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THE Girls' School election will take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday next, 10th inst., when 23 children will be chosen, by ballot, from an approved list of 36 candidates, and in due course drafted into the Institution. The list is a manageable one, and having regard to the large proportion of vacancies to candidates—as nearly as possible two of the former to every three of the latter—there is reason to hope that the ballot may be so conducted as to leave behind it few, if any, regrets that may not be removed at some future election. There will be necessarily a list of 13 unsuccessful, but "hope deferred," though it "maketh the heart sick," is not exactly the same thing as "hope extinguished," and with the exercise of a little judgment on the part of the managers, there is no reason why all the girls now on the list should not ultimately find their way into the Institution at St. John's Hill. Thus, there are only four children whose names, if they are unsuccessful on the 10th inst., will be removed from the balloting papers, two of them—Nos. 2 and 5—having obtained over 200 votes each at the last October election, while the remaining two are candidates for the first as well as the last time, namely, Nos. 25 and 26. We trust these four will be found to have won places among the elect when the result is announced, even though others equally worthy may have to wait a further six months before being admitted. As regards the distribution of candidates, we find that London is responsible for 13 out of the 36, besides having a half-share or interest in the success of two others, Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, and 34, being wholly metropolitan, while No. 13 hails partly from London and partly from Cornwall, and No. 25 partly from London and partly from Herts. Of the remaining 21 cases, one comes from Antigua, in the West Indies, and another partly from Hong Kong and China and partly from the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. This leaves 19 still to be accounted for, of whom three come from Hants and the Isle of Wight, and one partly from the same province and partly from Essex; Sussex and West Yorkshire send up two each, Essex one, while, sharing with Suffolk the responsibility of another, the Provinces of North and East Yorkshire and Durham between them one (No. 29), and Northumberland, Kent, Devonshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, South Wales (West Division), Dorsetshire, Worcestershire, and Jersey one each. We may remark, further, that No. 1, with 1187 votes to her credit, was a candidate at the two elections last year, and Nos. 2 to 15, both inclusive, in October last, all but No. 3 having more or fewer votes to their credit; while No. 7, with 1255 votes; No. 9, with 783 votes; and No. 15, with 1072 votes, stand very well already, and, if their friends bestir themselves, should be found in the successful list, when the poll is declared. Nos. 16 to 36 are new cases. As to the Masonic achievements and services of the fathers of these children, not a few of them appear to have held high office in their lodges or provinces, or in both, while 11 rendered service as subscribers to, or Stewards for, one or more of our Institutions. Seven of the children have lost both their parents, of whom three, however, have stepmothers, and four have both parents living, while the remaining 25 are fatherless. Moreover, though there are a few instances in which the candidate is an only child, in the majority of cases she is only one out of several children whose parent (or parents, as the case may be) or guardians are shown to be in poor circumstances, and worthy of receiving the benefits conferred by the Institution. Having thus noticed what appear to be the salient features of the list for the Girls' Election, we shall content ourselves with expressing the hope that the result will be attended with the least amount of disappointment to everybody concerned.

As regards the Boys' School Election, which will take place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers on Monday, the 12th inst., the relative strength of vacancies and candidates is about the same as for the Girls' School. Thirty children will be elected from an approved list of 48, the number to be elected being to the number of applicants as nearly as possible in the proportion of two to three. This comparatively favourable

state of things is of course due to the establishment of the Preparatory School and the increased number of boys which, as a consequence, the Institution is in a position to accommodate. Of the 48 candidates No. 1 has been a candidate at four previous elections; Nos. 2 and 3 at three; No. 4 at two; and Nos. 5 to 14—both inclusive—at one; the remaining 34 making their first venture on this occasion. Here again, too, we note that a minimum of disappointment is possible, if matters are reasonably well managed, there being only five candidates who, if they are unsuccessful this time, will have their names removed from the list under the operation of Law No. 53. These are No. 1, with 318 votes to his credit; No. 11, with 156 votes; No. 14, who, though a candidate in October last, polled nothing; and Nos. 21 and 40, who have made no previous attempt. In respect of distribution, 15 candidates hail from London, namely, Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 20, 23, 24, 25, 37, 43, 44, and 48. As to the rest, West Yorkshire furnishes four candidates (Nos. 19, 22, 33, and 46); the two Lancashires three each, namely, East Lancashire, Nos. 3, 31, and 47, and West Lancashire, Nos. 10, 18, and 30. The following send up two each, that is to say, Northumberland, Nos. 2 and 11; Hants and the Isle of Wight, Nos. 4 and 45; Durham, Nos. 16 and 38; Gloucestershire, Nos. 17 and 35; Kent, Nos. 21 and 28; and South Wales (Western Division), Nos. 34 and 42. The rest come in singles, from Sussex, No. 9; Herts, No. 13; Wiltshire, No. 15; Staffordshire, No. 26; Devonshire, No. 27; Bristol, No. 29; Berks and Bucks, No. 32; Essex, No. 39; Warwickshire, No. 40; Norths and Hunts, No. 41; and King William's Town (District of South Africa, Eastern Division), No. 36. As regards the fathers of the candidates, several of them had held office of greater or less importance, some had been founders of lodges, and others Provincial Grand Officers, while twelve of them had helped to support our Charities, either by contributing of their means or canvassing as Festival Stewards. One was a subscribing member for twenty-nine years. Only three of the children have both parents living, while six have lost both parents, and thirty-nine the father only. In several of the cases, the applicants belong to numerous families, all wholly or principally dependent on the parent or guardian in charge, while in five cases, the boy has a sister in the Girls' School. It is enough, however, for us to know that none of the candidates for admission either into the Boys' or Girls' Schools, have had their names placed on the lists for election until the circumstances have been most thoroughly and carefully investigated by the authorities. That is to say, all are worthy of election and, it is to be hoped, will be found worthy of the incalculable benefits they will receive, if elected.

