W.; H. Wells, J.D.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.;

B. Norman, S.D.; E.W. Stillwell, J.D.; G. M. Sayle, I.G.; E. J. Husey, D.C.; F. Harris and H. J. Staples, Stwds.; and Goddard, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master, in the name of the lodge, then presented the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services as founder and W.M. for the past two years. He referred to the honour that had been done the lodge by the first occupant of the chair, who occupied at the same time the position of chief magistrate of the first City of the world.

The Lord Mayor warmly thanked the brethren for the gift, and expressed the pleasure he felt at being of service in starting the lodge, and in any way promoting its interest and position in the Craft through the office he had the honour to hold.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered by the representatives of the lodges present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the I.P.M. rose to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Saillard." His lordship said that he had known Bro. Saillard for a great many years as a neighbour. He was a good citizen, and would make, he felt sure, a good Master of St. Botolph's Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked his predecessor for all his kind remarks and good wishes, and trusted to be able to conduct the affairs of the lodge during his year of office in a manner that would do no discredit to his distinguished predecessor. Before sitting down, he would give them the toast of "The I.P.M.," which, he was sure, would be received with enthusiasm. They had had the honour of being presided over by the distinguished brother who now occupied the position of first I.P.M. of the lodge. He had not only conferred honour on the lodge, but had endeared himself to the members by his many good qualities and geniality.

The Lord Mayor returned thanks.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," the W.M. coupling that toast with the names of Bros. Broadley and Greatrex.

Bro. Broadley, in replying, expressed his thanks for the hospitality accorded to the visitors, but especially the thanks of the Master and Wardens of the Drury Lane Lodge for the good offices of the W.M. and members of St. Botolph's in recommending the petition of the former to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. They owed their birth to them, and would always remember the circumstance with gratitude.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bros. Benskin and Wells, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

An excellent selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., G. Org., the vocalists being Miss Edith Stow, Miss Amy Sargent, Bro. T. Tremere, and Bro. Edwin Moss; instrumentalist, Mr. G. T. Miles, harpist. Miss Nellie Hamilton kindly accompanied on the pianoforte.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall, and, although the weather was very tempestuous, the attendance was fairly good. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Adamson Rhagg, who was supported and assisted by Bros. W. M. Pybus, S.W.; R. Whitfield, P.M., D.C., as J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; W. Dalrymple, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; Isaac Taylor, as J.D.; T. Spedding, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Richardson and H. F. Dryden, Stwds.; and J. Curry, Tyler. There were also present the following brethren: Bros. J. Wood, P.M.; M. J. Wheatley, W.M. 1870; E. S. Hildick, W.M. 539; M. R. Wright, C. Case, J. W. Porter, Edmund Carr, R. Swanson, W. J. Jobson, C. Green, J. Rutter, H. Nixon, J.S. 424; T. R. Jobson, 1664; and others.

After the preliminary business, Bro. J. Rutter was passed as a F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. The names of those eligible for the chair were read over, the nominations for Finance Committee, Treasurer, and Tyler then followed, and the lodge was closed, when the company adjourned to the refreshment room, and spent the remainder of the evening in harmony.

**HALIFAX.—Lodge of Probity (No. 61).**—On Monday evening, the 18th ult., the installation of the recently elected W.M. of this ancient lodge took place at the Masonic Hall. There was a large gathering of the brethren, including visitors from the three sister lodges in the town—St. James, De Warren, and St. John's. There were also present the Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew; Bros. Monckton, P.P.G.D.; H. Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M., and an old Prov. Grand Officer; W. H. Garland, Mus. Bac.; Green, P.M.; Alfred Stott; W. Storey, Prudence Lodge; and others. Altogether between 60 and 70 brethren were assembled to witness the interesting and imposing ceremony. Bro. J. W. Balme, the recently elected W.M., was duly installed by Past Masters Bros. Isaac Booth, F. Whitely, and G. Buckley, jun. Subsequently he distributed the collars of office to the rest of the officers of the lodge, Bro. Cecil Conner being S.W.; Bros. F. Fleming, J.W.; the Rev. B. Town, Chap.; Herbert Crossley, Sec.; W. Gaukroger, Treas.; W. Cash, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; F. Buckley, I.G.; F. Horton, D.C.; J. H. Sykes, Org.; C. Pole, Almoner; R. Patchett, H. Emmott, and C. Middleton, Stwds.; and Sagar, Tyler.

An interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation of six Past Masters' jewels to members of the lodge. Bro. Leach, P.M., made the presentation in most appropriate terms, pointing out that the jewels had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge, as a mark of respect to, and recognition of, the services of the brethren to which they were handed, and in commemoration of the obtaining of the centenary warrant: Bros. W. Stott, W.M. 1863; Isaac Booth, P.P.G.S.W., W.M. 1864; T. H. C. Scratcherd, P.P.G.D., W.M. 1868; B. W. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W., W.M. 1869; E. M. Wavell, jun., P.P.G.R., W.M. 1873; and F. Walker, W.M. 1874. The Prov. Grand Master, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the lodge, then presented the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Davis, with a Past Master's jewel, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services during his term of office. The lodge was then closed.

Afterwards a banquet was held in the dining room, the

caterer being Mr. Bower, of the Frevelyan Hotel, Horton-street. Bro. Balme, W.M., presided, and had on his right the Prov. G.M., and on his left the Deputy Prov. G.M.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and heartily received, that of "The Army and Navy" being responded to by Major Conner, Lieut. J. G. Green, 5th Battalion the King's Royal Rifle Corps (or Huntingdon Militia), Major Jackson, and Capt. E. M. Wavell.

At intervals songs were given by Bros. Rickard, Buckland, Thorp, and J. Walker. Bro. Sykes was the Organist. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent.

**SCARBOROUGH.—Old Globe Lodge (No. 200).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas Cliff, when there were present Bros. J. Wanless, W.M.; W. Watts, S.W.; W. C. E. Taylor, J.W.; J. W. Taylor, Chap.; J. W. Woodall, G. Treas., Treas.; J. H. Moody, J.D.; G. Simpson, Tyler; and others.

The principal business of the lodge was to instal Bro. Watts, S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was performed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M., G. Treas., assisted by Bro. Smyth, P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, and a large Board of P.M.'s.

After the ceremony the brethren dined at the Royal Hotel, Bro. W. Watts, W.M., in the chair. The Fraternity will be glad to learn that the new Masonic Club at St. Nicholas Cliff, Scarborough, to which visiting brethren are admitted on favourable terms, is in a most flourishing condition.

**LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).**—The annual meeting for the installation of W.M., took place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, 12th ult. The lodge room has recently been re-decorated, and the good taste displayed in the work was the subject of much comment by the numerous visitors present on the occasion. These included Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Hopkinson, P.M. Sackville, Prov. G. Purst.; G. D. Woolgar, J.W. Sackville; J. Cooper, Sackville; A. M. Betchley, W.M. Sackville; F. H. Hallett, W.M. Derwent; C. Haine, W.M. Tyrian, Prov. G.S.; G. Cole, W.M. St. Cecilia; R. Willard, J.W. Royal Brunswick; W. Ardley, W.M. Yarborough; and S. Denman, Royal Brunswick; and E. Histed, Royal Brunswick. The P.M.'s of the lodge present were Bros. Farncombe, Mayor of Lewes; J. C. Lucas, T. R. White, C. Briscoe, A. Holman, G. Stone, W. D. Stone, S. Tanner, and Chapman, I.P.M. The members present were Bros. J. Stedman, S. Peters, S. Stone, J. W. Broad, W. Wright, A. Russell, M. J. Peters, R. H. Ellman, J. Peters, W. Hobbs, S. Lower, C. Kite, W. Stone, S. Starnes, and others. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Every as W.M. was efficiently performed by Bro. G. Chapman, assisted by Bros. Tanner, P.M., and T. R. White, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. G. Chapman, as I.P.M., and to him was presented a gold P.M.'s jewel for his services during the preceding year; G. Holman, S.W.; S. Peters, J.W.; A. Russell, Sec.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; Smith Stone, D. of C.; J. W. Broad, S.D.; W. Wright, J.D.; W. Stone, I.G.; S. Starnes, Org.; and H. Hall, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, admirably served by Bro. Whitcomb. Bro. J. H. Every, W.M., presided, supported by his Worship the Mayor of Lewes; Bros. G. Chapman, I.P.M.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; J. C. Lucas, P.M., and others.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bros. V. P. Freeman and J. C. Lucas responding on behalf of "The Officers of Prov. G. Lodge," and Bros. F. H. Hallett and G. Cole for "The Visitors."

Bro. Farncombe, P.M., Mayor of Lewes, proposed "The W.M.," and congratulated him on having thus early in life attained to such an honourable position.

Bro. Every, in responding, gave interesting particulars from an old minute book of the lodge, which had recently been brought to light.

The various toasts were interspersed with some excellent songs.

**PRESTON.—Peace and Unity Lodge (No. 314).**—This lodge met at the Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, on Monday, the 11th ult., when, in addition to the members of the lodge, there were present the following visitors:—Bros. C. Fryer, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. T. B. Spencer, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Cottam, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Nevett, P.M., Prov. G. Stw.; J. Elton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Greaves, P.M., P.P.G.O. East Lanc.; Prov. G.O. West Lanc.; J. Hayburn, W.M. 313; G. Dawson, W.M. 343; W. Troughton, I.P.M. 343; Worthington, W.M. 333; and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Scott, who was supported by his officers, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was next passed, and the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Alpass Benevolent Fund for Aged Widows of Freemasons of West Lancashire. A proposition for a candidate having been submitted, Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.R., and Prov. G. Sec., proceeded to instal Bro. J. Worsley, P.M., as W.M. for the year, who afterwards appointed and invested his officers. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. T. M. Shuttleworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., on the sudden death of his son, Bro. Edmund Shuttleworth, J.W. of the lodge.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Park Hotel, after which the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

**YEOVIL.—Brotherly Love Lodge (No. 329).**—The annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., for the reinstallation of Bro. J. A. Milborne, the outgoing Master. The ceremony was to have been performed by V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset, P.G.D. England; but he was at the last moment unavoidably prevented from attending. In his absence, the ceremony was performed by the J.W. of the lodge, Bro. S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R. Dorset. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Nosworthy, I.P.M.; S. R. Baskett, S.W.; W. B. Milborne, P.M., J.W.; F. Cox, P.M., Treas.; Rev. H. T. Beebe, Chap.; H. Cobb, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Raymond, S.D.; B. Whitby, J.D.;

R. J. Damon, P.M., D.C.; H. T. Harwood, Org.; J. E. Rodber, I.G.; A. E. Price and A. W. Heard, Stwds.; and H. F. Edgar, P.M., Tyler.

Among the visitors present were Bros. R. G. Long, 437, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; J. Tompsett, S14, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset; F. S. Boyd, 976, P.P.G.J.W. Somerset; W. H. Good, 437, P.G.J.D. Somerset; S. B. Bewey, J.W. 437; and E. J. Lawes, 398.

A remarkable feature of the meeting was the kind acceptance of the office of Tyler, pro tem., by Bro. H. F. Edgar, P.M.

**PORTSMOUTH.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 342).**—The Installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., when Bro. Fred. Sanders, the W.M. elect, was installed in ancient manner in the presence of a large gathering of the brethren.

The lodge having been duly formed and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Butler was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Sanders was then presented to the chair by Bro. Good, P.M., and having subscribed to the ancient charges and regulations, all the brethren below the rank of an Installed Master retired, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, at which there were 30 present. Bro. Sanders was then impressively installed into the chair of K.S. with all the usual rites and ceremonies by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Gunnell, P.G. Supt. of Works Hants and the Isle of Wight. The brethren were then summoned, and the Installing Master invited them to greet their newly-installed Master with the customary honours from the time-honoured points.

The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year, the recipients of the collars being Bros. W. Gunnell, I.P.M.; W. Beutell, S.W.; A. W. Hewett, J.W.; J. T. Craven, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Rand, Sec.; T. Heyes, Org.; J. S. Dyer, D.C.; W. H. Sperling, S.D.; W. E. Leamy, J.D.; J. Hewitson, I.G.; A. Brookland and W. Glazebrook, Stewards; Copus and Exell, Tylers.

The Worshipful Master accompanied each investiture with a few hopeful and encouraging remarks relative to the duties appertaining to the different offices. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were then delivered in a most eloquent manner by Bro. Gunnell, eliciting hearty approval from all present.

After some further business, including the Auditors' (Bros. James Bussey and F. J. Proctor) report, the lodge closed in harmony, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquet hall of the club, where a sumptuous banquet was served in capital style by Bro. Edward Pearce, House Steward of the club, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been warmly received, the W.M. gave "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who had endeared himself to the honourable Fraternity throughout the country for his zeal and the thoroughness with which he at all times had continued to work for the Craft in general, of which body he was so distinguished a leader and guide.

"The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," was the next toast from the chair, and enthusiastically received.

The next toast was "The R.W. the P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., of Hampshire and Isle of Wight; the V.W. the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre; and Officers of P.G. Lodge, Present and Past." The W.M. remarked that the sterling qualities of the P.G.M. and his worthy Deputy were well known throughout the province for their ability and the earnestness they threw into the work of the province. Their ready and capable manner when called upon to discharge any of the many duties that fell to the lot of the P.G.M. or his Deputy met with the hearty approval of the brethren who served under such gentlemen and brilliant Freemasons.

