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THE first of our great Anniversary Festivals for the current year took place on Wednesday last, and though the result is some £3000 short of what it was in February last, the sum announced was within measurable distance of £15,000, and every one will congratulate the noble brother who presided, the Board of Stewards, and Bro. JAMES TERRY, the indefatigable Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, on their having conjointly laboured to such excellent purpose. Like every one else, we had our misgivings as to the result. We do not mean that we had the slightest doubt about the goodwill of the Craft as a body to find the wherewithal for the maintenance of our Charities. But we know how hard the times have been of late, how serious has been the depression that has prevailed so long in almost every branch of trade and commerce, and we not unreasonably doubted if, with all the will in the world to do what is necessary, the very large sum required by the Benevolent Institution for maintaining it in its present state of efficiency could possibly be spared. However, the Festival has taken place; Bro. TERRY was able to announce in the course of the evening a total of £14,854, with a few lists still outstanding, and, as a consequence, all fears as to the immediate future are at rest. So auspicious a beginning augurs well for the success of the other Festivals. What is wanted is "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether," in order to ensure the proper carrying out of the rest of the year's programme. In Masonry, whatever may happen in other Societies, it is not our custom to regard success in one direction as an excuse, or even a reason for failure in another. If we start badly, we lose no time in pulling ourselves together; if we start well, we go on as we began, and keep on pegging away in a quiet, business, dogged kind of way till the whole of our prescribed work is done thoroughly. But we shall have more to say in this fashion later on. What is wanted now is that the Craft should grasp the full measure of Wednesday's triumph, and the account and criticisms we publish elsewhere will tell our readers all they will want to know.

WE may reasonably take to ourselves some credit for the increase in the Board of Stewards which occurred during the three or four days immediately preceding Wednesday's celebration. When we wrote our leader paragraph of last week, again urging on the brethren how necessary it was there should be more support than then seemed likely to be forthcoming towards the R.M.B.I., and that it was not too late for some of them to assume the duties of Steward, the list of those already secured to act in that capacity was 261—we stated roundly 260 as compared with the 350 of 1885. On Wednesday the Board consisted of 276 brethren, so that between the Friday when our remarks came before the public, and the eventful day itself, 15 brethren added their names to the previous 261. We are not oftentimes given to sounding a note on our own trumpet, but there appears to us to be some sort of connection between our remarks of last week and Wednesday's Board of Stewards 276 strong, just that kind of connection one is apt to trace between "cause" and "effect," and as it is the Benevolent Institution which has received such benefit as may have followed our appeal for further Stewards, we do not mind drawing attention to the matter.

WE have received communications from several correspondents relative to the election to the Grand Treasurership, which takes place in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next. No doubt our friends will see, when they have given the matter some further consideration, that, as the merits of the rival candidates have been for some time already before the Craft, it will be better for the Craft, in Grand Lodge assembled, to be left to exercise its own judgment and elect the candidate of its choice.

THE first three days in March are to be memorable ones in the experience of our brethren in Worcestershire, as that is the period fixed for the exhibition of the very valuable Masonic collection made by Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, the esteemed Provincial Grand Secretary, and which, we understand, that zealous and enthusiastic Craftman is willing to allow the province to purchase at cost price. We are not aware of the amount expended in the obtaining of such a unique and vast assemblage of Masonic curios, books, prints, and medals; but, bearing in mind its special character and extent, we shall not be far wrong in estimating the marketable value at not less than *two thousand guineas*, whereas the important collection is to become the property of the province at less than quarter that sum, so careful and successful has Bro. TAYLOR been in his numerous purchases through advertising, agents, and friends throughout the wide world. Such a pleasing result from the "Worcester Masonic Exhibition" in August, 1884, was never anticipated at that time, and the province is to be congratulated on having such an opportunity of acquiring the materials for a Masonic Museum, the like of which no other province can hope to obtain, because so many of the articles of virtue, medals, &c., cannot now be purchased for "love or money."

WE are sorry the announcement we made last week with reference to this meeting, that Bro. W. J. HUGHAN would be present and describe the chief features of the collection, will not be carried out. Bro. HUGHAN is prevented leaving home by the dangerous illness of a very near relative, and will be unable, therefore to attend, but we believe we are right in stating that the lecture he had prepared has been forwarded, and will be read for him by one of his numerous Kidderminster friends.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the business to be transacted in United Grand Lodge on Wednesday next:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd December, 1885, will be read and put for confirmation.
2. Election of a M.W.G.M.
3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
4. The M.W.G.M. will move, that the sum of 200 guineas be voted from the Fund of General Purposes as a donation from Grand Lodge to the Mansion House Fund now being raised for the relief of the Unemployed in London.
5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:—

The orphan daughters of a brother of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, London	£75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, Tynemouth	50	0	0
A brother of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, London	100	0	0
A brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1046, Farnham	50	0	0
A brother of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven	100	0	0
The orphan daughter of a brother of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton	50	0	0
A brother of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 938, Birmingham	50	0	0
A brother of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, London	75	0	0
A brother of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, London	75	0	0
A brother of the Dundas Lodge, No. 1255, Plymouth	100	0	0
A brother of the Loyal Welsh Lodge, No. 378, Pembroke Dock	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London	75	0	0
A brother of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff	75	0	0
A brother of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, London	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter	75	0	0
A brother of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, London	150	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London	50	0	0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that they have had under their consideration the rates of salary hitherto received by Bro. Wm. Henry Lee, third clerk, and Bro. Neville Green, fourth clerk, in the Grand Secretary's Office, who have served therein for 13 years, and have already arrived at the maximum rate of £200 a year, as fixed for all the junior clerks by Grand Lodge in the year 1874, and whose prospects of future advancement are remote.

As it appears to the Board that the maximum rates of salary of these two officials might fairly be fixed in gradation between that of the second clerk, which is £300 a year, and that of the junior clerks, the Board now recommend the following arrangement for the approval of Grand Lodge, viz. :—

The salary of Bro. Wm. Henry Lee to be raised to £230 from the 1st January last, and to increase by £10 a year until it arrives at £250, which shall be the maximum salary of the third clerk.

The salary of Bro. Neville Green to be also raised to £225 from the 1st January last, which shall be the maximum salary of the fourth clerk.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th February, 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of February inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4414 1s. 5d., and in the hands of Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100, and for servants' wages, £100, and balance of annual allowance of library, £28 18s. 6d.

7. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board have to report to Grand Lodge that they have had brought under their notice an official copy of a circular issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, United States of America, dated 12th November, 1885, and sent from that Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

This edict is addressed to the lodges in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and recites a resolution of that Grand Lodge to the effect that certain lodges existing in the Province of Quebec, and not holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of that province, are illegal and irregular, and charging the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois not to hold Masonic intercourse with such lodges or with any members thereof, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois thereon issues his edict accordingly.

With reference to this announcement, the Colonial Board have to call attention to the proceedings of Grand Lodge of the 3rd December, 1884, when a correspondence between his Royal Highness the Grand Master and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was laid before the brethren.

It appeared by that correspondence that the Grand Lodge of Quebec demanded that the warrants of the three lodges holding under this Grand Lodge, which have existed and were working in Montreal long before the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, should be at once withdrawn, because of the subsequent creation of that Grand Lodge, to which demand the Grand Master replied that he was unable to accede so long as these three lodges elected to remain under their original and lawful adherence to the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge unanimously approved of the action thus taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Since the Grand Secretary communicated the reply of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, no official communication on the subject has been received from that body; but in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for the year 1885 an announcement appears in the report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence that the Grand Master of Quebec had issued his edict "severing fraternal relations" with the "three recusant lodges holding authority from the Grand Lodge of England," and stating that the claim to have these lodges recognised as legally existing "does not find any justification in law or common sense," and, after quoting the edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it reports that the Committee had requested the Representative of that Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Illinois to present the subject for consideration.

This having been done, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the instance of the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, requested its Grand Master to issue the edict of the 17th November, 1885, whereby all intercourse with the three lodges in question has been severed.

Inasmuch as the sole ground for thus ostracising the three lodges is their continued allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, the Colonial Board feels bound to submit to Grand Lodge that it would not be consistent that direct relationship should continue to exist between it and the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and that the action of that body in thus intervening leaves no other course open than to vindicate the undoubted rights and privileges of this Grand Lodge by respectfully recommending to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that he should withdraw the patent issued by him to the brother representing this Grand Lodge at that of Illinois, and should call on the brother who represents that Grand Lodge here to return the patent appointing him its Representative; and this they submit accordingly.

(Signed) JOHN ANTHONY RUCKER, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London,
15th February, 1886.

8. Report of Bro. Stanley G. Harding, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1885.

9. APPEALS—

1. By Bro. Albert Gerdes, P.M. of the Pitt-Macdonald Lodge, No. 1198, Madras, against a ruling of the District Board of General Purposes, on a complaint made by him against the W.M. of that lodge for having taken the voting for the election of an Hon. Member by show of hands instead of by ballot.

2 and 3. By Bro. Rustomjee C. Jaboolie, P.M. of the Cyrus Lodge, No. 1359, Bombay, and also by Bro. Cursetjee N. Pavri, P.M. of the same lodge, against a judgment of the District Grand Master censuring them for a breach of Article 205 of the Book of Constitutions.

N.B.—The papers relating to these appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of brethren during office hours.

10.—Notice of Motion by Bro. DAVID MERCER, P.M. No. 1641.

That no brother who is in receipt of an annuity from the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution shall be entitled to participate in the funds at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence.

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer:—
Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, P.M. No. 1159, London.—Nominated by Bro. Dr. Ernest Pocock, W.M. No. 1891, London.
Richard Biddulph Martin, P.M. No. 1506, London.—Nominated by Bro. John Gibbs, W.M. No. 1613, London.
Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.M. No. 1610, London.—Nominated by Bro. William Robert McConnell, W.M. No. 1610, London.

N.B.—Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.M. No. 1610, London, Provincial G.S.W. North Wales, who was duly proposed at the last meeting of Grand Lodge for the office of Grand Treasurer, has since requested that his name may be withdrawn from the list of candidates for that office.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

Lodge 2130, The Keith Guild, Matatiele, East Griqualand, South Africa.
,, 2131, The Brownlow, Ellesmere, Shropshire.
,, 2132, The Egerton, Egremont, Cheshire.
,, 2133, The Swan of Avon, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire.

Lodge 2134, The Wilberforce, Hull, Yorkshire (North and East Division).
,, 2135, The Constance, Consett, Durham.
,, 2136, The St. Michael's, Bishop Stortford, Hertfordshire.
,, 2137, The Ruapehu, Marton Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.
,, 2138, The Franklin, Pukekohe, Auckland, New Zealand.
,, 2139, The Gregory, Cairns, Queensland.
,, 2140, The Huguenot, London.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern, under the Chairmanship of the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W. About 400 brethren were present representing London and the Provinces, and there was a numerous gathering of ladies.

At the conclusion of the dinner grace was sung, and the toasts were then proposed.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Health of Her Majesty," said, there are various points on which we Masons pride ourselves as being characteristic of the Craft, but there is one which is not confined to the Craft, and is I believe shared in by the vast majority of the inhabitants and people of this country, and that is in our loyalty to our Sovereign. (Hear, hear.) Knowing as I do that there is no more loyal body of men than the great Masonic fraternity, it is perfectly unnecessary that I should allude to the many reasons that might be given for drinking this toast. When I have heard the chairman of a meeting give one reason after another, excellent though it might be, for drinking the health of her Majesty, it has always appeared to me as a sort of apology, as if her Majesty required defending, but I know that in this room, at all events, her Majesty has no need of defence. (Applause.) The Queen lives in the heart of every Mason, and we cannot help forgetting that her Majesty is Vice-Patron of the great Charity on whose behalf we are assembled this evening. (Hear, hear.)

After the singing of the National Anthem,

The CHAIRMAN said: If we Masons are loyal to our Sovereign, so also are we loyal to our M.W.G.M. I think that the Masonic body ought to consider itself extremely fortunate in having at its head a man as Grand Master who is in the position of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who takes such an enormous interest in the Order, and not only a Masonic, but a personal interest in it, who devotes himself in the way he does to uphold Masonry in every way he can, and to advance its interests. I think it almost amounts to a mystery how his Royal Highness among his multifarious duties can find time to perform his Masonic duties as he does. But in this, as I think in every other way, his Royal Highness sets a good example that should be followed by all Masons. I think I should not be far wrong if I went further, and said that the good example set by his Royal Highness is followed by other members of the Royal Family, for it is something extraordinary to see the way in which the names of the Royal Family always appear wherever any good is to be done. Never mind what it is for—if it is for a Charity, or for the good of the community or the nation in any way—you may be perfectly certain that some one, if not more members of the Royal Family will have their names at the head of it, and will be among the first coming forward to help as far as they can.

In giving the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, the Pro Grand Master," the CHAIRMAN said: I need not give you many reasons for that toast. You know that when, as sometimes does occur, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is unable to preside, his place is taken by the Earl of Carnarvon. Many of you know better than I can tell you what an excellent Mason is the noble Earl. Indeed, there is no Mason to whom Grand Lodge would more readily apply for help in any difficulty than the Earl of Carnarvon, and I therefore confidently give you the toast. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN next gave the toast of "The Earl of Lathom, the Deputy G.M., and the Present and Past Grand Officers," and said I am sure that all of you who have seen the Earl of Lathom taking the chair in the next room here as Deputy Grand Master, must have thought that he was the right man in the right place. (Hear, hear.) I believe there are few Masons living who have done more for the good of Masonry than Lord Lathom. From the 1st of January to the 31st of December Lord Lathom is always at work for the good of the Masonic cause. (Applause.) I beg to couple with the toast the name of the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Chas. J. Martyn. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk: To return thanks for the R.W. the D.G.M. of England and for all the Grand Officers, present and past, is at all times a very pleasing, as well as a very honourable, duty, and I am particularly pleased to have the honour to be called upon to respond to this toast to-night, because we have at the present moment at the head of our actual Grand Officers for the year the noble Chairman, who has so well and so ably presided over us to-night. (Cheers.) With regard to the Deputy G.M., Lord Hertford has already said much in his favour, but too much it would be impossible to say, for I suppose there is no more popular man than the Earl of Lathom. (Hear, hear.) With regard to the rest of the Grand Officers I believe you will all thoroughly believe me when I say we are one and all of us heartily actuated by a desire to prove and to justify in some way the choice that the Grand Master has from time to time been pleased to make on us. I can assure you in the name of all the Grand Officers, as well as myself, that as long as God gives us health and strength so long will our energies be devoted to the welfare of the Craft we love so well, and those on whose behalf we act. I have to thank you very much for the high compliment you have paid the Grand Officers this evening by drinking our healths.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," and said: I really feel I ought to commence with an apology for taking the chair on this occasion. When I look at the list of distinguished Masons who have preceded me in this chair, and when I look to the number of Masons around me who are far more intimately acquainted than I am with the practical working and management of this Charity, I cannot but feel that an apology is due from me; but, at the same time, when the honour was offered me of taking the chair, I felt first of all that I could not refuse to do what was in my power to help so excellent a Charity, and I was further supported by the thought it required very little eloquence to induce Masons to be charitable. When I look at this magnificent gathering, I feel that the Charity meets with your approbation, and that you sincerely wish it well. (Applause.) While there may be many here who know the work of this Charity far better than I do, it is possible there may be some who are not intimately acquainted with it, and you will

SURREY.			YORKSHIRE (WEST).		
416 Bro. F. A. Guimaraens ...	38	17	0	139 Bro. Simeon Hayes	
1046 „ J. A. Lorimer ...	31	10	0	275 „ J. Durrans Taylor	
1638 „ J. Drewett ...	10	10	0	290 „ W. Harrop ...	
1929 „ W. Aynsley ...	67	14	0	290 „ J. Brierley ...	
SUSSEX.				290 „ Geo. Sykes ...	
40 Bro. W. H. Russell ...	70	0	0	290 „ J. B. Whiteley	
732 „ B. Bennett ...	52	10	0	495 „ Joseph Hartley	
WARWICKSHIRE.				750 „ Rawson Kelly	
502 Bro. Isaac Brooks ...	21	15	0	904 „ Fred. Cleeves	
WORCESTERSHIRE.				974 „ H. A. Forster	
280 Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.	171	18	0	974 „ J. Ambler ...	
„ A. F. Godson ...	31	10	0	1042 „ W. Bingham...	735
377 „ J. W. Consterdine-Chadwick...	10	10	0	1042 „ W. Pepper ...	
564 „ W. Perry ...	36	15	0	1042 „ N. Meyer ...	
1204 „ Capt. W. Otley ...	10	10	0	1042 „ R. H. Fowler	
„ W. B. Williamson ...	10	10	0	1211 „ G. F. Crowe...	
YORKSHIRE (N. & E.)				1239 „ G. Wragg ...	
57 Bro. J. Walton ...				1239 „ F. S. H. Wilson	
				1513 „ B. Smith ...	
				1513 „ T. W. Embleton	
				1736 „ Luke H. Dean	
				2069 „ B. S. Bailey ...	

SUMMARY.

Bedfordshire ...	£53	12	0	Lancashire, West ...	78	15	0
Berks and Bucks ...	159	11	6	Middlesex ...	540	19	6
Bristol ...	318	10	0	Nottinghamshire ...	176	18	6
Cambridgeshire ...	143	0	0	North Wales ...	29	11	0
Cheshire ...	146	6	0	Oxfordshire ...	46	18	6
Cornwall ...	141	15	0	Sbropshire ...	25	0	0
Derbyshire ...	63	0	0	Somersetshire ...	166	18	0
Devonshire ...	157	10	0	Staffordshire ...	204	15	0
Dorsetshire ...	180	10	0	Suffolk ...	295	0	0
Durham ...	105	0	0	Surrey ...	148	11	0
Essex ...	115	5	6	Sussex ...	122	10	0
Gloucestershire ...	39	18	0	Warwickshire ...	21	15	0
Hants and Isle of Wight	141	0	0	Worcestershire ...	271	17	0
Hertfordshire ...	277	3	6	Yorkshire, North and East ...			
Kent ...	864	1	6	Yorkshire, West ...	735	0	0
Lancashire, East ...	120	15	0				
146 STEWARDS—LONDON ...					£8,961	13	6
130 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ...					5,893	2	6
GRAND TOTAL ...					£14,854	16	0

Bro. Sir E. H. LECHMERE, Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said Lord Hertford was one of the good working Masons, or he would not have reached the high position he occupied in the Craft. All the company present would agree that he had distinguished himself that night. The grand financial results of the evening must have given the greatest satisfaction to all. It was certainly a most remarkable fact that year after year, no matter what the state of depression might be, Masons were as ready as ever to help their Charities. He was sure they would always find Stewards to come up from the provinces for this Charity, bringing with them large sums of money, and so long as they had the attendance of so many brethren, and so long as they had their sympathy, and that of the ladies, they would find brethren like Lord Hertford ready to discharge the duties his lordship had discharged so well that evening.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, I thank you all for the very kind way you have received the toast so well proposed by Sir Edmund Lechmere. You have indeed given me pleasure to-night by showing by deed, and not by word, what you think of this Charity on whose behalf it has been my privilege to enlist your sympathy. The list given to-night for the Charity is truly a noble one. I think it has been exceeded only on one occasion. On behalf of the Charity I beg to thank you all, not only for the money you have given to it, but for the interest you must have taken in it, and I thank the Board of Stewards for the hard work they have performed. I could not help noticing this evening, when I looked at the toast list, what appears to me, if you will allow me to say so, an omission. I do not see upon the toast list the name of Bro. Terry. (Cheers.) All you brethren who know anything of the immediate working of this Charity must know how hard Bro. Terry works for it. (Cheers.) If you go down to Croydon with Bro. Terry, as I did yesterday, and see the way in which Bro. Terry is received by the inmates of the house at Croydon, that will tell you more than I can of the interest he takes in the Institution. I must not detain you longer. I thank you cordially for the way you have supported this Charity to-night, and also for your cordial reception of myself, and I only hope that on every future occasion of the Festival of this Charity it may be presided over by men far better able to do it than myself, besides being as anxious for the good of the Charity as I am. I thank you very much. The success of to-night is what I may call a regular bumper. Looking at the depression of the times and at all the circumstances, those who are acquainted with the other Masonic Charities know that there are circumstances that might have militated against this one to-night; but, bumper as it is, I hope it may be exceeded next year, and so on for many years.

Bro. Dr. JABEZ HOGG, P.G.D., proposed "The Other Masonic Institutions," a toast which, he said, did not require much eloquence to commend them to the notice of the brethren. All who had seen the great success that had attended the present Festival would hope most sincerely that the Festivals of the other Institutions would be still more fortunate, still more successful, because, as the Chairman had said, the great gem in the diadem of the Order was Charity. He was sure the brethren of the Masonic body would fulfil the duty expected of them, and make the success of the Boys' and the Girls' Schools still greater than that of the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. HEDGES (Secretary, Girls' School), in reply, said he congratulated the Benevolent Institution and its executive on the magnificent result, which he considered marvellous, and a credit and honour to the Stewards. With reference to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, in a meeting like that it would not be necessary to trouble the brethren with dry and lengthened statistics. He would only remind them that those Institutions were educating nearly 500 of the sons and daughters of deceased brethren. In addition to that those Institutions had had very heavy expenses, one of them in the erection of a Junior School, and the other in the purchase of a most necessary plot of land, but still a plot of land which, on that very account, had to be most dearly paid for. He had no doubt he spoke for Bro. BINCKES, as well as for himself, when he said that the lists of Stewards for the coming Festivals of these Institutions, would need very large accessions before they could expect anything like the success of this evening. They were both most deeply grateful for the liberality of the Craft in the past, but they each needed all the assistance they could obtain in the future. The

Boys' Festival would take place at the end of June; that of the Girls' on the 19th of May, under the presidency of Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. When the time came round he hoped they would afford the Boys' and the Girls' Schools that help without which they could not continue the noble work in which they were engaged.

Bro. BINCKES (Secretary, Boys' School), in answer to loud calls, said the brethren did not require a dual response to the toast so kindly proposed, and so warmly received, and responded to most admirably, and he was sure if he were to attempt to add anything to the observations made by his good friend, Bro. Hedges, he should only weaken the effect of those remarks. But as they would insist on his saying a word they would have to bear with him in the remarks he would address to them. Now, nothing succeeded like success, and upon the success of that evening he built up, after all said and done, a happy augury of success for the Boys' Festival next June. He was sure they were not going to neglect their own sons. He had always been an advocate for, and always pleaded on behalf of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, because they had been, and he hoped always would be, the legitimate successors of Masons to hand down the traditions they had received from our ancestors. A great deal had been said about the watchwords of Freemasonry. He desired to call to their attention what was said by H.R.H., the M.W. Grand Master, on the occasion of his installation at that most magnificent ceremonial at the Albert Hall, in April, 1875. H.R.H. on that occasion announced that the true watchwords of Freemasonry were Loyalty and Charity. There was a great objection in Masons' lodges and public assemblies to the introduction of politics, and he for one would be the very last person in the world to introduce anything of a controversial nature, but whether brethren were liberal or conservative, he would, in these trying times, wish every Mason to recall his initiatory obligation, above all things not to forget his loyalty to his Sovereign and his native country, and he went further, and this is what he wanted to base his observations upon, that as sure as they were sitting there that night, if they ignored or neglected their loyalty they would jeopardise their Charity. (Loud cheers).

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., in proposing "The Stewards," said the brethren knew how hardly the success of the evening had been achieved. In these times of depression the cause of Charity had demanded more labour than ever at the hands of the energetic brethren, the Stewards. (Cheers.) To them the Institution owed a great debt, and Masonry owed a great debt too at this crisis of the nation's history. The depression had not slackened the purses of Masons; on the contrary, it had been more open than ever, and the great Institutions of Masonry were as fully recognised as they had ever been. (Cheers).

Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, P.G. Swd. Br., in acknowledging the toast, said the Stewards had but one desire—to benefit the great Charity. He was glad the brethren were satisfied, and he felt sure they were or they would not have subscribed so nobly. But he would impress upon them not to be weary in well-doing, but to remember they had other Charities to think of and not forsake. Let them not forget the Boys' and Girls' Schools while thinking of the old people, with whom they had shaken many a happy hand. Let them still remember that these old people had left behind their girls and boys—offspring who had to be looked after and attended to. Let them remember that the best education given to those boys and girls, and particularly the boys, was to bring them as loyal and good citizens, faithful to their King, and loyal to their guardians. Again thanking the brethren, he could assure them that in the other Charities they would find the same energy and force as in the Benevolent Institution, and that they would do all they possibly could for the good of the Craft and for their Charities particularly. (Cheers.)

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, proposed "The Ladies." He could not have been chosen for this duty on account of his youth, but his experience, for he had been married 40 years. From that experience he could say it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast, and to wish the ladies every happiness which this life could afford, in fact every enjoyment they could bestow on the brethren. He believed that without the ladies life would not be worth living. The interest the ladies showed in Masonry, and in this Institution particularly, was evinced by there being 200 present at this gathering.

Bro. F. SUMNER KNYVETT, P.G. Steward, returned thanks, and the banquet proceedings ended.

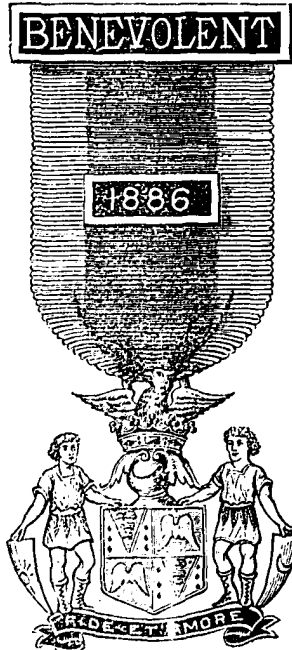
Bro. HAYHO was toastmaster.