THE exact status of Honorary Members is a subject that is frequently alluded to in American Masonic Magazines, and if we mistake not, is one misunderstood by several writers who assume they know all about the matter. We have found that Secretaries have returned *Honorary* members, as if they were *subscribers*, the latter in reality being, strictly speaking, the only members of lodges. This error has led to the payment of the annual dues to Provincial and Grand Lodge, and all to no purpose, the Grand Lodge having laid down the absolute rule to which there is no exception, that membership of lodges can only be preserved by the payment of the stipulated annual subscription; hence whether brethren have been elected Honorary members *honoris causa*, or paid for the position (as we know it was usual to do in one lodge, on the assumption that it constituted *actual membership*) it matters not; they are not members, are not entitled to vote in the lodge, and should not be returned with the subscribers. No lodge By-law can qualify Rule 152 of the Constitutions, which connects membership of a lodge with subscription, &c.

WE have considerable sympathy with the feelings of brethren, who, to recognise the services of an old Past Master, (say, one who has found his income lessening as age increased) elect him an Honorary member. But the error is in returning such a brother with the contributing members of the lodge, and retaining his name on the roll of those eligible to vote in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge. This privilege can only be preserved by the members paying an annual subscription, according to the by-laws, which, at the same time, could, however, recite that for members of 20 years standing or more, the amount should be considerably reduced. But any way, the sum must be paid as the by-laws state, and failing such payment, whether a man is old or young in the Craft, poor or rich, zealous or otherwise, *membership ceases*. Far better for members who are anxious to keep such Masonic veterans on the roll to quietly pay their annual subscriptions, and thus permit them to exercise the privilege of membership so long as they continue in the land of the living.

As we may be asked by what authority we make the foregoing statements, and declare that no annual dues are payable for honorary members, we reply that sufficient justification for our remarks will be found in the report of Grand Lodge Proceedings for December 7th, 1864, when the following decision of the Board of General Purposes was confirmed or sustained by the members of the Grand Lodge, viz.: "When the Book of Constitutions speaks of members, it means only those brethren who are regularly contributing members to the funds of the lodge to which they may belong. Such brethren only ought to be returned to Grand Lodge as members of private lodges. The status of an honorary member must be strictly confined to the lodge which so elects him, and can in no way give him any position in the Craft outside the door of his lodge. He cannot therefore hold any office in the lodge, or vote upon any subject which might even remotely affect the Craft at large. In short, the status and privileges of an honorary member entitle him to attend the meetings of the lodge and partake of its refreshments without the necessity of being introduced by a subscribing member, *provided always that he be a subscribing member to some other lodge.* Honorary members have no other right or privilege whatever."

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THIS decision has been abundantly recognised since the period of its promulgation, by an alteration in the by-laws of one lodge we know of, which provides that members may become honorary members of the lodge for life by making certain payments, "but their names cannot be returned to Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge, nor will they be qualified to vote on any question before the lodge, except on payment of an additional subscription of five shillings annually, in advance." Lodges would do well to adopt the regulation named, subject to local and other considerations.

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BRITISH Masonry, as a rule, is not very demonstrative. There is an immense amount of activity in the Craft, but comparatively little to speak of in the way of outside pomp and ceremony. Occasionally a big-wig from abroad pays us a visit. His reception is always most cordial, but the general public hears little about it. Sometimes one of our own big-wigs pays a visit of ceremony to some city or town in the provinces, or to one of our distant colonies. When this happens, the opportunity is seized by the local or colonial brethren to present their visitor with an address of welcome. If possible, they entertain him at a banquet, just by way of showing that Masons everywhere are inspired by one and the same hearty love of good-fellowship, and that, whatever differences of opinion may actuate them, they are always ready to practise the sacred rites of a generous and warm-hearted hospitality. The most recent evidence we have had of the genuineness of this feeling is supplied by the banquet given to R.W. Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, P.G.S.W. of England, the newly-installed Governor of our great Australian Colony of New South Wales, shortly after his arrival in Sydney, by the members of the English and Scotch branches of the Fraternity. A full account of the entertainment will be found in another part of our columns, and we think that, when our friends have read it, they will agree with us that there are few British Colonies and Dependencies that could have made a braver Masonic display—nonethat could have exhibited greater or more sincere enthusiasm. Not every British Colonial Governor is a Mason, though non-membership of our Society never has deterred, and never will deter, British Colonial brethren from greeting him as warmly as if he were their own Grand Master. But when it happens, as in the case of LORD CARRINGTON, that the representative of the QUEEN is not only a Mason, but also a very distinguished member of one of the Grand Lodges of the mother country, then, as a matter of course, there is no end to the enthusiasm displayed. And this was the case with the Masonic banquet given to his lordship in Sydney. The great hall of the Exhibition Building was crowded everywhere; the brethren, of whom there were 600, gathered from all parts of the Colony, and representing both the English and Scotch Constitutions, being seated at the banquet tables, while the galleries were filled with a numerous and brilliant assemblage of ladies, all anxious to witness, and as far as might be participate in, the Masonic reception of the new Governor. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. JOHN WILLIAMS, D.G.M. (E.C.), the guest of the evening being seated on his right hand, and R.W. Bro. Dr. SEDGWICK, D.G.M. (S.C.), on his left. Both District Grand Lodges, and most of the private lodges, were fully and worthily represented, and the reception given to the principal toast, that of "The Governor," was most generous. In short, everything passed off admirably, and the event will always be a memorable one in the annals of New South Wales Masonry.