The toast was warmly received, and with it was coupled the name of the Prov. G. Secretary of Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. E. Goble, P.M. 309, who, in reply, heartily endorsed all the encomiums that had been passed on the P.G.M. and his Deputy, and gave evidence of the energetic, warm, and careful management of the province in the hands of such genial gentlemen and thorough Freemasons, and testified to their readiness and ability at all times to further the cause of our noble Fraternity, calling especial attention to the fact of the Royal Sussex being honoured by having two such important posts as the P.G. Treas., Bro. R. J. Rastrick, and P.G. Supt. of Works, Bro. W. Gunnell, held by members of that lodge, and concluded by urging upon the brethren to perfect themselves in the detail of the work of the province, feeling sure that they would be repaid by perusal of the recognised organ of communication.

The W.M. then entrusted Bro. Gunnell, the I.P.M., with the gavel, and, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it had been a great pleasure to him to instal Bro. Sanders, as it would be within the memory of most of those present of the brotherly and courteous conduct last year of their present W.M. to give way for his (Bro. Gunnell's) elevation to the chair, and serve again in the west under his command. He felt sure that the honour and integrity of the lodge would suffer no diminution in his capable hands, and asked the brethren to drink long life and happiness the W.M.

Bro. Sanders, who on rising was most heartily received, said that there were times in the history of one's self when it was somewhat a difficult matter to speak coherently, and while he felt it his duty at such a time to issue what may be described as his official programme for the year, at such a time as the present the softer emotions of thankfulness at the kind manner the I.P.M. had so warmly given, and the brethren so cordially received, prevented this to some extent; but he would be wanting in courtesy and kindly feeling if he failed at once to thank the brethren most heartily for the great honour they had conferred upon him in placing in his hands the conduct of so old and highly esteemed a lodge as the Royal Sussex. Many W.M.'s who had occupied the chair he had now the pleasure to fill had expressed the desire to further the interests and material welfare of the lodges they represented, and hoped for successful years, in the which the care reposed in them would have been found not to have been misplaced, and he, with those who had preceded him, also hoped and mingled his ardent desire with theirs, that the warrant

of so old and royally founded a lodge, one honoured throughout the province as that over which he had the honour to preside, would be found at the close of his year of office in the same pure and unsullied state as the night he found it placed in his hands. Some of the most cheering thoughts that crowded upon him was, that at his side would always be found the I.P.M., one who had brought the lodge through such a successful year, and also that the advice and extended experience of the Past Masters of the lodge would always be at his service if needed, and after heartily thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him at so early a period in his life to the Master's chair, concluded by saying he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him the health, zeal, and fervency for the noble work, that none of the prestige would depart from the lodge during the coming year, and that the brethren would have no cause for condemnation at its close, but rather that their verdict should be, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The W. Master then gave "The Health of the Installing and I.P. Master, Bro. W. Gunnell," which was cordially received.

Bro. Gunnell, in a neat and humorous speech, assured the brethren of his continued attachment to the lodge and desire for its welfare, as well as the pleasure he felt at his name being so warmly received by those who had worked under him, assuring them that while he had health and strength his energies should be devoted to the welfare of 342, and hoped the lodge would have not only as successful a year as the past had been, but even a more prosperous one.

"The Past Masters of the Royal Sussex" was the next toast, which was responded to by Bro. J. Friedeberg, P.M., who, after congratulating the lodge on the accession to the chair of one whom they had seen ascend step by step to that position, assured the W.M. that the advice and co-operation of the P.M.'s was at his service. Opining that there was no probability of anything of troublous importance likely to arise in the conduct of the lodge during the coming year, and that he (the W.M.) could depend upon the Past Masters to assist him in every possible manner, and on their behalf presented him with their hearty congratulations.

Bro. J. Brickwood, P.M., was then placed in possession of the gavel, and gave the brethren "The Masonic Charities," remarking that the Royal Sussex had always occupied a foremost place in the province in the sacred cause of charity, and hoped it would be a long time ere such a noble trait would depart from it, or their high position with regard to the central charities one which the less assured, adverting to the balance sheet then in the hands of the members of the sterling work they had done during the past year.

Bro. J. W. Willmott, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., responded to the toast. As the lodge's representative he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor in the Divine cause of Charity, and in the high position in which the lodge had placed him, in entrusting him with the care of watching their interests on the Charities' Committee, cordially re-echoed the sentiment that had fallen from the proposer of this toast, hoping that while we were a lodge, and members of our noble Order, the desire to afford succour and assistance to those who needed it, would ever be present in our midst.

"The Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges" was next proposed, and Bro. Horace E. Loader, W.M. 487, and Captain W. H. C. St. Clair, W.M. 2074, replied, with fraternal greetings, and earnest of a cordial reception of the Royal Sussex at the hands of the neighbouring lodges.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Visitors," and Bro. William Miles, I.P.M. 1776, in reply, said on their behalf, and his own, he thanked the brethren for the generous and brotherly approval they had given this toast. He believed No. 342 prided themselves on their hospitality and fraternal companionship accorded those who visited them. Individually he did not forget that the W.M., whose year had begun so auspiciously, was affiliated to the lodge he had the honour to represent, and was sure he was only putting into words the expression of every visitor present, that Bro. Sanders would be blessed with a prosperous and useful year of office.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was replied to by Bro. W. Beattell, S.W., who accompanied his response to the toast with an assurance that the officers the W.M. had been pleased to appoint would do their utmost to support him in the chair in carrying out his duty.

During the evening several brethren varied the proceedings with harmony: Bros. Lancaster, Buck, Miles, Proctor, Leader, and Willmott assisting. Bros. Heys and Miles accompanying.

There were present Bros. E. Goble, P.M. 309, P.G. Sec.; R. J. Rastrick, P.C. Treas.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Wallingford, P.P.G.J.W.; E. S. Main, P.M. 1776, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Bond, P.M. 487, P.P.G. Sd. Br.; D. G. Gilmour, W.M. 309; H. E. Loader, W.M. 487; H. W. Smith-Parsons, W.M. 804; J. Dempsey, W.M. 903; E. Naylor, W.M. 928; J. Jackson, W.M. 1428; J. M. Foster, W.M. 1776; G. T. Cunningham, W.M. 1834; H. Long, W.M. 1903; Capt. W. H. C. St. Clair, W.M. 2074; Friedeberg, J. W. Willmott, S. R. Ellis, H. J. Guy, R. J. Turney, R. Barnes, Dr. C. Knott, J. Brickwood, H. Croucher, and J. E. Buck. Past Masters of 342, Bros. W. Miles, I.P.M. 1776; and A. H. Hancock, G. Barnden, and Leader, 1776; McKnight, Morgan, and Reading, 407; W. S. Laphorne, 1958; F. J. Proctor, J. Bussey, J. Townsend, Bolitho, Payne, A. T. Stone, J. Madge, Shaft, A. Caton, Atrill, Armstrong, Bracey, W. Oldfield, W. Butler, Robinson, and Andrews, members of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

**BIDEFORD.**—Benevolence Lodge (No. 489).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., in the lodge room at the Music Hall. The following officers were duly installed to act for the forthcoming year: Bros. R. Dymond, W.M.; H. P. Tardrew, S.W.; C. Smale, J.W.; R. Riddle, S.D.; A. G. Duncan, J.D.; H. M. Burrow, P.M.; P.G.S. Treas.; Rev. T. Russell, P.M.; P.G.J.W., Sec.; Rev. E. W. Doyle, Chap.; W. C. Coles, I.G.; J. Brook, Org.; Westcott and Wilson, Stwds.; and R. Grant, Tyler.

The annual banquet was held at the New Inn Hotel, when a large number of visiting brethren were present. Everything passed off in a highly satisfactory manner.

**AXMINSTER.**—Lodge of Virtue and Honour (No. 404).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 26th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Forward, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. A. P. Reece. There were present Bros. A. P. Reece, W.M.; Wm. Forward, S.W.; J. R. Reynolds, J.W.; J. G. Pinney, P.M., Treas.; S. G. Loveless, P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; W. B. Parsons, J.D.; W. J. Jefferd, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; W. A. L. Paull, I.G.; T. N. Webber, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; T. Pickering, P.M., D.C.; J. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Somerset; H. Brice, John Parsons, G. N. Heal, W. H. Pinney, W. H. B. Catford, J. Wakley, Tyler; J. Guy, L. A. Pinney, and A. Bidwell. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. J. S. Swann, P.M. 847, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Ward, P.M. 847, P.G. Stwd.; M. C. Preston, J.W. 665; James Martin, 665; W. H. Kirby, W.M. 665; W. Prosser, I.P.M. 665, P.P.G.D. Dorset; W. Damerel, 1284; John D. Barker, P.M. 70, P.P.G.O.; G. Evans, P.M. 1181, P.P.G.S.D.; W. T. Berry, I.G. 847. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. P. Reece, I.P.M.; J. R. Reynolds, S.W.; T. Pickering, P.M., J.W.; S. G. Loveless, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Sec.; J. G. Pinney, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Jefferd, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; T. N. Webber, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; W. A. L. Paull, S.D.; W. H. B. Catford, J.D.; G. W. Heal, I.G.; John Parsons, Stwd.; and J. Wakley, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent banquet was admirably served by Bro. Price. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, interspersed with several capital songs, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**STOWMARKET.**—Phoenix Lodge (No. 516).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on Friday evening, the 15th ult., at the lodge room, Fox Hotel. After lodge a splendid banquet was served in admirable style by Bro. Edward Bridges. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Christopher G. Hayward, occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the following: Bros. N. M. Simmons, I.P.M.; W. P. T. Phillips, P.M. 81, P.P.G.S.W.; S. R. Anness, P.M. 376, P.P.G.J.D.; J. K. Sidgwick, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. M. Franks, W.M. 376; S. Gooding, 376; F. C. Atkinson, 376; Waller; S. H. Wright, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.J.W.; C. H. Woods, P.M.; C. H. Pedder, P.M., Prov. G. Org.; Holt, 827; E. Bridges; Thurlow, S.W.; A. J. Walker, D.C.; F. Groom, I.G.; H. Gooding; and J. H. Stebbing.

After the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master gave the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft," observing that her Majesty was not only the daughter of a Mason, but also the mother of the present Grand Master of England.

The next toast proposed by the Worshipful Master was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales," and the Worshipful Master expressed the hope that H.R.H. might long be spared to be the ruler of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and afterwards "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Vaneveny."

The next toast on the list was "The V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Prov. G.L. of Sussex." The Worshipful Master, in giving this toast, expressed his regret that Bro. Martyn, who was a member of their lodge, was unable to be present that evening, but the Dep. Prov. G.M. celebrated on Thursday his 50th birthday, and he was sure they would all join with him in wishing Bro. Martyn many happy returns of the day. Having alluded to the success which had attended the scheme for the insurance of the life of Bro. Martyn, the object of which was to secure to the province in perpetuity the votes the Dep. Prov. G.M. at present possessed, the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Sidgwick and S. R. Anness with the toast.

Bro. Sidgwick responded for the Past, and Bro. Anness for the Present Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. Simmons proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge," and trusted that under his Master-ship the lodge would continue to prosper.

The Worshipful Master responded in an able speech, and, after complimenting the I.P.M. on the management of the affairs of the lodge, said it would be his constant endeavour to discharge the duties of his office in a manner which would give satisfaction to the brethren and prosperity to the lodge.

Bro. S. R. Anness proposed "The Masonic Charities," than which, he said, he knew no more important toast. These Charities were the pride and the boast of all Masons. Bro. Phillips was this year going up as a Steward to the Girls' Institution. At this School the girls not only received a sound education, but were most thoroughly fitted for the stern realities of life. He proposed Success to the Masonic Charities, more especially the Girls' Institution, with which he coupled the name of Bro. W. P. T. Phillips.

In response, Bro. Phillips spoke at some length on the subject of the Charities, remarking that the sum of £42,000 had to be raised every year in order to carry on these excellent Institutions. In times like the present, when difficulties met them in every direction, it was not an easy matter to keep up that large stream of benevolence; but he was happy to say that the contributions during the past year had been larger than they had ever been since the three Institutions had been established.

The Worshipful Master, in complimentary language, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," to which Bro. Simmons responded.

Bro. S. H. Wright then gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. S. R. Anness," and spoke of the intimate relations which had always existed between Perfect Friendship and Phoenix Lodges.

Bro. Anness briefly responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. S. Gooding, J. M. Franks, F. Waller, and F. C. Atkinson, who severally responded.

Bro. W. P. T. Phillips gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," to which Bros. Simmons, S. H. Wright, and J. K. Sidgwick responded.

Bro. Sidgwick proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," who briefly acknowledged the compliments.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Secretary," and made a happy allusion to the lengthened period during which Bro. Wright had occupied that position.

Bro. S. H. Wright thanked the W.M. for his genial and kind remarks, and the brethren for the warm response they gave to the toast. It had been his pleasure for many years to receive that kindness at their hands. He desired especially to repeat his warmest thanks, and also for the marks of continued confidence and forbearance he received at all times. He should feel pride and pleasure in doing his best for the lodge in the future, as he had in the past. It was a "labour of love" with him, and to see the Phoenix Lodge prosperous was the wish nearest to his heart. He was glad to say they were at the present time numerically and financially prosperous.