After the banquet a charming concert was given in the Temple, under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Org. The executants were Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Amy Sargent, Miss Minnie Kirton, Madame Raymond, Bros. Arthur Thompson, Dudley Thomas, T. Tremere, and Franklin Clive. Instrumentalists: Miss Nellie Hamilton, Bro. Hedley Carus, and W. Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist.

Erard's Concert Grand Pianofortes were used on this occasion.

We cannot omit to mention that the dinner was exceptionally good, and Bro. Madell, the courteous manager of Freemasons' Tavern, is to be congratulated on solving the difficult problem of fairly satisfying the varied wants and tastes of such a large assembly.

The favors worn by the Stewards bore the arms of the Chairman, the Marquis of Hertford, with the motto "Fide et Amore," suspended by a scarlet ribbon edged with gold, the Marquis's colours. It was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.



ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

The task of scrutinising successive Festival Returns is generally an agreeable one. We may not always find our expectations realised in the case of particular lodges or brethren, but any disappointment we may thence derive is almost invariably neutralised by the pleasurable surprises which the lists disclose. On the one hand we find only a modest total entered

against a lodge or Province from which we had hoped much or, peradventure, the said lodge or Province is absent altogether. But we are easily reconciled to the small return, or no return whatever, when, on the other hand, we meet with half-a-dozen big figures, or it may be more, the appearance of which was never dreamt of in our every day philosophy. We are aware there is nothing very original in this statement, but it is everybody's experience at almost every Festival, nor is it in human nature to help being sanguine as to certain things which, as it happens in the long run, do not take place at all, or are only in part realised, or hesitant in certain other things, which seem to come off almost as a matter of course. Thus as regards Wednesday's celebration, we had some misgivings as to the result. We knew there were causes at work which were not favourable to a very big total. But a big total has come nevertheless, not so big as the one we had the pleasure of welcoming last year, but big enough to place the result second among Bro. Terry's achievements for the Benevolent Institution, and third in order among the successes which have attended the Festivals of all three Charities. The result has been received with a general waving of hats and handkerchiefs and cheers all round, and we must hope that similar misgivings, should they overtake us in reference to future Anniversaries, will be disposed of by similar and equally well-founded displays of enthusiasm.

But our attention must be given to the details of a result which has given such general satisfaction. The total, as announced by Bro. Terry, was, in round figures, £14,864, or, as we make it, £14,854 16s., the difference, however, being of no material account. In raising this sum, there were engaged the services of a Board of Stewards numbering 276, of whom 146 acted for lodges and chapters in the London district, and the other 130 for lodges and chapters in 31 out of the 45 provinces, &c. The former section of the Board raised amongst them £8961 13s. 6d.; while from the Provinces there came £5893 2s. 6d. This gives an average per list for London of about £61, and for the country of £45; while the average for London and country taken together is, in round figures, £54 per list. This is excellent, and it would take us more time than we could well spare to discover where the all-round average has been higher than, or, indeed, so high as it was on Wednesday.

As regards London, there were 124 brethren representing amongst them 116 Lodges and 9 Chapters, one companion acting in behalf of two chapters and one brother for the lodge and chapter attached to it, while two of the lodges had each two representatives, the remaining 22 Stewards acting independently. On turning to last year's analysis, it will be found that there were fewer London stewards by 18 on Wednesday than there were last year, the return being, as nearly as possible, £1000 less—£8961, as against £9859. There might, perhaps, have been a greater falling off had it not been for the three-figure lists, which, if they are not more numerous than we have known them at previous festivals of this Institution, are in several cases exceptionally heavy ones. Thus the Southwark Lodge, No. 879, which thanks to the energy of its representative, Bro. Walter Martin, and the generous support he received, occupies the first place as regards amount, is entered for £450, while in February last the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, which obtained the position of honour, did so by the aid of two Stewards, Mrs. Cama and Bro. F. C. Frye, who raised between them close on £417. Again in 1885 there was a great gap between the Earl of Carnarvon and the next highest lodge, Prosperity, No. 65, which raised, per Bro. C. J. Rich, over £242. On Wednesday, Bro. Martin had Bro. J. C. Flattely, of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, pressing close at his heels with another heavy total amounting to £400, while the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642, per Bro. James Bartle raised £250, and the Great Northern, No. 1287, per Bro. C. Kempton, £210. The noble Chairman handed in a list of £208 7s., of which 50 guineas (£52 10s.) was his own personal donation, and then there comes quite a small regiment of 21 Stewards, each of whom was so fortunate as to contribute £100 or more towards swelling Bro. Terry's returns. These brethren and the lodges or chapters, if any, which they severally represented are as follow: the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, per Bro. C. N. Carrell, £156 17s. 6d.; the Corinthian, No. 1382, per Bro. J. Carnaby, £155; and the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, which was consecrated only a few months since, and now by the hands of Bro. C. W. Eves, contributes the very handsome list of £154 17s. 6d. The Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, per Bro. E. Bentley-Haynes, and the Merchant Navy, No. 781, per Bro. J. H. Pringle, tie for next place with £150 each to their credit, and then follow the City of London, No. 901, with £141 15s., per Bro. H. Harbord; Prosperity Chapter, No. 65, which, thanks to Comp. C. Daniel, is only a fraction behind with £141 5s.; Temperance in the East, No. 898, contributing per Bro. G. Sidders, £136 10s.; Bro. James Terry, who, in the midst of his general labours, seems to have found time enough to make up the very good list of £135; the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, which continues in the path it marked out for itself at starting, and contributes per W. H. Baker, £126; the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, with £123 7s. 6. per Bro. Chas. Hunt; the Burgoyne, No. 922, which is entered for £120 18s., Bro. J. C. Cross having done duty as its Steward; the University Lodge, No. 1118, which by the hands of Bro. the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, contributes £119 3s. 6d.; and the Friends in Council, per Bro. T. B. Purchas, and the St. Peter, Westminster, No. 1537, per Bro. A. H. Robinson, the two contributing the same amount precisely, namely, £115 10s. each. Then comes a last group, composed of St. John's Lodge, No. 167, Bro. Edwin Storr, Steward, £106 1s.; the Domatic, No. 177, whose W.M. Bro. H. Nelson Price, has further signalled the centenary celebration of the other day by raising £105 10s. for the Old People; the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, which has often figured on these occasions, and on Wednesday handed in, per Bro. Geo. Boulton, £105 10s.; Bro. H. B. Marshall, P. G. Treasurer, unattached, and Comp. James Willing, jun., candidate for the Grand Treasurership last year, and now Steward for the Metropolitan and Royal Savoy Chapters, Nos. 1507 and 1744 respectively, each of whom appears for £105, and the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, which closes the procession with a round £100, its representative having been Bro. Hugh Cotter. It may seem a slight matter to notice only the more prominent lists, but no one knows better than Bro. Terry how far a compact little array of such returns goes in swelling his general total to the required dimensions. The 26 lists we have specified make up together only a few pounds less than £4200. However, small sums tell as the big ones do, and there is, to the credit of London be it said, a very good return all round, and from all kinds of lodges—those high on the roll, those of recent creation, and those which occupy a middle place between our senior and junior lodges: even the newly-constituted United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, contributing a very appreciable mite of 30 guineas (£31 10s.) to the Benevolent. However, all that sent up Stewards laboured, we may be sure,

to the best of their ability, and it will be found that many, which figure for small amounts only, make up for it by giving often.

THE PROVINCES.

Having completed our review of the London contributions, we pass to those from the country districts, and, speaking again in general terms, we may set down the result, as far as they are concerned, as satisfactory. There are Festivals at which the aggregate of the provincial lists has been higher, and the array of provincial Stewards stronger in the sense of having been more numerous. But having regard to the total, we think it will be found that the Provinces have borne their due part in the labour, and are deserving, therefore, of a due share of the credit. Of the total number of Stewards, 130 hail from the Provinces, and the sum they have raised amongst them is £5892 2s. 6d. These 130 Stewards represent 31 out of the 45 Provinces or districts into which the non-Metropolitan section of the Craft in England and adjacent parts is mapped, 43 of these districts being organised as Provinces, while one—the Isle of Man—is in course of being so organised, and the other—the Channel Islands—is without any local government. On comparing these figures with previous anniversary analyses, we find the number of Provinces represented is an average one, while as regards the 14 absentees, all of them have lent a helping hand at some Festival or other, the majority having done their duty by our Institutions manfully. Thus Cumberland and Westmoreland (20 lodges) has done good service for the Boys' School, while Leicestershire and Rutland (12 lodges) has distributed its support with praiseworthy impartiality amongst all three Charities. Herefordshire (4 lodge), we regret to say, does little, and Lincolnshire (22 lodges), though nothing loath to avail itself of the benefits conferred by our Schools and Benevolent Funds, is by no means liberal in the support it vouchsafes them. It has, or had, quite recently, four children in the Girls' School, six children in the Boys' School, and four male and three female annuitants on the Benevolent Institution; while, *per contra*, it gave 50 guineas to the Boys' School in 1884, and 85 guineas to the Benevolent in 1885. It may seem harsh to find fault with a Province because it receives so large a measure of support from our Institutions, yet no one will say we have exaggerated the position occupied by Lincolnshire towards our Charities, and the Province must pardon us for suggesting that it is time it turned over a new leaf by doing one of two things, either (1) by giving more freely, or (2) by taking less. Monmouthshire (8 lodges) was represented at the Boys' School in 1884, its total on the occasion being £307 13s., and in 1885, at the Benevolent and Girls' School Festivals, its list for the former amounting to £200, and for the latter to £61 8s. 6d. Norfolk (16 lodges) raised £200 for the Girls last year, and Northants and Hunts (10 lodges) over £215 for the Boys' School in 1884. Northumberland (21 lodges) figured at the Boys' Festival in 1883 for over £1200, and contributed to the same Institution close on £163 in 1885. South Wales, Eastern Division (16 lodges) gave £200 to the Girls and a like sum to the Boys in 1885, and £160 to the Girls and £200 to the Boys in 1884; while South Wales, West Division (10 lodges) raised £90 for the Benevolent in 1885, and £262 10s. for the Girls the previous year. Wilts (10 lodges) sent up Stewards at four out of the six Festivals in 1884 and 1885; while both the Channel Islands (five lodges) and Jersey (seven lodges) have given a generous support to the Benevolent on previous occasions. The Isle of Man (five lodges) is too remote for us to expect that it should figure in these Returns; but, possibly, when its Prov. Grand Lodge is organised, it may now and then send up a Steward, whose list, we need hardly assure our Manx friends, will always be most welcome. This completes the absentee list, and from the particulars we have furnished, it will be evident that in nearly every case the Provinces which figure in it are not unmindful of the duty they owe to our Charities.

The list of represented Provinces begins well.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Has never hitherto had the opportunity of figuring in these returns as a Province, though on more than one occasion we have taken the liberty of pointing out that an occasional contribution from one or more of its five lodges would be very welcome. However, it has lost no time in entering an appearance since receiving a provincial organisation, Bro. R. B. Stafford, of the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, Bedford, handing in a list of £53 12s. This is a neat little beginning, and Col. Stuart, the P.G.M., must be gratified at finding that the lodge which bears his name has set so excellent an example to its sister lodges. We have little doubt the latter will sooner or latter take a leaf out of the book of the Stuart Lodge.

Four of the 21 lodges in

BERKS AND BUCKS

Figure in the Returns for Wednesday, the lodges represented being Nos. 209 (Windsor), 948 (Linslade), 1101 (Reading), and 1770 (Faringdon), the sum of their lists being £159 11s. 6d. Last year it distributed close on £600 among the three Institutions (R.M.B.I., £207; R.M.I.G., £242; and R.M.I.B., £149), while in 1884 it raised £464, each of the Charities being in turn assisted, though the Benevolent Institution had the lion's share (£233). Considering the Province is not, Masonically, a strong one, there can be no doubt about the loyalty of our Berks and Bucks friends.

BRISTOL,

With its eight lodges, does good service every now and then, the Institution which finds most favour with the brethren being the R.M.B.I., to which it contributed £217 in 1883, £293 in 1884, and nearly £60 last year, when the Boys' School also received a sum of £115. On Wednesday Bro. P. Harris, for the whole Province, and Bro. W. Purnell, who was Steward at each of the four Festivals we have specified, handed in together £318 10s., Bro. Harris being responsible for £300 5s., and Bro. Purnell for the balance. This gives a total thus far for the last four years of over £1000, and an average per year of £250.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Now has six lodges, and seems resolved on figuring in the returns regularly at one at least of our anniversary celebrations. The Girls' School had the benefit of its support in 1883, when a total was forthcoming of £128. In 1884 the Wood Green Institution had its turn to the extent of £174, and in 1885 the Benevolent received over £106. On Wednesday the two Stewards, Bros. Papworth and Welchman, made up a total of £143. The lists at these several Festivals amount together to £551, and there is the chance of its being very appreciably increased before the year is out.

The returns from

CHESHIRE,

Considering it has as many as 38 lodges on its roll, are seldom formidable, but as we have stated times out of number, it has an Educational Institute of its own, nor can we blame our Cheshire brethren for recognising the truth of the old saying that "Charity begins at home." Its own people

have undoubtedly the first claim on its support, and it is comforting to know that, when this claim has been met, there is still something left for distribution among the general Charities. The "something" on Wednesday amounted to £148 6s. three of the 38 lodges being represented by five Stewards. Last year the Old People received close on £245, the Girls' £106, and the Boys' £36 15s., while the year previous the Old People had £126, the Girls' close on £56, and the Boys' £498. We have seen less satisfactory records than this, even where there has been no local Charity.

CORNWALL,

Thanks to the zeal of some of its brethren, well maintains its reputation as a constant upholder of our Charities. Last year Bro. Charles Truscott raised £200 for the Benevolent and £210 for the Girls' Institution. In 1884 Controller Bake did duty as Steward at each of the Festivals, the sum total of his three lists being not very far short of £100, while at the Boys' Festival for 1883 the same brother with Bro. Capt. Colville made up returns together to nearly £130. On Wednesday Bro. Bake handed in a very serviceable £141 15s., and before the year is out we may hope to receive further good news from the same Province.

DERBYSHIRE,

With 21 lodges, after its successful effort in June last, when it raised over £1546 for the Boys' School—its Prov. Grand Master, the Marquis of Hartington, being the Chairman on the occasion—might fairly have claimed a rest. However, Bro. Harrison appears to have thought otherwise, and no one, least of all Bro. Terry, will blame him for taking so cheerful a view of the circumstances, and making up so respectable a total as 60 guineas. In 1884 the Girls received £356, and the Boys £94 10s.; in 1883, the Province distributed close on £360, of which the Boys School received £238 17s.; and, in 1882, the total for the three Festivals was £600.

There are 50 lodges in

DEVONSHIRE,

And, at first sight, a total of only 150 guineas would seem to be unworthy of so considerable a Province. But at the Boys' Festival, in June last, the two Devon Stewards, Bros. J. E. Curteis and J. Bradford, together raised £289; and, in the February previous, worthy Bro. John Lane did duty for Devon to the extent of £135. In 1884, the part it played was a small one, but in 1883 and 1882 it raised £595 and £565 respectively, so that the record, if unequally distributed, is a good one notwithstanding.

Contiguous

DORSETSHIRE,

With its smaller array of 13 lodges, figured on Wednesday for £180 10s., of which all but 10 guineas appeared on Bro. E. T. Budden's list, as the representative of the Province. In June last Bro. W. Douglas Dugdale, acting for the general body of Dorset Masons, made up a total of £68 5s., while in May, Bro. Baskett gave in a list of £96 12s. for the Girls' School. In 1884 the Province was unrepresented, but, in 1883, it figured at the Boys' Festival for over £142, and for lesser amounts at the Festivals of the other Charities.

DURHAM

Has 31 lodges, and was represented at the Benevolent and Boys' Festivals last year, the amount on the former occasion being £120 15s., and on the latter £105. In 1884 all three Institutions were benefited, the Old People receiving £121 16s., the Girls' School £120, and the Boys' School, £210, making an aggregate for the year of £451 16s. Its aggregate for 1883 was, in round figures, £265; in 1882, £412; and in 1881, £1024. On Wednesday Bro. Hans B. Olsen, who is no novice as a Steward, handed in a list of £105.

ESSEX

Is as impartial as it is generous in the distribution of its funds, and never a Festival passes but some of its 24 lodges are represented more or less conspicuously. In June last it raised £253 for the Boys; in May, £86 for the Girls; and in February, over £456 for the Old People, or a total for the year of £795. On Wednesday its four Stewards, of whom the veteran Bro. R. Clowes was one, made up a total of £115 5s. 6d.

The next in order is

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

A compact and well-organised Province with 14 lodges on its roll. Its contribution on Wednesday was £39 18s., of which all but five guineas figured on Bro. Vassar-Smith's list. This is, no doubt, but a modest return, but in February of last year when its chief, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., so eloquently pleaded the cause of our Old People, the Province responded with the grand total of £1210. In 1884 the Girls' School received close on £418, minor sums being appropriated to the other Charities, while in 1883 the Boys' School benefited to the extent of £601, the Girls' School receiving some £36, and the R.M.B.I. £214. In 1883 the three Institutions had some £548 divided amongst them, and in 1881 the Province raised £1547, of which £1000 was given to the Girls' School: all which confirms the good opinion universally held of this admirable Province.

Another of our country districts which is invariably represented to good purpose at these celebrations is the Province of

HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

It has 42 lodges, and what is matter for satisfaction, a number of brethren in its ranks who are always ready to undertake the onerous duties of Steward. Thus Hants and the Isle of Wight may be reckoned to contribute a few hundreds annually towards the support of each Institution, the figures on Wednesday, when three of its lodges were represented by as many brethren, being £141. In June last it gave £234 to the Boys, in May £277 to the Girls, and in February £550 to the Old People; total for 1885, £1061. In 1884 it raised £512 (Boys), £295 (Girls), and £373 (Benevolent), altogether £1180, while in 1883—and we need not go further back to prove the accuracy of our statement—its total was £1832.

HERTFORDSHIRE,

Since it was christened a few years since "Little Herts," has increased somewhat in respect of the number of its lodges, there being now 14 on its roll, but its zeal for the cause of our Charities exhibits the old vitality. On Wednesday it sent up nine Stewards, of whom eight represented as many lodges, and the ninth the chapter attached to one of them, the total of their lists being £277 3s. 6d. In 1885 it raised £411, of which £322 passed into the coffers of the Benevolent, and in 1884, £470, £362 of which the same Institution was the fortunate recipient. The preference shown to the Old People is not surprising if we remember that Bro. Terry is a Herts brother by affiliation, and both a Past and Present Grand Officer of the Province.

There is no doubt one of the main props of our Institutions is the county of

KENT.

It is strong, numerically, and its zeal in the performance of works of Charity is more than commensurate with its strength. It has on its roll upwards of 50 lodges, and there is rarely a Festival at which it does not lend substantial aid. On Wednesday it secured the premier place among the provincial contributions, its total being £864 1s. 6d. The heaviest list was that of Bro. A. Spencer, the Provincial Grand Secretary, who, as the representative of the Province, succeeded in making up a total of £365. The United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, per Bro. Horatio Ward, figured well with £252 6s. In all there were nine Stewards, of whom seven acted on behalf of as many as lodges and one for a chapter, the ninth being Bro. Spencer.

LANCASHIRE, EASTERN DIVISION,

Has the longest roll of all our Provinces; but it is only on special occasions that it puts forth anything like its full strength, and then only one or two of its sister Provinces can look to furnish so bright a record. The fact is, East Lancashire has an Association of its own for the relief of local distress, and to this, very naturally, it gives the first thought, what surplus funds it may have when its local necessities have been met being bestowed with a liberal and impartial hand on our Central Charities. Several of its lodges were represented on Wednesday by nine Stewards, the aggregate of whose lists amounted to £120 15s. Last year it distributed £428 among our three Institutions; in 1884 it raised for them £1247; and in 1885 for the Boys' School alone £2100.

LANCASHIRE, WESTERN DIVISION,

Like its Eastern neighbour, gives generously on special occasions; but it may always be reckoned upon as the contributor of a few Life Governorships. Like East Lancashire, it looks first of all to its local Institutions, of which it has sundry, both for the education of its poor children and the assistance of its old people. Thus we do not find, nor do we, indeed, expect it to contribute largely, and the total of its six Stewards, acting for six lodges and a chapter, reached no more than £78 15s. But in 1885 it raised over £582—£341 for the Benevolent, £147 for the Girls, and £94 for the Boys—and in 1884 £751, of which the Girls' School received £316; the Benevolent, £246; and the Boys' School, £189. In 1883 the Boys' School had the largest share—£334—the total for the year being £813.

The home county of

MIDDLESEX

Has a stronger force of Stewards than usual, the 18 brethren who took upon themselves the responsibility of acting on its behalf hailing from 9 lodges—of which the Lebanon, No. 1326, Feltham, had as many as 8 Stewards—and 2 chapters. The result of their joint labours appeared in the shape of a grand total amounting to £514 19s. 6d., of which nearly £100 was to the credit of No. 1326. Last year's aggregate for the three Festivals was £877, and that of the year before £725, while in 1883 and 1882 it raised £616 and £1212 respectively. These are capital returns, seeing they are maintained so regularly, even for a Province of 37 lodges.

Of the 14 lodges in

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

two, Nos. 47 and 402, both hailing from the town of Nottingham, sent Stewards, the representative of the former being the veteran Bro. John Toplis, whose list amounted to £176 18s. 6d., the other return not being received as yet. Last year it supported all three Charities, raising for the Benevolent £158, for the Girls' School over £261, and for the Boys' School £127, total for the year £547. In 1884 the Benevolent and Boys' School received, the former upwards of £142 and the latter £231, or together £374, while in 1883 the Benevolent secured £190. Thus the Province raised £1111 in the triennial period to 31st December, 1885, and the outlook as regards a similar average for the current is certainly promising.

NORTH WALES,

hitherto conjoined with Shropshire, now figures for the first time as a distinct Province, and though the sum of its two Stewards' lists is under £30, we must congratulate it on having turned to account its first opportunity of assisting our Charities. We shall no doubt hear a good deal more about North Wales in the future, when it has had time to settle itself into good working form.

Two of the 10 lodges in

OXFORDSHIRE,

namely, the Alfred, No. 340, Oxford (2 Stewards), and the Thames, No. 1895, of Henley-on-Thames, were represented on Wednesday, the joint list of Bros. J. A. Acock and W. R. Bowden for the former lodge amounting to £31 3s. 6d., and the total for the Province to £46 18s. 6d. Its aggregate for 1885 was upwards of £207, and for 1884 £293. In 1883 it raised for the three Charities £270, and the year previous £305, so that taking the average of the four years 1882-3-4-5 as a criterion, the yearly figure of Oxfordshire would seem to be about £250.

SHROPSHIRE,

Like its bigger half of the old Province of North Wales and Shropshire, has lost no time in acting the part of a contributory to our Institutions. Bro. Southwell, as Steward for the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, handing in a list of £25, and as we have remarked of North Wales, we shall no doubt find our Shropshire brethren in the returns of future Festivals. We have no difficulty in asserting that their presence will always be most welcome.

The 25 lodges of

SOMERSETSHIRE

Entrusted their credit to a single Steward—Bro. W. Rice—and the choice has proved an excellent one, Bro. Rice's list totalling up to close on £167. In 1885 it raised £617 (for the Benevolent £176, for the Girls' £305, and for the Boys' £136.) Its record for 1884 was even better, the total being £640, of which the Benevolent received the lion's share—£505—the Schools sharing about evenly between them the remaining £135. In 1883, however, Bro. Binckes had the loaf—over £357—and the other two Charities had to content themselves with the crumbs, so that Somersetshire gives each Institution first a good turn and then two little ones.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Is slightly stronger as regards lodges than the preceding Province, but though it has 27 to its companion's 25, there is not much to choose between the two in the regularity and extent of the services they render. On Wednesday, Bro. W. H. Bailey, who was Steward for the Girls' and Boys' Schools last year, acted in like capacity for this Institution, the total he raised from his Province being £204 15s. In June last, he and Bro. A. G. Prince raised £238, and in May, with Bro. C. Orton, M.D., for coadjutor, the result was

£215, making with the joint list of Bros. Mount Humphries, and Graham, for the R.M.B.L. of £141 15s., a total for the year of some £695. The total for 1884 was slightly over £646.

SUFFOLK,

With its 21 lodges, has just had the misfortune to lose its popular and respected chief, R.W. Bro. Lord Waveney. Had he been still spared to us, his heart would have rejoiced at the success of his subordinates, his Prov. G. Sec., Bro. N. Tracy, handing in the substantial amount of 100 guineas as Steward for the Province, while three of the lodges raised further sums making for the whole of Suffolk £295. Last year the returns for the three Festivals together reached £690, while the year previous it gave £627. Considering Suffolk is an agricultural county, these are figures which redound immensely to its credit. Even the hard times we have had of late have not damped the ardour of our Suffolk brethren.

Seeing that our respected Bro., General Brownrigg, has undertaken it preside at the Girls' Festival in May next, it would have surprised no one of

SURREY

had been unrepresented on Wednesday, but the zeal of a good Province like this is amazing, and four of its 30 lodges sent up Stewards, the very comfortable total of £148 11s. representing the outcome of their labours. Bro. Terry will the more highly appreciate this contribution, as the claims of the Girls' School, under the circumstances we have stated, are pre-eminent for the current year.