CONSECRATION OF THE GORDON LODGE, No. 2112 (E.C.), AUSTRALIA.

The Gordon Lodge was consecrated and dedicated to the purposes of Masonry on Thursday, February 11th, by Bro. John James, P.M. 530 (E.C.), P.D.G.S.W. of Victoria. The founders and visiting brethren, to the number of about seventy, assembled in the Town Hall, Essendon, near Melbourne, where it is proposed to hold the meetings for the present, soon after four o'clock, and a lodge was opened by the Consecrating Officer, assisted by Bros. Dr. Willmott, P.M. 752 and 1222, as S.W.; C. H. Bayley, P.M. 727 and 1224, as J.W.; W. Henry, W.M. 752, as D.C.; and J. I. Saqui, W.M. 1881, as I.G.

The founders of the new lodge, twenty-two in number, were then ranged in order, and Bro. T. H. Lempiere, the D.G. Sec., having read the petition and warrant, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Presiding Officer, assisted by the brethren named.

An oration was also delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. Caton, Incumbent of St. Paul's, Moonee Ponds; whilst the musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. G. H. Davis, Organist of Combermere Lodge, assisted by members of the choir of that lodge.

The W.M. designate, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 752 and 1002, was next installed into the chair by the Presiding Officer, after which the following officers were appointed and invested with their collars and jewels: Bros. Dr. Campbell, S.W.; A. Reeve, J.W.; Rev. J. Caton, Chaplain; W. F. C. Kelly, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Blanchard, Secretary; W. Simmonds, P.M., D.C.; H. Browne, S.D.; J. Swaine, J.D.; J. C. M. Cowan, I.G.; G. E. A. Lamont and J. E. Rigby, Stewards; and W. Pennah, Tyler. Bro. T. Millar, P.M. 388 (S.C.), also undertook to perform the duties of I.P.M.

Four candidates were then balloted for, and being accepted, they were admitted and initiated.

On the propositions coming up, Bros. James and Davies were elected honorary members of the lodge, in recognition of their services at the opening.

Several propositions for joining and initiation having been handed in, the lodge was closed in due form.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the main hall, where a banquet had been provided by Messrs. Shannon and Deleuse, of Fitzroy. The W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Rev. J. Caton, G. Baker, Dep. Prov. G. Master Victoria, I.C.; A. Ellis, Prov. G. Sec. I.C.; Dr. Willmott, and others, with the Wardens in the vice-chairs.

Bro. James, the Consecrating Officer, who is in delicate health, had to return home before the proceedings in the lodge were concluded.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Three Grand Masters of British Masonry,"

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of the R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master, Sir W. J. Clarke," adding that, as their chief was now in England, there was a chance of his being called upon to preside at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in the absence of the M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., and the R.W. Deputy G.M. If so, Sir W. Clarke would be the first District Grand Master of Victoria who had presided over the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Dr. WILLMOTT, P.M. 752, proposed "The W.M. of the Gordon Lodge," referring to the pleasure it afforded him in giving the toast, from the fact that they were both Past Masters of lodges in the old country, that they had both served the office of Master in the same Melbourne lodge, and that he (the speaker) had installed Bro. Lamonby into the chair of the Combermere Lodge.

Bro. LAMONBY, in returning thanks, alluded to the origin of the Gordon Lodge. As Bro. Ellis had informed them, an Irish lodge existed many years previously in Moonee Ponds. Some months back he (the W.M.) received an invitation to attend a meeting having for its object the opening of a new lodge for the convenience of brethren residing in Essendon, Moonee Ponds, and Ascotvale. It was then decided to found a lodge under the English Constitution. The question of officers was the next consideration, and it was much to his surprise that he should have been chosen the first Master. After considerable discussion about a suitable title, the name of "Gordon" was at last happily chosen. Some controversy had arisen whether the late General Gordon was a member of the Fraternity, and the matter was not yet cleared up. Recently, however, those brethren who read their London *Freemason* would have seen an account of the proceedings at the laying of the foundation stone of a new wing to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in London by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. Her ladyship's address contained a remarkable allusion to the late General Gordon, and his connection with Charities of that nature, and though it was not exactly shown that the subject of her remarks was a Mason, many would be perhaps led to infer such to be the case. At present, therefore, the question was a moot one, and would remain so till cleared up by the Grand Secretaries of England, Ireland, and Scotland. He (the W.M.) next referred to the objects of the Gordon Lodge, and the favourable auspices under which it had been inaugurated. The founders were all agreed on one important point, and that was to conserve their funds as far as possible for the sacred and Masonic cause of Charity. And to that end it had been determined to limit their gatherings at the social board to once a quarter. Through the generosity of the founders most of their furniture and appointments were already provided and paid for; but in that connection it would be an omission were he not specially to mention the handsome liberality of Bro. Simmonds, who, he was sorry to say, had been forced to retire after the fatigues of the day. The beautiful furniture the brethren had that day seen in the lodge room was the gift of Bro. Simmonds, who had proved himself a worthy type of the great Craftsman of old, in that he was skilful to work in brass and in iron, in gold and in silver, and, if not exactly in the cedar of Lebanon, at all events in the cedar of Australia Felix. There was one other important matter the members of the Gordon Lodge were in unanimity about, and that was they were not going into the highways and byways to seek for candidates. The excellent maxims and advice of those two standard authorities, Hutchinson and Oliver, were to be their guide on that head. If these valuable lessons were deemed useful and necessary upwards of a hundred years ago, under a limited population, they must be ten times more so in the present day. It was also intended to take immediate steps to build a Masonic hall in connection with the Gordon Lodge.