A very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast. About 25 brethren sat down to the dinner, several being kept away by illness or urgent business.

**DEVIZES.**—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 15th ult., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. S. Hancock, S.W., was duly installed, the ceremony, at the request of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Bush, being performed by W. Bro. William Nott, P.M. of the lodge, and P.P.G.J.W. Wilts. The newly-installed Master afterwards invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. C. Hopkins, S.W.; W. L. Tucker, J.W.; W. Nott, P.M., Treas.; H. I. Ward, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Johnson, S.D.; N. I. Beale, P.M. 936, J.D.; W. H. Burt, P.M., D.C.; F. Sloper, I.G.; H. Howse, P.M., W. Cooper, and B. W. Crees, Stewards; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler. The officers on investment were severally addressed on the duties of their office by the W.M., who to the Treasurer expressed his regret that he, Bro. Nott, had been compelled to resign the more active duties of the office of Secretary, which he had filled for the past 16 years, though the lodge would still have the benefit of his assistance to the new Secretary, Bro. Ward. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master.

In addition to those members already mentioned there were present Bros. T. H. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Wilts, and J. A. Randell, P.M.; whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. A. J. Beaven, P.M. 1271, P.P.G.P. Wilts; Jas. Leaker, P.M. 135; W. Williamson, W.M. elect 906, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632; J. H. Foley, W.M. elect, 632; Jas. Pocock, 632; G. L. Palmer, Sec. 632; J. G. Wilton, I.G. 41; and others.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the customary annual banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. Beale, at the Bear Hotel.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.**—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 951).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, 15th ult. Present: Bros. W. Austin, W.M.; P. D. Hopgood, S.W.; E. Denning, J.W.; J. Nichols, Treas.; F. Dowman, S.D.; A. C. Dixey, J.D.; A. F. Turner, I.G.; J. Keen, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. Blizard, P.P.G.S.B.; and John F. Nichols. Visitors: Bros. W. Felton, P.P.G.S. of Wks., P.M. 246; G. Norman, P.P.G. Reg., P.M. 246; E. Lawrence, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 246; and J. Thorn, S.W., W.M. elect 246.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. George Thomas Lee, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in his usual able and impressive manner. Bro. W. Felton then took the chair, and Bro. P. D. Hopgood, S.W., having been presented to him, he was installed in the chair of K.S. with the usual formalities, the Installing Master's work meeting with great approval from the brethren. The Wardens' chairs were filled by Bros. Norman and Blizard, Bro. Lawrence officiating as D.C. The W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. Austin, I.P.M.; E. Denning, S.W.; J. F. Nichols, P.M., J.W., Treas.; Rev. A. Williams, P.M. (in absence) Chap.; R. Blizard, P.M., Sec.; F. Dowman, S.D.; F. Pegler, J.D.; Fitzroy Jones, I.G.; John Keen, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, where, under the presidency of the W.M., a pleasant evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

**ST. DAY.**—Tregulow Lodge (No. 1006).—This lodge held its annual meeting on Tuesday, the 19th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Collins, was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. John Jose, P.M., and a large Board of Installed Masters. After the ceremony, the W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. C. Barnett, I.P.M.; Thomas Turner, S.W.; S. Whitford, J.W.; J. Jose, P.M., Treasurer; Theophilus Michell, P.M., Secretary; F. Bartle, P.M., Chaplain; Martin Kitts, S.D.; S. Kinsman, jun., J.D.; Joseph Tregua, D.C.; W. Woodcock, I.G.; R. Carkeek and R. Woolcock, Stewards. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to partake of the annual banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**NEWHAM-ON-SEVERN.**—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 1067).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Shaw Carleton, W.M.; J. S. Bradstock, S.W.; W. Lynes, P.M., J.W.; M. F. Carter, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Roberts, S.D.; John Shiles, acting I.G.; Job Webb, Tyler; A. Parker, I.P.M.; Russell Jas. Kerr, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. C. Heane, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. G. Washbourn, S. W. Hadingham, and G. H. R. Holden.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of passing Bro. G. H. R. Holden was performed by the W.M., who also gave the explanation of the secon tracing board. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room and spent the evening in harmony and brotherly love.

**MANCHESTER.**—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, 74a, King-street. Present: Bros. Wm. Appleby, W.M.; Wm. Willis, S.W.; Henry R. Slatter, J.W.; Wm. T. Schofield, P.M., Treas.; Wm. W. Dawson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; Wm. B. Russell,

S.D.; Wm. Williams, I.G.; P. H. Nicholls, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Jas. Andrew, P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Rogers, and H. E. Metcalf; Bros. Barlow, Kinsey, Baitye, Murray, Bradshaw, Atkinson, McConnell, R. D. Callison, J. W. Callison, Grimes, Acomb, Hughes, Savage, W. Plant, and Henry Whitley. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Kendall, S.W. 1077; J. G. Garner, W.M. 992; James Cooper, I.P.M. 1458; Arthur A. Hinde, 1011; J. N. Pockington, 1011; Thomas North, P.P.G.I.G. Ireland, 222.

Bro. Wm. Willis was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. W. T. Schofield, P.M., Treas. Bros. H. R. Slater and W. B. Russell were invested as Wardens by Bro. W. W. Dawson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. Bros. W. Williams and Robt. Hughes were invested as Deacons by Bros. C. J. Schofield, P.M., and R. D. Callison, as I.G., by Bro. W. T. Schofield, P.M.

The Festival of St. John was afterwards celebrated, and Bro. Appleby, the I.P.M., was presented with an elegant P.M.'s jewel by Bro. W. W. Dawson, P.M., Prov. G.A. D.C., on behalf of the lodge.

**MARKET RASEN.**—Bayon's Lodge (No. 1286).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th ult., when W. Bro. Rev. John C. K. Saunders, P.P.G.S.W., I.P.M., was, for the third time, duly installed W.M. The installation ceremony was most efficiently performed by W. Bros. F. D. Marsden, P.P.G.S., 712; W. Mortimer, P.P.G.S.B., 1386; and J. L. Rayner, P.P.G.A.S., 297. The following brethren were appointed officers of the lodge:—Bros. C. Reeve, P.M., I.P.M.; Rev. T. S. Raffles, S.W.; Rev. P. Lawrence, J.W.; Rev. T. P. Holdich, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; A. A. Padley, P.M., Treas.; J. Peatfield, Sec.; J. Rivett, S.D.; W. Cocking, P.M., J.D.; J. Casterton, P.M., I.G.; and J. Ashton, Tyler.

**SWANSEA.**—Talbot Lodge (No. 1323).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 6th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, when there were present Bros. Robert Capper, W.M.; J. C. V. Parminster, S.W.; A. L. Pearce, J.W.; W. R. Parker, Treas.; J. B. Wilson, Sec.; W. J. Rees, S.D.; R. Wyrill, D.C.; D. W. Johns, I.G.; H. M. Peel, Stwd.; J. W. Ball, Tyler; G. Allen, P.M.; R. D. Burnie, P.M.; J. G. Hall, P.M.; R. Margrave, P.M.; J. R. Leaver, W. V. Simons, J. B. Broad, H. S. Ludlow, D. A. Davies, J. Butterwell, and J. W. D. Davies.

After the lodge had been opened, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the bye-laws passed; but the usual lodge ceremonies were postponed.

**BARNET.**—Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, the following brethren being present: Bros. J. Brittain, Prov. G.J.W. Herts, W.M.; W. K. Hopkin, Prov. G. Swd. Br., S.W.; D. Schmidt, J.W.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec.; W. Lewis, S.D.; B. Gotto, D.C.; G. F. Kempson, A.D.C.; F. H. Martin, I.G.; Chas. Allen, P.M.; J. G. Yolland, P.M.; J. Euerby, P.M.; J. Lowthin, P.M.; H. Holmes, Prov. G.A. Sec. Herts; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.J.W. Herts; J. E. Cussans, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; R. W. Goddard, P.M. 65, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. J. Morris, W.M. 403; S. Tryon, 1950; E. C. Kilsby, S.D. 1702; E. Tabernacle, 1288; J. F. Haskins, Org. 1364; G. Mickley, P.M. 449; J. Purrott, P.M. 1479; A. F. Roberts, 1185; R. Truine, 1642; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; T. Hawkins, W.M. 25; F. G. Hudson, 1708; T. W. Dumville, 1479; W. W. Morgan, and others.

The lodge having been regularly opened and the minutes confirmed, the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Hopkin, the W.M. elect, who will act as Steward at the approaching festival. Bro. Hopkin was then presented, and regularly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. After being saluted, he appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Schmidt, S.W.; Lewis, J.W.; Hayward Edwards, P.M., Treas.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec.; Durham, S.D.; Martin, J.D.; Gray, P.M., D.C.; Kempson, A.D.C.; Gotto, I.G.; Dr. Bury and Baxter, Stwds.; and Goddard, P.M., Tyler.

Bro. Brittain, the Installing Master, then completed the ceremony with the customary addresses, delivering them in an able manner. Bro. Hayward Edwards was appointed as the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Audit Committee, and Bro. R. F. Young the representative to the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association. The trustees and officers of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge. Before doing so, he had a very pleasing duty to perform—to present his predecessor with the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge. Bro. Brittain had performed the work of the chair during the past year in the most gratifying manner. If it had not been his good fortune to have any candidates come forward for initiation, he had had other duties to carry out equally, if not more, onerous. During the twelve months, the Gladsmuir Lodge had lost two of its Past Masters, and the representation of the lodge at the funerals of those two brethren had been arranged and properly carried out by the Worshipful Master. Then they had been honoured by a visit from the Provincial Grand Lodge, an event which naturally entailed a great amount of labour for Bro. Brittain. He had attended to all these matters in a satisfactory manner, and in other ways had advanced the reputation of the lodge. In presenting the Past Master's jewel, he trusted that Bro. Brittain would long be a conspicuous member of the lodge, and that he would have good health for many years to come. Bro. Brittain suitably acknowledged the presentation, and the name of the candidate for initiation having been handed in, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards assembled at banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Hopkin. The usual toasts were given at the conclusion of the repast.

The Worshipful Master said the first toast in all assemblies of Englishmen, and especially of Masons, was "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." He was sure those present would honour the toast to the best of their ability, as loyalty was so prominent a feature among Freemasons. It was a source of regret that Her Majesty did not so frequently show herself as her people desired, still, no doubt she had reasons for not doing so.

The toast was followed by the national anthem, and then "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master" was proposed. His Royal Highness was a true and hearty Mason, as was evidenced by the interest he took in its ceremonies, and in its welfare generally.

In proposing the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master said that, from what he had seen at Grand Lodge, he was convinced that Freemasonry was conducted as it ought to be. The way in which the work of the Craft was there arranged was worth the while of anyone eligible to attend to witness.

The next toast was "The Health of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master." Many of those present had seen the way in which the Provincial Grand Master carried out the ceremonies of the Order. He was perfect in every part of the work. At the recent consecration of the Dacre Lodge he had amply proved this, the way in which the ceremonies were there carried out being a treat to behold. Bro. Halsey took great interest in the Gladsmuir Lodge, and, as they had heard in the lodge, would have accepted their invitation to be present that day but for a prior engagement. He had shown the high opinion he held of the Gladsmuir Lodge by appointing four of its members to provincial office for the current year.

In proposing the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master expressed his regret at the absence of the Deputy, who he fully anticipated would have been among them that day. They were honoured, however, by the presence of Bro. Dr. Mickley, the S.W. of the province, and by other provincial officers.

Bro. Mickley, in responding, regretted that the absence of the Deputy had thrown the response to the toast on him; but more especially did he regret his absence, because it was caused by ill-health. The Deputy of the province might well be termed the right man in the right place. He proved his aptitude for office on every possible occasion, and attended to his work as far as he was able. Bro. Mickley concluded by expressing his thanks on behalf of the others comprised in the toast, after which

Bro. Brittain, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." It fell to his lot to propose the health of a most esteemed brother, who he had that evening had the pleasure of installing in the chair of the Gladsmuir Lodge. Bro. Hopkin had been most attentive to his duties, and had risen to his high office amid the good wishes of his fellow members, who felt the greatest pleasure in seeing him in the chair, and who trusted he might have a successful and prosperous year of office.

In reply, Bro. Hopkin assured the brethren he hardly felt able to reply to the very kind way in which he had been received by those present. The position he then occupied in the lodge was far beyond what he had ever expected. It would be his constant endeavour to keep up the standard of merit of the Gladsmuir Lodge, and, if possible, add to the high reputation it already enjoyed.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Installing Master." Those who had witnessed the ceremony of the day must have been gratified at the able manner in which the Immediate Past Master had performed it. The manner in which Bro. Brittain had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year was worthy of imitation, for he had been most attentive to every duty which he was called upon to fulfil. He was a most enthusiastic brother, having the interests of Freemasonry thoroughly at heart. No one could be more anxious to see the work of the Order properly carried out than he.