SUSSEX,

having regard to what it did for the Girls' School in May last, when its late lamented Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., was in the chair, might also have ranged itself among the absentees, its total of £1850 on that occasion having been no doubt a somewhat exhaustive one. However, it figured moderately at the Boys' Festival the following June, when one of its 25 lodges, per Bro. E. Broadbridge, sent up a list amounting to 70 guineas, and, on Wednesday, two lodges—the Derwent, No. 40, Hastings, and the Royal Brunswick, No. 732, Brighton, between them raised £122 10s., Bro. Russell for the former figuring for £70, and Bro. Bennett with £52 10s. for the latter.

As regards

WARWICKSHIRE,

with its 30 lodges, only one—the Rectitude, No. 502, of Rugby—appears in the Returns for Wednesday, the total being £21 15s. It is possible the Province may have been holding itself in reserve for a contingency, which, however, has not been realised, but only in this way can we account for the contributions being on so limited a scale. There is, of course, a good deal of very serious depression in trade in the great hardware county, but the same unfortunate state of things prevails elsewhere. However, let us hope that some of the Birmingham lodges and the Province generally will make a point of helping the Schools—one or both, but the latter for choice—when their respective anniversaries come round.

WORCESTERSHIRE,

unlike its more powerful neighbour of Warwickshire, makes a brave appearance, four of its twelve lodges being represented by as many Stewards, Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., being one of them, and there are two others apparently unattached, Bros. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M., and W. B. Williamson. The total of the six lists is £271 13s., Bro. Sir E. Lechmere's being £171 18s. Last year it raised £396, and the year before about £426. Well done, Worcestershire!

There now remain only the two Yorkshires, and of these

YORKSHIRE—NORTH AND EAST,

was represented by its senior lodge, the Humber, No. 57, Hull, but Bro. J. Walton's list has not yet been returned. In June last it raised over £181 for the Boys; in May £150 for the Girls; and in February within a fraction of £204 for the Benevolent; total for the year £535. In 1884 its total was £559, and in 1883 it showed to even greater advantage, the sum of the three contributions being £920, of which all but some £46 fell to the share of the Boy's School.

As for its neighbour

WEST YORKSHIRE,

the third of our Provinces in point of strength, its 22 Stewards on Wednesday raised amongst them £735, which consorts far better with the character for generosity which the Province enjoys than the more modest £144 which fell to the lot of this Institution in February of last year. However, the Girls in the May following received £1608, including the Sir H. Edwards Presentation of 1000 guineas (£1050), and the Boys in June were gladdened with some £356, so that the Province, if it began 1885 on a lower scale than usual, upheld its fame subsequently, and on Wednesday redeemed its shortcoming as regards this Institution with the considerable sum already mentioned.

REVIEW.

FIRST NOTICE.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. Vol. V. By ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.S.D. London: Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate-hill, E.C. 1886.

A glance at the Contents Table of this further volume of Bro. Gould's great work will serve to show how vast is the area of which it treats. England from the Union, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, &c., all receive their due share of attention, while the origin and merits, or otherwise, of the different Masonic or quasi-Masonic systems which at different epochs since the beginning of last century have sprung into existence and established, or by their votaries are held to have established a claim or claims to be regarded as part and parcel of our ancient Craft, are considered and discussed at reasonable length and with the most praiseworthy impartiality. Yet nowhere in the progress of his work is Bro. Gould seen to greater advantage. The task of compressing immense masses of detail within manageable compass has been most successfully accomplished. Nothing seems to have been introduced to which a proper influence is not assignable, nothing overlooked which by any possibility could have changed or modified the opinions he has felt justified in laying down. Different readers, as they study the successive chapters in this volume, will in all likelihood suggest that greater prominence might have been given to certain events, and that to certain others there might have devoted a less anxious scrutiny, if, indeed, it might not have been better to pass them by unnoticed altogether. Yet as each chapter is carefully weighed as a whole, we imagine those proverbially

better thoughts which follow a first and oftentimes hastily formed impression will decide that the pictures presented by the author are complete in all essentials, the several parts of each in their several degrees of importance harmonising admirably with one another, while, as a rule, each is characterised by a most scrupulous regard for accuracy.

In the opening chapter of the volume, which is the 21st of the History, is traced the progress of the Craft in England from the Union till now. The space occupied is some 27 pages, the period traversed just 62 years, yet the story is told far more effectually than if it had been extended through half the volume, and at the end the reader understands clearly and fully how and why it is, and under whose auspices, our Society has attained its present condition of prosperity. The Union of the rival Grand Lodges having been effected, the main object of those who brought it about was to render it as nearly as possible indissoluble, and an account of the steps taken to this end, and by whom, is the author's first care. The nature of these steps is pretty well known to our readers, nor need we occupy their time with an account of the work done by the several administrative boards that were established, or the important duties entrusted to the Lodge of Reconciliation in consummating the Union, and establishing a virtual uniformity of work. But the leading part played by certain prominent "Atholl" brethren, and the salutary influence they exercised in the counsels of the United Grand Lodge are not, perhaps, so generally known, and for this very important reason, that their work and influence have never heretofore received, that we are aware of, that just measure of appreciation to which they are certainly entitled, and which Bro. Gould now, for the first time, so generously bestows upon them. These "Atholl" brethren were Bros. James Perry, James Agar, and Thomas Harper, all three of them Past Deputy Grand Masters, and, as such, not only Masons of the highest repute, but likewise possessing, each one, a rare experience of the necessities of Masonic government. Preston's account of the Union reads almost as if it had been the work of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex and the Earl of Moira, the carrying out of the minor details being all that was left to the lesser luminaries in the former Grand Lodges. Bro. Gould is more just, and the picture he presents is, on that account, quite different from Preston's. He bestows unstinted praise, for the part he played in the great work, on the Duke of Sussex, to whom, he tells us, "is due the singular merit of cementing, as well as promoting, the Union of the two great divisions of English Freemasonry." But he is careful, also, to point out, that the Duke "was very loyally supported by the leading figures on the 'Atholl' side. These were Perry, Agar, and Harper, Past Deputy Grand Masters, who were very regular in their attendance at Grand Lodge, and at its Boards and Committees." And, having briefly described the extent of their influence among the "Ancients," he proceeds: "We may assume, then, that the example set by these worthies of acting up to the spirit as well as up to the letter of the Treaty of Union, was not thrown away upon the rank and file of their party. The most captious 'Ancient' could hardly allege that the government of the Craft was conducted on modern lines, when three former 'Atholl Deputies' were present at nearly every meeting of Grand Lodge, and which was, as often as not, presided over by one of them. Agar, moreover, was the first President of the Board of General Purposes, and among his colleagues were Perry and Harper." There is more to the same purpose, but we have quoted enough to show that our author has a just perception of the work done, and the influence exercised, by these leading "Atholl" worthies in consummating the act of union. He even suggests, and the suggestion is not improbable, that some disputes which arose during the last decade of the Duke of Sussex's administration "might have been altogether averted if the Grand Master had still had by his side such faithful and judicious counsellors" as Perry, Agar, and Harper.

Having described at some length the services rendered by the three Atholl Deputies to the Duke of Sussex in cementing the Union, Bro. Gould devotes a little space to the work achieved by the Lodge of Reconciliation, the early Constitution of the Board of General Purposes, and the brethren who had the chief hand in establishing our two famous Schools of Masonic teaching, the Stability and the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. A knowledge of these and kindred matters is almost indispensable to a right understanding of the measures adopted for the consolidation of the two Societies. Previous writers have troubled themselves very little about what, in their opinion, no doubt, were questions of subsidiary importance, but, as we have already indicated, Bro. Gould has taken a broader and juster view of the circumstances, and the student of our history may now learn, what he never could have learned from Preston and other writers, that the Union was by no means the one-sided arrangement it has been described as heretofore, and that the "Ancients" exercised a very decided influence in settling, so far as they could be settled at the time, the future destinies of our United Grand Lodge. There is only one little difficulty in which we find ourselves landed in studying the particulars of this work of organization. Peter Gilkes's death is mentioned as having taken place in December, 1833, while the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was founded in 1836, Gilkes, according to one of the versions referred to by the author, offering it "his great and most violent opposition;" while, according to the other version, to which he gives the preference, the said brother joined it "about twelve months afterwards," that is, in the course of 1837. From this it appears that Gilkes joined the Emulation Lodge of Improvement some three years after his death.

Among other events referred to are the Jewish difficulty—which occurred firstly, in 1845, and again, in 1877, between our Grand Lodge and the Berlin Grand Lodges, and the course pursued by our Grand Lodge in 1856, and subsequently with reference to the Mark Degree. In both these cases Bro. Gould is content to play the part of a mere annalist, that is, he tells us what happened, but studiously refrains from passing any opinion on the merits or otherwise of the policy that was adopted. In this we think he has shown a certain want of judgment. From the annalist we expect nothing more than a narration of facts; to the historian we look for guidance in all matters of difficulty and delicacy, and here, though an important principle was involved in both instances, we look for that guidance in vain. We are the less able to appreciate this silence, as neither of the events specified appears to us to come among the cases provided for at p. 18, "where the accuracy of the historian becomes subject to the criticism of actors in the events he recounts." Subject, however, to this one qualification we fail to see how Bro. Gould could have given us a clearer or more concise sketch of Freemasonry in this country during the 60 and odd years that have elapsed since the Union of the "Ancient" and "Modern" Grand Lodges.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Pennsylvania," "Sunday Times" (London), "Hull Packet," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "New York Dispatch," "Masonic Review," "La Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "The Freeman" (Detroit), "Allen's Indian Mail," "Canadian Craftsman," "The Evening Mail" (Toronto) "The Freemason" (Toronto).



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1886.

Reviews.

COSBURN'S DIRECTORY to Berks, Hants, Oxon, and Wilts, for 1886. The tenth year of publication. Compiled, printed, and published by Bro. GEORGE J. COSBURN, Caxton Printing Works, Market-place, Newbury.

This is an old friend, whose re-appearance at the commencement of the year is always welcome. Bro. Cosburn has contrived, as in his previous issues, to compress an immense amount of useful and necessary information into his directory; the necessary being principally of local interest connected with the many towns and hamlets in the four counties it describes, and the useful being of a general and local character relating to postal and railway arrangements, country carriers, friendly societies, charities, &c., &c. The matter is well classified, and there is abundant descriptive matter, which is sure to prove of interest to intending visitors to the most important places. Of course, the great feature is the directory proper, comprising the names and addresses of the clergy, gentry, and principal residents in about 100 places in Berks, Hants, Oxon, and Wilts, while the value of the book as a general guide is very materially enhanced by the addition of a compendium containing the results of the General Election last year. Evidently no pains have been spared in order to ensure that the information shall be as accurate as possible, and references to various parts of the directory, with a view to testing it in respect of this necessary requirement, have fully satisfied us that Bro. Cosburn has succeeded in making it trustworthy.

EAST ANGLIAN HANDBOOK, 1886. Argus Office, Norwich, and 130, Fleet-street, E.C.

This is the 27th year of publication of one of the completest and best provincial guide books that have been brought under our notice. Our experience of former issues has always been most satisfactory, and though it would be difficult to suggest any particular branches of information in which improvement upon the previous edition was possible, it appears to us that the editor and compiler, Bro. P. Soman, of the *Norwich Argus*, has somehow managed to infuse an additional amount of usefulness into the handbook for the current year. One feature stands out most prominently, namely, the various readable papers which are always to be found in this East Anglian Guide. These include, in the present volume, "East Anglian Gleanings," "A Retrospect of Norfolk Life," "The Farmer's Feathered Friends," and "Curiosities of a County History;" besides which, there is a well-written account of "A French Agricultural Show," as well as one of a "Norfolk Christmas Show." The past year is very fully reviewed in the article entitled "The Past East Anglian Year;" and this is supplemented by an "East Anglian Obituary for 1885," and seeing that the "Handbook" aims principally at excellence in its agricultural information, by what is undoubtedly both locally and generally the most valuable contribution of all, namely, the paper on "The Farming of East Anglia in 1885," by Bro. Clare Sewell Read, who is one of our great authorities on this class of subject. In short, the "East Anglian Handbook" is a model of its kind, retaining all its old characteristics and showing improved form—that is to say, where anything in the way of improvement could be introduced.

AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY. By ALBERT G. MACKAY, M.D. New and Revised Edition, with Addendum, by C. T. MCCLENACHAN, with Illustrations. Philadelphia: L. H. Everts and Co., 1884; London Agents: W. Hogg, Paternoster-row, E.C.

Bro. Mackey's work is so well known and so highly valued, that a new edition by a competent scholar is sure to meet with a welcome on both sides of the Atlantic, and especially as more than 10 years have elapsed since the former edition was issued, and the result of further and deeper researches have placed new matter within reach which was inaccessible to Bro. Mackey. The plan followed by the editor is a satisfactory one. He has disturbed nothing of what was compiled by Bro. Mackey himself. He has withdrawn the few pages of supplement which had been furnished by the latter, and which embraced such material as in the progress of so immense a work had accidentally been omitted in its proper place or plans. In lieu of this he has substituted an "Addendum" of upwards of 100 pages of entirely new matter, arranged strictly in the manner adopted in the original Encyclopædia, and furnished like it with an excellent index. Bro. McClenachan's first care, in fulfilling his self-imposed task, was to present a just memoir of Bro. Mackey, and in this he has succeeded most admirably, a sketch in which the labours of our distinguished American brother, from his birth in 1807 till his death in 1881, are clearly set forth being the result. He then devotes his attention to the work of supplementing

Bro. Mackey's labours, and here he has been able to introduce in a compressed form a vast amount of new matter gathered with judgment and most carefully, all the latest and best contributions to our history and literature. Among the brethren whom Bro. McClenachan specifies as having materially assisted by their writings in the spread of a sounder and more extensive knowledge of our history are Bros. W. J. Hughan and R. F. Gould, of both of whom he speaks briefly, but in terms of almost unqualified praise, the latter's History being again and again referred to, and drawn upon for information not elsewhere obtainable. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Bro. Rob. Morris, LL.D., and others among American brethren are mentioned for their literary labours or services to the cause of Masonic literature. There are also many new subjects, or new branches of subjects previously considered, to which due attention is given, and the manner in which the different articles are written harmonises well as regards character with Dr. Mackey's work. In short, Bro. McClenachan, when he determined upon taking editorial charge of a new edition of this "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry" ventured boldly into a field of labour which was certain to entail upon him much hard work and might bring him but little kudos. But he has achieved his purpose well, and we have much pleasure in thanking him for his work, and congratulating him on its success.



Craft Masonry.

ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE (No. 4).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last at the Freemasons' Hall. The lodge really consists of three united lodges, namely, *The Original Lodge*, No. 4, which was in existence in 1717, and therefore has no warrant, but works by immemorial constitution; *The Somerset House Lodge*, No. 279, which dates from 1762; and the *Royal Inverness Lodge*, No. 648, which was the first lodge constituted under the United Grand Lodge of England. The lodge includes among its members many distinguished brethren, among whom are Bros. Eneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., P.G.W., P.G.R.; Sir Francis Roxburgh, Q.C., P.G.R.; Dr. A. Meadows, G.D.; C. Looock Webb, Q.C., P.G.D.; C. Beaumont, P.G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D.; Ganz, P.G. Organist; besides a long list of Grand Stewards. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. West, who, after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, initiated one candidate—Mr. Stewart—into the mysteries of the First Degree. Bro. Charles Baxter Cousens, the S.W. of the lodge and W.M. elect, was then presented for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, was inducted into the chair of K.S. with the customary solemnities, the ceremony being performed by Bro. West with the precision and fluency which always characterise his work.

The officers for the ensuing year were then invested by Bro. Cousens, the new W.M., and are: Bros. Hughes, S.W.; Weldon, J.W.; Andrew, Chap.; Chynoweth, Treas.; West I.P.M., Sec.; Pollard, S.D.; John Hughes, J.D.; Hall, D.C.; H. De Stern, I.G.; Hoit, Org.; and Naylor, Stwd.

Before closing the lodge, the W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. A Past Master's jewel had been voted to Bro. West for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge for the past twelve months. The manner in which he had performed his duties reflected great credit upon him and upon the lodge. They had not had very much work to do in the lodge; but what there was could not have been better done, and it gave him much pleasure to hand Bro. West the Past Master's jewel awarded to him, for the way in which he had carried out the duties of his office.

Bro. West said, in reply, that he thanked the brethren very much for this kind expression of their feelings towards him. He knew now that the last link of responsibility had been broken, and he felt, likewise, that he had left the chair in the hands of one who, he was quite sure, would do his best to fulfil the obligations he had entered into that evening. For his own part, he hoped he had carried out what he had promised to do; at all events, he had done his duty to the best of his ability. He very much appreciated the mark of feeling that had been bestowed upon him, and he hoped he might take it to indicate that he had in a measure redeemed the promises he made. He should be happy to render the W.M. such assistance as he had himself received from the officers while he was in the chair, and for which he now returned them his thanks for the very great assistance which had enabled him to carry out the duties he had had to perform.

Bro. West then took up his position as Secretary of the lodge, in which capacity he moved that a sum of £5 5s. be voted out of the lodge funds to each of the three Masonic Charities—the Benevolent Institution, the Boys' School, and the Girls' School, to be placed on the lists of those brethren who should represent the lodge at this year's Festivals.

It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the Chaplain of the lodge, that Bro. Hughes, S.W., be elected Grand Steward for the ensuing year, a motion which was carried unanimously; and, in reply, Bro. Hughes thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had elected him, and said that he would in his new office to the best of his ability uphold the dignity of that time-honoured lodge.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together in the adjoining tavern. When the cloth had been drawn, the W.M. proceeded to propose the time-honoured, loyal, and Masonic toasts.

After the toasts to "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Grand Master," had been duly honoured, the W.M. said the next toast was to "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." After remarking on the fact that the first mentioned Grand Officers held office under the late Government, the W.M. said they were that evening honoured by the presence of a number of Grand Officers, among whom were the Grand Treasurer, the Grand

Registrar; P. Grand Standard Bearer, Bro. Col. Peters; P.G. Org., Bro. Ganz; Bro. Thomas, P.G.A.D.C. The W.M. then referred to the impressions made on him by his visits to Grand Lodge, and concluded by calling on Bro. Philbrick and Bro. Thomas to respond.

Bro. Philbrick said that, in responding for the Grand Officers, he was tempted to wish that under this leaden sky that we had all suffered under for the last fortnight in this terrible corner of the great world, he could bring before his hearers what he saw represented in an old Italian picture a while since, which represented the river of Lethe, where the lame and the maimed and the halt and the blind crawled and hobbled and were brought by officious friends to the edge of the stream. No one having energy enough on the one side to leap in, were pushed in, but, being in, forgot all the past, and emerged on the other side clothed in renewed youth and strength, and hurried away to start on a new career of manhood and beauty. Did he not wish, as a Grand Officer, that the river of Lethe flowed between all that had ever been said in response to that toast, so that he might say something which would strike his auditors as new. He would say, in answer to that time-honoured toast, how sensible the Grand Officers were of the appreciation in which their services were held. Some of them had seen what business had to be transacted at the forthcoming great meeting of the Order, and how the duties which appertained to the great Order they were proud to belong to extended from east to west—from Burmah and Madras on the one side, to Illinois and Quebec on the other. Masonry held in her grasp the old world and the new, and the cares of Masonry and the duties of Masonry and the concerns of Masonry were to be found alike in both hemispheres, and the duties which the Grand Officers had to discharge involved the care and conduct of the great cause of Masonry all over the world, in that great Empire where the sun never ceases to shine. In that circle of Masons it was superfluous to say a word to vindicate the claims which the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom had upon the Order; both had rendered to the Craft inestimable services. Of the rest of the Grand Officers he might perhaps be permitted to say that the position of the Order in the eyes of the world at large showed that the management of the ship had not been entrusted to unskilled navigators. And in this distinguished lodge, which was one of the two immemorial lodges, he was pleased to think that there were Grand Officers who were members of the lodge, and in thanking them for the compliment the lodge had just paid to the Grand Officers, he would express the hope that the coming year might be regarded as one of the years of happy years and happy augury for the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge.

Bro. Thomas also responded for "The Grand Officers." Bro. West, I.P.M., said that as he had taken the gavel into his hand the brethren would know that the next toast to be proposed was that of "The W.M." Among the many onerous duties that he had had to perform connected with his year of office he did not know of anything which had given him so much trouble as being called upon to propose that toast, because he was unable to find in a few words sufficient expression to convey all that he should like to say in behalf of the toast he had to propose. Many of those present had been in the lodge with their W.M. for a longer period than he (Bro. West) had been a member of it, and he was quite sure that one and all sincerely congratulated Bro. Cousens upon being appointed to the chair of K.S. He had once before put his hand to the plough, and had turned back, and he was one of the few who, having turned back again, had put his hand to the plough again, with the result that he was now filling the chair. He prophesied that Bro. Cousens would do his best to carry out the duties he was called upon to perform, and still more to carry them out to the satisfaction of the lodge. It was not letting them into much of a secret to tell them that Bro. Cousens had been preparing himself for the last 12 months for the duties he would have to perform during his year of office. He did not know that he need say any more than that Bro. Cousens was determined to do his duty, and it would be for the next Master at the end of the year to say that his efforts have been successful. He could, however, promise Bro. Cousens that he would receive the same forbearance that had in the past year been shown to himself.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that after what had fallen from the I.P.M. he felt diffident in responding to this toast. He had belonged to this lodge for 20 years. It appeared to him that his brethren knew his good and bad qualities better than he did himself. He hoped now that he was in the chair to keep up the dignity of that ancient lodge. It was true he had once turned back, but he had tried again, and was at last installed, and it would be his earnest endeavour to fill the chair with credit. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the good wishes and good advice that had been given him that evening.

The Worshipful Master said he had that night gained a new brother, Bro. Stewart, who had started on the first step of the ladder, and would, he hoped, continue to rise on it, not by fits and starts, but with regularity, until in a few years he arrived at the chair.

The Initiate, in reply, said that he was so young a man that he could not expect in that lodge to rise rapidly. His experience that evening had been a series of surprises. He would endeavour to do his duty, and he supposed in about 40 years he might hope to gain the chair.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," to which Col. Peters and several other brethren responded.

Bro. Col. Peters said of all the speeches which the brethren had to respond to that evening the toast with which his name had been coupled was the most difficult of all. In the presence of so many Grand Officers who were senior to himself he had been deputed to reply for the visitors there that evening, notwithstanding that there were so many much more able to do justice to this very important toast. However great the difficulty might be, it gave him great pleasure to use his best endeavours, though he might not be able to find words adequately to express his thanks. He had often found that it was far more difficult to return thanks for other people than for himself individually, and in the presence of so many distinguished visitors the difficulty that evening was greater than usual. Were there any brethren present who could find a fault with any of the evening's proceedings, whether in the lodge room or at the banquet table, they must be hard to please, for it must have been their own fault if they did not have all they desired. It was not the first time that he had partaken of the hospitality offered by the lodge, a visit to which was always a source of real pleasure. For himself and for the

other visitors he returned the lodge his warmest thanks. With regard to the work of the lodge, it was the first time he had had the pleasure of seeing Bro. West's working; but he said, and he was sure every one present would concur with him in saying, that he had never seen better working than he had witnessed that evening. He hoped that Bro. Cousens' year of office would be a great success, and, indeed, he felt certain that it would be, for his genial manner and kindly face carried with them an assurance that, while striving after happiness himself, he would also endeavour to promote the happiness of others.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was next proposed by the W.M., and very ably responded to by Bros. Devonshire and Weldon.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," and, on account of the lateness of the hour, included in this toast the other officers of the lodge.

The toast was responded to by Bro. West, in the absence of the Treasurer, and the Senior and Junior Wardens also acknowledged the compliment, after which the Tyler was summoned, and his toast concluded the proceedings of the evening.

Among the visitors present were Bros. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; G. D. Lister, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. A. Wallis, P.P.G.S.W.; W. C. Fooks, P.P.G.S.W.; Lord Headley, 10; Theodore Lumley; A. J. Norris, 569; W. de Manley Sergison, 10; Franklin Clive, 1319; H. Sutton, 231; C. M. Stephens, 14; Alex. Peebles, 905; T. Christie, 5; J. Pease, 599; John F. Carnell, P.M. 1414; R. S. Archbold, P.M. 19; R. Payne, P.M. 1328; George Hughes, 259; Lewis P. Collins, 822; John Stedman, W.M. 172; John Hodges, P.M. 1706; A. Lawrence Fryer, 1624; John S. Cousens, P.M. 227; G. H. Hopkinson, 14; H. D. Larnach, 227; and E. C. Massey.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE (No. 206).—This lodge met on the 11th inst. at Bro. Painter's, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. William Gowland occupied the chair, supported by Bros. W. H. Arber, S.W.; J. M. Rooney, J.W.; J. L. Anderson, I.P.M., Treas.; A. R. Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; A. Britton, S.D.; Wm. Steel, J.D.; E. H. Marquis, I.G.; A. W. Tobin, Stwd.; R. W. Goldie, W. S. Tipson, Barrett, and P.M.'s E. Squirrel, H. Mann Collier, J. Waters, F. Wiggins, and S. Gammon; and Gulloch, Tyler.