The remaining toasts were "The Initiates," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Musical Brethren," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings were agreeably varied by some excellent music by the choir, Bro. Davis presiding at the pianoforte.

The jewels, officers' collars, &c., were provided by Bro. George Kenning, London, and have given complete satisfaction.

THE EARLY ORGANISATION OF THE "ANCIENT" MASONS.

I.

By G. B. ABBOTT.

A discovery has recently been made by Bro. H. Sadler, the importance of which it will be difficult to over-estimate. Hitherto, our acquaintance with the early movements of the Masons who seceded from the regular lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, has extended no further back than the 7th February, 1752, when the celebrated Laurence Dermott was elected Grand Secretary in succession to Bro. John Morgan, one earlier fact—namely, that a general assembly of the schismatic brethren was held at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, Soho, on 17th July, 1751—being also known to us from its being incidentally referred to in the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Committee, at its meeting at the Temple Eating House, Shire-lane, Temple Bar, on the 14th September, 1752. Bro. Sadler, however, whom we must all congratulate on his discovery, has had the great good fortune to bring to light from some hidden corner in our Grand Lodge Record Room, the Register Book, described by Dermott in his minutes of 14th September, 1752, as "the Grand Registry," and referred to by him in the Grand Lodge Register as "Morgan's Register." This book, which was briefly referred to by Bro. J. Lane in a letter published in the *Freemason*, of the 18th October, 1885, may be summarily described as a very large folio with very little in it. There is room for the minutes of Proceedings extending over several years, but the

matter it contains fills only a few pages. However, there is an old saying which connects "little" with "good," and in the case of this Register Book, it will be difficult, as I have said, to over-estimate the value of its two or three score pages of information. It is not a complete guide to the transactions of the "Ancients" prior to Dermott's appointment as Grand Secretary on the aforesaid 7th February, 1752. It contains no minutes whatever, but it does contain, firstly, in what I presume must be Morgan's handwriting, and partly in Dermott's, a code of "Rules and Orders," drawn up by a Committee appointed by the General Assembly, held at the Turk's Head, Greek-street, on the 17th July, 1751, for the observance of "the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons," the said "Rules and Orders" being 16 in number, and the brethren constituting the Committee which framed them being Bros. Philip McLoughlin, Samuel Quay, James Shee, and Joseph Kelly, with Bro. John Morgan, "Grand Secretary, Viz: For the Grand." Immediately following these are two other Rules (Nos. 17 and 18) of which we have no mention in Dermott's minutes, though they were passed subsequently to his appointment as Grand Secretary, namely, the earlier (No. 17) on April 6th, 1752, when Bro. John Morris was in the chair, and the later (No. 18) on July 14, 1752, when Bro. John Doughty was in the chair. These two rules, it is almost needless to say, are not in the same handwriting as the 16 preceding them. On the very next page to these additional rules is an elaborate notice bearing date the 14th September, 1752, and referred to by Dermott in his minutes of proceedings on that day. This has Dermott's signature at foot, and so likewise has a note at the top of the next page—"Here were seven leaves (or 14 pages) which contain'd twenty-seven Rules, or By-laws, for private Lodges mention'd in the first" (as a matter of fact they are referred to in the second) "page of the Transn. book March 4, 1752, which were cut out and burnt by General Consent," the evidence that certain leaves have been cut out, as stated, being clear enough. After an interval of blank space, we come to what is headed "The Black List," containing the names of brethren excluded for offences of a more or less heinous character against the Society, and on the next page begins the "General Register" of members, ranging as to number from 1 to 1017, and in respect of date from "1751" to 14th August, 1756, though, as many of the names are repeated, in several instances more than once, there are by no means 1017 members. This Register is arranged in tabular form, and contains particulars where furnishable as to whence the member came, by whom he was reported or recommended, when he was made or initiated, what lodge he belonged to, and when he was discharged from his lodge, and for what reason, the earlier portion being for the most part in Morgan's handwriting, and the latter, I presume, in Dermott's, or that of his assistant.

After a longish interval of blank space, we come lastly to three Lists of Lodges, the first ranging from 17th July, 1751, to 11th December, 1752, but not consecutively, there being, in fact, two parts, of which the second is in some measure a repetition of the first, except as regards the places where the lodges so repeated were held, or their days of meeting. This List, or Register, is in the two handwritings already specified, the earlier portion being in that of John Morgan, and columns are provided for the "Time Warranted," "No. of Lodge," "Where Held," "Lodge Nights," "No. of Members," "Half-year's Payments," "To whom Paid," and "By whom Paid," no information, however, being entered under the last four columns. The second List has the following heading:—

Dec. 27th 1752. Anno Lap. 5752.