Bro. Brittain tendered his thanks. He had that day made his maiden attempt at the installation ceremony, and he was very pleased to know he had done it to the satisfaction of those around him. He assured them he knew it much better out of the lodge than he appeared to know it in the lodge, but that he supposed was usually the case. He considered that his year of office had been an eventful one for the Gladsmuir Lodge. First they had been threatened with being forced to find other quarters, but happily a removal had not been necessary; then they had the misfortune to lose two of their Past Masters, and last, though not least, they had unexpectedly had the opportunity of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, in which matter they had given satisfaction to all the brethren in the district. With all this to attend to he had, unfortunately, had no actual work—so far as the ceremonies of Masonry were concerned—but the lodge had maintained its reputation by what it had done. He had been able to attend regularly in the past, and assured the brethren that if it was any way possible they would always see the jewel they had just presented to him at their meetings, with him behind it.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given.

Bro. Kilsby replied. He, and he felt he might also say, all the visitors had so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that night that they would be anxious to come again. The work in the lodge had been a treat, and the hospitality of the brethren such as to prove how pleased they were to see guests among them.

Bro. Youens (Melbourne) also replied. He was much indebted to the Worshipful Master and the brethren for the hearty reception accorded him that day. Although not so regular an attendant at lodge meetings as he could desire, he had the interests of the Craft thoroughly at heart. He had had some experience of Freemasonry at the Antipodes, where it was very strong. Only the previous week he had read of the consecration of a new lodge in New Zealand, and it had started with seventy-nine members. He could also speak strongly of the true Masonic spirit of the Australian and New Zealand brethren. During his travels he had been shipwrecked, and was on that occasion entertained by a brother Mason of New Zealand, who took him in and treated him as only a true Mason could do. He should not readily forget the kindness with which the visitors had that night been received in the Gladsmuir Lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters." The brethren who had passed the chair of the lodge were Masons who could be looked up to and revered. The lodge might at all times be sure of their support and their encouragement. It would be his endeavour to follow in their footsteps.

Bro. Yolland tendered thanks for the hearty reception of the toast, assuring the lodge that the services of the Past Masters would always be at the disposal of the brethren.

Bro. Brittain also replied, and then

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Masonic Charities." No one, he felt, was more to be pitied than he

who, in the battle of life, had fallen into distress. It was the purpose of Freemasonry to help those who were unfortunate, and he trusted the Gladsmuir Lodge would do its best to support the brethren and others who were forced to appeal for assistance. Last year had seen the largest amount contributed for Masonic benevolence ever known, and that entailed grave responsibilities. Were the brethren to consider that as a last dying effort, were they to cease activity and be content with less? No! They must so act as to prevent a falling off, even if they were not able to increase the total year by year. He had undertaken the duties of Steward for the old people, and appealed for the warmest support from the brethren, on behalf of those who were unable to appeal for themselves.

Bro. Cussans replied in a forcible speech. There were some who looked upon Freemasonry as consisting of but two things—buffonery and gluttony, but those who were initiated knew this was not true—the aim of every brother was to relieve the wants of others so far as lay in his power. Bro. Cussans referred to some instances which had come under his observation in which Masonic Charity had been fully exemplified, and in other ways urged the brethren to do what they could. As a result, we are pleased to say, several amounts were added to the Worshipful Master's list.

"The Officers of the Lodge" having been toasted, and a reply having been given, the Tyler was summoned and he concluded the proceedings in the customary manner.

Several of the members of the lodge and visitors were prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather. Bro. Dr. Haskins presided at the piano, and added considerably to the enjoyment of the brethren.

**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.**—Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Chas. Heywood, W.M.; Wm. Hall, S.W.; J. R. Blair, J.W.; Jno. Chadfield, Treas.; Jno. M. Simpson, Sec.; A. Pownall, S.D.; J. G. Batty, D.C.; S. Locke, I.G.; C. Martyn, Stwd.; W. Chesshyre, Tyler; Dr. Raines, P.M.; Davis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Wilson, P.M.; Robinson, Petch, Muller, Cooper, H. Martyn, Bedford, Macbeth, Wilson, Kennerley, Pugh, and Milner. Visitors: Bros. R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317; Cutter, P.M. 44; Pugh, 1565; Nightingale, Mottershead, and Ison, 1140.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Mr. Wm. C. Simpson was initiated by the W.M.; the charge and working tools being given by Bro. Blair, S.W., in a most impressive manner. Bro. Martyn was then passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The working tools being given by Bro. Hall, J.W. There was another candidate for passing on the circular, but through domestic affliction he was unable to be present. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and one brother, a P.M., as a joining member of the lodge.

On the conclusion of the business the members and visitors adjourned to supper, after which the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, Bro. Cutter, P.M., making the speech of the evening in replying for "The Visitors."

After the toasts had been disposed of, an enjoyable evening, enlivened by capital songs from Bros. Martyn, Renshaw, and others, was spent. A recitation, given in his best style, by Bro. Lisenden, W.M. 317, followed by the Tyler's toast, brought the proceedings to a close.

At the next monthly meeting of the lodge there will be on the circular two initiations, two passings, and a raising, being about the average amount of work which has lately been accomplished by this prospering lodge.

**EPWORTH.**—Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 13th ult., when there were present Bros. George Mason, W.M.; T. C. Horobin, S.W.; J. Constable, Chap.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; R. Wood, P.M., Sec.; W. Chamberlain, S.D.; W. Burloushaw, J.D.; John Drury, S.B.; E. Gillingham, I.G.; B. H. Lane, Stwd.; G. Naylor, Tyler; Stamford, P.M.; Peace, C. Fox, Nichol, Brunyee, Behrendt, and others.

The presentation of a handsome watch to the Tyler, Bro. George Mason, for long and faithful services, was made. The watch was a splendid sample of English workmanship from the establishment of Bell Bros., Doncaster, the choice of it being left with the J.W., Bro. H. Bellerly. A very suitable inscription thereon will no doubt enhance its value as a gift from the lodge.

The lodge being duly opened, after a little preliminary conversation the Tyler was called in, and in most suitable and gratifying terms, Bro. G. Naylor received with much feeling of gratefulness the very useful testimonial from the hands of the W.M. The first and chief portion of the business of the lodge of emergency being over, the brethren, in Masonic costume (for which a dispensation had been granted), attended the entertainment, the surplus proceeds of which will be devoted to the Charities.

The drawing-room entertainment was given by Bro. M. B. Spurr, under the auspices of the Isle of Axholme Lodge, in the Market Hall, Crowle. There was a large and intelligent company present, who were delighted with the performances of this very clever artist. The programme was one of two parts; and the interest of the whole was kept up throughout. Bro. Spurr is indeed a clever mimic reciter and songster, and it is a long time since so excellent a performance has been given in this hall. The members of the lodge appeared in their Masonic clothing, the varied colours of which were very striking.

After the concert, a private party of the brethren, with their wives and families and intimate friends, assembled in the hall, which had been arranged and prepared for the occasion by Bro. T. C. Horobin, S.W.; C. Fox, W. Chamberlain, S.D.; and R. N. Brunyee, for a quadrille party. A string band from Doncaster had been engaged for the occasion, and a good programme was gone through. The M.C. was Bro. Fox, and the Stewards were Bros. R. N. Brunyee, B. H. Lane, and W. Chamberlain, whose general attention to all the party made a very happy termination to a "good act," and an excellent entertainment. The arrangements of the whole were under the guidance of Bro. Richard Wood, P.M., Sec., and worked exceedingly well. The drawing-room entertainment, and the hospitality, affability, and kind attention of the brethren to the guests at the party, will live long in their memory as one of the happiest evenings passed by them. It was the first meeting of the kind given by the brethren to their families and friends.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on the 21st ult. Among those present we noticed Bros. H. Jones, W.M.; W. Spearing, S.W.; W.M. elect; H. Wheatley, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.G.S.B. Middx.; P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; P.M.; Sec.; R. Eales, J.D.; Ransford, I.G.; Davis, A.D.C.; Scholding, Culverwell, Tagg, Murphy, E. Clarke, A. Bushell, J. Clarke, H. Robinson, Gilbert, Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. R. Forge, P.P.G.D. of C. Middx.; P.M. 1656; B. Blasby, W.M. 780; Phillips, P.M. 975; Harvey, P.M. 1314; Procter, S.W. 1288; Cole, 177; and Kay, 1326.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Walls raised Bro. Compton, passed Bro. H. Robinson, and initiated Messrs. Trotter, Wright, and Hopkins—previously balloted for—into Craft mysteries. Bro. Spearing, S.W., W.M. elect, having been presented, was then installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Walls, assisted by Bro. Forge, as S.W.; Bro. Blasby, as J.W.; Bro. Jessett, as D.C.; and Bro. Phillips, as I.G. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Wheatley, S.W.; Eales, J.W.; Jessett, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Ransford, S.D.; Davies, J.D.; E. Clarke, I.G.; H. Jones, P.M., and Scholding, Stwds.; Culverwell, A.D.C.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middx., was then unanimously elected an honorary member. Letters regretting absence were read from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, P.D.G.M.; Woodward, P.G. Sec.; Dr. Jepson, C. Stevens, P.G.O.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D., P.M.; Barton, Bridle, Fox, P.M.; Plummer, and others. Bro. Spearing, W.M., was elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School. The Auditors' report announcing a large balance in favour of the lodge, having been received and adopted, the names of several gentlemen were handed in for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was duly closed.

The banquet, which was well served by Bro. Ballard and assistants, gave great satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts followed, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the terse but able manner in which he gave the numerous pledges. Some brethren having vocally contributed to the evening's entertainment, and the proceedings, which had commenced at two in the afternoon, were successfully brought to a termination as the clock of the old Royal village chimed the hour of midnight.

**CANNOCK.**—Earl of Shrewsbury Lodge (No. 1520).—On Wednesday, the 27th ult., the members of the lodge assembled at the Local Board Offices to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The lodge having been opened, the W.M., Bro. J. L. Gibbons, P.M., proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. T. H. Cope, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was solemnly performed, and the W.M. then invested the officers of the lodge as follows: Bros. P. Sharp, S.W.; T. Evans, J.W.; B. P. Blockley, S.D.; C. Harper, J.D.; J. Simpson, Sec.; J. Green, Treas.; R. Barton, D.C.; and E. Coombes, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Gibbons with a P.M.'s jewel, in token of the respect and esteem in which he was held. In addition to the members of the lodge, a number of visitors was present from neighbouring lodges.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Oak Hotel, at which toasts peculiar to the Craft were given and responded to, interspersed with a choice selection of songs.

**KINGSTON - ON - THAMES.**—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—This lodge was called together on emergency on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., at the Sun Hotel. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Moorman, having explained the calling of the meeting, submitted the names of four candidates, who were severally balloted for and declared to be unanimously elected. The next business was to pass Bros. Curtis, Willis, Kavanagh, and W. S. Salmon to the F.C. Degree, and this was done by the W.M. in a most satisfactory manner, the good working of his principal and assistant officers adding much to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The accepted candidates were initiated in due form, the W.M. still continuing the work with undiminished efficiency. The visiting brethren having expressed "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and an adjournment was made to the hotel, to partake of the refreshment prepared by Bros. Bond and Fraying.

The lodge of instruction in connection with No. 1638 meets every Monday evening at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, where any brethren will be welcome.

**URMSTON.**—Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The installation of Bro. Philip Heaton took place and the St. John's Festival celebrated at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Monday, 25th ult. Present: Bros. E. L. Littler, W.M.; P. Heaton, S.W.; John Slyman, J.W.; A. H. Sansom, P.M.; Sec.; J. Ridehouse, J.D.; J. Bowers, Org.; Geo. R. Lloyd, I.G.; G. A. Myers and R. Livesey, Stwds.; Wm. Goodacre, P.M., Prov. G. Sec. West Lanc.; J. B. Sell, P.M.; H. H. Smith, R. Swindells, T. R. Browne, T. R. Higginson, and M. A. B. Wheeler. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Barrow, 155, 613, 1070, P.G.S.W. West Lanc.; H. Crossby, P.M. 1588, P.P.G.P. West Lanc.; Wm. Bowden, P.M. 1213, 1814, P.P.G. Swd. Br. West Lanc.; John Cobham, 241, 1380, P.G.S.D.; Charles Cooper, W.M. 1588; J. M. Sinclair, P.M. 163; Charles Heywood, W.M. 1387; Wm. Beel, W.M. 1459; J. Chadderton, W.M. 1213; T. G. Driver, 1633; and K. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., occupied the chair of K.S. for the purpose of installing Bro. Peter Heaton, which, it is scarcely necessary to state, was done in that highly-finished manner for which Bro. Goodacre is remarkable. Upon the entrance of all the M.M.'s to the lodge the Installing Master acquainted them with the fact of Bro. Heaton's installation having become "an fait accompli," and called upon them to salute him in the customary manner, which being done, Bro. Goodacre proceeded to invest the officers as follows: Bros. James Slyman, S.W.; E. Gittens, J.W. (absent through illness); E. L. Littler, I.P.M., Treas.; A. H. Sansom, P.M., Sec.; M. A. B. Wheeler, S.D.; G. R. Lloyd, J.D.; G. A. Myers, D. of C.; J. Bowers, Org.; and T. R. Brown, I.G. Bro. Goodacre delivered the three addresses and concluded the ceremony. There being no

further business "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, which reflected the highest credit on the new proprietress.

After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince of Wales," both of which were heartily drunk by the brethren.

Bro. William Goodacre in proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon," said it had been his privilege and pleasure to witness his lordship install the present W.M. P.G.M. of that Province (Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom) into office, and he (Bro. Goodacre) felt satisfied that in the person of Lord Carnarvon they had an useful and hardworking Mason.