After the reading of the minutes, Bro. R. W. Goldie was raised to the Third Degree. Some matters of purely lodge interest were next satisfactorily disposed of, and during the discussion of which the visiting brethren courteously retired from the lodge. All business being ended, and it being an "off night," a most enjoyable hour was passed in social conversation, the toasts being briefly introduced, but most cordially received.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. E. W. Clements, D.C. 1816; F. Hitch, 453; P. C. Brewster, 528; and G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623. Bro. Squirrel, P.M., as Steward, ably attended to the creature comforts of the brethren.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when, as usual, there was a very large attendance of the members of the lodge and their guests to witness the installation of Bro. Charles R. Wickens, the S.W. of the past year, who had been unanimously elected by the brethren to fill the office of W.M. during the ensuing 12 months. Bro. M. C. Joy, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at five o'clock, and after the formal business of the reading the minutes of the last ordinary and the two emergency meetings by the Secretary, Bro. P. M. Walker, Bro. Charles R. Wickens was presented for installation, and, having conformed to the usual requirements, was obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, in presence of which Bro. Joy installed the new W.M. with the customary solemnities into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was performed with great care by Bro. Joy, who, after Bro. Wickens had been proclaimed and saluted in the three Degrees, delivered the customary addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren of the lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. M. C. Joy, I.P.M.; S. J. Humfress, S.W.; C. J. Bjorn, J.W.; J. Welford, Treas.; S. R. Walker, Sec.; W. Drew, S.D.; W. Burton, J.D.; J. W. Curtis, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., D.C.; G. Bell, A.D.C.; W. Belsham and W. Bell, Stwds.; E. J. Eaton, Org.; and W. Thomas, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed. After the closing of the lodge the brethren and their numerous guests adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was provided in first-rate style by Bro. Reeder, the proprietor of the hotel, and when the cloth had been withdrawn the W.M. addressed himself to the task of disposing of the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and the "Grand Officers," were proposed in a few words, the last being responded to by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, who said that in performing his duty, as a Past Grand Officer, of returning thanks for the compliment that had been paid to the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, he would remind them that the position of a Grand Officer was not necessarily a mere empty honorary position, but there were attached to it many duties, either connected with the practical part of Freemasonry, which might occupy a good deal of the time of devoted Masons, as well as duties of a social nature, which were incumbent on all of them. Among the duties of practical Freemasonry he might instance the Board of Benevolence, at which many Grand Officers were regular attendants. Only on the previous evening he attended that Board, when there were thirty-eight cases considered, and relief given to the amount of £1020. The Grand Officers of England included many men of great eminence, and he was proud to say, speaking of them as a body, that they were not less worthy than they were distinguished. On behalf of the Grand Officers he returned his hearty thanks for the cordiality with which this toast had been received.

Bro. Joy, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, said that he had now the pleasure—for the first time in that capacity—to propose "The Health of their esteemed W.M., Bro. Wickens, than whom no brother in the lodge was better qualified to fill the chair. Bro. Wickens had shown while

acting in the capacity of an officer under former Worshipful Masters an amount of earnestness in the cause of Freemasonry, and a measure of capacity and skill in performing the technical work of Freemasonry, which were most gratifying to those who took an interest in watching men who strove to rise to eminence by merit. From what they had seen of Bro. Wickens in the past, and from the taste of his quality which they had had that evening in his present capacity, he could not doubt that he would be distinguished among the Masters of the Westbourne Lodge. His geniality was contagious; he had the blissful tact of being happy and communicating happiness; and, at the same time, he was so well versed in the noble science that the brethren might rely upon him to conduct the affairs of the lodge with prudence and ability. It only remained for the brethren to support him loyally to ensure a most successful year of office, to the honour of the Worshipful Master, and to the credit of the Westbourne Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in replying to the toast, said that he felt it to be a very dignified position in which he had been placed. He experienced for the first time the responsibility of being at the head of a lodge, but he could assure them he fully recognised the obligations that lay upon him in that position. He could not find words to express his appreciation of their kindness in electing him unanimously to fill that honourable position. Some eight years ago he was appointed to the office of Assistant Wine Steward. He remembered that on that occasion 109 sat down to table in that very room, and his duties were consequently by no means light. Since then he had been able by the favour of successive Masters to succeed to higher office, and he hoped that his humble endeavours to do his duty in each position to which he had been called, was the reason why the brethren had elected him to the position which he now occupied. He could not fail to be impressed by the ceremony of which he had that evening been the central figure, and when he found himself in the chair, after his solemn induction, he could not but feel and realize the weight of his new responsibilities, and he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the support which they had afforded him on the occasion of his entering upon his new duties. He would, in return, pledge himself to this—that his best endeavours should be used so to exercise the privileges of his position as to enhance the comfort and pleasure of the brethren, and to make the Westbourne Lodge second to none in the Craft.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Joy." It had given him great pleasure that evening to invest Bro. Joy with the collar of I.P.M. Those who had been present in the lodge had seen how well Bro. Joy had conducted the ceremony of installation, of which he (Bro. Wickens) had had the benefit. It was now his pleasing duty to invest their esteemed I.P.M. with the handsome Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him by the brethren, and in attaching it to his breast he expressed the hope that Bro. Joy would live long to wear that mark of the brethren's esteem, which had been won by his good qualities and persevering toil.

Bro. Joy said he thanked the brethren very heartily indeed for the handsome manner in which they had received that toast. For the past seven years he had been doing his utmost for the welfare of the Westbourne Lodge, and, with that mark of honour on his breast, he felt that night that the brethren had recognised his good intentions, although he feared that his work so far as it had been done in the lodge had been but ill performed. For the assistance and support he had received during his year of office from his officers and from the other members of the lodge, but, above all, for that seal and signet of their goodwill and kindly feelings which he had now the honour to wear, he returned them his warmest and most heartfelt thanks.

Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M. and D.C., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Stephens, W.M. of the Hyde Park Lodge; Bro. Lucas, P.M. of Lion and Lamb Lodge; and several other brethren. "The Health of the Past Masters," proposed from the chair, was briefly responded to by Bro. Hesketh and Bro. Walker.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" having been proposed by the Master, was responded to by Bros. Welford, P.M., and Walker, P.M., respectively.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the other Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by the Wardens and other officers.

During the evening the W.M. proposed that a small fund should be subscribed by the members of the lodge in aid of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Unemployed. He thought this fund a very proper object for Masonic benevolence; he believed that the matter had not yet been ventilated in Masonic lodges, and he thought the Westbourne Lodge would set a good example by taking the initiative. The W.M. shortly afterwards announced that Bro. Thomas, a visitor from the Caxton Lodge, had promised a subscription of five guineas if the Westbourne Lodge would make up the sum to 20 guineas. He would be happy to put a guinea to it himself, if the brethren thought well of the movement. The donation would go to the Mansion House Fund in the name of the lodge.

The proceedings were then brought to a close with the Tyler's toast; but before the brethren separated considerable progress was made with the subscription list.

The following brethren were among the visitors present: Bros. Forman, J.W. Eclectic Lodge; Stephens, W.M. Hyde Park Lodge; Goodchild, P.M. Camden Lodge; Rev. J. Haines, Israel Lodge; Phillips, Israel Lodge; Rich, P.M. Prosperity Lodge; Thomas, Prince Frederick William Lodge; C. Hurst, Hyde Park Lodge; Dane, W.M. Phoenix Lodge; Side, I.P.M. Wharton Lodge; Lucas, P.M. Lion and Lamb Lodge; Gowick, W.M. Wharton Lodge; Walton, P.M. Bedford Lodge; Chapman, P.M. Canonbury Lodge; Thomson, J.W. Wharton Lodge; and Dancocks, W.S. Mizpah Lodge.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—This lodge met on the 18th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleetstreet. Present: Bros. Richard Kimpton, W.M.; A. R. Carter, S.W.; John Rexworthy, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chap.; Chas. Butcher, Treas.; G. S. Richnell, Sec.; Herbert J. Rolls, S.D.; G. J. Garland, J.D.; Max Treuhertz, D.C.; Robt. J. Pitt, Organist; A. G. Watkinson, Steward; George Adamson, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; W. Boldero, Chas. A. Mackrell, Wm. W. Codd, and Fredk. Cleak. Visitors: Bros. W. Day, S.W. 1949; W. Rest, P.M. 1280; Robert J. Voisey, P.M. 1903; William J. Hellyar, 1624; and Chassee, D.C. 1624.

The business of the evening consisted of one initiation, and one re-joining member. The brethren proceeded to ballot for Mr. Robt. Jno. Pitt and Bro. Wm. Wastell Codd, which proved unanimous in their favour, and the ceremony of initiation was performed in perfect style and with great satisfaction. The Secretary gave notice of motion that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the funds for the W.M.'s list, who notified his intention of serving as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was duly seconded. Subsequent to other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and the W.M. proposed "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," with which he coupled the name of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and whom he was much gratified to see present that evening.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in response, thanked the W.M. for his brief and expressive remarks, and said the Grand Officers endeavoured to uphold the Craft in all its ancient landmarks. It had been his privilege to be present on previous occasions, and he had watched the progress of the lodge from its commencement, and now rejoiced to see it in such a flourishing condition. He expressed his regret at not being able to be present at the initiation, and would have been had it not been for the fact that he was obliged to be at a meeting elsewhere, whereby he hoped to be able to save the ratepayers of London £55,000 per annum.

The Immediate Past Master then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in response, said he had experienced very great pleasure in initiating his friend, Bro. Robt. John Pitt, whom he was quite sure would be an acquisition to the lodge; and he (the W.M.) was much pleased to find such a successful gathering that night, adding that nothing on his part should be wanting to maintain the welfare of the lodge.

The toasts of "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," were severally proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, interspersed with some excellent songs and music. Bro. Pitt presided at the piano.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The installation meeting of this growing lodge took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Rev. J. W. Sturdee, W.M.; G. P. Bertini, S.W.; C. Grassi, J.W.; H. Henton, I.P.M.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.; Treas.; Ernest C. Smith, P.M., Sec.; F. Cash, J.D.; J. D. Graham, I.G.; W. Cowley, P.M., W.S.; J. Grummant, P.M., D.C.; H. Wild, Dep. D.C.; C. North, A.W.S.; E. Fry, C.S.; J. W. Rowe, Tyler; J. Lucas, R. Borrett, W. R. Waters, J. Faulkner, L. Mella, A. J. Chescoe, J. Neville, H. Woodham, C. A. Sabow, J. B. C. Rouard, G. F. Mounter, Dr. H. W. P. Makeham, Geo. Manuel, H. W. Walden, W. Avenell, and W. J. Pegram.

Visitors: Bros. E. L. P. Valerami, W.M. 1687; L. Arudjak, 1987; W. Richards, S.W. 1583; G. A. Davis, 1201; R. Mackway, 1987; G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614; Bath, P.M. 834; D. P. Rocco, 1305; Gargini, 3; Festa, P.M. 1900; Spurgin, 1305; J. Skinner, 1321; T. Recco, 134; Gayton, W.M. 1607; Delpoit, 2223; Dr. Milner, P.M. 6; P.G.S., P.G.R.; S. J. Woodward, 1614; V. Beroit, 2060; T. Read, 1420; Espande, 1826; E. J. D. Bumsted, P.M. 548; W. Bellamy, 1627; E. Ellis, 66; J. Dunn, I.G. 1622; T. A. Harding, J.W. 359; Jubal Webb, W.M. 55; Van Patten, 1601; A. Ross, 1223; and H. W. Kedgley, W.M. 1614.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report was unanimously approved. Bro. G. P. Bertini, S.W., being introduced as the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M., the anthem before the investment of officers being beautifully rendered by Bro. R. Mackway, assisted by other brethren.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows for the ensuing year: Bros. Rev. James W. A. Sturdee, I.P.M.; C. Grassi, S.W.; Fred. W. Cash, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Treas., P.G.S.B. Middx.; Ernest E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; James D. Graham, S.D.; Henry Wild, J.D.; J. H. Meyer, I.G.; William Cawley, P.M., D.C.; C. Thomas Grummant, P.M., W.S.; Charles Niven McIntre North, A.D.C.; Edmund Fry, A.W.S.; J. W. Rowe, Tyler. Bro. Thomas Grummant, P.M., then delivered the Charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in a very clear manner. A ballot having taken place for Mr. William James Pegram, and, proving unanimous, that gentleman was informed of the result, and duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. performed the ceremony of appointing and investing his officers, and also of initiation, much to the admiration of all the brethren, and having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

The brethren, to the number of 60, adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent repast was provided, and, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and honoured in good style.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said it was his privilege to do so, this time as W.M. and not as S.W. He felt sure that the brethren had in Bro. W.M. a brother of whom they would be proud, and one who would carry out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all. He worked well and hard, and his work was a credit to himself, the New Cross Lodge, and Freemasonry in general. He hoped he would be blessed with health and strength for many years to come.

The W.M., in reply, said he spoke with emotion, as he felt much the magnificent manner in which his health had been proposed by his I.P.M., and the hearty way it had been received by all. He was not much of a speaker at any time. When initiated by Bro. E. E. Smith, their Secretary, five years ago, he little thought he should so soon be in the chair. He had received much kindness from the lodge while in the different offices, and had persevered to the best of his ability. To be in the chair was a thing that any man should be proud of, and he could assure them he would make it his duty to do all he could for the benefit and welfare of the lodge, and he felt sure he could rely on the support of his officers, which were all a Master could wish.

The W.M. then said the next toast he had to propose was one of considerable importance—he meant "The Initiate." No lodge could make progress without them. They exercise a beneficial influence over the W.M. and his officers, and infuse vitality to the lodge. They had there that evening Bro. Pegram, who was a personal friend, and from what he knew of him there would be no doubt of his becoming an acquisition to Freemasonry in general, and to

the New Cross Lodge in particular. He should recommend him to attend a lodge of instruction, that in due time he might qualify himself for the position of W.M.

The Initiate, in reply, said the way in which his health had been proposed and drunk touched him greatly. He felt much pleasure in belonging to such a body of men as he saw before him, and nothing should stop him from doing all he could to become a good Mason and a credit to the lodge. He would endeavour to be a good brother also in the Craft, and attend to what the W.M. had just impressed on him.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," said he did so with great pleasure. All the brethren well knew with what zeal and ability he had pursued the duties of his office, and, as his successor, he would endeavour to follow in his footsteps and become equally competent. The brethren having cordially voted him this handsome jewel, he felt much gratification in pinning it on his breast, hoping he might be spared many, many years to wear the same as a memento of their high esteem.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he had always taken great interest in the lodge, and the jewel which he had just received from the brethren of the New Cross Lodge would always remind him of the good feelings shown to him. He trusted that the W.M. and himself would always work with the same love and harmony that had existed in the past, as they felt the same interest in the welfare of the lodge.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and, in doing so, said the toast was always one of much importance in the New Cross Lodge. They were always pleased to see many of their friends present. That evening their number equalled that of the members of the lodge, the fact of which he felt sure all were gratified, some being personal friends who had come a great distance; others they had had the pleasure of meeting before, which contributed to make their gathering more enjoyable. They had amongst them Bros. Dr. Milner, P.M. 6, P.G.S., P.G.R.; E. J. B. Bumsted, P.M. 548; Festa, P.M. 1900; Gayton, W.M. 1607; Jubal Webb, W.M. 55 (the good old Constitutional); W. H. Kedgley, W.M. 1614; Bush, P.M. 834; W. Richards, S.W. 1853; G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, Secretary to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, from which he had received much teaching; R. Mackway, who had assisted with his musical talent in the lodge, and many others whose names he must be excused naming, as time would not permit. The New Cross was pleased to see them all. He would call upon Bros. Dr. Milner, Festa, Jubal Webb, and H. W. Kedgley to respond.

Bro. Dr. Milner, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.P.S., thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which the visitors' health had been proposed, and for the hearty manner in which the brethren had responded. The visitors had received great kindness at their W.M.'s hands. The entertainment that evening was good. It was pleasant for him to see such working. Every member did his work well, which was a proof of the power of the lodge. All seemed intent on making advancement.

Bro. Festa, P.M., thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which the health of himself and that of the visitors had been drunk. When coming from London it was dark, but light had come out of the darkness, for they had seen some good working. In Masonry there was no nationality, and the W.M. had shown what perseverance would do by his success that evening. He wished him good health and strength to carry on the duties of his high office.

Bro. Jubal Webb, W.M. 55, also thanked the brethren for the kind reception the visitors had received from the New Cross Lodge, and also for the gratifying manner in which the W.M. had spoken of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, of which lodge he had the honour of being W.M. According to the old books of the lodge, the Constitutional Lodge was established in the year 1736, one hundred and fifty years ago, and that they then marched to the Fishmongers' Hall. They had never had a joining member, which very few lodges could say. Bro. E. J. D. Bumsted had just recited "The Farm Ship" and the happiness that existed on that ship. The New Cross Lodge was located in a "ship," and he would say the brethren were like the crew of "The Farm Ship,"—they pulled together, were happy, and did their work well; had a good harvest, and had invited many to take part in it, which he knew the visitors had appreciated and enjoyed.

Bro. H. W. Kedgley, W.M. 1614, thanked the W.M. for his kind invitation, and could assure him he had enjoyed the evening in every way. It was exceedingly pleasant to see him invest his officers, and also the appointment of the same. The initiation ceremony he had seldom seen done better, and in the Fourth Degree all was excellent.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," and spoke highly of their abilities and assiduity; they were entitled to the esteem of all the brethren of the lodge. He would call upon Bro. E. H. Thiellay, father of the lodge, and Bro. E. E. Smith, Treasurer, to respond. Bro. E. E. Smith had been the means of bringing new blood into the lodge, and had its interest well at heart; this was proved by the number of members he had introduced amongst them.

Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.M. and Treasurer, thanked the brethren for their sincerity shown towards him. As father of the lodge he took great interest in all its workings, and wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. E. E. Smith, P.M., Secretary, acknowledged the hearty manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk. He said it gave him great pleasure to see the prosperity of the lodge and to trace its progress. He could well remember the time when they only needed one table scarcely reaching to the bottom of the room; now there were three, and each well furnished with guests. There were now present 30 brethren of the lodge, with 30 visitors, and he hoped that next year the number would be increased to 40 brethren and 40 visitors.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge." Bro. C. Grassi, S.W., was a good hard worker, and was not surpassed by any other officer in the lodge. He could assure the brethren that he often called upon him and used his influence in getting him to attend the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, where he was a constant attendant. Bro. F. Cash, J.W., was a valuable helper. He had given him much assistance. He was also a good and proficient Mason. To the other officers of the lodge he wished to pay great compliment for their perseverance, and felt that during his year of office he would be well supported by them all. He would call on Bro. C. Grassi to respond.

Bro. C. Grassi, P.M., in replying for the officers, assured the W.M. that nothing should be wanting on their part in giving him the support he wished for.

"The Health of Bros. Wild, C. Grassi, Westhall, E. J. B. Bumsted, P.M. (this brother has recited "The Farm Ship" at every installation and many other meetings), J. R. Mackway, Ellis, Myers, and Pegrain," who had so kindly assisted with their musical talent and recitations, was proposed by the W.M., and heartily responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close, the brethren expressing themselves much delighted.

The banner of the W.M., which was manufactured by Bro. G. Kenning, was of blue silk, and bore the following inscription in silver:—"Et lux in tenebris lucet. (Light shines in darkness.) Bro. G. P. Bertini, W.M. 1886," the centre having an antique Roman lamp in bronze.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 11th inst. In consequence of the death of Bro. Shute, P.M., the lodge was in mourning. On the opening of the lodge there were present Bros. D. Ferguson, W.M.; W. Williams, I.P.M.; R. H. Rogers, S.W.; E. Austin, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M.; Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Colwill, S.D.; B. C. Helden, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; C. R. Cross, D.C.; A. Wolter, W.S.; C. H. Bull, A.W.S.; J. Williams, P.M.; J. Neilson, P.M.; L. Cornelissen, P.M.; and many other brethren, members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. D. P. Cama, W.M. 2105, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. Davis, P.M. 169; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1424; W. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1441; W. H. Baker, W.M. 2030; J. P. Allen, P.M. 1056; F. King, P.M. 1056; H. J. Alexander, P.M. 1423; P. Josey, P.M. 1828; S. Lloyd, P.M. 1201; J. E. Sheffield, 1896; H. Showler, 1460; R. Lambourne, 87; W. G. Watts, 1269; W. Stone, 957; S. Fountain, 45; H. Gilbert, 1828; P. H. Cutwell, 1345; A. Weston, 1929; and J. Whitaker, 1828.

The minutes of December meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet and Auditors' report were read and approved, when Bro. James Hollidge was passed by the W.M. to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Cantle, P.M., acting as D.C., then presented Bro. R. H. Rogers, the W.M. elect, to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. This ceremony was performed by Bro. Ferguson in a most exemplary manner, his work from beginning to end being most impressive, without a hitch or faltering for a word. After his installation, Bro. Rogers invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. D. Ferguson, I.P.M.; E. Austin, S.W.; J. B. Colwill, J.W.; E. Thurkle, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; B. C. Helden, S.D.; C. Rawley Cross, J.D.; J. Kift, I.G.; A. Wolter, D.C.; C. H. Bull, W.S.; H. A. Taylor, A.W.S.; and J. Woodstock, Tyler. On the summons there was the name of a gentleman for initiation; but a telegram was received from him, stating he was detained at Reading, and would not be able to be up in time. Before the lodge was closed, the Secretary informed the W.M. and brethren he had received communications from Bro. G. F. Williams, saying he was too unwell to be present; he also informed the brethren of the great bereavement of Bro. Head, who was prevented from being present by the death of his daughter, aged 13, and whose funeral had taken place that day. Bro. J. Williams, P.M., proposed, and Bro. E. Thurkle, P.M., seconded, that a letter of condolence be written to Bro. Head by the Secretary, expressing the sympathy of the brethren with him in his great affliction; also that a letter of condolence should be written to the widow of the late deceased Bro. Shute, P.M. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very excellent banquet was provided.

The W.M., in rising to propose the first toast, said he should give the different toasts with all earnestness, but very briefly, as long speeches were not his forte, and there was a very excellent programme of music, &c., provided, which he thought would be much more entertaining than any speeches he could make.

On the gavel being taken by Bro. Ferguson, P.M., he said he had very much pleasure in asking them to drink not only to "The Health of the W.M.," but to that of "The First Initiate in the Creaton Lodge." It was always a very great satisfaction to see a Mason work through all the Degrees to the chair, but more so when it was in the brother's mother lodge. Bro. Rogers had done so, and he congratulated him on being placed in the chair, and the lodge on having so good a brother as Master.

In reply, Bro. Rogers said he was afraid, when he thought how excellently the chair had been filled by most of the brethren who had preceded him, that he would be often found wanting; however, he would do his very best to be all Bro. Ferguson had said of him.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. as Installing Master, and the rest of the P.M.'s." With regard to the I.P.M., they all knew how well he had worked during the past year, and how well he had completed his year of office by so beautifully rendering that ceremony in which he had been the principal actor. It was a pleasure to every zealous Mason to be placed in the chair, but when it was done in so perfect a manner as it had been done by the Installing Brother that day, it was something to feel proud of. He was pleased to be the mouthpiece of the lodge, and present to him that P.M.'s jewel, and, in pinning it on his breast, he did so with the sincere wish that he might be spared for many years to wear it, and be with the brethren of the Creaton Lodge. The other P.M.'s, he was pleased to say, they were all proud of, and proud to look up to; they had all done good suit and service in the lodge, and some of them in the Craft outside the lodge. He was sorry more were not present, but death had taken some and business prevented others. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking to "The Health of the Installing Master and P.M.'s of the Creaton Lodge."

Bro. Ferguson, in responding, thanked the W.M. and the brethren very much for the honour they had conferred upon him, and it should always be his wish and endeavour to do all he possibly could to forward the interest of the lodge.

In proposing "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master said they were always pleased to have visitors amongst them, and that night they had several W.M.'s of lodges, and among them Bro. Cama, whom they knew, not only for the great good he had done for Freemasonry in general, and its Charitable Institutions in particular, but that he was the brother proposed for the office of Grand Treasurer. They could not possibly have a better man, and he hoped he would be successful. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. Cama, W.M. 2105; Baker, W.M. 2030; and Reynolds, P.M. 1441.

Bro. Cama expressed his thanks to the W.M. and brethren for their good wishes. He had always done his best to forward the principles of Freemasonry and its Charities in every way, and should continue to do so; and if the brethren thought fit to elect him as their Grand Treasurer he could assure them he would do all he possibly could to make them pleased with their selection.

Bro. W. H. Baker, after expressing his thanks, said he should do all he possibly could to support Bro. Cama for the Grand Treasurership; first, because he thought he was the proper man to be elected to that office, and secondly, because he thought the present time a most fitting one to give that high office to a brother representing the Indian Empire. This year we were to have the Colonial Exhibition, and many brethren from India and the colonies would be here, and he thought they could not do better than elect Bro. Cama to that office.

The toasts of "The Treas. and Sec." and "Officers" followed, and were replied to.

Some excellent recitations were given by Bro. Reynolds, and music by Madame Paget, and Bros. Weston, Kift, and Cantle.