Grand Lodge in due form assembled at the Five Bells Tavern, in Wich-street, Strand, London.

Bro. Thos. Blower, Mastr. of (then) No. 8, in the chair. Order'd the members of Nos. 7 and 10 should be discontinued in this Book for their disobedience of the 21st Rule of the Grand, And the following be the true List and Numbers of all the Ancient Regular Lodges in and about London.

Anno Lap. 5752. 5752—.

The lodges in this list are consecutive as regards numbers from 2 to 37, and as regards date from 17 July, 1751, to 19 August, 1754, except that, in the case of Lodge No. 11, it is stated to have been warranted on the 13th November, and No. 12, on the 4th November, 1752, the same inversion of the usual order as to date of warrant being noticeable in the earliest lodge list. There are here also, columns headed "Where Held" and "Lodge Nights" respectively, and a further untitled column in which changes occurring from time to time in the places of meeting have been entered. In this column also is inserted, against No. 7 "(former No. 8)," and against No. 9, "former No. 11," both these entries being in pencil. Let me add that though professing to be a list of the "Ancient Regular Lodges in and about London," Nos. 24 and 25, both warranted the 17th October, 1753, belong to Bristol, and, for the amusement of the reader, I may state that No. 35, warranted 19th April, 1754, is described as meeting on the "2nd and 4th Friday," at the "King's Bench Prison."

The third is headed "A List of Lodges" June 24th, 1755, and is continued imperfectly to 1757. It contains the 36 lodges entered in No. 2 and lodges Nos. 38 to 64, there being, however, several (20) of the numbers left vacant, while in the case of the lodges from No. 38 (inclusive) onwards, the dates of constitution are in nearly every case inserted. The first two pages of this list are in double columns, the remainder being in single.

It remains for me to state that there is an alphabetical index of names to the Register of Members, each name having against it the number in the register, and in the case of re-registry, the new number or numbers so obtained.

The above will serve as a kind of brief descriptive "Table of Contents," but a detailed examination of the contents must be reserved for a further paper.

REVIEW.

THIRD 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.

The chapter on the Grand Lodge of Scotland need not occupy us long. Freemasonry North of the Tweed has been extremely fortunate, both as regards the preservation of its early lodge records and in having had so capable a brother as Bro. D. Murray Lyon to delineate its history. Thus, any difficulties that may have occurred to Bro. Gould in sketching the rise and fortunes of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will have been in a contrary direction to those he experienced in the case of Ireland. In respect of the

latter he had little to work upon in the shape of minutes or the researches of past writers; while in the case of Scotland he must have been almost embarrassed by the wealth of matter that has been so carefully treasured up by the Scotch lodges. Nor, with Bro. Lyon's exhaustive History before him, could he look to do more than lay before his readers in brief what that distinguished writer had already described in amplest detail. However, Bro. Gould has written a clear and accurate sketch of Scottish Freemasonry, one that fits in well with the rest of his work, and is, at the same time, characterised by a certain independence of thought and treatment, which shows that he has not servilely followed in the footsteps of his predecessors.

It is certainly worthy of remark that the brethren of Edinburgh should have been so dilatory in following the example of the London lodges in setting up a Grand Lodge of Scotland, and no doubt the fact of so many prominent noblemen connected with the Northern Kingdom having been elected to the chair of the Grand Lodge of England had its influence in bringing about the establishment of the Northern Grand Lodge. But if there was a delay beyond what might have been expected, the circumstances attending the erection of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are considerably more imposing than they were in London, partly from there having been so many more lodges associated together in the work, but chiefly from the resignation by St. Clair of his office of hereditary Grand Master. As Bro. Gould says:—"Whatever may have been the immediate motive of the originators of the scheme"—by which the Grand Lodge of Scotland was established—"the setting up a Grand Lodge so ostensibly upon the ruins of an institution that had ceased to be of practical benefit, but which in former times had been closely allied to the Guilds of the Mason Craft, gave to the new organisation an air of antiquity as the lineal representative of the ancient courts of Operative Masonry; while the opportune resignation of St. Clair was, if not too closely criticised, calculated to give the whole affair a sort of legal aspect which was wanting at the Institution of the Grand Lodge of England." At all events, the Grand Lodge of Scotland with St. Clair as its Grand Master was established towards the close of 1736 with a considerable amount of ceremonial, and a start having been made, no time was lost in the work of organisation, and for a time things went smoothly enough. But in a few years, the lodge of Kilwinning, having become dissatisfied with its place on the roll as second to Mary's Chapel, "resumed its independence, which in the matter of granting charters it had in reality never renounced, and for well nigh 70 years continued to exist as an independent Grand Body." This schism, however, does not seem to have been accompanied by that bitterness of feeling which actuated the supporters of the rival "Ancient" and "Modern" systems in England. Indeed, nothing further happened than that Kilwinning, not being able to obtain what it considered its due, resumed its old status, while the Grand Lodge in Edinburgh with its affiliated lodges went on its way, if not rejoicing, at least without enmity towards its rival. But it is no business of ours to trace the progress of the Scottish Craft. What is needed to elucidate generally its history will be found in Chapter XXIII. of this history and to it accordingly we must refer our readers. We would, however, suggest that the digression about Young and the Prevosts is out of place in the narrative. The matter is interesting, but it would have been better given as a footnote. Where it is, it breaks the continuity of the story, and is itself the chief element in the confusion which the author has laboured so anxiously to clear up. As to the concluding portion of the chapter, in which are set forth the innocence of Mother Kilwinning of all connection with the high grades and much else relating to the many foreign novelties which have been fathered on the Craft in Scotland, it seems to us that Bro. Gould has said enough, for all reasonable purposes, to show what degrees were practised and to what extent.