Bro. J. H. Barron, P.G.S.D. West Lanc., proposed "The Health of the M.W.P.G.M., Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom," which was well received, and responded to most enthusiastically.

Bro. A. H. Sansom, P.M., proposed the toast of "The V.W. Dep. P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. F. Stanley, M.P., and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of this and the neighbouring provinces," to which Bros. Charles Cobham, P.G.S.D., and Barron, P.G.S.D., responded.

Bro. E. L. Littler, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the toast was, in his opinion, the toast of the evening, and he felt sincere pleasure in proposing it, because Bro. Heaton was a very old friend of his, and he (Bro. Littler) had been the means of his joining Masonry. He had been a good working Mason, and thoroughly deserved the position he now occupied. He wished him health, happiness, and a prosperous year of office, and called upon the brethren to rise and drink heartily the health of their new W.M.

The invitation was promptly responded to, and when the enthusiasm had subsided, Bro. Littler sang, in capital style, "Here's to his Health," after which,

Bro. Heaton, in reply, said he felt much obliged to their I.P.M. for the good things he had said of him. He would not trouble them with a long speech, but would remark that if he had performed his various duties in the lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren he felt more than satisfied himself, and he hoped he should, when performing the duties connected with the high position they had placed him in, still continue to give them satisfaction. He would try and maintain the dignity of the lodge, and do his utmost for the cause of Charity, during his tenure of office. He did not think the Masonic Charities had altogether been neglected by the lodge, but trusted they would be in a position to do more for them in the future than in the past.

Bro. R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master and Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Wm. Goodacre," and, in so doing, said that all who had witnessed the installation ceremony, performed so ably that afternoon by Bro. Goodacre, would agree with him that it would be simply impossible for it to be better done. Bro. Goodacre possessed the two great and valuable gifts of memory and distinct delivery, consequently whatever ceremony he performed was well done.

Bro. Goodacre, in reply, after thanking Bro. Lisenden for his kind remarks, said that the present W.M. was the fourth he had installed and also initiated into the lodge, and thus it would be seen that this little lodge could turn out some good Masons as any in the province, and was by no means the least influential.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Littler," who, he said, had filled his position most creditably, and had exhibited the greatest interest in the welfare of the lodge ever since his connection with it, and he (the W.M.) had much pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's gold jewel, in the name of the members, and in token of the respect and esteem in which he was held.

Bro. Littler, who seemed very pleased with the jewel, subsequently returned thanks in a few appropriate sentences.

Several other toasts were honoured, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening together.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 5th ult. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. Ireland, who was unable to be present, in consequence of a severe injury to his knee through an accident while driving, Bro. T. Walton, P.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and ably performed the ceremonies, including the passing of two candidates to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. W. Berry, P.M. and Secretary of the lodge, then took the chair, after which a Board of Installed Masters was duly formed, when the W.M. elect, Bro. Sergeant-Major A. Algar, R.E., was presented, and installed W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of 23 Installed Masters, including Bros. the Worshipful the Mayor, H. Coles, P.M. 359; Major-General Douglas, P.M. 1331; H. P. Aslatt, P.M. 394; T. Dartnell, P.M. 130; J. Horton, P.M. 319; J. Harle, P.M. 1780; J. S. Pearce, P.M. 1780; G. Grant, P.M. 1780; T. Walton, P.M. 1780; G. F. Mortimer, W.M. 1112; H. Webb, W.M. 359; A. J. Brown, P.M. 1460; R. Bell, W.M. 1461; T. P. Payne, P.M. 130; J. R. Weston, P.M. 130; H. Williams, P.M. 346; J. C. Burbage, W.M. 319; W. H. Campbell, W.M. 958; J. Marks, W.M. 76; and E. Gayton, W.M. 394.

The newly-installed Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Ireland, I.P.M.; A. M. Bailey, S.W.; J. Heathcote, J.W.; W. Foster, S.D.; E. Warren, J.D.; J. Ireland, Treas.; W. Berry, Sec.; G. Longshaw, I.G.; B. Tanner, D.C.; W. Grounsell, Org.; McKie and H. Hussey, Stwds.; and B. W. Vare, Tyler.

The W.M., in eulogistic terms, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Berry, P.M., for the very able and impressive manner he had discharged his duties, and the same was unanimously adopted. Bro. T. Walton, P.M., proposed, and Bro. B. Pearce, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring W.M., and that he be presented with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of his services, with a sincere wish that he might be speedily restored to health. The W.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of thanks to the representatives of sister lodges. Bros. Marks, P.M. 76; Major-General Douglas, P.M. 1331; and other visiting Masters suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a *recherché* repast was provided by Bro. T. Dartnell, of which 55 brethren partook, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially responded to, the evening being interspersed by some excellent harmony. Bro. B. Tanner most efficiently carried out his duties as Director of Ceremonies to the satisfaction of all present.

**READING.**—Kendrick Lodge (No. 2043).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Geo. W. Webb, W.M.; C. H. Tench, S.W.; J. E. Sydenham, J.W.; G. H. Stubington, Sec.; B. W. Bennett, J.D.; C. E. Hewett, I.G.; J. H. Millard, Stwd.; J. F. Stevens, Tyler; W. G. Flanagan, P.M.; F. J. Ferguson, P.M.; E. Margrett, P.M.; F. J. Lawes, and J. T. Brown.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. Hugh Miller was initiated, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a very able manner. The remaining business was of a formal character, after the transaction of which the lodge was closed.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill. Present: Bros. D. Ferguson, W.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; W. T. Mellier, J.W.; F. G. Baker, Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; H. Conolly, S.D.; E. V. New, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M.; E. W. Scattergood, C. R. Wickens, C. Coleman, and J. Stephens.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Ferguson, in a very effective manner. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Wickens was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was closed down, and the W.M. invested his officers. Bro. Ferguson impressively delivered the addresses. Bro. Baker worked the 2nd Section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. The S.W., Bro. Humfress, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was passed unanimously and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Ferguson for the able manner in which he presided over the lodge for the first time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill, when there present Bros. James Stephens, W.M.; H. W. Davis, S.W.; W. T. Mellier, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; H. Conolly, S.D.; E. V. New, J.D.; A. E. Hubert, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M.; C. R. Wickens, S. J. Humfress, and C. Coleman.

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. Wickens being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Coleman was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Coleman candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Davis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treasurer and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Secretary; W. J. Mason, S.D.; F. Chandler, J.D.; J. Crutenden, I.G.; W. Harris, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; W. Williams, O. W. Battley, C. S. Mote, and H. Robinson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Battley and Williams candidates respectively. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. On the occasion of the birthday of the proprietor of "The Porchester," Mr. Smith, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to him for his general courtesy and the use of his rooms, as also "many happy returns of the day," to be recorded on the minutes. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting was also held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Monday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; E. F. Ferris, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Crutenden, S.D.; R. P. J. Laundry, J.D.; J. Potter, W.S.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; P. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. H. Wood, O. W. Battley, E. Greenhoam, C. S. Mote, S. Stretch, R. W. Williams, E. Bessell, and T. Rossdale. Visitor: Bro. J. Taylor, 1891.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Greenhoam being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Taylor was elected a member. The sum of ten shillings was voted to relieve a distressed brother in response to an appeal by a long list of eminent brethren as Committee signed by Bro. C. N. Fox, this amount being supplemented by the brethren. Bro. Capt. Nicols was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. B. Solomon, W.M.; H. G. Marsden, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; W. Fowles, S.D.; F. Kedje, J.D.; S. Hewitt, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; C. Solomon, G. Coleman, P.M.; Frank Gulliford, J. Gittens, S. P. Valeriani, C. Grassi, J. Docker, P.M.; E. C. Mulvey, J. Davis, E. H. Dowler, E. A. Alabone, E. D. Walker, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. G. Coleman having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. Fowles worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Docker, P.M., worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bro. J. Davis, 1604, proposed by Bro. C. Grassi, seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds; Bros. E. H. Dowler, 1261, and E. A. Alabone, 1853, proposed by Bro. F. Kedje, seconded by Bro. W. Stroud; and Bro. E. C. Walker, 179, proposed by Bro. J. Gittens, and seconded by Bro. E. C. Mulvey. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. H. G. Marsden, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith thanked the brethren for having elected him Preceptor to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, which fact had been communicated to him by Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary. He hoped his health would improve, that he might be more regular in his attendance. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1635).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, E. Present: Bros. N. Isaacs, W.M.; B. Da Costa, S.W.; Randall, J.W.; David Oroski, S.D.; C. N. Fox, J.D.; Cary, I.G.; B. Stewart, Preceptor; Tippet, Musto, Cundick, Benjamin, Rosenthal, and Cox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Rosenthal acting as candidate. Bro. B. Da Costa worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rosenthal proposed, and the S.D. seconded, that Bro. Benjamin, of the Sampson Lodge, No. 1668, be a member of this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. Bro. Musto proposed, and Bro. Cundick seconded, both in very feeling terms, that the Secretary convey to Bro. Barnes, in accepting his resignation as Treasurer, the sincere regret expressed by the brethren, and they trust he will enjoy better health and live many years to pay them occasional visits—carried unanimously. The Preceptor proposed, and the Secretary seconded, that new collars be bought, and that Bro. Musto be selected to do so—carried unanimously. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, or this lodge of instruction in particular, the lodge was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 4).**—The election meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Monday, the 25th ult. Bro. Jno. Shilcock, W.M., presided, with Bros. G. Edwards, S.W.; W. Vincent, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W., I.P.M.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G., Sec.; W. G. Brighton, P.G.I. of W., Prov. G. Sec.; W. A. Scurrah, C. J. Axford, Bolding, J. Hunt, and others.

Bros. C. B. Cooper and Bennett, who had been balloted for at the previous meeting, were admitted, and duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. Bro. G. Edwards was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. H. Lovegrove was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Mills, Tyler. A jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. It was decided to attach an Ark Mariner Lodge, with Bro. Jas. Shilcock as W.C.N. A banquet followed in the Prince's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. S. Harris, W.M.; J. Skinner, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Taylor, J.W.; Rickwood, M.O.; J. Frye, J.O.; J. Mason, P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, P.M., Treas.; F. Frye, S.D.; Parkhouse, J.D.; Smout, D.C.; French, W.S.; Goodall, P.P.G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey, P.M.; Lawson, P.M.; Cama, G.S. (hon. member); and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. Stevens, I.P.M. 1793, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. Bro. Skinner was then presented, and the Grand Mark Lodge dispensation having been read, he was inducted into the chair of A. by Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Cama, as S.W.; Goodall, as J.W.; Mason, as D.C.; and Lawson, as I.G. The officers appointed and invested were: Bros. Taylor, S.W.; Rickwood, J.W.; Sims, M.O.; J. Frye, S.O.; F. Frye, J.O.; Mason, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Parkhouse, S.D.; Smout, J.D.; French, I.G.; Huish, D.C.; Monson, W.S.; and Schofield, Tyler. Bro. Rickwood having been appointed to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Harris, Davies, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was genially presided over by the W.M. The usual toasts followed.

**NEWPORT PAGNELL.**—St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge (No. 163).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. C. Terry, W.M.; R. King, J.W.; Rev. F. W. Harnett, Chap.; H. H. Booth, M.O.; A. J. Coates, S.O.; J. Line, J.O.; E. Carr, Treas.; T. Taylor, Sec.; S. L. Kilpin, I.G.; L. Cooper, P.M.; F. D. Bull, H. Thody and J. C. Hipwell.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. A dispensation from the R.W. Prov. G.M. for holding the lodge on this day was read, and also a letter expressing his regret at being unable to be present. The chair was then assumed by Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and the W.M. elect, Bro. Robert King, was presented, and duly installed in the chair of A., according to ancient custom. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. Terry, I.P.M.; Rev. F. W. Harnett, S.W.; A. J. Coates, J.W.; H. H. Booth, M.O.; J. Line, S.O.; C. W. Guelle, J.O.; E. Carr, Treas.; T. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; M. M. Harris, S.D.; S. L. Kilpin, J.D.; H. Thody, Reg. of Marks; and J. C. Hipwell, I.G. Bro. R. P. Porteous was proposed as a candidate for advancement. All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where the usual banquet was served by Bro. Cannon.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 20th ult., when there were present among others Bros. W. Fisher, W.M.; H. Higgins, acting S.W.; J. T. Briggs, J.W., W.M. elect; C. H. Köhler, S.O.; Bailey, J.O.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. Middlesex and Surrey, Sec.; Porter, S.D.; Simmonds, J.D.; Thomas, I.G.; Woodruffe, R. H. Thrupp, P.G.O., P.M., &c. (hon. member); and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Briggs having been presented to the W.M., was most ably installed by him in the chair for the year ensuing, assisted by Bros. Thrupp and Walls. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. H. Higgins, S.W.; Köhler, J.W.; Bailey, M.O.; Porter, S.O.; Simmonds, J.O.; W. Fisher, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Sec.; Thomas, S.D.; Woodruffe, J.D.; and Harrison, Tyler. The remainder of the appointments were postponed. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Fisher, in recognition of his able services as W.M. during the past year. The Auditors' report—a most satisfactory one—was received and adopted. A letter from Bro. W. Taylor, P.M. and ex-Treasurer, was then read, acknowledging the receipt of the vote of thanks passed to him at the last meeting, and pleading delicate health as an excuse for not attending the installation meeting.