RYE.—Wellington Lodge (No. 341).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cinque Ports Arms Hotel, on Thursday, the 18th inst. There were present Bros. C. Spilsted, W.M.; W. Cowlan, as I.P.M.; W. Dawes, Prov. G.S.W.; P.P.G.R., P.M., Sec.; Fras. Milsom, P.M., S.D.; J. Cole, P.M., I.G.; Kingsworth Reeve, S.W., W.M. elect; O. Lemmon, J.W.; G. Thatcher, J.D.; C. J. Fletcher, P.G.S.W.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Capt. Hennah, R.N., P.M., Sec. 40, Prov. G.D.C.; C. W. Duke, P.M. 40, P.P.G. J.D.; C. Graham, W.M. 874, Prov. G.S.D. Kent; F. H. Hallett, W.M. 40; J. J. Allison, W.M. 1842; H. Lavence, W.M. 1854; G. E. Chapman, I.P.M. 311; W. H. Russell, P.M. 49; G. W. Varly, S.W. 1854; and H. Mace, S.D. 1854.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read, put for confirmation, and confirmed. The Worshipful Master moved, and Bro. S.W. seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to forward an address of condolence and sympathy to the Dowager of the late R.V. Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. Bro. Cole then installed Bro. Reeve into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, Bro. Davis assisting and delivering the charges. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. Spilsted, I.P.M.; Wm. Dawes, Sec.; C. Lemmon, S.W.; C. J. Fletcher, J.W.; F. Milsom, P.M., S.D.; A. Skinner, J.D.; Bayley, I.G.; and Masey, Tyler. Bro. Bellingham, P.P.G.S.B., the Treas. elect, was prevented by illness from being present.

The business being ended, the lodge was closed amid the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, and an adjournment made to the excellent repast provided by the hostess, Mrs. Hatch.

Besides the usual toasts, the toast "To the Memory of the R.V. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., late Prov. G.M.," proposed by command of the W.M. by Bro. Davis, was drunk with all honours, and in solemn silence.

A very pleasant evening was spent, the musical portion being greatly enhanced by the presence of Bro. Hallett, who ably presided at the piano, and by Bro. Russell, who contributed several of his well-known excellent songs. The lodge and brethren were, of course, in full mourning.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The festival of St. John was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, when Bro. R. H. Brannon was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Prov. G. Master, W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., had accepted an invitation for himself and Prov. Grand Officers to attend on the occasion, the hon. brother promising to perform the ceremony of installation, but, at the last moment, he found his duties at the House of Commons on the re-assembling of Parliament would prevent his attendance, and he telegraphed accordingly. The duty of installation was undertaken at this short notice by the D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Le Feuvre, the Board of Installed Masters being composed of the following: W. Bros. S. Clarke, W.M. 130; S. Wheeler, P.M. 151, P.G.J.D.; J. Robertson, 130, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. Cross, 359, P.G. S.B.; W. Horton, P.P.G.P.; T. Walton, 1780, P.G. A.D.C.; C. S. Ward, P.M. 694, P.G.A.D.C.; R. R. L. Rosomon, P.M. 1461, P.G.J.D.; Rev. G. H. Elers, P.M. 319, P.G. Chap.; H. Coles (Mayor of Southampton), P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gieve, P.M. 1069, P.G.D.C.; G. Naylor, P.G. Stwd.; W. Gunnell, P.G.S. Wks.; J. Bell, P.M., P.G.J.W. Essex; E. T. Gayton, W. Furber, H. P. Aslatt, E. T. Howell, J. Lemon, H. Lashmore, J. D. Barford, G. J. Tilling, Algar, W.M. 1780; Walter Bowyer, and W. Berry. The visitors also included Bros. G. R. Brannon, I.G. Albany Lodge, Newport; T. G. Dacombe, J. T. Wells, and others.

The newly-installed W.M. distributed the collars as follows: W. Bros. E. T. Gayton, I.P.M.; J. D. Barford, S.W.; G. J. Tilling, J.W.; J. Lemon, Treas.; W. Bowyer, Sec.; Bros. the Rev. S. Scott, Chap.; C. Appleford, S.D.; J. J. Francis, J.D.; Aslatt, P.M., D.C.; S. Dacombe, I.G.; and Harrington and Vare, Tylers. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded the D.P. G.M. for having performed the installation ceremonies at such short notice, and to the outgoing Master, W. Bro. Gayton, for his services during the year.

The installation banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, was presided over by the newly-installed Master, and there was an exceptionally numerous attendance.

Amongst the respondents to the toast of "The Visitors" was W. Bro. Bell, brother of the late Rev. L'Argent Bell, who would have filled the chair of the lodge last year but for his untimely death in his parish church on the evening of Christmas Day, 1884, just after he had come down from the belfrey, where he had been assisting in ringing a peal. Bro. Bell said he could not, under circumstances well remembered, face the lodge as he had wished to do last year, but he had great pleasure in at last coming down and joining those with whom his late brother had been associated in Masonry.

The usual toasts were given.

GATESHEAD.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst. The lodge having been duly opened by Bro. J. C. Lawson, W.M., Bro. J. E. Reid, S.W., was duly obligated and installed by Bro. R. W. Cummins, P.M., Treas., in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. then

invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. C. Lawson, I.P.M.; W. D. Gillies, S.W.; J. G. Greener, J.W.; R. W. Cummins, P.M.; P.P.G.P. Northumberland, Treas.; T. A. Moffitt, Sec.; G. N. Patterson, S.D.; T. Short, J.D.; T. S. Wraith, P.M., P.G. Swd. Br., D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. Nixon, I.G.; and J. Curry, Tyler.

Among the visitors were Bros. G. Robson, I.P.M. 240; T. Blenkinsop, P.M. 541; Stephen Gilham, S.D. 541; W. M. Lyon, S.W. 406, P.G. Std. Br. Northumberland; W. Simpson, 1676; T. Spedding, J.D. 1643; and R. Brason, 48.

Masonic labour having ended, the brethren adjourned to Bro. T. Pearson's, where a most excellent repast was served, after which the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge (No. 779).—The regular meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., had especial interest connected with it, as on that occasion the brethren of the lodge gave to their R.W. Bro. the Earl Ferrers, P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland, a very handsome silver salver, as a wedding present. The lodge was opened in ample form. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. E. Bullen, W.M., who was supported by the R.W. and the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl Ferrers, P.G.M.; Bro. W. A. Musson, I.P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; Rev. John Denton (vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch), P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; E. F. Mammatt, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. S. Allen, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; John Hassall, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; George Bullen, P.M. 432; E. Simpkin, S.W.; F. G. Boden, J.W.; Francis Charrington, the Hon. Paulyn Abney Hastings, C. R. Williams, M.D., J.D.; Thomas Jesson, I.G.; C. D. R. G. W. Pringle, and others.

The P.G.M. having, at the direction of the D.C., been duly saluted, and his lordship having acknowledged the salutation, the routine business of the lodge was duly performed, including the initiation of Mr. I. D. Orchard, and certain arrangements connected with the Masonic Hall. The W.M. then requested Bro. the Rev. John Denton, as Senior Past Master of the lodge, to make a presentation from the brethren of the lodge to the Earl Ferrers, the P.G.M. Bro. Denton, in obedience to the W.M., rose and expressed, in the first place, the pleasure he and the brethren felt at having Lord Ferrers with them. Bro. Denton assured him—their Provincial Grand Master—how sensible they were of the kindness and brotherly feelings he had ever shown towards the Ashby Lodge, the lodge in which his lordship was initiated, in which he had borne office, and of which he had been W.M., and of which his lordship's father was the founder. After other remarks, Bro. Denton said Lord Ferrers knew that whatever affected him for good, was gratifying to the brethren of his lodge, and in their name he begged to convey to Lady Ferrers and himself their "Hearty good wishes" on their marriage. In conclusion, Bro. Denton said, that the brethren wished to perpetuate in some way their good feeling towards the countess and his lordship, and so he had been commissioned, in their name, to beg his acceptance of a wedding present, which he then presented to his lordship. The wedding presentation consisted of a silver salver, of handsome design, which, together with the arms of the Earl Ferrers, and the Masonic emblem of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, bore this inscription, which, before presenting it, Bro. Denton read: "Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Presented with all good wishes by members of his mother lodge to their R.W. Bro. Sewallis Edward, 10th Earl Ferrers, P.M. 779, P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland, on his marriage with the Lady Ina Maud White. October, 1885."

Bro. the Earl Ferrers, P.G.M., having accepted the presentation, rose and, in very feeling terms, acknowledged the gift, and thanked the brethren exceedingly for their kindness, and the way it had been manifested. Lord Ferrers assured them that this silver salver thus presented would be highly prized by Lady Ferrers and himself, not only for its beauty and intrinsic value, but also as showing the fraternal feelings of regard which existed between the members of his mother lodge and himself. The Earl added that he was very much obliged to Bro. Denton for the terms in which he had made the presentation, and to the brethren for the cordial way they had endorsed what Bro. Denton had said. The P.G.M. assured them that he should always take a deep interest in all that concerned the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, and would in every way promote its welfare, and he added how much pleased he was with the admirable working of the lodge, and highly commended the manner in which the ceremony of initiation had been performed that evening. His lordship concluded his address, which was frequently applauded, by again heartily thanking the brethren for their kind present, and wishing them every prosperity.

When the other business of the evening was concluded, the usual enquiries having been made, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards met at the Queen's Head Hotel for refreshment, supplied by Bro. Boden, as host, and ably presided over by the W.M., Bro. E. Bullen.

WESTON.—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).—A lodge of emergency was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., for the purpose of passing Bro. Ernest J. Mills to the Second Degree, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. Knight, W.M.; W. H. Young, S.W.; G. H. Bartlett, J.W.; F. W. Dingle, I.P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., Treas.; T. R. Gill, acting Sec.; Lawson Howes, P.M., D.C.; R. Bull, S.D.; J. Banks, acting J.D.; A. Wadoux, I.G.; W. Sparrow, P.M., Org.; G. Strange and W. Gayner, Stwds.; and S. Bigwood, Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. E. L. Hill, T. S. Keene, J. Stuckey, and F. Glover; also Bros. Toleman, Davis, Greene, Cross, Fisher, Hayward, Greenman, Loveless, and Mills. Visitors: Bros. T. G. Brown and C. J. Baldwin, 41.

The summons convening the meeting was read, and Bro. E. J. Mills was presented for examination, and he having passed this examination in a highly creditable manner, was entrusted and sent out for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Mills having been readmitted was regularly passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being performed in a most efficient manner by the W.M.

While the brother had left the lodge for the purpose of restoring himself to his personal comforts, the lodge was called off to refreshment, when

Bro. G. H. Bartlett, addressing the W.M., said that a very strong feeling had for some time existed amongst the members that some step should be taken to mark their recognition of the services rendered so freely to this lodge by some of the old Past Masters; that the feeling existed could not be a matter of surprise to those who had noted the assiduity of their old and respected Bros. Past Masters Moutrie, Becket, and Hill in the interest of the lodge—Bro. Moutrie, who had for so many years done yeoman service for the lodge, and in his capacity of Treasurer had even more interest for the funds of the lodge than he had for his own; Bro. Becket, who had for an almost equal length of time given his services as Secretary to the lodge (duties which only those who have had similar experience can properly estimate); and last, though not least, Bro. E. L. Hill, whose services were always available for the lodge, whether to fill the chair of W.M. for the year (as he had done upon more than one occasion), or to temporarily fill the duties of either of the subordinate offices. This feeling being in the minds of the brethren, they were also reminded that the lodge still lacked a very useful article usually found in all well-ordered lodges, viz., a loving cup. It was therefore suggested that it would be an excellent plan to present to the lodge a loving cup in honour of the three Past Masters. This suggestion was warmly adopted by the members, and he had now to ask the W.M. to accept, on behalf of the lodge, the loving cup produced, which had received a suitable inscription, and on behalf of the subscribing brethren he had only to express a hope, in which he heartily joined, that the three esteemed Past Masters might be spared for many years to participate in the use of the cup.

The cup was accepted by the Worshipful Master, who read the following inscription engraved upon it: "Royal Albert Edward Lodge, No. 906. Presented to this lodge by the members, in loving and grateful recognition of the long and valued services so freely rendered thereto by Bros. T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; C. Becket, P.M., P.P.G.S. Br. Somerset; and E. L. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.P. Somerset. February, 1886. James Knight, W.M." The W.M. explained that the movement had originated with some of the junior members, and had been thoroughly endorsed by all the older members. For himself, it met with his hearty commendation and support, and he congratulated the brethren upon the success of their efforts.

The cup having been filled, the W. Master pledged the three Past Masters, and each brother having done the same, Bros. Moutrie and Hill thanked the W.M. and brethren in suitable terms for having placed such a lasting memorial of them in the lodge.

The lodge was then recalled to labour. The working tools were given by the S.W., and the charge by the W.M., after which it was regularly closed down, the brethren present adjourning to supper as usual.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. G. R. Dawson, W.M.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 166, S.W.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., G.A.P., Sec.; L. Warren, jun., S.D.; C. F. Woosnam, J.D.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, as I.G.; G. Kitchin, Org.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; A. G. Rennison, W. H. Norman, and B. Thomas. Visitor: Bro. H. Cogill, 20.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. Rev. C. Marriott, 357, as a joining member, which proving unanimous, he was duly elected. The bye-laws of the lodge were next read, after which two candidates for initiation and two joining members were proposed, and the lodge was then closed and adjourned.

MANCHESTER.—Richmond Lodge (No. 1011).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Old Boar's Head, Corporation-street. The W.M., Bro. Chas. Turner, was in his place at the appointed time, and was assisted by Bros. W. B. Collier, S.W.; J. D. Kershaw, J.W.; S. A. A. Andrew, P.M., Sec.; S. Dawson, S.D.; P. C. Hind, J.D.; Clark Watson, I.G.; A. A. Hinde, J. Williams, and S. Bamford, Stewards; R. Caldwell, P.M., D.C.; Motterhead, P.M.; Miller, P.M.; Thompson, Roy, Booth, Ingle, R. Walker, Taylor, Priestman, Harrison, Pocklington, Lambert, and Hall. The visiting brethren included the names of Bros. Salmon, P.M.; R. Walker, W.M. 1052; Corbett, P.M. 249; and several others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Christian Spitz, who, being in attendance, was initiated according to ancient custom. Bro. W. H. Maddock having proved himself qualified had the Sublime Degree conferred upon him. The working of the whole of the ceremonies of the various Degrees were given in an excellent manner by the W.M., Bro. Turner, and the other officers of the lodge.

A ball, given by the members of this lodge, under the patronage of W. Bro. Col. Le Gendre-Starkie, P.P.G.M., was recently held, and was so successful that the W.M. expected there would be a balance on the right side.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then sat down to an excellent supper, provided by the affable hostess of the hotel, and after the removal of the cloth, patriotic and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. Songs and recitations were given by some of the brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

It may be added that any brother who visits the Richmond Lodge will not regret it, as he will be most cordially received.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst. The lodge was opened in due form in the presence of Bros. T. B. Fairclough, W.M.; J. H. Simpson, S.W.; W. Bailey, J.W.; F. H. Hare, Sec.; T. Lang, P.M., Treas.; J. Womack, J.D.; F. J. Crowther, I.G.; John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. W. Sproule, S.S.; J. Hilton, and W. Booth, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. J. Rhodes and W. H. Wilson, 1231.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been duly read and confirmed, Bro. Hilton was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. John Barker, P.M. This being all the business, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was duly closed.

HORSHAM.—Mid-Sussex Lodge (No. 1141).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the King's Head Hotel, on Monday afternoon, the 15th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Woodhams, assisted by the following officers, viz.: Bros. W. H. Sadler, I.P.M.; L. B. Henderson, J.W.; W. Lintott, Treas.; S. A. Pocock, Sec.; J. Barnett, S.D.; A. Aldridge, J.D.; C. King, I.G.; G. B. Simpson, Stwd.; and W. Randall, Tyler. The brethren of the lodge who were present also included Bros. E. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; W. L. Thomas, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Moon, P.M.; W. J. King, W. S. Fieldsend, J. G. Buttifant, W. Redman, H. L. Matcham, T. Honywood, C. Trower, P.M. 1395; F. W. Butler, R. Henwood, and E. D. Sapey. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. C. J. Corder, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 271; J. Thornhill, I.P.M. 503; H. H. Jordan, W.M. 851; J. O. MacCarrogher, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Morecroft Burrell, 1829; E. Collings, W.M. 56; C. H. Haine, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M. 1110; H. Kent, W.M. 315; E. Broadbridge, Prov. G. Stwd., P.M. 1636; R. Nicholson, 315; George Cole, I.P.M. 1636; and H. Langton, 271. The most important business of the meeting was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. L. B. Henderson, into the chair of office. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. C. J. Corder, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 271. The following were elected as the colleagues of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. J. Barnett, S.W.; A. Aldridge, J.W.; W. Lintott, Treas.; S. A. Pocock, Sec.; C. J. King, S.D.; G. B. Simpson, J.D.; J. G. Buttifant, Org.; H. L. Matcham, D. of C.; E. D. Sapey, I.G.; T. Honywood, Stwd.; and W. Randall, Tyler.

The retiring W.M., Bro. H. Woodhams, was presented with a P.M.'s gold jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the Dowager Lady Burrell and the family of the late Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., expressive of the sympathy of the brethren of the lodge with them in their recent bereavement.

The lodge having been formally closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The W.M., Bro. L. B. Henderson, presided, and was supported by the visitors and P.M.'s of the lodge.

The following was the toast list: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England;" "The R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.;" "The R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The W. Bro. J. Henderson Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The Installing Master, Bro. Corder;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The W.M.," responded to by Bro. L. B. Henderson; "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Rev. J. O. MacCarrogher, W. Morecroft, and Thornhill; "The P.M.'s," responded to by the I.P.M., Bro. H. Woodhams; "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. J. Barnett; "The Initiates," responded to by Bro. Butler; and the Tyler's toast, by Bro. Randall.

The various speeches were interspersed with songs, given in pleasing style by Bros. E. Broadbridge, R. Nicholson, and G. Cole, the duties of accompanist being ably carried out by Bro. J. G. Buttifant, Organist of the lodge.

MANCHESTER.—St. David's Lodge (No. 1147).—The installation of Bro. Evan Roberts took place at the Freemasons' Hall on the 18th inst. There were present Bros. Robert Chadwick, W.M.; Evan Roberts, S.W.; R. Vawser, J.W.; Ishmael Davies, P.M., Treas.; G. Kinloch, Sec.; Christopher Wren, S.D.; J. R. Warwick, J.D.; Chas. Rowland, I.G.; Thos. Gibson, P.M.; T. R. Peel, P.M.; Thos. Elliott, P.M.; J. E. Ashton, J. Taylor, J. Baird, J. H. Dalglisch, W. E. Haworth, and Robert Kay. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Burrows, P.M. 64, 430; Robt. McDowell Smith, P.M. 44, 64, P.P.G.T.; John Eaton, P.M. 66, 430; James Walker, P.G.J.W.; Thos. C. Olney, John McAdam, 381; F. A. Coop, and R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317.

After the lodge had been opened in the usual manner, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was next proceeded with, and after Bro. Evan Roberts, W.M. elect, had been formally presented to the Installing Master (Bro. Robt. Chadwick), he was, with all due rite and ceremony, and in a very able manner, inducted into the chair of K.S., and subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.M.'s on their re-entry to the lodge. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year, and invested by Bro. Thomas R. Peel, P.M.: Bros. R. Vawser, S.W.; G. Kinloch, J.W.; Ishmael Davies, P.M., Treas.; Christopher Wren, Sec.; J. R. Warwick, S.D.; Chas. Rowland, J.D.; Mark Fairweather, P.M., D.C.; John Ed. Ashton, Org.; J. Hertz Dalglisch, I.G.; Jas. Taylor and R. Kay, Stewards; and J. Sly, Tyler. The addresses were given in a most impressive manner, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Prior to the lodge closing, Bro. Ishmael Davies, P.M. and Treas., proposed that the sum of £10 be voted from the lodge funds to the East Lancashire Systematic Institution.

The brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel to celebrate the Festival of St. John. The banquet was in every respect a grand one, and embraced most of the delicacies of the season. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured after dinner, the W.M. proposing "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family."

The S.W., Bro. Vawser, proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon;" the J.W., Bro. Kintoch, proposed "The Earl of Lathom and the Rest of the Grand Officers;" after which the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, Col. Starkie;" and the S.W. followed by proposing "The Health of the V.W. Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. George Mellor, and the Rest of the Present and Past Prov. G. Officers." Bros. Robt. McDowell Smith, P. Prov. G. Treas., and others responded.

Bro. Ishmael Davies, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he had known him for many years, and had proposed him as a member of the Craft, and also initiated, passed, and raised him, and he (Bro. Davies) felt proud to know that his protégé had fulfilled every duty that had devolved upon him with satisfaction to the lodge and credit to himself, and as he had acquitted himself well in all the minor offices, he had no doubt the

brethren would feel thoroughly satisfied with him when his year of office expired. He hoped every young Mason would strive to emulate their present W.M.'s example, and eventually rise to that honourable and dignified position he now occupied.

The toast was most heartily drunk, after which Bro. J. E. Ashton, Organist, sang with great feeling "Here's to his health in a song."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he felt very proud of the position he now occupied, and thanked Bro. Davies for his kind and flattering remarks. He had found some very good friends amongst Freemasons, and especially in St. David's Lodge, whose reputation would, he trusted, in no way suffer during his Mastership.

Bro. Bellamy proposed "The Masonic Charities," and despatched most ably thereon.

Bro. R. McDowell Smith, P.P.G.T., in response, made a capital speech, and recounted an incident that had occurred at a Cheshire lodge some years back, when he was asked to propose "The Masonic Charities," the result of which was a sum of £17 10s. being collected at the table, one brother giving £10. The next year the lodge invited him again, when the brother who had given £10 the year previous gave £21.

The brethren here adjourned for coffee, and, on re-assembling,

Bro. Gibson, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and, in the course of his remarks, said that St. David's Lodge, although imagined to be a Welsh lodge, or, at any rate, a lodge in which there was a great many Welshmen, was in reality a cosmopolitan lodge, inasmuch as in it they had Welshmen, Englishmen, Irishmen, and Scotchmen. They were always pleased to see visitors amongst them, and extended the right hand of fellowship to them in all heartiness and Masonic hospitality, and trusted they would come and see the lodge during the ensuing year.

The toast was well received, and nearly all the visitors responded.

Other toasts were honoured, including "The I.P.M.," "The Installing Master," "The P.M.'s," "The Newly-Invested Officers," &c., and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Some capital songs were sung, and Bro. J. E. Ashton rendered valuable service on the harmonium in the lodge and piano at the festive board.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this lodge met on Thursday, 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., W.M.; Wm. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., as S.W.; Henry Kimm, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; R. T. Davison, M.D., as S.D.; T. J. Walder, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. T. Jordan, I.G.; Leary, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Charles Martin, J. B. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, P.M.; J. B. Foster, W. A. Raper, H. T. Simmons, T. W. Cock, M.B., Victor Baumann, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., Rev. E. R. Currie, then in feeling terms spoke of the great loss the province had sustained by the death of the late lamented R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., and moved that the Secretary, Bro. Hughes, forward a letter of sympathy from the lodge to the bereaved widow and family of the deceased, expressing the sorrow of the members. Bros. Simmons and Cock having answered the usual questions, were, on their re-admission, raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was then closed, and Bro. Baumann, having proved his efficiency, was duly passed as F.C., both ceremonies, together with charges and working tools, being given in Bro. Currie's usual able and impressive manner, after which a successful ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. T. W. Avis for initiation, and, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Red Lion Hotel on the 18th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. Spearing, W.M.; Wheatley, S.W.; Eales, J.W.; J. Jessett, P.M., P.G. S.B. Middx., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Sec.; Ransford, S.D.; E. Clarke, I.G.; Scholding, A.W.S.; Culverwell, A.D.C.; H. J. Jones, I.P.M., W.S.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middx., Hon. Member; J. Clarke, H. Robinson, Compton Trotter, Wright, Hopkins, Masters, Ballard, and others Bro. Tucker, J.W. Sunbury Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Robinson, by the W.M.'s permission, was raised by Bro. Walls. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Messrs. Bates, G. Tagg, jun., Moss, and Cronin, and, it being unanimous, they were impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., who also ably passed Bros. Trotter, Wright, and Hopkins. It having been announced that Bro. Bray, one of the early initiates of the Hemming Lodge, had died since the last meeting, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be passed to the widow and family, and that a copy should be transmitted by the Secretary to Mrs. Bray. The Secretary gave notice of motion—"That the sum of 10 guineas be taken from the lodge funds, and placed on the list of the W.M., in the name of the lodge, as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The Prov. Grand Secretary having expressed his acknowledgments to the lodge for having elected him as honorary member, and a letter of apology for non-attendance read from Bro. Raymond Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx., the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts followed, and the W.M. is to be congratulated upon the great success that attended his efforts on this his first meeting since his installation.

MANCHESTER.—Zion Lodge (No. 1798).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the lodge rooms, 71a, King-street. Present: Bros. Board, Valentine, Nathan, and Aronsberg, P.M.'s; Bros. Franks, Levi, Goldsmith, Newman, Gershon, Rosenthal, S. Frankenstein, and Rideal, Secretary. The Treasurer of the recent ball, held at the Cheetam Assembly Rooms, Manchester, under the auspices of this lodge, for the benefit of the Charities, submitted his statement of receipts and expenditure, which was duly audited and read and passed. It showed a net balance of close upon £30, and the Ball Committee resolved that the Chairman, Treas.,

and Sec. of such Committee, Bros. Board, Levi, and Rideal, should be each made a Life Member of one of the London Charities with such balance, they supplementing same with what additional sum was required to pay to guineas for each Life Governorship.