Having taken us through Ireland and Scotland, Bro. Gould turns his attention to foreign parts, and has no difficulty in accounting for the rapid spread of Masonry abroad. His explanation, indeed, is most reasonable. "England," he remarks, "at that time was, without doubt, the centre of all eyes, and any important movement in this country was bound to attract especial attention from the world at large. Marlborough's brilliant achievements abroad had made our weight felt on the Continent, the States of Europe were distracted and impoverished by constant wars, whilst England was at least undisturbed within her own frontiers, and exceedingly wealthy. Her possession of Hanover brought her into close contact with Germany, but her alliance, and, above all, her large subsidies were desired by each of the contending states in turn, and, as a consequence, her capital was the rendezvous of thousands of foreigners. Under these circumstances the formation of the Grand Lodge could barely have escaped notice; but when noblemen of high position, and men celebrated for their learning, began to frequent our assemblies, to accept our offices, to take part in public processions, proudly wearing our jewels and aprons, no foreigner resident in the City of London could fail to be struck with the phenomenon." It followed, as a matter of course, that our foreign visitors, when they returned home, exhibited a strong desire to have meetings of their own, and that where a sufficient number of the initiated were gathered together, there a lodge or lodges were established. But all of them derived their being from the British Craft, and Bro. Gould is fully justified in his statement "that no single Freemason ever lived on the Continent or elsewhere whose Masonic pedigree does not begin in Great Britain. No former association, guild or otherwise, passed into a fraternity of Freemasons outside these islands, nor was any connection with the building trades of the Continent ever claimed by the first Freemasons of Europe. The Craft there is a direct importation from England, and in its infancy, and for many subsequent years, was confined entirely to the upper classes without the least admixture of the artisan."

But if foreign countries derived their Masonry from us, they speedily found out a way of adapting it to their own whims and caprices and their irrepressible love of show. Many years had not elapsed from its earliest introduction into neighbouring continental states ere a number of degrees were invented, France, as might have been expected, taking the lead in originating these novelties. It is curious, however, that most of these should have had a Scottish origin ascribed to them, which is, no doubt, to be accounted for partly by the fact that Scotchmen—partisans of the Stuarts—were among the chief early supporters of Masonry on the continent, but chiefly by the connection of Ramsay with Freemasonry and the speech in which he advocated its cause and described its merits. This gave strength to the idea that the new system of degrees, as they were clearly not of English birth, must have come from Scotland, and the latter country enjoys the honour of having originated a rite, which has nothing Scottish about it beyond its name. However, Ramsay, his speech, and the vagaries of early continental Masons are too important to be dealt with at the close of an article. We shall, therefore, reserve our notice of them till another week.

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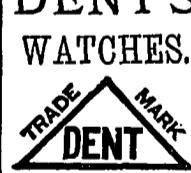
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NEW MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother, Seeing your leading paragraphs containing words of praise to the brethren of Brixham, who, not numbering 60 members, determined to build a hall at a cost of about £400. I trust the following facts may encourage other lodges similarly situated to take heart and do likewise. The difficulties pointed out by you by no means exhausts the reasons that could be adduced to holding meetings in semi-private places. A commodious hall gives a lodge a status, and attracts to them joining members, who, finding every comfort and convenience within its walls attend regularly all meetings and throw their energies into the work of reducing a debt, if incurred on the building.

Wealthy resident Masons in many cases, after attending often, show their encouragement by joining such a lodge. The Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, was granted a warrant to about 12 members, the foundation-stone was laid by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight at its Constitution, and those members had only another 12 in view to join them at that time. The hall was built and furnished at a cost of about £1000. In December last, after five years, the lodge numbered 35 members, since then the W.M. and I.P.M. have proposed as candidates and joining members ten more, and the lodge is undoubtedly beginning to reap an unmistakable direct benefit from having a hall of their own. The members feel a pride in it, and are continually marking their appreciation by gifts, useful and ornamental, while your Mr. Editor, after a sojourn here and visiting it, sent us practical proofs of your encouragement which adorn its walls at the present time.—Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG MEMBER.

Shanklin, March 30th.

GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA AND SCOTTISH
TEMPLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If you will refer to my letter on this subject, you will see I asked you to lay before your readers the published statements of the Great Prior of Canada and also of the Scottish Templars in Canada. I think if you will find space for the case of both Templar bodies in your columns, you will greatly interest your readers, who, notwithstanding you "logical conclusions," will, I doubt not, acquit me of presumption, and agree in thinking the Scottish Templars will strengthen their position by joining Great Priory, on the principle, as I have said before, that "Union is Strength." Trusting to your well-known fairness to insert this,—I am, yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.,
Representative of Great Priory.

Guernsey, March 29th.