Several other letters having been read, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed.

Bro. Thrupp responded on behalf of "The Grand Offi-

cers," and Bro. Walls replied to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.M.

Bro. Briggs, in reply, expressed his great gratification in being elected to the chair of so prosperous a lodge as No. 181. It would be his endeavour during his year to still further enhance that prosperity by the introduction of new members.

Bro. W. Fisher acknowledged the toast of "The Installing Master," and Bro. Walls that of "The Past Masters."

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Higgins and Köhler, brought the proceedings to a close.

### Rosicrucian Society.

**METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.**—This college assembled at its usual quarterly meeting on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern. R.W. Frater J. R. Foulger acted as Master of the Temple, and R.W. Frater Eugene Thiellay as Deputy Master. Among those present were M.W. Fra. Dr. W. R. Woodman, R.W. Frs. Ferguson, Wynn Westcott, Mathers, and Holland, and Frs. Coffin, W. G. Lemon, Thomas, T. W. Lemon, Street, Scholefield, and others.

The question of establishing a permanent home for the college was discussed, and referred to a committee. W. Bro. Dr. Bulmer, of Melbourne, was elected an hon. member. Certain private matters having been arranged, R.W. Frater "Vincit qui se Vincit" read a long and learned essay on "The Temple which the Templars tried to build, the Vault of Christian Rosenkreutz, and the Cubical Stone." The fratres received the essay with the deepest attention, and R.W. Fra. S. L. Mathers entered on a short discussion with the author. A cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer was unanimously passed. R.W. Fra. Dr. Wynn Westcott exhibited two curiosities—one a photograph of a drawing by himself of the very ancient "Isiac Tablet of Bembo," the other, a transcription in several languages of the still more ancient "Smaragdine Tablet of Hermes." The meeting concluded with a very pleasant banquet, which was flavoured by discussion of ancient lore and occult knowledge.

### ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A special meeting was held on Saturday last, at 33, Golden-square, W. The Royal Bruce Chapter of H.R.M. was opened by R.W. Bro. Kenneth R. Murchison, 30°, T.R.S.T.A., with Bros. F. Sumner Knyvet, S.W.; J. L. Mather, J.W.; Webster Glynes, as I.G.; and many other brethren. Bro. John Read, 30°, having taken his place at the organ, the Grand Officers of the Province of London entered in procession, under the guidance of W. Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Marischal, in the following order: W. Bros. H. Lovegrove, G.G.; Controller S. G. Bake, G.I.G.; Col. Somerville Burney, G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, G. Sec.; R. Loveland-Loveland, G.J.W.; Col. G. Haldane, G.S.M., as G. Swd. Br.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, R.W. P.G.M.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, Dep. P.G.M.; and J. E. Le Feuvre, G. Banner Br.

Bros. C. Belton and G. Graveley were accepted, and received the two degrees, the whole of the quaint and beautiful being ably rendered by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by the officers, but especially by Bro. C. F. Matier, whose perfect rendering of these ceremonies is unequalled. Shortly after the completion of the business the brethren partook of a most elegant banquet at the Café Royal.

### ANNUAL BALL OF THE DERWENT LODGE, No. 40, AT HASTINGS.

The annual ball under the auspices of this old and flourishing lodge was celebrated with considerable éclat, on the 20th ult., at the Warrior-square Concert Rooms. We cannot but congratulate the brethren on the great success they achieved in bringing together so large and distinguished a company. There were nearly 300 brethren and ladies present, who availed themselves of the opportunity of combining social recreation and intercourse with support to our Masonic Institutions. It enjoyed the distinguished patronage of the late R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., as well as that of the general body of the Fraternity in the province, and proved one of the most pleasant and brilliant gatherings of the season. The members of the various lodges and chapters wore their insignia and jewels of office, and thus lent additional colour and lustre to the scene, the effect being most picturesque.

Profiting by the experience gained on previous occasions, a capital band of Stewards was appointed, including Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Henderson Scott, Dep. Prov. G. Master; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., W.M. 1184; his Worship the Mayor of Hastings (Edwin Bradnam, 40); W. Dawes, Prov. G.S.W., P.M.; K. Pidcock, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P.; Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Prov. G.M.M.; F. P. Campbell, Prov. G.S.W. Kent; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., Treas.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., Prov. G.D.C., P.M.; J. W. Wells, P.P.G.D., P.M.; F. Plowman, I.P.M.; F. H. Hallett, W.M. 40; G. Gaze, G. Roddis, J. Kenwood, George Veness, G. F. Wood, F. J. Parsons, W. J. Rodda, T. W. Markwick, S.W.; T. Orger, J. B. Foord, Stwd. and S.D. 1184; S. Chandler, J.W.; W. S. Allen, W. A. Beck, F. C. Edwards, H. Muscat, Org.; T. Walmsley, C. Reinmann, R. Dengate, W. A. Payne, T. H. Case, jun., M. Wildish, R. Jones, W. Woodcock, and Henry Kimm, J.W. 1184, all of 40; Robert Hughes, Sec. 1184; R. J. Langley, 1184; J. J. Allinson, Sec. 1842; T. Hulburd, B. F. Meadows, S.W. 1842; C. W. Tomes, P.P.G.D., P.M.; C. Haines, P.G.S.S.; H. Sutton, E. Fryman, P.P.G.S.S., P.M.; C. Tomkinson, P.P.G.D., P.M.; and last, but by no means least, Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, P.M., and R. J. Reed as its indefatigable Hon. Sec., with Bro. John Bray, as Hon. Treas. A wise foresight had attended to all details calculated to enhance the enjoyment of the patrons of the ball.

The spacious hall was brilliant with light, and, together with the tasteful dresses of the fair sex, presented a "coup d'œil" of surprising beauty to the observer, as the pleasure of the dance was enjoyed to the strains of Bro. H. Mus-

catt's splendid band. The programme comprised 26 dances, the following brethren proving very efficient M.C.'s: Bros. C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; W. T. Jordan, I.G.; and A. Bolingbroke, all of 1184; Councillor W. H. Russell, P.M.; C. E. Hallett, and Arthur Bray, all of 40. Dancing was kept up till nearly six o'clock, when the company separated, congratulating each other on the happy night, and with the expressed intention of meeting again next year. We may state that seldom have we seen a more unanimous and harmonious gathering, and take the opportunity of wishing the Hastings, St. Leonard's and district Masonic ball every success.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE BRIXTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1949.

The Annual Festival of this young and flourishing Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., when a number of brethren assembled at the hospitable board of Bro. Monk, at the "Prince Regent," Dulwich-road, Herne-hill, to partake of a bountiful repast prepared in his usual masterly manner. Bro. E. A. Francis, 1658, Preceptor, occupied the chair, and the S.W. and J.W. chairs were ably filled by Bros. C. J. Axford, S.W. 2048, and Knight, S.W. 1507, respectively. There were also present—W. Bros. C. H. Phillips, I.P.M. 1986, Treasurer; S. Richardson, W.M. 183; J. Harling, P.M. 30; H. M. Williams, W.M. 1986; Watts, P.M. 507; also Bros. Buckley, S.D. 1320; Albert, I.G. 1949; Hill, J.W. 1563; Andrews, 1986; Burrridge, 1922; Mayer, J.D. 1963; Dobson, 1694; Hooper, S.D. 1986; Langley, 1986, Secretary; Bird, 1762; and G. Monk, 1507.

The tables having been cleared, the worthy PRESIDENT commenced his toast list with the usual toast of "The Queen and Craft," remarking how loyally this toast was received at every meeting of Freemasons. This having been enthusiastically drunk, the next toast proposed was that of "The M.W.G.M., and Pro. G.M., the Deputy G.M., and Grand Lodge Officers Present and Past," which was duly honoured.

Bro. C. H. PHILLIPS, I.P.M. 1986, Treasurer, then assumed the gavel, and proposed "The Health of Bro. E. A. Francis, Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction," to whom he said the prosperity of this lodge was entirely due—Bro. Francis always being ready and willing to assist any brother in gaining that Masonic knowledge so essentially necessary in every candidate for the Master's chair. He therefore asked them to drink with bumpers the health of the worthy President.

The reception of this toast proved that it was undoubtedly the toast of the evening, and Bro. FRANCIS, in thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which it had been proposed and received, said that the only reward he desired in return for trouble taken, was that the Lodge of Instruction should flourish, and this reward he had received beyond his expectation. The next toast he had to propose was "Increased Prosperity to the Brixton Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the names of Bros. Phillips and Langley, Treasurer and Secretary. In the course of his remarks he stated that during the four years this Lodge of Instruction had been in existence, not only had they paid for such furniture as would not disgrace a regular lodge, but they had a balance in hand of nearly £10. Without a good Treasurer and Secretary the success of the lodge could not be promoted, he therefore had great pleasure in coupling the names of these officers with this toast, not only for the manner in which they conducted their respective duties, but also because in Craft Masonry he did not think you could find better workers. He also impressed the brethren to be frequent in their attendance, that being the only means to gain a knowledge of Masonic working.

Bro. PHILLIPS (Treasurer), in reply, said that from the foundation of this Lodge of Instruction to the present time he had taken the liveliest interest in its proceedings, not only on account of the Masonic knowledge which he had been able to gain under the kindly tuition of their Preceptor, but because in the weekly meetings the principles of brotherly love were so thoroughly maintained. He could assure them that on any occasion when his services could be of any benefit to the lodge or its members they should always be available.

Bro. LANGLEY (Secretary), in thanking the brethren for the cordial reception which this toast had received at their hands, stated that since his initiation, about two years since, he had been absent but four times from their weekly meetings. The duties of Secretary were undertaken by him as a small means of repayment to their Preceptor for the Masonic knowledge which he had obtained at his hands, and if those duties had been conducted in such a manner as to merit a small meed of approbation from the members, he could assure them that he felt amply repaid for the slight labour on his part.

The PRESIDENT, in happy terms, then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Dobson.

Bro. DOBSON, in reply, stated that as a young member of the Craft, he could have wished that this response had been placed in abler hands; however, he thanked the brethren for the honour done him, and said that although his residence was about 10 miles distant, he hoped on some future occasion to meet them in their lodge and become a member thereof—being anxious to obtain that Masonic knowledge which appeared to be so available under the guidance of their Preceptor.

The PRESIDENT, in proposing the next toast, that of "Our Charitable Institutions," said that as Charity was the watchword of our Order, so ought every Mason to do that which he was able in support of our Masonic

Charities. He was very proud of the support which the institutions had received during the past year, and trusted that during the present year the funds at their disposal would be even more largely augmented. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Hooper, Secretary of the Benevolent Association, in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, who had done yeoman service on its behalf.

Bro. HOOPER, in thanking the President and brethren for the manner in which this toast had been proposed and received, said that he felt more than repaid for his labours by the success of the association. Although it had not been started four years they had collected and paid into the various institutions upwards of 400 guineas—and the more members who took up shares, and the greater the amount of work given him, the better would he be pleased. He was sorry to know that there were many members of the Craft—and some attaining high honours—whose names never appeared in support of our Charities. He felt that when the brethren could make themselves life subscribers and life governors by the simple payments of 1s. per week, there could be no reason why every member of the Craft should not be a supporter of our Charities; and felt very gratified to hear it said, a few days since, by a brother on the staff of one of the institutions, that benevolent associations were the backbone of our Masonic Charities.

The next toast proposed was that of "The Past Executive of our Lodge of Instruction"—Bros. Williams and Richardson, Past Secretaries of the lodge—with respect to whom the PRESIDENT paid a warm tribute of thanks for the valuable services they had rendered.

The PAST SECRETARIES responded in cordial and happy terms, as did Bro. MONK to the toast of "Our Host and Hostess."

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close one of the most successful festivals of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction. The following brethren contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening by their vocal music: Bros. Richardson, Harling, Phillips, Monk, Knight, Andrews, Bird, and Williams, who also kindly officiated as accompanist.

Communications were received from Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, &c.; T. Poore, P.M. 720, &c.; H. Baldwin, W.M., 1949; E. M. Money, W.M., 28; Hakim, 1986; and other brethren, regretting their inability to be present.

#### MASONIC BALL AT BIRMINGHAM.

One of the most enjoyable and successful *soirees* in connection with Freemasonry in Birmingham was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult. The popularity of this ball has caused the event to be anticipated with much interest by Masons in the province of Warwickshire, and this year was no exception, being the twenty-second of the series, and the W.M. (Bro. R. C. Jarvis), together with the officers and members of the lodge, may congratulate themselves on the complete success of their annual reunion. There was a numerous attendance, several distinguished members of the craft hailing from other provinces. The company were first received by the W.M. and his wife in the lodge banquet room; the reception over, the company retired to the large hall, where a splendid banquet was served, the W.M. taking the President's seat at 7.15.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen" in a graceful speech.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed in most eloquent terms by Bro. ALFRED GREEN, S.S., and suitably responded to by Bro. WHISTON.

The next and final toast, of "The Worshipful Master of the Elkington Lodge," was given by Bro. J. HENRY HIGGS, A.D.C., in an admirable speech.