BRIGHTON.—Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Royal Pavilion. Present: Bros. Rev. W. A. Tooth, P.G. Asst. Chap., W.M.; T. Berry, S.W.; K. H. Pearce, J.W.; H. Anscombe, Sec.; J. Billingshurst, S.D.; M. Lelew, J.D.; W. C. Newsome, D.C.; J. Parsons, acting I.G.; T. Hughes, Tyler; G. S. Godfree, P.M.; W. Newsome, P.M.; S. Peters, P.M.; B. Burfield, P.A.G. Sec., I.P.M.; S. Markham, T. Bullock, D. Thompson, O. Embling, W. B. Shaw, and W. Harris. Visitor: Bro. J. P. Harker, S.W. Royal Brunswick.

The ordinary routine business was performed; Bro. W. B. Shaw was raised; and a vote of condolence with Lady Burrell and family on the death of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., late P.G. Master for Sussex, was passed.

KEYNSHAM.—St. Keyna Lodge (No. 1833).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Public Hall. Present: Bros. Alfred J. Gay, W.M.; B. L. Wyld, S.W.; James Stagg, J.W.; Wm. Roberts, Treas.; Samuel J. Lewis, Sec.; W. D. Hobkirk, S.D.; J. Mitchell, J.D.; A. G. Williams, D.C.; Charles Newell, I.G.; and J. Stoate, Tyler.

Bro. A. J. Gay, W.M., was reinstated by Bro. Wm. Roberts, P.M., assisted by P.M.'s Bros. G. O. B. Parnell and Wm. Buzzard, in the presence of about 40 brethren. The above officers were afterwards appointed and invested by the W.M. as officers for the year.

WALLINGFORD.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 1887).—The annual festival of this lodge—the anniversary of its consecration—which was celebrated for the fifth time on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, was highly interesting and eminently successful—interesting, because the chief business of the evening was the always impressive ceremony of the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, and most successful because there was not only a large muster of the brethren, but many of the number were Past Masters, and there were several visitors from a distance. The Installing Officer was Bro. J. G. Shanks, K.M., P. Prov. G.W. Devon, the senior Past Master of this lodge, who performed the ceremony in such a manner as to surround it with unusual impressiveness, the several charges being delivered with great effect. The new W.M. is Bro. W. Frampton, a very zealous Mason, who was only initiated into the Order when this lodge was founded, five years since.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Lamb Hotel, where an elegant banquet was served in first-rate style, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were interspersed with some excellent songs and recitations, so that a very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

In responding to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Forty, P.M., congratulated the lodge upon having such an expert and zealous brother as Bro. Shanks on its roll of Past Masters and Founders, and said that he had never heard the installation ceremony more ably performed, though he spoke with the experience of very many years.

It is gratifying to know that the influence of this lodge has already wrought a vast deal of good in Wallingford, where it was much needed, and we wish it all success in the future.

LEICESTER.—Lodge of the Golden Fleece (No. 2081).—The first annual festival of this flourishing lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall on the 15th inst., when there was a large gathering of the Craft to welcome the installation of the popular W.M. elect, Bro. E. P. Steeds. Amongst those present were Bros. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland; G. Toller, P.P.D.G.M., P.G.S.B. England; Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.P.G.C., Prov. G.S.; and a long list of local celebrities. The visiting brethren included Bros. H. George, P.G.D.C. Notts; J. Poland, P.P.G.J.W. Derbyshire; J. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1210, 1420, P.Z., &c.; Dr. Hargreaves, P.M. 1131; Capt. F. S. Graham-Moon, 1615; T. B. Bethell, 1630; Edgar Horne, W.M. elect 731, P.P.G.O. Derbyshire; J. C. Webb, W.M. 353; C. F. Chamberlin, 353; besides a great number of other visitors.

The spacious lodge room was quite filled, there being about 100 present, amongst whom were over 20 P.M.'s at the Board of Installed Masters. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. E. Watson, P.P.G. J.D., the retiring W.M. An excellent appeal was made by Bro. T. Macaulay, Prov. G. Charity Steward, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which resulted in £5 5s. being voted and placed on his list. The W.M. duly appointed and invested his officers, after which, in very commendable terms, he presented to the retiring W.M. a splendid jewel, which bore the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2081, to W. Bro. Edward Watson, P.M., P.P.G. J.D., as a token of regard, and in recognition of his services as first Master of the lodge, 1885-6."

The recipient, in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the kindness of the lodge.

At the conclusion of labour a most sumptuous banquet was served in the newly-fitted room connected with the building. The appearance of the saloon was rendered exceedingly chaste by the efforts of Bro. Jacobs, who by means of drapery, elegant hangings, mirrors, &c., contrived to make it assume a very pleasing aspect. In addition to the former brethren various friends of the new W.M. availed themselves of his hospitality, the menu being most complete, and the banquet excellently provided and served by the experienced Bro. Tanzer.

The guests were immensely gratified with a genuine "Old English Bill of Fare," which, adapted by the genial host, was artistically produced by Bro. Lead, S.W. Numerous apologies were forwarded from the veterans: Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; Capt. G. F. Richardson, Prov. G.J.W. (by means of a humorous telegram from Edinburgh); Israel Hart, Mayor of Leicester, and many others.

After the repast a very choice instrumental selection of music was rendered by Bros. T. A. Wykes, P.P.G.O.; W. T. Rowlatt, P.P.G.O.; H. Nicholson, flautist, and W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., Prov. G.O.; while

capital harmony was kindly supplied by Bros. T. B. Laxton, P.P.G.O.; Dr. Johnston, J. B. Fowler, and others.

Bro. James Stevens gratified the brethren by the delivery of one of his Masonic recitations—"The Level and the Square."

The entire proceedings were exceptionally enjoyable, the greatest satisfaction being expressed at the complete realisation of the great success which it was predicted would attend the gathering.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. There were present Bros. Fore, W.M.; Rowlands, S.W.; Buckeridge, J.W.; Rowlands, Treas.; Walden, Sec.; Tall, S.D.; Brady, J.D.; H. Cohen, I.G.; Hill, Preceptor; Boys, P.M.; J. D. Smith, P.M.; Bannister, Gibson, White, W. S. Harvey, and Richardson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the Second Degree. Bro. White proved his proficiency in the Second Degree by answering the questions; he was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising being rehearsed, Bro. White was the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Third Lecture was afterwards worked. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Rowlands was proposed as the Installed Master, Bro. J. D. Smith the Installing Master, and Bro. W. H. Boys as D.C., because the installation ceremony was to be rehearsed on the next Tuesday. It was proposed that a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, should be given to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of raising for the first time, he being a brother who had gained so much knowledge in so short a space of time. The W.M. had come only a very short time since from the Papuan Islands, where he had to go 400 miles to his lodge. He had obtained his knowledge in this lodge of instruction in a few months. Bro. J. Hill, Preceptor, informed the lodge that the working in future must be "emulation," and no one was to preside as W. Master unless he could work, with some measure of accuracy, the ceremony to be worked on that evening. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leicester-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. F. Chandler, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; E. F. Ferris, J.W.; Rev. M. Haines, Chaplain 255, Chap.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; O. W. Battley, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; J. Potter, I.G.; W. Middlewick, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1074; H. Purdue, P.M. 844; C. Dopson, W.M. elect 834; J. H. Taylor, H. Robinson, C. J. Morse, W. Thomas, T. Rosedale, E. C. Mulvey, A. Hardy, and Capt. H. S. Andrews. Visitors: Bros. H. Lindfield, 211; F. Haes, N.S.W.; J. Smith, 1425; J. S. Henry, 90; and E. Arbib, 96.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Mulvey and Hardy candidates respectively. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. Lindfield, Haes, Smith, Henry, and Arbib were unanimously elected members. A brother from the Ark Lodge, No. 10 (I.C.), was received from the funds of the lodge, which was supplemented by the brethren present to the amount of sixteen shillings. Votes of sympathy were passed to Bros. Stroud and Crutenden on the occasion of the illness of the sister of the former, and death of a relative of the latter. After £5 5s. had been voted to the R.M.B.I., to be placed on Bro. Captain H. S. Andrews' list, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-garden, W.C., on the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. B. Solomon, W.M.; E. L. P. Valeriani, S.W.; H. G. Marsden, J.W.; C. H. McQueen, S.D.; W. F. McQueen, J.D.; J. W. Tacon, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; E. H. Dowler, A. Clark, P.M.; C. J. Shannon, F. Dusterwald, T. A. Dickson, C. W. Richards, Frank Gulliford, B. Holeyman, 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. B. Holeyman having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. With the permission of the W.M., Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani occupied the chair as W.M., Bro. B. Solomon acting as S.W. Bro. F. Dusterwald offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put, well answered, and that brother retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. B. Solomon resumed the chair as W.M., and Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani that of S.W. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction: Bro. J. W. Tacon, 1196, proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. A. Clark, P.M.; Bro. C. W. Richards, 276, proposed by Bro. F. Dusterwald, seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith; and Bro. W. F. B. McQueen, 11, proposed by Bro. C. H. McQueen, seconded by Bro. H. G. Marsden. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani 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, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 18th inst. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.S.D. Kent. Bro. H. M. Hobbs acted as W.M. elect, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Gordon Smith, S.W.; W. G. Oates, J.W.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; A. Toulmin, S.D.; E. Morriss, J.D.; and T. Burne, I.G. The whole ceremony and charges were given in Bro. Sudlow's well known impressive manner. There were also present Bros. Fraser, Knight, Carter, Holden, Marshall, Ridpath, Barnes, and others. Bro. Sudlow (an old Preceptor of the lodge) was unanimously elected as honorary member, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness in acting as Installing Master. The lodge being closed, the third meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association was held, Bro. J. D. Langton, the Vice-President, in the chair. Sufficient money being in hand, three ballots of ten guineas each were drawn, and were won by Bros. Jansen, Ransom, and Royal. The Secretary (Bro. W. G. Oates) announced that the society now numbered 112 members.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, jun., W.M.; Hayes, S.W.; Gibson, J.W.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Stevenson, S.D.; Hume, J.D.; Vogt, I.G.; Roberts, Atkinson, Newby, Turner, Adams, Mason, and Clarkson.

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. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Turner, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Turner being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Newby was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Newby having replied, Bro. Hayes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

LEICESTER.—Union Lodge (No. 523).—At the regular monthly meeting of this old-established centre of Masonic instruction on Friday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency

of Bro. W. Duncan, 279, acting W.M., there was a large muster of officers and brethren. After confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, the Second Degree was very ably worked; subsequent to which a most interesting historical account of the two pillars at the porchway-entrance of King Solomon's Temple was given by W. Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P.G.S.W., who referred to several extracts from the volume of the Sacred Law, and very conclusively proved by those and other excerpts from the eminent Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus, that the pillar alluded to in the First Degree was placed, not on the left hand of the person about to enter the building, but at the left part of the entrance itself, so that it stood on the right hand of any visitor to the majestic edifice. The lecturer proceeded to show most satisfactorily that the other pillar, referred to in the Second Degree, was likewise in its turn placed exactly in the opposite quarter to that whence it is usually supposed to have been situated. On the motion of W. Bro. Miles J. Walker, P.P.G.J.W., a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer; and it was proposed by W. Bro. J. Young, Prov. G.D. of C., that the historical account be printed at the cost of the lodge. This was heartily agreed to, and we hope in due course to review the essay when published. It was unanimously resolved that R. W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., P.P.G.M., the "Father of Masonry" in the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, be desired (should his health permit) to preside at the annual festival of the lodge, when the Sections of the Second Lecture will be worked.

Royal Arch.

SUNDERLAND.—Chapter of Strict Benevolence (No. 97).—Installation of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.—The annual meeting of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace.

The chapter was opened in due form by Comps. H. W. Emmerson, Z.; Geo. Porteous, P.Z., Acting H.; J. G. Kirtley, J.; assisted by the following:—M.E. Comp. B. Levy, P.Z., P.G.H., Acting Prov. Grand Superintendent; Comps. R. Singleton, S.E.; J. R. Pattison, S.N.; S. Sinclair, P.S.; W. Liddell, P.Z., Treas. There were also present Comps. Sir Hedworth Williamson, E. D. Davis, P.P.G.H.; Robert Candlish, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; T. M. Watson, P.Z., P.G.A.S.; Francis Kieffer, H. Wright, Rev. D. W. James, Wm. A. O. Sutcliffe, Chas. Cobham, John Eggleston, E. Atkinson, H. B. Wright, C. W. Bain, and J. R. Nicholson. Visitors: Comps. R. Kinmond, P.Z. So, P.G.A.S.; M. Douglas, P.Z. 531, P.P.G.R.; J. R. Smart, J. 94; R. Hudson, P.Z. 531, P.G.S.E.; A. T. Munro, Z. So; John Mit-hinson, H. So; Thomas Coulson, P.Z. 240, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; John Thomas Wilson, Z. 240; James S. Wilson, P.Z. 240, P.P.G.J.; John Hudson, H. 94; R. W. Halfnight, H. So; John Potts, P.Z. 94, P.G.J.; John J. Clay, P.Z. 94, P.P.G.A.S.; Mark Frampton, P.Z. 94, P.P.G.A.S.; Thos. Henderson, P.Z. 94, P.P.G. Std. Br.; George Carter, Z. 764; H. Baumann, H. 764; Fred. Maddison, P.Z. So, P.P.G.A.S.; R. A. Luck, P.Z. 111, P.P.G.J.; H. J. Turnbull, P.Z. So, P.P.G.H.; W. H. Craven, So; W. Birch, So; James Dobson, T. G. Garrick, 94; James Hudson, So; John A. Rainbow, 94; John E. Nelson, So; Rev. R. H. Yeld, and W. Beattie.

After the minutes of the last general convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. B. Levy directed the S.E. to read to the companions the dispensation which had been granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., First G. Principal of England, empowering them to have Comp. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., installed as First Principal of the chapter. Bro. Thomas McLaren, 97 (who had previously been balloted for and elected), being in attendance, was exalted to the Degree of a R.A.M. Comp. Sir H. Williamson was then installed in the chairs of J., H., and M.E.Z., the ceremony being performed by Comp. B. Levy, the beautiful ritual being rendered in a most impressive manner. The installation of Comp. J. G. Kirtley as H. was performed by Comp. Robert Hudson, P.Z., P.G.S.E., and the installation of Comp. Joseph Robson Pattison, J., by Comp. H. J. Turnbull, P.Z., P.P.G.H. The following companions were severally invested by the First Principal as officers: Comps. R. Singleton, S.E.; T. Sharp, S.N.; J. Sinclair, P.S.; Wm. Liddell, P.Z., Treas.; and Brown, Janitor. After propositions for joining companions and exaltation had been received, the chapter was closed in due form.

A banquet afterwards took place, under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Sir H. Williamson, Z. After the toasts of "Her Majesty the Queen" and of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., First Grand Principal of England," had been proposed by the Chairman, and duly honoured,

Comp. E. D. Davis, in proposing "The Acting Grand Superintendent of Durham, Comp. B. Levy, P.G.H., and Officers of P.G. Chapter," paid a well-deserved compliment to Comp. Levy for the services he had rendered that day.

Comp. Levy responded on behalf of the Officers of P.G. Chapter, and said he felt greatly obliged for the flattering terms in which his health had been proposed, and the heartiness with which it had been received by the companions.

Comp. Levy proposed the toast of "The Newly-Installed Principals," and alluded to the length of time that the M.E.Z. had been a member of the chapter. He expressed a hope that the companions might soon have the pleasure of hearing that their highly esteemed First Principal had been appointed Grand Superintendent of the Province of Durham, which would, he felt quite confident, universal satisfaction. Comp. Kirtley, H., had proved himself a most efficient Third Principal, and shown that he had the interests of the chapter at heart. With regard to Comp. J. R. Pattison, J., who was at the present time serving a second year as W.M. of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97—the mother lodge of their chapter. The satisfaction he had given the members of the lodge augured well for his success in the chapter.

The M.E.Z., Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., in responding, said that some men were born to greatness, others had it thrust upon them. The honour that had been conferred upon him that day was not a reward for any great services he had rendered to Royal Arch Masonry; but he felt was owing entirely to the kindly feeling of the companions towards him. However, having accepted the position, he was determined to fulfil the duties appertaining thereto as far as lay in his power.

Comp. Kirtley and Pattison also responded. Comp. R. Hudson, P.G.S.E., proposed the toast of "The Past and Present Officers."

Comps. H. W. Emmerson, P.Z., and R. Singleton, S.E., responded.

The M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the Visitors."

Comp. R. A. Luck, P.Z. 111, P.P.G.J., responded on behalf of the numerous visitors present.

The proceedings terminated shortly afterwards. During the evening Comps. J. Hudson, G. Porteus, J. R. Nicholson, W. Liddell, J. Potts, F. Maddison, J. Eggleston, G. Fawse, and W. Beattie contributed to the harmony of the evening in a very excellent manner, rendering several songs and recitations.

HEREFORD.—Palladian Chapter (No. 120).—

The quarterly meeting and installation of Principals took place at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Monday, the 16th inst. There were present Comps. G. R. Godson, M.E.Z.; J. R. Smith, H.; John Marchant, J.; O. Shellard, P.Z.; J. Stower Hewett, P.Z.; Thomas Smith, P.Z.; A. S. Townsend, Chas. Rootes, E. Maddison, J. Searle, Rev. R. Evans, and J. Archer White.

The chapter was opened in the usual manner; the Principals were then installed by Comps. J. Stower Hewett and Thos. Smith. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Comps. J. R. Smith, M.E.Z.; John Marchant, H.; W. Rowe, J.; O. Shellard, Treasurer; Theo. Lane, P.Z., S.E.; Chas. Rootes, S.N.; A. S. Townsend, P.S.; Rev. R. Evans, 1st Asst. Soj.; H. Matthews, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and C. A. Stephens, Janitor.

There being no further business, the chapter was closed in peace and harmony. The companions dined together, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

SWINDON.—Wiltshire Chapter (No. 355).—

The meeting of this chapter, which is the oldest in the province, Sir Daniel Gooch having been the first Principal, was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 12th inst. Among those who attended were Comps. Geo. Pike, P.G. Soj., M.E.Z.; F. H. Goldney, H.; John Chandler, P.Z., P.P.G.H., J.; A. Plummer, P.Z., P.G.S.N., S.E.; Edwin Eyres, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg., acting S.N.; J. C. Maclean, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., acting P.S.; H. C. Tombs, P.Z., P.P.G.H., P.G.S.E.; T. Ringer, P.Z. 1533, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Kinneir, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; and E. R. Fry, Treas. The visitors were Comps. Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.Z. 1533; T. V. Toone, P.Z. 1478, P.G. Reg.; H. T. Birch, P.Z.; and R. Tarrant, P.Z.

The chapter was duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bros. Henry Kemble, S.W. 355, and W. E. V. Browne, S.D. 355, which was unanimous, and they were duly exalted by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, to the Supreme Degree of a R.A.M. The sum of £5 5s. was voted by the chapter, to be placed on the list of Comp. J. C. Maclean, P.Z. 355, P.P.G.P.S., who has undertaken the duties of Steward for the province during the present year, which was afterwards supplemented by an additional sum of £5 5s. to endow the chair of Z. Letters of apology were read by the S.E. from Comps. Earl Cowley, W. H. Long, M.P., and others, regretting their inability to be present.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned in harmony to an installation banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel; and a pleasant evening was spent.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Chapter (No. 804).—

The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, when there were present Comps. J. A. Elverston, Z.; T. Askew, H.; J. Collings, E.; H. Kimber, N.; W. Dart, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; N. Hillman, P.Z.; H. Triggs, P.Z.; J. Parnell, P.Z.; C. V. Birch, J. Price, C. Courtier, W. Bowman, and P. H. Emanuel. Visitors: Comps. J. Brickwood, J. Wilmott, Lind, Strick, Rev. Kendell, and Woodrow.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. Companion Elverston then installed the principals in a most able and impressive manner as follows:—Comps. Dart, Z.; Askew, H.; Price, J. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Comps. Hillman, Treas.; Birch, P.S.; Collings, S.E.; Smith-Parsons, S.N.; Paxton, 1st Asst. Soj.; P. H. Emanuel, 2nd Asst. Soj. After adopting the audit report a vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to the Installing Principal, Comp. Elverston for the very able manner in carrying out the duties. After Comp. Elverston returned thanks the chapter was closed in due solemn form.

The companions then adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, when a remarkable good dinner was served in the usual well-known style by Comp. Parnell.

The usual Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Askew proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Superintendent, and Officers Present and Past."

Comp. Dart, P.G. Swd. Br., responded for the present officers, and Comps. Brickwood and Wilmott for the past officers. The former congratulated Comp. Dart on being appointed to Prov. office, and thought that the Grand Superintendent had made a wise selection.

Comp. Elverston, in proposing "The Health of the First Principal," gave a retrospect of the past year, and congratulated the chapter in selecting such an energetic Mason for its head. He felt sure the Carnarvon Chapter in the ensuing year would not fail to prosper, for he had known Comp. Askew for many years and a better Mason there could not be.

Comp. Dart proposed "The Health of the Installing Principal," eulogising him as a great and shining light in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Comp. Price proposed "The Principals of So4," and Comp. Hillman responded.

Comp. Birch proposed "The Visitors," and Comps. the Rev. Kendell, Lind, and Strick responded.

Comp. Dart, in proposing "The Officers," hoped they would have energy painted on their brow, for they would have to work hard, as they would have plenty to do during the year. He hoped the Carnarvon Chapter would be second to none in the province.

Comps. Askew and Birch responded. A most pleasant evening was spent, with harmony intervening the speeches.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Chapter (No. 1250).—

The fifth anniversary of this successful chapter was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic rooms, Sankey-street, when the members mustered in strong force; there also being visitors present, including Comps. D. W. Finney, P.Z., and W. S. Hawkins, P.Z. 148. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the Comp. P. J. Edelman, P. Prov. G. Standard

Bearer, and P.Z. of chapters 148 and 1250, proceeded to install the Three Principals, viz., Comps. S. Wallhead, M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, H.; and W. H. Jenkins, J., in accordance with the ritual rites and ceremonies of the order, which was done in his usual efficient and very impressive manner.

The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. J. H. Galloway, I.P.Z.; W. Bolton, S.E.; A. G. Webster, S.N.; G. Mackay, P.S.; R. Heaton, Treas.; and T. Donville, Janitor.

The business of the chapter being concluded, the companions adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z. (Comp. S. Wallhead).

During the evening, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and which were interspersed with various songs suitable for the occasion—the same being rendered in a superior manner.

After spending a very pleasant evening, the companions duly separated in perfect harmony.

MARLBOROUGH.—Methuen Chapter (No. 1533).—

This chapter met at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Among those present were Comps. J. C. Maclean, P.Z. 355, P.G.P.S., M.E.Z.; A. Plummer, P.Z., P.G.S.N., H.; George Pike, P.G. Soj., J.; T. A. Lloyd, I.P.Z.; Brookes Hill, acting S.E.; A. Risdon, S.N.; and W. S. Bambridge, P.S. The visitors were Comps. Jno. Chandler, P.Z. 355, P.P.G.H.; R. Tarrant, P.Z. 355; E. R. Fry, Treas. 355; G. Drake; and others.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the chair of the chapter be endowed, and a sum of £10 10s. was voted to be placed on the list of Comp. J. C. Maclean, M.E.Z., who is Steward for the province for the Girls' School the present year.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the installation banquet at the Aillesbury Arms Hotel, when the usual toasts were given and duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening was spent, under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z.

KINGSTON.—Mozart Chapter (No. 1929).—

This chapter met at the Griffin Hotel on the 15th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., G. Org., M.E.Z.; T. Phillips, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., J.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Soj. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; Thomas, P.S.; E. J. Hoare, acting 1st A.S.; T. Tremere, acting 2nd A.S.; Lane, Janitor. Comp. Jolly, 1623, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Longley, 1745, who had previously been balloted for, was ably exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the H. The election of officers for the year ensuing resulted in favour of Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Lardner, H.; Walls, J.; Dr. Lott, S.E.; Thomas, S.N.; Hoare, P.S.; Lake, Treasurer; Lane, Janitor. The P.S. elect nominated Comps. Tremere and Aynsley as his Assistants. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the M.E.Z., letters from Comps. W. Lake, J. Bennett, F. Bennett, and Aynsley were read, pleading inability to attend. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The M.E.Z. gave the numerous toasts tersely, but with point and humour.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—

This prosperous lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th inst. Among those present were Bros. F. Farrington, W.M.; W. E. Farrington, S.W.; T. R. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. and Surrey, Treasurer, acting J.W.; T. O. Harding, M.O.; Prower, acting S.O.; K. Harris, acting J.O.; Codd, acting Secretary; E. A. Harris, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. A. Proudfoot, 201, and it being unanimous he was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M., by Bro. Walls. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted in favour of Bros. W. E. Farrington, T. R. Richnell, and Smith, respectively. Bro. Walls was appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. A Past Master's jewel having been voted to the W.M., and letters of apology for non-attendance read from Bros. W. Wigginton, P.M., Sec.; Dodd, J. Harris, A. Tisley, and others, the lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual routine of toasts was gone through, and a most agreeable evening spent.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—

The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The W.M., Bro. Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, Prov. G. J.W., presided, supported by Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G. J.D., S.W.; T. W. Markwick, Prov. G. Stwd., J.W.; T. H. Hallett, Prov. G. Org., M.O.; F. Duke, Prov. G. Sec., S.O.; J. B. Foord, J.O.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; John Bray, Sec.; C. S. Chandler, S.D.; Henry Kimm, J.D.; as I.G.; Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.M.M.M. Sussex, P.M.; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., D.C.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; C. H. Haine; and others.