CHARITY STEWARDS BADGES AND FOUNDERS
JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I watched with some amount of curiosity for your editorial opinion in reply to enquiries of "A Past Master" in your issue of the 13th March, having heard the same question raised several times of late, and on which subject opinions seem somewhat divided, although without doubt by far the larger number of brethren would not side with the writer of letter referred to in his opinion. If it be thought that Grand Lodge condemns the wearing of either the above, and notably the former, I cannot but think in the interest of our Charities it would be as well to decide the question, and in so doing decide that the same shall be recognised and acknowledged, not to exhibit "the brother's liberal and praiseworthy individual efforts" in the cause of charity, but as an incentive to other lodges he may visit, and especially those, and alas, too many, whose support in the cause of charity is but small. Past Master does not object to the Charity Jewel, why then should not a brother be permitted to wear a badge, who has subscribed his £10 10s. as a Steward to one Charity perhaps out of his small means, as much as the brother who has served his two Stewardships out of perhaps larger funds. The whole question would be more easily decided by Grand Lodge permitting the Charity Jewel to be worn after one Stewardship, adding a bar to each successive serving.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

AN ASSISTANT OFFICER.

"MASONIC RECORDS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I beg to thank you for the valuable suggestion in your leaderette of 27th inst. After careful consideration, and consultation with my good friend Bro. W. J. Hughan, I feel bound to accept your challenge, and to publish a larger edition of my "Masonic Records" at a considerably reduced price, trusting to the Craft, in whose interests alone the work has been compiled, for a prompt response in the shape of a large addition to the list of subscribers.

Your readers will find in another part of this week's *Freemason* that I have decided to issue the work to all subscribers before publication at one guinea per copy, being only half of the original price. The work, however, will be precisely the same, and I shall be glad to have the names of intending subscribers as early as possible.

Kindly permit me this opportunity of stating that the brethren who have already promised to take copies at two guineas will, of course, only have to pay the reduced price of one guinea per copy. I hope, however, to hear that many of them will take an additional copy, which would form a useful present to the lodge libraries.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE, P.M. 1402, Torquay.

March 31st.

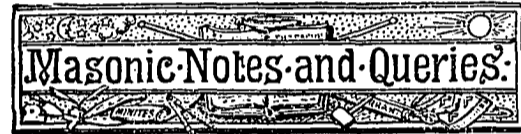
FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR
THE PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND
RUTLAND, 1886.

Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., is to be congratulated on the appearance of his handsome little volume for the present year of grace, and especially as it is its fourteenth year of issue. This very handy, comprehensive, and accurate publication has been in process of improvement from its advent until now, and so far as we are able to judge, perfection has been attained. At least, though the Editor still speaks of possible additions, they are so slight, and on similar lines to the present edition, that we are of the opinion that it is now a model directory, both editorially and typographically. An excellent photographic portrait of the Right Hon. the Earl of Ferrers, Prov. G.M., adorns the work, this capital feature of the 1886 issue being the first of a series of "local brethren of distinction," so we

may soon expect to see the faces of our esteemed fratres, R.W. Bro. William Kelly, Past Prov. G.M.; Bro. George Toller, Past D.P.G.M., &c., and other eminent Craftsmen, who have done so much for Leicestershire Freemasonry, particularly the first named and distinguished Masonic veteran, to whom much of the prosperity of the province is due, with the able assistance of Prov. Grand Secretaries from time to time, Bro. Kelly having quite a facility in the selection of suitable brethren for that arduous post. Complete lists of the members of the 12 lodges are given, with the various officers, Past Masters, and Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. If disposed to be critical, we should suggest that the years of service as Masters and as Prov. Grand Officers would prove a useful addition; but really there is already so much given, that we are prepared to hear there is no more available space. All the regular Degrees are duly and fully noted. By "regular," we refer to those so generally supported by distinguished Craftsmen in this country. The Charities are also well attended to. Indeed, the information is most ample and suggestive, the votes in the province being a total of 1039 for the three Central Institutions, which is a goodly number for a province of 506 members.

MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF
CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1886.

This Masonic Bijou is edited by Bro. W. P. Spalding, of Cambridge, who, being also the printer and publisher, we are not surprised to find that in all points, the Directory is well worthy of the province, and in many respects it is far in advance of the early issue. The succinct sketches of the experience of the six lodges during 1885 are very readable and most interesting; the "Raising" of H.R.H. Prince Edward of Wales by the W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 859, being, of course, prominently noticed. The oldest lodge, viz., No. 88, Cambridge, dates from 1754, and the youngest was warranted on 13th August, 1885. We hope in another year that Bro. Spalding will see his way clear to give a list of the subscribers to the Central Masonic Charities, far such a roll has a healthy effect in stimulating lodges and brethren to do more for these excellent Institutions. We are pleased to note that the year Year Book is "Issued by order of the Provincial Grand Lodge," as then there should be a margin for additional expenses to be incurred by increasing its size, and we are glad to find that the editor perseveres in his useful labours.



655] DANIEL COXE AND HENRY PRICE.

EARLY "DEPUTATIONS."

In response to Bro. Hughan's request in your last issue, I beg to state that Daniel Coxe is registered as a member of No. 8, at the "Devil Tavern, within Temple Bar," in 1731.

I have no doubt whatever that this is the Daniel Coxe who was the first Provincial Grand Master appointed for America.

He was present in Grand Lodge on 29th January, 1731, on which date appears the following: "And after the general Healths were drunk the Deputy Grand Master proposed the Health of Bro. Coxe Provincial Grand Master of North America which was drunk accordingly."

"The Deputy Grand Master then acquainted the Brethren that his Grace the Duke of Norfolk our present Grand Master had not only been so good as to order £20 towards the General Charity. But also had made the Brethren a Present of a Sword of State and a new Grand Lodge Book to be used for the future at Grand Lodges and other meetings where the Grand Master shall be present."