Bro. R. C. JARVIS, the W.M., in responding, congratulated the order on the truly Masonic spirit which had prevailed it during the past year—so pleasingly evinced by the handsome contributions of the brethren to the Masonic charitable institutions, which was as follows:—The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £21,374 7s. 1d.; the R.M.I. Girls, £16,768 19s. 6d.; the R.M.I. Boys, £16,272 16s. 0d.; a total of £54,416 2s. 7d. (Loud applause.) No doubt many of the ladies present were either curious or anxious to know what were the secrets of their order. Well, he would tell them one of their secrets, and that was the secret of their success—Charity. (Hear, hear.) The figures he had given that evening did not represent that charity which various lodges gave in silence and secrecy to distressed brethren. Happily, their society was founded on the level of equality, often aiding brothers in affliction to smooth its rough edges and to level the ruffles of misfortune. On behalf of the officers and members of the Elkington Lodge, he cordially welcomed the visitors, especially the ladies, who graced their banquet table. (Applause.)

The party then adjourned to the concert room, where a short ballad concert was given. Miss Florence Howie and Miss Florence Wheeler, ably assisted by Bros. G. W. Cooper and J. Chapman, contributed some excellent singing. Bro. Dr. Belcher, with his well-known ability, acted as accompanist, and also performed a solo, which was well received.

At 10.30 the dance programmes were distributed, in announcing which the W.M. stated that the officers of the Elkington had decided to give at an early date a grand concert in aid of the Masonic Charities.

Dancing soon afterwards commenced to the strains of Messrs. Hopkins' band, both the selection and the execution of the music giving great satisfaction. Mr. Arthur Frost officiated as M.C. The Director of

Ceremonies, Bro. G. H. Rooker, P.M., ably assisted in the successful conduct of the whole of the programme during the evening. The decorations were of a very elaborate character, and were splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Evans. The floral decorations were supplied by Mr. Hans Niemand, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Spinks. One special feature during the ball was the cutting up and distributing of a huge iced cake, most elaborately ornamented with various emblems of Masonry in coloured sugar work. Round the outer edge of the cake, in large letters picked in with gold, ran the words—"Hearty welcome and good wishes from the W.M.," finishing with a pretty device containing the W.M.'s monogram. The cake, which was really a work of artistic merit, was supplied by Messrs. Huntley and Palmer, Reading. Dancing ceased soon after three o'clock, the National Anthem bringing to a conclusion one of the most brilliant assemblages held in connection with the Elkington Lodge.

#### CHISWICK LODGE BALL, No. 2012.

The first annual ball of the above lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 29th ult., and we may safely say that it was one of the most brilliant and successful gatherings of the season. The thanks of all present are due to the President, Bro. Geo. Gardner, W.M., and his small though most efficient staff of Stewards, consisting of Bros. W. Gomm, J.W.; W. Dowling, S.D.; H. Fruen; C. Packer; H. Furze, Hon. Secretary; and F. Walden and W. H. Wilson as M.C.'s. Dispensations having been obtained, a most elaborate show was made by brethren appearing in Provincial Grand Craft and Mark clothing, Royal Arch, Rose Croix, &c., &c., which contrasted with the various hues of the ladies' dresses and produced a most pleasing effect. Dancing commenced at 9.30 p.m., and before 10 o'clock over 70 guests had arrived, including the following: Bro. G. Gardner, W.M., Miss Gardner, Miss Stanford, Bro. Dr. Lawrence, P.M., Bro. W. Gomm, J.W., Mrs. Gomm, Mr. Gomm, jun., and Miss Gomm; Bro. J. Edwards, W.M., and Mrs. Edwards; Bro. Dowling, J.D., Bro. H. Furze, Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Fitzgerald; Bro. W. H. Wilson, W.S., and Miss Wilson; Bro. F. Walden and Mrs. Walden; Bro. A. Tilbury and Miss Reynolds; Bro. Hollingsworth, Miss Hollingsworth, and Mr. Neeld; Bro. F. Tyler, S.W. 59, and Mrs. Tyler; Bro. J. T. Wood and Mrs. Wood; Bro. H. Fruen and Mrs. Fruen; Bro. E. Crowe and Mrs. Crowe; Bro. H. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis; Bro. G. Ellis, Miss Ellis, and Miss Cullum; Bro. A. Gammel and Mrs. Gammel; Bro. W. Ritchie and Miss Stock; Mr. Cope and Mrs. Cook; Bro. W. Johnson, P.M. 865, and Mr. Johnson, jun.; Bro. Hawes and party; Bro. W. Clowes and Mrs. Clowes; Bro. J. Brill, Mrs. Brill, Miss Brill, and Mr. and Mrs. Brill, sen.; Mr. and Mrs. Sale; Bro. C. Packer; Mr. and Mrs. Knight; Mr. and Mrs. Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Newman; Messrs. Potts; Mr. and Mrs. Charpentiere; Messrs. Edwards; Mr. William and Mrs. Saunders; Mr. and Mrs. Plumb; and many others.

On supper being announced, the company sat down to a most recherché repast. A few toasts, interspersed with songs, then followed. Among the former, that of "The Queen" was received with great enthusiasm; and, as the W.M. observed, none were more loyal than the Chiswick brethren.

"The Lodge" was then proposed by Bro. F. TYLER, who spoke of the very high position it had obtained in Freemasonry, and of the very rapid progress it had made since its recent formation.

"The Ladies" were then toasted by the W.M., who gave them a most hearty welcome, at the same time reminding them that, though brethren were often away from home attending Masonic duties, yet their wives, sisters, and daughters were never forgotten.

This toast was briefly and ably responded to by Mr. HUMPHRY BRIGHT.

The W.M. then invited the Masons to take wine with him, and considerable amusement was created by the remainder of the guests unanimously asking to be initiated at once.

A return was then made to the ballroom, dancing resumed, being kept up till 6 a.m.—all regretting the conclusion of the first Chiswick ball. The very excellent band was supplied and directed by Bro. E. Symons.

#### THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

The annual meeting of the members of the Committee of the Liverpool Masonic Hall, Hope-street, took place in the large lodge room of the building, on Friday evening, the 22nd ult. Bro. Thomas Salter, P.P.G.D., occupied the chair, there being a good attendance of the brethren. The annual balance-sheet, submitted by the Honorary Treasurer, Bro. M. Hart, contained the following as items of income: Rents from lodges, £462 5s.; rents from chapters, £116; rents, miscellaneous, £9 9s.; rents, lodges of instruction, £40; emergencies, rehearsals, refreshments, £164 10s.; Masonic Club, £35; entrance fee, Excelsior Mark Lodge, £5 5s.; interest from bankers, £3 1s. 8d., less commission, 15s., £2 6s. 8d.; balance, as per 1884 statement, £341 14s. 1d.; total, £1176 9s. 9d. The total payments, including that on account of mortgage, amounted to about £873, leaving a balance at the bank of upwards of £293, and about £9 in the Treasurer's hands.

The statement was unanimously passed, and cordial votes of thanks were given to the executive officers for their valuable services during the year. Similar compliments were extended to Bros. R. Martin and T. H. Walker,

as well as to the Auditors, Bros. H. H. Smith, A. D. Hesketh, and R. H. Webster.

Bro. T. Salter was unanimously elected Chairman of the Hall Committee; Bros. G. Broadbridge, Vice-Chairman; M. Hart, Hon. Treasurer (re-elected); J. T. Callow, Hon. Secretary (re-elected); H. H. Smith, A. D. Hesketh, and R. H. Webster, Auditors (re-elected); and the following were, without opposition, chosen as representatives on the House Committee: Bros. R. Foote, 1505; J. Beesley, 823; A. D. Hesketh, 1182; J. Molloy, 249; A. Cotter, 1264; T. H. Careful, 823; D. Jackson, 673; W. T. Oglesby, 1303; J. B. McKenzie, 1609; R. Martin, 2042; T. H. W. Walker, 1675; H. H. Smith, 1505; J. Pendleton, 241; R. H. Webster, 823; D. Lloyd, 667; J. Pemberton, 1264; G. Godfrey, 673; W. E. Coxon, 1675; S. Jude, 241; J. Boyle, 823; and T. Wright, 1182.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

#### MASONIC SCHOOL TREAT.

Few who were present at the consecration of the Drury Lane Lodge are aware of a kind and generous act on the part of Bro. Augustus Harris, the Senior Warden of that Lodge, to the children of our two schools, on Friday afternoon last. He invited them to see the pantomime, the whole of the balcony, as well as the private boxes on that tier, being occupied by "our" girls, while to "our" boys was allotted half the pit. We cannot sufficiently thank Bro. Augustus Harris for such a handsome recognition of our two great institutions. It must have been satisfactory to him to see the keen enjoyment of the children—a sight in itself well worth witnessing. Bro. Lord Londesborough, who was in the royal box with his family, on hearing of Bro. Harris's entertainment, with kind forethought ordered a supply of cake and oranges, which were the more appreciated when we consider that the children were from half-past eleven to half-past six away from their homes. Bro. Augustus Harris also made liberal arrangements for the staff of the two schools, who, with the children, together numbered a little over 500 persons present on the occasion.

#### Obituary.

##### SUDDEN DEATH OF BRO. SAMUEL G. HUNT, P.M. OF NEWBURY.

A painful sensation was produced throughout Newbury on Monday week by the intelligence that Bro. S. G. Hunt, the well-known proprietor of the Jack Hotel—one of the most famous commercial houses in the county—had expired somewhat suddenly early that morning. Bro. Hunt had been in impaired health for some time, but he was sufficiently well to attend the Cycling Club Ball on the previous Thursday night, and was engaged in his usual duties at the hotel up to Saturday night. He complained of feeling unwell on Sunday afternoon, and as the evening advanced Bro. Montagu Palmer was sent for, and it was then found that Bro. Hunt's illness was of a grave character. His near relatives were summoned, and about five o'clock he breathed his last. Bro. Hunt was of a genial disposition, and his death is deplored by a large circle of his friends and acquaintances.

The funeral took place on Friday, at the Cemetery, when the deceased was interred with Masonic honours, having been a P.M. of 574, and also a Prov. G. Officer of the Berks and Bucks Province, having held office as Prov. G. D. of C. The weather was unfavourable in the extreme, but although rain descended in torrents a large number of deceased's Masonic brethren and friends assembled to pay their last token of respect. The mournful cortege left the deceased's residence shortly before midday, the corpse being conveyed in Mrs. Wooten's open funeral car. The coffin, of polished oak, was completely covered by beautiful floral wreaths and crosses sent by friends, and a floral Masonic device—the square and compasses—contributed by the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Newbury Freemasons' Lodge. The Masonic arrangements were directed by Bro. W. Knight, D.C., assisted by Bro. W. Balding A.D.C., and among the brethren who attended were the W.M., Bro. Montagu Palmer, who was immediately preceded by Bro. George J. Cosburn, one of the oldest members of the lodge, bearing the volume of the Sacred Law on a velvet cushion, P.M.'s Geo. Boyer and Stephen Knight, and Bros. A. Stradling, Newbery, Nundy, Harrold, W. I. Graham, Palmer, T. Hawkins, J. Hamlen, A. W. Neate, Salisbury, C. Hopson, Legg, Dodd, and others. The burial service was performed by Bro. the Rev. John Atkins, Prov. G. Chap., assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. Williams. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily conducted by Bro. H. S. Hanington, of Northbrook-street. Shutters were put up and blinds drawn at most of the shops and private houses en route, and, despite the drenching rain, a large concourse of the deceased's friends assembled around the grave.

The deceased, who was in his 36th year, was Life Governor of two of the Masonic Charities, also a member of the Royal Berks Yeomanry Cavalry, an Oddfellow, and formerly a member of the Newbury Volunteer Fire Brigade. Several members of these bodies attended the funeral. He leaves a young widow to deplore his early death.

##### BRO. WALTER EDMUND GOMPERTZ, P.M. 869, P.P.G.S.D. HERTS.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. Walter Edmund Gompertz, P.M. 869, P.P.G.S.D. Herts, which sad event took place at his residence, Rectory-road, Stoke Newington, on the 26th ult., after a short illness of only four days. Bro. Gompertz was initiated in the Gresham Lodge (of which his father has been the respected Secretary for many years) in May, 1875, of which lodge he became the W.M. in 1882, and during the same year was invested with the P.G. collar of S.D. His loss is mourned by a young wife and a large circle of friends, both secular and Masonic, by the latter of whom, by his zeal in the welfare of his lodge and the cause of Masonry generally, he will be long remembered.



Bro. the Hon. H. S. Northcote, M.P., attended and spoke at a political meeting at Swindon on Saturday last.

Bro. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P., has been elected Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee of the House of Commons.

Bros. Henry Irving, J. L. Toole, and Santley have, among many other gentlemen, joined the Committee of the Maas Memorial Fund.

Bro. Earl Granville presided on Monday at the first of a series of lectures on "International Law" to be delivered by Professor Leone Levi at King's College.

Bro. F. H. Wark is the newly-elected M.W. G.M. of the Grand Lodge in Indian Territory, U.S.A., Bro. J. S. Mason having been re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Prince of Wales has kindly consented to open the National Art Treasures Exhibition at Folkestone, the Guarantee Fund, for which, has reached the total of £50,000.

Bro. Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and W. Pearce, M.P., were among those present at the meeting, on Friday, the 29th ult., of the Royal Commission on Loss of Life at Sea.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales left Marlborough House on Monday in order to resume duty with his regiment the 10th (Prince of Wales's own Royal) Hussars at Aldershot.