The minutes of meeting held last November having been confirmed, and communications read, successful ballots were then taken on behalf of Bro. Edward Davis, M.M. 1184, and Bro. Henry Gloynes, M.M. 40, and both being in attendance were regularly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason in a most able manner by the W.M., Bro. Hennah. The bye-laws were then read, after which the election of Master for the ensuing year then took place, resulting in the unanimous return of Bro. Russell, S.W., and, that brother having suitably responded, Bro. F. Rüssiter, P.P.G.D.C., was re-elected Treasurer. The Audit Committee and Stewards were then elected, after which the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge, and placed on Bro. Russell's list. Other matters having been disposed of, the lodge was closed till May next, when the installation takes place.

Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., presided at the meeting, on the 19th inst., of the Royal Commission on Loss of Life at Sea.

Knights Templar.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—In the absence of the E.P., Sir Knight John Bailey, through illness, the chair was taken by Sir Knight Charles Rutter Fry, P.E.P., assisted by the officers, on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight T. M. Barron, E.P. elect, was presented by P.E.P. Sir Knight Ness to the acting E.P. for installation, Sir Knight Fry giving the ceremony most correctly and impressively. The E.P. then appointed the following officers for the year: Sir Knights S. Wilson, Constable; C. D. Hill Drury, Marshal; Wm. Logan, Expert; F. Tovey, Capt. of Guard; E. Cowper, Chamberlain; W. Hodgson, Herald; C. R. Fry, P.E.P., Treasurer; S. F. Bousfield, Registrar; and T. Prince, Outer Guard. The Very Eminent Prov. Prior, Charles James Banister, Past Grand Captain of England, was saluted, and retired under an arch of steel. "Hearty good wishes" having been proposed by the members of the Royal Kent and Mount Grace Preceptories, the preceptory was closed.

The banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of the E.P., Sir Knight T. M. Barron, supported on his right by the Prov. Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister; the Prov. Sub. Prior, Sir Knight R. A. Luck; P.E.P. Ness; Sir Knights Dr. Drury, E. Cowper, F. Toney, and others; and on his left P.E.P.'s C. R. Fry, H. Maddison, Sir Knights Logan, Hodgson, P.E.P.; S. F. Bousfield, S. Wilson, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and cordially responded to by the V.E. Prior, Sub. Prior, E. Preceptor, P.E. Preceptor, and the officers of the preceptory; and a thoroughly enjoyable, instructive, and a happy evening was spent, P.E.P. Henry Maddison giving his installation song most admirably, which was highly appreciated.

Several candidates are to be proposed at the next meeting.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).—

The chapter was opened by Ex. and Perfect Bro. Charles Rutter Fry, M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33, was received in due form, and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ex. and Perfect Bro. Bailey was elected M.W.S.; Ex. and Perfect Bro. Henry Maddison, Treas. Business of the chapter being over, it was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. C. R. Fry. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister returned thanks for the "Supreme Council," and also for his own health, also proposing "The Health of the M.W.S.," expressing himself well pleased with the admirable manner the chapter was worked. The M.W.S. returned thanks for himself and his officers, hoping that their dear friend and Ill. Bro. may be spared for many years to attend their meetings. The last toast brought a very happy evening to a close.—"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

Rosicrucian Society.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YORK COLLEGE.

The annual obligatory meeting of the members of this college took place on Saturday, the 20th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, York, which had been courteously lent for the purpose by the trustees of the Eboracum Lodge. The lodge room was admirably suited for the purpose, and its appearance was most effective when prepared for the ceremonies. The members of the college present included Frates T. B. Whytehead, Hon. IX., Chief Adept of the province; J. M. Meek, V., Suffragan; Rev. W. C. Lukis, VII.; Tudor Trevor, III., Celebrant; T. J. Wilkinson, VI., Prov. Treas.; W. H. Cowper, II., Deputy and Prov. Sec.; W. Brown, I., as Sec.; C. L. Mason, V., as P.A.; T. M. Barron, III., as S.A.; S. Middleton, IV., T.A.; C. R. Fry, III., as O.A.; J. L. Atherton, II., Conductor of Novices; Major McGachen, I., Torch Bearer; J. W. Monckman, I., Herald; Dr. Drury, I., Guardian of the Temple; and Bros. J. R. Dore, G. Althorpe, C. Palliser, F. Smith, C. Crabtree, W. Flockton, R. Craig, W. H. B. Atkinson, and others.

On the roll of members (numbering 59) being called, it was found that all had responded, save five. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. Henry Thompson, P.M. 602, and Lieut. Donald Grant, 123, and these brethren were admitted, tested, entrusted, and received into the M.C. On a scroll being taken for Celebrant, Fra. R. W. Moore, IV., was elected. A letter was read from Fra. Moore, expressing regret that severe illness prevented his attendance. Fra. J. M. Meek, V., was re-elected Treasurer of the college, and read his audited report for the past year, showing a substantial balance in hand. It was resolved that in future the transactions of the college should be published for the use of the members in the form of a quarterly journal.

Congratulatory letters and telegrams were read from several members of the Order, including Fras. W. J. Hughan, IX. (Torquay); G. P. Brockbank, Hon. IX., Chief Adept of Lancashire; J. S. Cumberland, Hon. VIII.; and others; and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at York on the 3rd Wednesday in May, when arrangements will be made for the members to visit some of the special places and objects of interest in the city. It had been announced that Fra. R. W. Moore would read a paper upon the Runic Stone in Leeds Parish Church, and in his absence Fra. T. J. Wilkinson, whose literary services to the college have been very great, volunteered to read a paper, which, however, was deferred, owing to the lateness of the evening, until the next gathering.

The CHIEF ADEPT then delivered his annual address. He said:—Fratres, on the occasion of addressing you on the sixth anniversary of the constitution of this College, and of the formation of this county of Yorkshire into a province, I must first congratulate you as members of the Rosicrucian Order upon the prosperity which has followed us in the north of England, and upon the strength and vitality which have attended our efforts

to throw about Freemasonry a flavour of something more than those qualities which usually pervade the eternal Craft. Most of us who are members of the Order have had considerable experience of Freemasonry; the bulk of the members of this College have passed through the chairs of Craft lodges, and many of us have threaded our way through other branches of the art, so that we may truly be said to be a body of tried Masons, whose only object, I trust, in meeting as Rosicrucians is to advance the study of the history of Masonry and archaeology, to promote in every possible way the intelligent consideration of our symbolism, to bring as far as possible the light of truth to bear upon our legends, and to make a daily progress in Masonic knowledge. These are, indeed, the objects for which our Society was formed. It grew—our own revived modern version—out of the desire of a few prominent Masonic students and workers to find something more in Masonry than mere ritualism and moral teaching, for excellent as are these and perfect as they are under our own teaching, yet in these progressive days we require something more than this. In the earlier days of Freemasonry, as we understand it, there was comparatively little learning. Men were satisfied with small things, and doubtless our ceremonies were regarded as of exceeding great value, simply as a medium of instruction. And I should be the last to suggest that even now they have decreased in value. The world is probably no better than it was in the days of Anderson and Desaguliers, and men stand in need of morality just as much at the end of the nineteenth century as they did at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Still, I think most thoughtful Masons will agree with me that there is great scope for more than the bare repetition of a regular code of teaching, no matter how excellent it may be. And about a society, such as that of Freemasonry, there is such abundance of material for investigation, and such a wide platform for the explorations of brethren of literary tendencies, that I do not think a society whose objects are the elucidation of the traditions and obscure origin of the ancient brotherhood needs any apologist. It has been, I am aware, alleged against us that by the assumption of the title of Rosicrucians we have attempted to draw around us a glamour of mystery which does not of right belong to us, and that the Rosicrucian Society is simply another attempt to add to the already somewhat inordinate array of Masonic degrees. I do not think that any such accusation can fairly stand good. Attempts had been made from time to time to form a Masonic Archaeological Society, but without any permanent success, and it seemed to the minds of some earnest brethren, more than one of whom is, alas! numbered with the great majority, that a better prospect of stability might be secured if a little circle could be drawn together by something more powerful than an annual subscription, and that a sort of inner bond might be formed whereby individuals might be linked together by an invisible chain which should have more powerful bands than those of any ordinary society. Then came the question of the form that this Fraternitas-in-Fraternitate should take, and, as usual in Masonic minds, a legend or historical event was sought for which could furnish the desired outline. The Rosicrucian Society seemed to present the requisite features, for, as far as we now know, this singular medieval brotherhood was banded together for the purpose of investigating the hidden mysteries of nature and science. It met but seldom. It was said to have drawn its members from every quarter of the globe, and its ostensible objects were the amelioration of the condition of mankind and the judicious communication of knowledge. Thus it has come to pass that we are met here as one section of the Rosicrucian Society of England, for the purpose of the intercommunication of knowledge, the sharing of any information we may possess, the propounding of any Masonic, archaeological, or scientific problems, and mutual assistance in the solution of the numerous "crucis" that beset the Masonic investigator on every hand. I should, perhaps, be almost justified in the assertion that we resemble the ancient Rosicrucians in another special and peculiar point. We know that in the later days, at any rate, of that renowned Society its members became the subject of much derision, in consequence of the common statement that they were in search of the Philosopher's Stone—a material which when found would, it was believed, prove the source of enormous wealth and power. Now, we are in search of our Philosopher's Stone; but we do not expect if we discover it to be rewarded by either the mines of Golconda or the power of a Nereus. The grand secret of which we are in search is the true origin and history of Freemasonry, a mystery that has so far rebuked the wisdom of some of the most learned and talented men of the past century, and which is even now apparently a very long distance from disclosure. Masonic libraries teem with histories of Freemasonry. Nearly two centuries ago brethren began to publish so-called histories, and for ages before that period there existed MS. accounts of the descent of the ancient Craft from the earliest periods of antiquity, even from the father of the human race himself. These writings, known as the "Old Charges and Constitutions," are most curious and interesting, and may be read by anybody, thanks to the published collection of them, edited by our learned Bro. Hughan, himself a member of our Rosicrucian Order. Before the formation of the Grand Lodge in London in 1717 nothing more seems to have existed in the way of written knowledge than these ancient parchment rolls, which themselves bear abundant internal evidence of having been copied by more or less learned scribes from still more ancient documents. After the organisation in London at this date numerous printed works began to make their appearance, some issued by authority, and others purporting to be betrayals and exposures of the mysteries of the Order, and so, right through the years until this present year of grace 1886, we have a series of histories of Freemasonry, most of them closely resembling one another, until we arrive at the climax of Masonic literary activity, and have before us the noble work of Bro. R. F. Gould, the fifth volume of whose magnificent history is in the hands of most of us. Bro. Gould's History is, as far as actual information is concerned, absolutely exhaustive. It is in itself an entire Masonic library, and is by far the most able work on the Craft that has yet made its appearance. But Bro. Gould has dealt with his whole subject, I think, somewhat too much from his own professional standpoint. It is the business of the legal mind to reduce to its lowest ebb of credibility every statement that is arrayed before it, and to reject as unworthy of credence everything that cannot be absolutely or irrefragably proved by facts or figures. Now, although this is a very proper frame of mind in which to

approach a mere question of right and wrong, or to regard the positive details of contemporary occurrences and circumstances, yet I scarcely think it is the best spirit in which to attack the problem of the early and unwritten history of Freemasonry. Some sceptics would reply to this suggestion that Freemasonry has no history, that it was manufactured in London in the second decade of the eighteenth century, and that there was nothing of the kind before that date. This assertion is frequently made; but it will not hold good for many reasons. In the first place, there is the diary of Ashmole taking us nearly a century further back, when the Warrington Lodge of Speculative Masons was in working existence. Then we have the minute books of the early Scotch lodges, whose story has been so well told by Bro. Lyon, the Grand Secretary of Scotland; and, lastly, we have the early minutes of the lodge at York, where it is plain that our brethren were at work before the year 1700. The suggestion that the year 1717 saw the first establishment of Freemasonry is clearly wrong, and yet before that time we have little to show in this country but the most scattered and fragmentary evidence. To my mind this is in itself ample proof that it is not written testimony that we must look for traces of our early history. Where, then, it will be asked, are we to seek? I know of nowhere more likely than in the monuments of antiquity, and the symbolic forms of them that are found in great abundance over the world's surface. But before we look to these we must divest ourselves of any notion that we shall find many of the symbols that are now so commonly used by us, and are so well known to every well-instructed member of our Craft. I am satisfied that Freemasonry as it now exists resembles in only a very small degree, and in a few leading principles, the Freemasonry of by-gone ages. I am quite prepared to grant that the revival of 1717 saw a complete remodelling of the Order. I believe with Bro. Carson, of Ohio, that up to that period Freemasonry had been essentially Christian in its teachings, and that what was known of it in England had been received from the Guilds of continental builders, which had previously died out through a process of natural decay and lack of useful objects for existence. It was, I suspect, these Guilds who learned a certain portion of the ancient Christian mysteries from their employers of the Benedictine Order, and adapted them to their own purposes. It was they who added to those mysteries the Hiramic Legend and the symbolism of the Solomonic Temple, and converted into a stone worker's allegory what had previously been an exposition of the story of the fall of mankind, the sacrificial redemption of the human race, and the doctrine of the Resurrection. The true mysteries had been handed down to the Benedictines, and preserved by them, from the early Christians, and before that date had been kept secret and inviolate from the foundation of the world by successive patriarchs and prophets, whose "schools," as they are termed in the Old Testament writings, were merely what we should term in our own phraseology lodges, or colleges, for the instruction of chosen initiates. If I am asked how all this is to be proved, I frankly admit that it cannot be demonstrated by any possible means; but, in default of any better or more probable thesis, I offer it for your consideration, feeling myself that the theory contains all the germs of possibility, and even probability. As I have said, in these days people wish to see everything reduced to an equation, and unless a statement will stand the test of an algebraical demonstration, it is rejected as unworthy of examination. This is all very well where actual facts and records are available; but in our case we stand on different ground. We look back, straining our eyes into the dim mists of antiquity, and we see nothing but faint shadows looming and flitting indistinctly in the twilight of the past. Out of this material we must form our theories at present. We have yet the existing monuments of the past to refer to; but I shall not venture on that ground to-day, but reserve some remarks on their symbolism for a future occasion. In the meantime I should like you to think over what I have said. In the space of the few remarks I have made it has been impossible to do more than put the theory to you in the barest outline; but you will see that the gist of the idea is that "Free and Accepted Masonry" is nothing more nor less than an adaptation, to meet modern cosmopolitan ideas, of the ancient Christian mysteries, and that these in their turn were a continuation of the first revealed religion of mankind. Many of you will probably not agree with me, will see impossibilities and insurmountable objections to such a theory; but, at all events, you will all give me credit for an honest and earnest desire to arouse a genuine anxiety to probe every imaginable crevice whence we may extract some ray of light to illumine the present clouded condition of the sources of our ancient history.

Some discussion took place, in which Frater Rev. W. C. LUKIS and J. R. DORE took part, and a vote of thanks was passed to Fra. T. B. Whythead for his address.

The M.C. was dissolved, and the fratres adjourned to the supper room, where they partook of high tea, under the presidency of the Celebrant, and subsequently passed a pleasant evening.

New South Wales.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO LORD CARRINGTON.

With the combined artistic talent of Bro. G. Ralph and the ingenuity of Messrs. Boore and Long, the brethren of the District Grand Lodge prepared a very handsome address for presentation to Bro. Lord Carrington on his assumption of his vice-regal position. Bro. Lord Carrington intimated that the receipt of such a token of esteem from his brethren of the mystic tie would afford him much pleasure. The address is as follows:

"To his excellency the Right Honourable Lord Carrington, a member of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the colony of New South Wales.—May it please your excellency: The members of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of the Free and Accepted Masons of New South Wales, acting under the warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland, and Scotland, fraternally desire to greet your excellency on your arrival as the administrator and representative of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to offer you our sincere and united congratulations on your appointment to the Governorship of this, the colony of New South Wales; and, though situated as we are many thousands of miles from the dear mother land, the same

sentiment of loyalty and unswerving allegiance to the British Crown will ever be found among the brethren of the mystic tie in the land in which you have been called upon to sojourn. We have the honour to subscribe with every feeling of loyal respect on behalf of our respective Constitutions, your excellency's obedient servants, John Williams, District Grand Master presiding over sixty-three lodges under the Constitution of England; and G. Sedgwick, District Grand Master presiding over forty-six lodges under the Constitution of Scotland."

The presentation took place on the 18th December last in the drawing-room of Government House. The deputation was composed of the following brethren: Bro. J. Williams, D.G.M. (E.C.); W. G. Sedgwick, D.G.M. (S.C.); A. H. Bray, D.G. Sec. (E.C.); F. A. Wright, D.D.G.M. (E.C.); Albert Chapman, D.G.J.W. (S.C.); F. B. Davidson, D.D. G.M. (S.C.); John McLachlan, D.G.S.W. (S.C.); G. Gabriel, D.G.S.W. (E.C.); and W. H. Tulloh, D.G.J.W. (E.C.) The deputation was received by his excellency, who was attired in the regalia of a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England.

The address having been read by Bro. Bray and presented by Bro. Williams,

Lord CARRINGTON said: To District Grand Master Williams, presiding over sixty-three lodges under the English Constitution, and to District Grand Master Sedgwick, presiding over forty-three lodges under the Scottish Constitution, and members of the Ancient and Accepted Masons of New South Wales. Gentlemen and brothers,—I have to return to you my most cordial thanks for your kind address of welcome. As a brother Mason, as well as Governor of this colony, I beg to acknowledge, with pride and satisfaction, the expression of your loyalty which you have delivered to me as the representative of her Majesty the Queen. I sincerely trust that the same deep allegiance may ever continue to exist between the brethren in this country and the British Throne, and that under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, New South Wales and Great Britain may ever continue to preserve the most cordial relations. In conclusion, I can assure you that my earnest endeavours will ever be directed to further the welfare of our ancient and most honourable Craft.

Bro. Williams on behalf of the English, Bro. Sedgwick on behalf of the Scottish, and Bro. Gallagher on behalf of the Irish Constitutions, each tendered the congratulations of their respective Constitutions, and the deputation retired.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER OF THE PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 222, BRAY.

The annual installation dinner of the above lodge took place at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., when over 80 brethren sat down at table. Bro. John Weldon, W.M., presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. James Adam, S.W. The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured. The toast of "The G.M. elect of Ireland, the Duke of Abercorn," was responded to by Bro. HODGES, G.J.W.; and that of "The Prov. G.M., and Officers of Wicklow and Wexford" (222 being in that province) was responded to by the R.W. Col. COLCLOUGH, Deputy Prov. G.M.

The G.J.D. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the Prov. D.G.M. proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s of 222," coupling the names of Bros. Francis Henry Wayland, the I.P.M., and Francis Usher, Prov. G.S.D., the senior P.M., with the toast; after which the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Wayland, Sec., with a beautiful P.M.'s jewel, bearing suitable inscription, as a token of regard from his fellow members, and their appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office. Mention was made of the fact that Lodge 222 is now one of the most prosperous in Ireland, numbering over 50 active members. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by, amongst others, Bros. Williams, Prov. G.J.W. Armagh; Hamilton, Prov. G. Sec. Armagh; Robert Keating Clay, Prov. G.J.W. Wicklow and Wexford; Greene, Prov. G.S.D. Meath; S. W. Gordon, Prov. G.D. of C. Meath; Alderman Harris, J.P.; James Dobson, J.P.; Carlton, Langren, and Cuthbert. The comfort of the brethren was attentively looked after by Bros. Russell, J.W., and M. Laren, P.M., D.C. A large sum was subscribed towards the Masonic Charities, and handed over to Bro. John Simpson, the Treasurer.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. J. F. Jones, E. Oldham, C. Kelly, J. Weldon, Ed. Johnstone, and other talented musical brethren.

BRO. G. TAYLOR'S MASONIC COLLECTION.

On Monday, March 1st, a meeting will be held of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, in the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, at 6.30 p.m. prompt, when Bro. Hughan has kindly undertaken to leave his quiet study at Torquay to describe the main features of the collection, which will be on view during that and the two following days.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, at 7 p.m. prompt, the same well-known Masonic archaeologist will deliver a lecture, entitled, "Connecting Links between Ancient and Modern Freemasonry;" but not in open lodge; and, on Wednesday, March 3rd, there will be a Masonic Ball at the Town Hall. Tickets, to view the collection, may be had of the W.M. and Secretary of either the Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377, or the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, or of the Honorary Secretaries, Bros. W. B. Awdry and D. Mackay, Bank-buildings, Kidderminster.

On Monday eve there will be a supper in the Assembly Room, for which provision will be made for those only who obtain the necessary tickets on or before to-day (Friday), and on Tuesday refreshments may be obtained during the evening. Many visitors are expected, a rich treat being in store for all the fortunate participants, and, we feel assured, that the Province of Worcestershire will be well represented on the occasion.

Bros. Lord Henniker, the Earl of Jersey, Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and Baron Dimsdale, M.P., were members of the deputation which waited on the President of the Board of Trade, on Friday last, on the subject of railway rates.



At the Novelty a burlesque is being prepared on the Princess's romantic drama, to be entitled "Oliver Grumble," by Mr. Dance. Mr. Wilson Barrett will no doubt feel the compliment about to be paid him. The Novelty is now in the hands of Mr. Willie Edouin, Mr. Wm. Greet continuing as acting manager.

Commencing March 24th, Bro. Lionel Brough and Miss Kate Vaughan will give on several consecutive Wednesdays at the Gaiety Theatre matinees of old English comedies. Both these talented professionals are suited to such plays, and we hope the afternoons will be well patronised.

Bro. Thomas Thorne has revived for a time Mr. Derrick's funny farce "Confusion," which had such an eventful career here some two years since, when it ran for about a year. Bro. Thorne has not cast himself this time in the play, his part being filled by Mr. Charles Glenney. Miss Larkin and Mr. Charles Groves, on whom the burden of the piece falls, have resumed their old characters, and nightly the Vaudeville rings with laughter as of yore. The next new piece will, we believe, be a French play, of which Bro. Thorne has bought the English rights.

The Haymarket managers have revived Mr. W. S. Gilbert's comedy "Engaged," which was originally produced there in 1877 under the Bancroft lesseeship. Since then "Engaged" has been played at the Court. On Wednesday of last week it was well received by an overflowing house, comprising many celebrities in various ranks of life. And we think it was more on account of the splendid acting than on the merits of the piece that the applause was so great. We should say for a time it may draw, but we scarcely think its interest is sufficient to make a long run. Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree play the chief parts, and leave nothing to be desired in their brilliant acting. Miss Norreys made a distinct hit in her character of the seemingly innocent but shrewd Scotch lassie. By her accentuation one might think Miss Norreys is a native of the land o' cakes. Miss Augusta Wilton was well and deservedly applauded in her rendering of the part of Miss Simpson. She has made a decided progress since we last saw her some two or three years since. We heard a very distinguished actress pass a warm eulogy on Miss Wilton's playing. Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Barrymore, Mr. Brookfield, Miss Brooke, and the other members of the company have all caught the author's meaning so well that the comedy goes along splendidly, Mrs. Beerbohm Tree fairly bringing the house down in her speech when, as Belinda, she cries out, "I am rent with conflicting doubts. Perhaps he is already married; in that case I am a bigamist. Maybe he is dead; in that case I am a widow. Maybe he is alive; in that case I am a wife. Am I single? Am I married? May I marry? Who am I? Where am I? What am I? What is my name? What is my condition in life? If I am married—to whom am I married? If I am a widow—whose widow am I? Why am I his widow? What did he die of? Did he leave me anything? If anything—how much? Can I marry again without forfeiting it? Have I a mother-in-law? Have I a family of stepchildren? If so, what are their ages, names, sexes, sizes, and dispositions?" Then comes the qualifying consolation, "Thank heaven, I can still eat." We have seen "Engaged" every time it has been played, and we confidently assert that no company has ever played it better than the present one.

"The Harbour Lights," which has been playing at the Adelphi since Christmas, seems destined to have a successful run as long as Messrs. Gatti like to keep it on the boards. This new drama by Bros. Sims and Pettitt is a regular Adelphi piece, and though its story is not connected with the last great success—"In the Ranks"—it may be said to be a sequel to Bro. Sims' late drama. "In the Ranks" dealt with the life of a soldier, "The Harbour Lights" represents the fortunes and misfortunes of a sailor, ably portrayed by Mr. Terriss; Miss Millward being the heroine. The plot is of the usual order. The hero, a lieutenant in the navy, is in love with a retired captain's daughter; his cousin, who manages the officer's property whilst he is at sea, is a rival and a villain withal. Too cowardly to slay his cousin, he lays traps and employs others to rid himself of his enemy, and does all he can to separate the lovers and himself win the hand of the young lady. Of course in the end the villain, excellently played by Bro. Beveridge, P.M. 1319, is made to stew in his own juice. Mr. Garden relieves the tragedy with his comical part of the lieutenant's servant and friend, who watches over his interests during the officer's absence. He is the character who is always turning up in the right place and at the right moment. The scenery is beautifully painted by Bro. Bruce Smith and Mr. Emden. "The Harbour Lights" is a drama which is interesting to the frequenters of the stalls as much as the gallery. We know of one person who already has seen it three times. We see no reason why it should not be playing this time twelvemonths if the same cast is in it. The joint authors and lessees are to be congratulated on an undoubted success. We have earlier omitted to mention that clever Miss Clara Jecks, daughter of the genial acting manager, scores a great success in a small part, which she has created into a very interesting one.