The Queen through Sir Henry Ponsonby has expressed her intention of extending her patronage to the Peoples' Palace in London, and will contribute £200 to the fund that is being raised to carry out the scheme.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn will preside this day (Friday) at a meeting at Hull of the Irish loyal and Patriotic Union, the principal speakers being Bro. Lord Ernest Hamilton, M.P., and W. E. Macartney, M.P.

Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar, was one of the guests at the annual dinner at the Falstaff Restaurant, Eastcheap, on Saturday last, of the E. Company of the 21st (Finsbury) Rifles, and replied for the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Earl Granville, owing to the pressure of official duties, has found himself under the necessity of resigning the Mastership of the West Street Harriers. His lordship, however, has promised to continue his support to the Hunt.

Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Hertfordshire, with a view to fixing the rentals of his tenants as nearly as possible in conformity with the present prices of agricultural products, has issued instructions for a re-valuation of his estate.

The Prince of Wales will, by command of the Queen, hold a Levée at St. James's Palace on Tuesday next, the 9th inst., presentations to his Royal Highness being, by Her Majesty's command, equivalent to presentations to the Queen.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the marriage at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Tuesday, of Miss Mary Gladstone, daughter of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., and afterwards at the wedding breakfast at 21, Carlton House-terrace.

The eighth annual reception of the Palestine Commandery, No. 18, New York, at the Metropolitan Opera House, on Thursday, the 14th ult., is reported to have been the most successful it has yet held. In the course of the proceedings the members were reviewed by Sir Knight P. Forrester, G.C. of the Grand Commandery of New York.

The St. Omer Commandery, K.T., of Boston, Mass., visited the Portland Commandery, of Portland-on-Maine, on the 6th ult. The day passed off satisfactorily, and the former having presented an elegant testimonial to the Portland Sir Knights, in recognition of the courtesies they had received on their recent journey through Portland, en route for St. John, returned to their own quarters in due course.

Bro. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided at the 99th half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the South Eastern Railway, and moved the adoption of the report submitted by the Directors. Bro. Lord Brabourne seconded the motion, and after some discussion, it was agreed to. Special meetings were subsequently held to consider Parliamentary Bills affecting the Company.

The annual ball of the Lodge Kelso, No. 58, took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., in the Foresters' Hall, Kelso, Scotland, when there was a large turn out of brethren and their friends, upwards of fifty couples taking part in the opening Masonic March and Triumph, which was led off by the R.W.M., Bro. James McDougall and Miss Steel, the other brethren following according to their Masonic rank. Dancing began at half-past nine, and was kept up with great spirit till four a.m. to the inspiring strains of Bro. Rees à Beckett Evans' quadrille band. During the interval which occurred in the middle of the programme, Bro. James Steel, P.M., the enthusiastic father of the lodge, organised what he termed a "bull reel," or a reel in which none but males were to take part, and soon he had sixteen couples of brethren dancing and "haughin" with celerity and vigour, himself one of the liveliest. There were present, deputations from Coldstream, 280; Galashiels, 262; Langholm, 107; and Selkirk, 22; and every one expressed his pleasure at being present. The hall was beautifully decorated with Masonic emblems, flags, floral devices, and mottoes, under the superintendence of Bro. R. B. Hogarth, architect to the lodge. Bro. W. R. Plummer, J.W., ably officiated as M.C., and the purveying of Bro. Knight, Steward, gave every satisfaction. Not a little of the success of this assembly, the best ever held under the auspices of No. 58, is due to the unwearied and ungrudging labours and exertions of Bro. John Robertson, the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, attended by the Hon. Mrs. Moreton and Bro. Sir R. Collins, K.C.B., visited the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo-bridge-road, on Thursday, the 28th ult.

Bro. S. G. Hunt, P.M. of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury, and P.P.G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks, was interred in Newbury Cemetery on Friday, the 29th ult., with Masonic ceremonies.

Bros. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., and T. W. Boord, M.P., addressed political meetings, held at Haverstock Hill, Kensal New Town, and Greenwich, respectively, on Friday, the 29th ult.

Bro. James W. Husted, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, has been elected Speaker of the New York Assembly for the fourth time. Bro. Husted is 53 years of age, and was born in West Chester Co., N.Y.

The Prince of Wales and Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, Viscount Bury, the Earl of Bradford, the Earl of Dunraven, and Lord Tweedmouth were present at the brief sitting of the House of Lords on Monday.

Bros. Stanley Leighton, M.P., and Lord Harlech were present and among the chief speakers at a dinner, held at Oswestry on Saturday last, to celebrate Bro. Leighton's election as M.P. for the Western Division of Shropshire.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting in Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton-street, on the 29th ult., when the Bishop of London distributed the prizes won during the past year by the pupils of the Drapers' College High School for Girls, Tottenham.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has invited Bro. the Earl of Cowper, K.G., and Viscount Folkestone, among others, to be present at the Trinity House Dinner, to meet the Duke of Edinburgh, which will take place at the Mansion House on Saturday, the 13th inst.

The lodge in Georgetown, Massachusetts, has had all its furniture and other effects, to the value of some 3000 dollars (£600), destroyed by the fire which took place in that town on the 20th December last, the whole damage done being estimated at 150,000 dollars (30,000).

Bro. J. H. Puleston presided at a mass meeting, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel on Monday evening, of the Civil Service Writers, among those present in support being Bros. the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. of Ireland; Baron Dimsdale, M.P.; Vanderbyl, M.P.; and W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.

The Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge, has been pleased to confer the rank of a Past G. Deacon of G. Mark Lodge on Bros. Surgeon-Major Alex. Scott, B.S.C., and Prosonno Coomer Dutt, in recognition of the great services they have rendered to the Mark Degree in India.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon took their state departure from Dublin on Thursday, the 28th ult. The streets of the Irish capital were crowded with people, who lustily cheered their excellencies as they drove by in an open carriage. On the pier, at Kingstown, the reception was equally cordial.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by his sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George, went out shooting with the Duke of Cambridge in Richmond Park on Saturday last. In the evening their Royal Highnesses, with the Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, witnessed the performance of "Aladdin," at the Drury Lane Theatre.

To-morrow (Saturday), the stained glass window which Bro. the Duke of Connaught has had placed in Bagshot Church, to the memory of Bro. the late Duke of Albany, will be unveiled by his Royal Highness, in the presence, as is expected, of several members of the Royal Family. The ceremony has been arranged to take place at 3.30 p.m., and an address will be delivered by the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor.

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, the newly-elected member for South Edinburgh, took the oath and his seat in the House of Commons on Monday, being introduced by Bro. Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan and Mr. Levi Preston Bruce. The House, on the motion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., was adjourned till Thursday.

The installation banquet of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, was given to Bro. D. M. Davis, at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. After the general business of the lodge, an attractive programme of music was given under the direction of Bro. Lindsay-Sloper, in which the following took part: Miss Nettie Wood, Miss Cranford, Miss Annie Freeman, Miss Rosina Stanford, and Messrs. Lionel Davis, S. Forman, and Bro. Koopman (violin).

We have received two musical compositions which deserve more than a passing notice, mainly from their being of great merit intrinsically, but incidentally, from the fact of these being the work of a very young composer, Mr. Ferdinand L. Dunkley, son of Bro. W. S. Dunkley, W.M. No. 1777. Mr. Dunkley, jun., was, at the examination on the 15th ult., admitted a Fellow of the College of Organists, London. He gained the Association in July 1884, just one week before his 15th birthday. He has been for some months past filling the position of organist and choir-master of St. Jude's, Commercial-road, Whitechapel. He is the youngest Associate and Fellow by many years since the College was instituted in 1864.

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The installation of Bro. W. Peach, S.W., as W.M. of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, was arranged to take place at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 4th inst.

The Prince of Wales Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, to be attached to the Prince of Wales Mark Lodge, No. 4, will be consecrated at 8a, Red Lion-sq., on Monday, the 22nd inst. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.

W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., announces a new Masonic Lecture—"The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry, 1813-1886"—as ready for delivery in lodges or lodges of instruction opened in the M.M. Degree.

Bros. Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., Colonel Waring, M.P., P. McLagan, M.P., and Firth were present at the breakfast, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Executive Council of the United Kingdom Alliance.

It is gratifying to learn that Miss Goodrich, one of the music teachers at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, who successfully passed the recent examination in the Metropolis of the Royal Academy of Music for teachers and performers, becomes thus entitled to the diploma of the R.A.M.

A meeting of the General Committee of the W. Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution will be held to-day (Friday), at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, for the purpose of considering applications to be placed on the list for election at the March Court of Governors, for examining the annual report, and for other business.

A smoking concert will take place at the Horns, Kennington, on Thursday, the 18th inst., for the benefit of Bro. G. F. Swan, a P.M. and for many years Secretary of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321. Bro. Swan has been in adverse circumstances for some time, and we trust that many among our readers will take the opportunity of doing him a good turn. The concert is not restricted to the Craft. Tickets, price 2s. each.

The sixty-seventh anniversary festival of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, will be held on Tuesday next. A large and influential gathering is expected to witness the installation of Bro. R. E. Baynes, P.M. of the Churchill Lodge, and Junior Censor of Christ Church. Bro. H. Offley Wakeman, also P.M. of the Churchill Lodge, and Bussar of Keble College, is mentioned as likely to be S.W. Before the installation eight gentlemen are to be balloted for, and, if elected, initiated. This will form a worthy conclusion to the prosperous year of the deservedly popular W.M., Bro. W. L. Morgan, M.A., of Exeter College, during whose term of office more than 40 brethren will have been initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 6th inst. Monday—Caxton Lodge; Urban Chapter; Lodge of Unions; Zeph'r Ball; Albion Lodge. Tuesday—Royal York Lodge; 3rd London R.V. Ball; Wednesday—City of London Lodge Ball; Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—St. Andrew's Lodge; St. James's Chapter; Victoria Rifles Lodge; Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—2nd City of London Volunteer Ball; Royal Kensington Lodge; Odd Volumes; Thistle Lodge. Saturday—City and West End Soirée; London Wheelers Cinderella; Phoenix Chapter.

Among the brethren present at the funeral on Friday, the 29th ult., of the late Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M. Sussex, were Bros. J. H. Scott, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Sussex; Lieut.-Gen. Randolph, P.G. S.W.; V. Freeman, P.G. Secretary; Major Rasch, Alderman Hallett, P.M.; Alderman Abbey, P.M.; Alderman Jos. Farncombe (Mayor of Lewes); L. B. Henderson (Deputy Chief Constable, West Sussex), W.M. elect of the Mid-Sussex Lodge, No. 1141, Horsham; C. Tomkinson, P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. Davies, Prov. G. Reg., and P.P. G.S.W.; W. Charrington; W. Marchant, P.M.; A. King, P.M., and P.G. Organist, and others. The chief mourner was Bro. R. C. Burrell, the eldest son, and now Sir R. C. Burrell, while among the mass of wreaths in which the coffin was embedded was one composed of Masonic emblems arranged of acacia blooms.

Bro. T. Hastings Miller entertained at dinner, in the Queen's Rooms, Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, the 29th., the members of the Board of General Purposes, the House Committee of the Boys' School, the Secretaries of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, together with other Masonic friends. There were present Bros. T. Penn, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, F. A. Philbrick, Capt. George Lambert, T. C. Walls, E. F. Storr, C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, W. A. Dawson, R. Roumieu, E. Bowyer, H. W. Hunt, J. Moon, D. Rolis, W. Roebuck, J. J. Murray, W. H. Sanders, C. E. Soppet, T. Griffiths, R. W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, F. Binckes, J. Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, Capt. Bowyer, J. Terry, jun., Rev. Dr. Morris, George Kenning, and others. The menu was a choice one, and the pleasure of the company was much enhanced by the performance of an excellent selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry. After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. Philbrick proposed "The Health of the Host," of whom he said many complimentary things, but the reception of his remarks by the company present showed that he expressed the feeling of all Bro. Miller's friends. Bro. Miller responded, and Bro. Raynham W. Stewart next proposed "The Health of Mrs. T. H. Miller," wife of the host. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent, and we congratulate Bro. Miller on the success of the entertainment.

#### BRO. TAUTE'S "BIBLIOGRAPHY."

Subscribers to Bro. Taute's "Bibliography" will be glad to hear that the concluding part is progressing rapidly, and that Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipzig, the publisher, anticipates its being ready for delivery about the middle of this month. Although this work will contain a large number of English Masonic books, a complete bibliography, supplemental to Kloss, 1844, is much wanted; but as it would involve so much labour and expense, we fear that we shall have to wait a long time for its advent.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, February 13, 1886.

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

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.  
Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 5, St. George & Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1789, Ubique, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard's, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.  
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington.  
" 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.  
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tav., Highgate.  
Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.  
" 1668, Samson, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1760, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.  
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.  
K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.  
Supreme Council, 33, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.

Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.  
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-rd., Limehouse.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.  
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.  
" 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool-st.  
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., U. Norwood.  
" 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.  
" 1718, Centurion, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot.  
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
Supreme Council, 33, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 657, Canonbury, Aldion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 800, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-Quarters, 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1598, Ley-Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.  
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.  
" 1791, Creation, Freemason's Hall.  
" 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.  
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons'-avenue.  
K.T. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, E.C.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Creton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., 5.30.  
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.  
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.  
Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.  
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.  
" 2000, Earl of Mornington, 8A, Red Lion-sq.  
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.  
K.T. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.  
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.  
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hot.  
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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