We think it is generally allowed that, without exception, the most amusing play in London is the farce at the Criterion, adapted from the French by Mr. C. M. Rae, and called "The Man with Three Wives." There is one, and only one, drawback to it, and that is the popular lessee, Bro. Charles Wyndham, has not placed himself in the cast. On the first night, in reply to hearty calls, Bro. Wyndham said he hoped it would not be long before he appeared. If he meant in another piece, then it will be a long time, for "The Man with Three Wives" will probably run the whole season. Possibly he intended taking the part, which certainly is his, now being well played by Mr. Lytton Sothern. We hope, although the latter gentleman is very bright and lively, that Bro. Charles Wyndham will show himself in this merry play. The plot is a little difficult to describe, though

not to follow when one is looking at the company. We shall not, therefore, spoil the anticipation by attempting any explanation. From the rise to the fall of the curtain there is not a dull moment, and so quickly does one complication follow another that the audience have not time to think deeply. We cannot recommend a place to spend a pleasanter two hours than at the Criterion for those who like light plays. How Mr. Giddens is married to three wives at the same time and yet never married at all, we leave our readers to go and find out for themselves. Mr. Blakeley, always droll, Mr. Maltby, Miss Rose Saker, Miss Hughes, and Mr. H. St. Maur contribute a large share to the hilarity of this screaming farce. Mr. Bellinger has succeeded Mr. Smale in the front of the house, and in his hands Bro. Wyndham's patrons are well looked after and made comfortable. Although entirely underground, the Criterion is one of the coolest and best ventilated theatres.

Mr. Wilson Barrett has fulfilled his promise, and here producing Mr. Sydney Grundy's classical drama, has brought out at the Princess's the romantic play by himself and Mr. Henry A. Jones, which is called "The Lord Harry." It is a piece of a thoroughly national character. We hope Mr. Wilson Barrett will receive such support to encourage him in a continuance of English plays. The new drama deals with the times of the Puritans and Roundheads. The hero is Lord Harry Bendish, who goes through a number of vicissitudes in the cause of the martyr king. Those days of history have furnished ere this groundwork for poems, novels, and plays. We think everyone must agree that the joint authors have produced from the store a drama of intense interest, which furnishes an efficient company with parts thoroughly suited to its members, and which keeps the audience's excitement at boiling point. We must own that sometimes it is a little difficult to take in why certain events occur and why others do not. For instance, in one scene Lord Harry is in gaol. At great risk his lover, Esther Breane, a Puritan, gains admission to his cell, bringing with her the means of his escape. Whilst there the keys are heard to be in the lock. She hides behind the door, which opens inwards, and, when thrown open, entirely hides her. The Puritan, Captain Promise, leaves the door open, and we expected that Esther would have taken the opportunity whilst Promise is engaged with the Loyalist, to make her escape. But not so. Again, we think the drama might very well end with the fifth act, which, by the way, has one of the most beautiful and novel scenes we ever saw painted and staged. In the opening scene Zoyland Castle is besieged by the Cavaliers. Commanded by the king to retire, Lord Harry Bendish lays a wager to enter the town in twenty-four hours. He disguises himself as a Puritan and obtains entrance, and is in the presence of Colonel Breane, whose daughter Esther he had saved from death. The young lady, of course, has kind remembrances of her benefactor, but an officer of her own party also loves her, one Captain Promise, played by Mr. Willard in his usual fine style. This man, like many Puritans, is a canting humbug and most unscrupulous. He recognises Lord Harry, and gets him arrested. Esther, by bribing a retainer of her father's household, gets the guard removed, gains access to his cell, and supplies her lover with rope to lower himself from the window. Lord Harry gives Esther his signet ring, which she is to send him should she ever require his aid. Promise gets possession of the token, and by means of an untruthful message sends for Lord Harry at the dead of night, who comes to Esther, thinking it is she who has sent for him. He is in her room when Captain Promise brings in her father, the colonel, and accuses the girl before her parent of having Lord Harry concealed. The colonel is indignant, and threatens Esther, but Lord Harry comes forward and explains that Esther did not send for him, and that it is to the treachery of Promise that he is in the young lady's apartment. The old Puritan is won over by the candid explanation and noble manner of Bendish. Promise makes another attempt to capture Lord Harry, but the king's troops arrive, and he escapes, taking with him Colonel Breane and Esther. The scene is a very grand one of the fight of the two armies in the street. The three take refuge in a house on the marshes; the waters are out, and rising to such a height they have to take refuge on the house-top. Promise arrives in a boat with some men to capture them, a scrimmage takes place on the roof of the house, and the three escape in the boat, leaving Promise and his men on the house-top. Here we think the play might end. But in the last act we see Bendish and his charge on the shore of Cleeve Bay. His rival arrives and fires at him, but hits Esther. Just then the king's troops come up, having defeated Cromwell's army. Promise is led away a prisoner to execution. Colonel Breane gives his consent to his daughter's alliance with the Loyalist. We ought to say that it is found Esther has not been materially hurt by the rifle, but was only in a swoon. We do not think Mr. Wilson Barrett ever has surpassed his splendid rendering of the part of the Lord Harry. Miss Eastlake, who is Esther, has also been seldom seen to greater advantage. Mr. George Barrett, Miss Lottie Venne, and Mr. Charles Cootie make the fun in the drama, the other characters being all well played by Mr. J. H. Clynds, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Carson. We think the run of "The Lord Harry" will be a good, though not lengthy, one. It is one of the plays which Mr. Wilson Barrett will doubtless take with him to America in the autumn.

The Craft Abroad.

CHINA.

Freemasonry in China is making rapid progress both in adding to its numbers and Charities. The month of December last was a busy one, there having been several meetings and installations.

NORTHERN LODGE, No. 570. (E.C.)

On the 21st December last this lodge held its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, P.D.G.M. of North China, and amongst those present were R.W. Bro. C. H. Dallas, D.G.M. Japan; R.W. Bro. C. M. Donaldson; W. Bros. G. Martin, W. H. Anderson, A. M. A. Evans, F. J. Marshall, E. P. Lalcaaca, T. W. Kingsmill, J. M. Cory, J. Findlay, T. S. Southey, and G. B. Fentum. The following were the officers installed: W. Bro. A. P. Macgregor, W.M.; W. Bro. J. Findlay, I.P.M.; Bro. G. R. Wingrove, S.W.; F. M. Grattan, J.W.; W. Bro. G. Martin, Treas.; Bro. Rev. F. R. Smith, Sec.; F. L. Marshall, S.D.; C. W. Ure, J.D.; J. MacMorran, I.G.; and C. Merritt, Tyler.

On the 18th of the same month, Bro. Osborne Middleton was, for the second time, installed as W. M. of the Tuscan Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, when R.W. Bro. Thorne, P.D.G.M., attended with the officers of the District Grand Lodge and conducted the ceremony. About 50 brethren were present, including R.W. Bro. C. H. Dallas, District Grand Master of Japan, and W. Bros. C. M. Donaldson, L. Moore, J. Morris, E. P. Lalcaaca, J. Findlay, T. W. Kingsmill, G. B. Fentum, A. Johnstord, G. L. Skinner, T. Pemberton, T. S. Southey, Evans, and C. J. Holland. The following were the officers installed:— Bro. O. Middleton, W.M.; Bro. T. F. Hough, S.W.; Bro. J. Baird, J.W.; W. Bro. W. H. Short, Treas.; Bro. S. Moutrie, Sec.; Bro. G. Lanning, Organist; Bro. D. O'Rourke, S.D.; Bro. James H. Osborne, J.D.; Bro. A. Gillanders, D.C.; Bro. T. C. Ramsey, Steward; Bro. Sang, I.G.; Bro. C. Merritt, Tyler.

At a regular meeting of the United Service Freemason's Lodge held on the 8th January, there was another election for Worshipful Master for the year, in consequence of the resignation of Bro. J. Parker, who was elected at the previous meeting. The choice fell upon Worshipful Bro. Capt. Croisdale, who is well known in Masonic circles, especially at Aldershot, England.

Obituary.

HERBERT JOHN OSBORN, S.D. 1897.

We regret to announce the decease of Bro. Herbert John Osborn, S.D. Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, who died on the 9th inst., after a long illness, leaving a widow and three young children to mourn his loss. Bro. H. J. Osborn was initiated into Freemasonry on the 21st May, 1881, by his father, Bro. John Osborn, P.M. 1602 and 1897, Prov. G. Standard Bearer Middx., a much respected member of the Craft. The deceased was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The funeral took place on the 18th inst., at Ilford, when there were present several members of the Craft, including Bros. John Osborn, P.M.; W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx., W.M. 1897; H. W. Carter, W. Wright, J. H. Gaskin, J. E. Sheffield, W. W. Lee, J. Jones, H. Ball, R. P. Forge, P.M., and others. A number of gentlemen from the offices of the Gaslight and Coke Company, with which the deceased had been connected for many years, also attended as a mark of respect to their late colleague.

A testimonial will shortly be presented to Bro. Captain George Lambert—past master—by the Pattern-makers' Company, in recognition of the efficient manner in which he has, during the past two years, performed all the duties appertaining to the office of master.

In our notice of the ladies' night at the Eccleston Lodge, held at the Criterion on the 17th, we should have credited Bro. C. Taylor, P.M., with the musical arrangements. Our worthy Bro. Taylor does so much good, and works so hard for the lodge, and for Freemasonry generally, that we do him no more than justice in correcting the error.

Bro. J. Harrop White was installed W.M. of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, Mansfield, at the annual meeting, in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 8th inst., the ceremony being very ably carried out by his predecessor in office, Bro. J. A. Howitt, I.P.M. An excellent banquet followed at the Swan Hotel, at which about 50 guests sat down, under the presidency of their new chief.

At the regular meeting of the Clyde Lodge, No. 408, Glasgow, on Friday, the 8th inst., a visit was paid by the Prov. G. Lodge, Bro. W. Pearce, M.P., P.G.M., being at the head of the visiting body, and occupying the chair of the lodge for a time, at the invitation of Bro. James Leitch, R.W.M. Deputations from several of the sister lodges were also present at the meeting, a very pleasant gathering being the result.

Comps. F. T. Elworthy, Rev. R. W. Raban, and W. Bidgood were installed Z., H., and J., respectively, of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 261, Taunton, on the 10th inst., Comp. Col. Adair, Prov. G. Superintendent Somersetshire, assisted by Comps. W. Adams, P.Z., and J. G. Vite, P.Z., being the Installing Principals. The meeting, which took place in the Masonic Hall, was followed by the usual banquet.

There was an interesting gathering of the friends of Bro. Sheriff Clarke on Friday, the 19th inst., in one of the large arbitration rooms in New Stone Buildings, Chancery-lane, the occasion being the presentation to him of a life-size portrait of himself in his official robes, painted by Mr. Lance Calkin. The cost of the picture was 300 guineas, which sum was subscribed by numerous gentlemen with whom Bro. Clarke has had business relations, by private friends, and by tenants of the magnificent block of buildings which he has erected at the northern end of Chancery-lane.

The usual weekly meeting of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, was held at the Red Lion, Red Lion-court, Fleet-street, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056. Bros. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 1541, was the W.M.; Larchin, P.M. 1541, S.W.; and Gush, P.M. 1541, J.W. The sections were given by Bros. Duncan Skelton, J.D. 1036; Spon, 1087; Snelling, S.D. 1541; Squirrel, P.M. 206; Larchin, P.M. 1541; Gush, P.M. 1541; Shipwright, W.M. 1185; Dury, 1562; Kearney, J.W. 1541; Jenkins, S60; Stubbins, 1531; Beck, W.M. 1853; Fox, P.M. 201; and Shaw, 1987. The work was admirably done.

The Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044, has just held its annual dinner at the East Hill Hotel, Bro. J. G. Carter, P.M. 1044, Preceptor, taking the chair. After the usual toasts, Professor Schmidt (ventriloquist) was introduced, and gave a very laughable and amusing sketch, called "Charley and his wife." The musical arrangements were carried out by Bros. Cowley, Cleaver, Ellis, Frost, and Higherty, who enlivened the evening with some very pleasant songs. The meeting broke up at 11 o'clock, p.m., after all had spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening. We are informed by the newly-appointed Secretary, Bro. Cleaver, that Bro. Knipier and Higherty propose working a portion of the sections on Tuesday evening, the 9th prox., those members who appreciate Masonry should not lose the opportunity of visiting the lodge on this evening.



Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre has been elected Chairman of the Commons Preservation Society, in place of Mr. Bryce, M.P., now Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Bros. Agg-Gardner, Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., and Long, are understood to be among the M.P.'s who will constitute the new Kitchen Committee of the House of Commons.

Bro. Nahum Capen, LL.D., the American author and publisher, whose death has recently been announced, was a prominent member of our Society for some 60 years.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by his son Prince George, left London for Cannes on Saturday last, Prince George continuing his journey to Malta, where he will join his ship, the Thunderer.

Bro. W. Ascough was installed W.M. for the year of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough, at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., and afterwards presided at the usual banquet at the Grand Hotel.

Bros. Earl Granville, Admiral Lord Alcester, and Sir Algernon Borthwick were among the principal guests at the farewell banquet given at the Hotel Metropole, on Saturday evening last, to the Spanish Ambassador in London.

There was a numerous gathering of members and visitors present in the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, on the 4th inst., when Bro. W. Dobbs was installed W.M. of the Langley Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The banquet was held at the Angel Hotel.

Bro. F. Smilton was installed W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, Liverpool, on Monday, the 1st inst., the banquet being served at the close of the proceedings at the Bear's Paw, Lord-street. There was a large attendance of members and visitors.

Bro. Walter W. Wilkin is the new W.M., and Bros. G. B. Ffolkes and G. Wilt the new S.W. and J.W. respectively, of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, Lynn. Bro. H. P. Green, the I.P.M., performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Bro. C. W. Morriss, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.

The annual meeting of the Harmony and Industry Lodge, No. 381, Darwen, took place on Monday, the 1st inst., when Bro. John Marsden was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M., being the officiating Master. There was a numerous attendance of visitors.

We would call the attention of our readers to the fact that the first annual ball of the Royal Jubilee Lodge takes place on the 5th prox., at the Westminster Town Hall, and with such names as Bro. G. F. Jenkins for President, Bro. W. Lloyd, M.C., and Bro. A. Darch, Secretary, the ball cannot fail to be a great success.

The annual meeting of the Ryburn Chapter, No. 1283, Sowerby-bridge, took place on the 3rd inst., when Comps. H. Beaumont, Joseph Longbottom, and Thomas Gaukroger, were respectively installed M.E.Z., H., and J. Comps. J. Marshall, P.Z.; W. Gaukroger, P.Z.; and Lexton, P.Z., were the officiating Principals.

The annual meeting of the De Tabley Lodge, No. 941, Knutsford, took place at the Royal George Hotel, Knutsford, on Monday, the 8th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the ceremony of installing Bro. W. Wildgoose, S.W., and W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., was very ably carried out by Bro. Joseph Wildgoose, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D. East Lancashire.

A regular meeting of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, will be held at 8a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, at half-past five o'clock, on Thursday, the 4th prox.—the day after Grand Lodge meeting—when the brethren from the Northern Counties will have an opportunity of paying their fraternal respect to their Northern brethren in London. We are sure they will receive a hearty welcome.

The Portcullis Lodge, No. 2038, held its installation meeting at the Town Hall, Langport, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Bro. W. E. Bennett, S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of the lodge by Bro. John Hughes, P. Prov. G.S.B., the retiring W.M. The officers for the year having been appointed and invested, and the other business disposed of, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Langport Arms Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. E. Bennett, there being a number of visiting brethren present to do honour to the occasion. A capital dinner was served by the host, Bro. Barling.

The Terminable Benevolent Association, formed in connection with the Great City Lodge of Instruction in 1881 by Bro. F. Le Rossignol, of the Mornington Lodge, No. 1672, assisted by Bro. Howard Room, of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, has now completed its work, and has been the means of paying in the sum of £497 5s. to our Masonic Charities in the following proportions: Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £204 15s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £183 15s.; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £78 15s. Bros. Le Rossignol and Room have acted as Secretary and Treasurer respectively during the existence of the Association.

The following dinners took place at Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 27th instant. Monday—Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge; Old Kings' Arms Lodge; Aldersgate Ball. Tuesday—Tuscan Lodge; Royal York Chapter; Royal Savoy Lodge; St. James's Fancy Dress Ball. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society; Evening Star Lodge; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Thursday—Linen and Woollen Drapers' Institution; Grenadiers Lodge; Mount Moriah Lodge; Girls' School Club; Bedford Chapter; Lyceum Supper. Friday—Emulation Lodge; Jerusalem Lodge; Eskdale and Liddesdale Ball. Saturday—Railway Officials' Dinner; London Wheelers' Cinderella Ball.

The number of "intrans"—i.e., initiates—in the lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland during the past year was 4600, while the excess of income over the expenditure was £1746.

Bro. J. H. Isaacs was installed W.M. of the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, Pietermaritzburg, on the 28th December, Bro. Isaacs being the first member of the Jewish faith who has been elected to this office in Natal.

Bro. J. Beesley, Prov. G.D., was unanimously elected Chairman, and Bro. T. H. W. Walker, W.M. 1675, Vice-Chairman, of the House Committee of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at the meeting of the Committee on Friday, the 12th inst.

The St. Bede's Lodge, No. 1119, held their fifth annual ball at the Mechanics' Hall, Jarrow, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., there being over 100 guests present, and dancing being kept up with great spirit till the small hours of the morning.

Bro. John C. Moor, P.M. 97, W.M. 2039, P.P.G.J.D. Durham, has been appointed travelling secretary by the National Council Executive of the Y.M.C.A., for the Northern District of England, being the North-East and North-West District Unions combined.

Bro. J. Taylor Simpson is W.M. for the current year of the St. James's Lodge, No. 448, Halifax, Bros. W. Shoebridge being S.W.; Charles Greenwood, J.W.; G. H. Ratcliffe, Treasurer; and Jonathan Jessop, Secretary. The I.P.M., Bro. John Drake, on his retirement from the chair was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services.

The Essex Chapter, No. 276, Chelmsford, held its regular convocation on Monday, the 8th inst., when, in the course of the proceedings, Comp. A. C. Veley, J. P. Lewin, and A. Mead were severally elected Z., H., and J. for the ensuing year; Comp. A. Durrant, Prov. G. Treas., being elected Treasurer of the chapter. The banquet, which followed, took place at the White Hart Hotel.

Bro. W. C. Peace, P.M. and Treasurer of the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff, was recently presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge in the capacity of Treasurer. The presentation was made in open lodge at its last regular meeting by Bro. J. H. Hussey, W.M., who spoke in high terms of Bro. Peace's ability and zeal.

Bro. John B. Harrison was installed W.M. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, Aldershot, at the Masonic Hall, Imperial Hotel, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., Bro. R. Eve, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, being the installing Master. The officers for the year were afterwards appointed and invested, and the brethren subsequently partook of a well-served banquet.

A very numerous meeting of Lodge No. 9, Dunblane, was held in the Stirling Arms Hotel, on Monday, the 8th inst. Bro. Colonel Stirling, R.W.M., presided, and was strongly supported by the officers and members. In the course of the proceedings the Installed Masters' Degree was conferred on Bros. Colonel Drummond Moray, Prov. G. Master designate of Perthshire West; A. B. Dick Cleland, and James Cadien.

Bro. W. B. Fergusson, W.M. elect of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland, having died shortly after his election, it became necessary to elect a W.M. in his stead, and the choice of the members having fallen upon Bro. Joseph R. Pattison, W.M., that brother was re-installed W.M. for the current year at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on the 11th inst., in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors.

The plans submitted in competition for the erection of the proposed Masonic Hall at Folkestone have been exhibited, by permission of the Mayor and Corporation of the town, in the Town Hall, and have been viewed by the public with general satisfaction. The sets of plans are three in number, marked respectively, A., B., and C., and the general opinion appears to have been in favour of selecting the "B." set.

The annual meeting of the High Peak Lodge, No. 1952, Chapel-en-le-Frith, took place in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 8th inst., there being a large muster of brethren, both members and visitors, in honour of the occasion. Bro. Joseph Heathcott, S.W., was the W.M. elect, and he was very ably installed in office by the retiring Master, Bro. J. B. Boycott. The banquet was in all respects most creditable to the purveyor in charge, Bro. J. Taylor, of the Royal Oak Hotel.

The installation meeting of the Square and Compass Lodge, No. 1336, Wrexham, took place in the Masonic Hall, Corn Exchange, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. R. W. Evans was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers. The retiring W.M., Bro. Edisbury, in the course of the proceedings, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and the lodge and its visitors subsequently dined together at the Wynnstay Hotel, under the presidency of their new chief.

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By the Queen's command, the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace on behalf of her Majesty, on Monday the 15th instant.

Bro. Wesley Stephens was installed W.M. of the Molesworth Lodge, No. 1954, Plymouth, on Monday, the 1st inst., the customary banquet being served by Bro. Lee, of the Commercial Hotel.

The result of the Masonic ball held in Liverpool in January, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was announced at a recent meeting of the Ball Committee as £146.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., presided at a meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when a lecture on "General Gordon" was delivered by Mr. A. E. Hake.

It is understood that Bro. S. G. Homfray will be installed Prov. G. Mark Master of Monmouthshire some time during the ensuing month. The new Dep. Prov. G. Mark Master will be Bro. Major A. T. Perkins, P.P.G. S.W. Monmouthshire.

At a numerous meeting held at the Annandale Arms Hotel, Moffat, during the early days of the current week, it was unanimously resolved to petition the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter to hold a lodge of Freemasons in Moffat.

The Emperor William of Germany and the Empress gave their second grand ball this season on Thursday, the 18th inst., Bro. the Crown Prince and Princess, and Bro. Sir E. B. and Lady Ermytrude Malet being among the principal guests.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught visited the St. James's Theatre on Friday, the 19th inst., and the same evening the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Louise, and Prince George, dined with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, at Clarence House.

The Princess of Wales, who was prevented by illness from being present at the opening of the Mersey Tunnel, was, on Friday, the 19th inst., presented by a deputation from the Company with a handsome diamond bracelet, value £700, in commemoration of the event.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft took the chair at a social meeting for young men on Thursday, at the West Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, Burlington Hall, Savile-row, at which addresses were given by the Rev. Joshua C. Harrison, the Rev. Prebendary Edmonds, and the Hon. and Rev. Talbot Rice.

Comps. J. W. Hogman, W. Guy, and J. Brewer were installed Z., H., and J., respectively, of the Mount Edgumbe Chapter, No. 496, St. Austell, on the 5th inst., the Installing Principal being Comp. Alfred Luke, I.P.Z. Comps. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Prov. G.H., and C. Truscott, P. Prov. G.J., were among the visitors.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, having been raised to the peerage, has resigned his seat for Flintshire, and on Friday the 19th inst. issued his farewell address to the electors, thanking them for the unbroken confidence they had extended to him for close on a quarter of a century.

Everyone will regret the announcement made at the last quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to the effect that R.W. Bro. the Duke of Athole had resigned his office of Prov. Grand Master of West Perthshire. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. Drummond Moray, jun., of Blair-Drummond, has been appointed his grace's successor.

Bro. Stephen Knight was installed W.M. of the Porchester Mark Lodge, No. 27, Reading, on Friday, the 12th inst., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Charles Stephens, D.P.G. Mark Master Berks and Oxon. The usual banquet was held at the Queen's Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Knight.

Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, Grand Organist, gave a Matinée Musicale at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, on Saturday last. He was assisted by Miss Nellie Hamilton on the pianoforte, and vocalists. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys and visitors present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Lott.

There was a large attendance of brethren at the annual meeting of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1643, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. W. Atkinson, S.W., and W.M. elect, was formally installed in the chair of K.S., and afterwards appointed his officers for the year. Bro. James McCulloch, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., acted as the Installing Master.

The Prince of Wales, when he visits Yorkshire next month, for the purpose of attending the Grand National Steeple Chase at Malton, will be the guest of Bro. Christopher Sykes, M.P., at Stedmere Hall, which has been placed at his disposal, to enable him to receive his Royal Highness, by his brother, Sir Tatton Sykes, who is travelling in India.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, March 6, 1886.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3, Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.

" 2048, Henry Le vander, Harrow Station, Wealdstone.

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, MARCH 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Arderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 144, St. Luke's, Arderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

Lodge 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
 " 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court.
 " 2098, Harlesden, National School, Harlesden.
 Chap. 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
 " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington.
 Mark 139, Panmure, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
 Red Cross Premier Conclave, 16A, Gt. Queen-st., W.C.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Cctorn, 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., Finchchurch-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, MARCH 2.
 Colonial Board, at 4.
 Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
 " 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 765, St. James', Bridge House Hot., London Bridge
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
 " 1591, St. John's, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 1993, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.
 " 2032, Richmond, Richmond, Surrey.
 " 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross.

LOGES 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.
 Domatic, 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 Edgcumbe, 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.
 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, MARCH 3.
GRAND LODGE, at 7.
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
 " 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
 " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LOGES 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.
 Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
 Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-ud., 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, MARCH 4.
 Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tavern, Ba. inghall-st.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Plumstead.
 " 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
 " 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
 " 1351, St. Clements Danes, Palsgrave, 225, Strand.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1425, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Finchchurch-st.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LOGES 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.
 Creaton, 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, Pensonby-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.
 Gredegar, 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.
 West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vaile, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5.
 Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LOGES 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, MARCH 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 New-rd.
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