"Then Bro. Moody, Master of the Lodge at the Devil Tavern within Temple Bar, and Sword Cutler to their Majesty's Household, was ordered by the Deputy Grand Master to produce the Sword of State, by him finished, and the Brethren present acknowledged that it was not only finely designed but executed in the best manner and owned to be a curious piece of Workmanship."

I need scarcely add that Bro. Moody received the thanks of the brethren, and that his Health was drunk with the greatest cordiality, but, perhaps everyone is not aware that the sword referred to is the one now in use, and has, from that time to the present, been the State Sword of the Grand Lodge. It is somewhat quaintly described in the Book of Constitutions, 1738, as "The Old Trusty Sword of Gustavus Adolphus King of Sweden, that was wore next by his successor in War the brave Bernard Duke of Sax-Weimar, with both their names on the Blade; which the Grand Master had order'd Brother George Moody (the Kings Sword Cutler) to adorn richly with the Arms of Norfolk in Silver on the Scabbard; in order to be the Grand Masters Sword of State for the future."

Up to this time the Grand Lodge had neither Sword nor Sword Bearer, but had borrowed a Sword from one of the old lodges, and it was carried in the procession by the Master of the lodge to which it belonged. Bro. George Moody was appointed Sword Bearer 27th March, 1731, and was reappointed every year till the 18th April, 1745, when he "declined the acceptance of that Office on account of the bad state of his Health, and presented the Grand Lodge with a Jewel he had usually worn, for the use of the future Sword Bearer." The lodge of which he was Master in 1730, and of which Daniel Coxe was a member, seems to have gradually declined, and was finally erased by Grand Lodge in 1744 for not attending the Quarterly Communications.

Henry Price is registered in 1731 as a member of No. 75, at the Rainbow Coffee House, in York Buildings, now the Britannic Lodge, No. 33. Of course I cannot be certain that this is the identical Henry Price to whom Bro. Hughan refers, as the names only appear in these old lists, but as I took considerable pains some years ago to search the records at the request of our friend Jacob Norton, of Boston, I can safely assert that no other person of the same name is to be found in the Grand Lodge books at that period. With regard to Old Warrants, I quite agree with Bro. Hughan that it would be most interesting to come across one granted between 1720 and 1730, and would indeed "be a real find;" I have not, however, the most remote hope of being able to gratify him and myself in

this respect, for at present I am strongly of opinion that no such documents were used, at all events in London, at that early period.

I think it very probable that the Grand Master's sign manual, and seal affixed to an application for permission to hold a lodge was the only document that was considered necessary at first, and that the real Constitution of a lodge consisted in the performance by the Grand Master or his Deputy of the ceremony described on page 71 of the 1723 Constitutions. When the influence of the newly-formed Grand Lodge began to extend (no doubt much to the surprise and gratification of its originators) beyond the boundaries of the Cities of London and Westminster (to which localities it was evidently intended to be limited), and consequently the lodges would be less under the observation and control of the constituted authorities, more particular instructions would be necessary, and these were conveyed in the form of a letter or "Deputation," as it was called, from the Grand Master, the earliest example of which (a copy written at the time) is to be seen in the first minute book of the Grand Lodge, and was sent to Fort William, Bengal, in 1729, with which, doubtless, Bro. Hughan is perfectly familiar, although there are previous references in the minutes to letters from the Grand Master to brethren in distant parts, the first being in the proceedings of the 10th May, 1727, and is as follows:—

"A Lre from the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy, and Grand Wardens in Chester in answer to the Grand Master's Lre was read."

"Ordered That the said Lre be entered at Large in the Grand book."

"After which Mr. Cowper the Deputy Grand Master's health was drank with thanks for his visitation of the Lodges at Chester."

The next occurs at the following meeting, 24th June, 1727, when a letter was read from the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy, and Grand Wardens of the province of South Wales, returning thanks to the Grand Master for his letter.

Having already considerably exceeded my usual limits, I must ask Bro. Hughan to wait till next week for the names of the members of the first lodge that paid for its Constitution.

H. SADLER.



Craft Masonry.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. H. Harbord, W.M.; H. McClelland, I.P.M.; Dan Hughes, S.W.; R. Pittam Stevens, J.W.; John Hughes, P.M., Treas.; Charles Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; John P. Hoddinott, S.D.; Haylock, J.D.; Clinch, D.C.; A. Prince, I.G.; Fimister, Org.; Gross and Rubardt, Stwds.; Woodstock, Tyler; Lewis, P.M.; Griffith, P.M.; Ginger, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; H. Smith, Jackson, Reynolds, Russell, Gillard, Bater, Linstead, Clarke, E. W. Cundy, G. Smith, Rogers, T.W. Venner, Vale, Ross, Newman, Gordon, Ford, Derry, Hayden, Sheffield, Johnson, Taylor, Barwell, Corkhill, Little, Chivers, Follett, Harden, Watkins, Eade, Glanville, Whitnall, Tuck, Pratt, and Wilkinson. Visitors: Bros. Williams, P.M. 933; Hardy, J.W. 201; Needes, 53; Harris, 95; Thompson, 169; Stone, 957; Lewis, 1472; and Marshall, 1891.

This lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. A ballot was then taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Geo. W. Pratt, Edward Wilkinson, and Matthew Thomas Tuck. All candidates being present were then initiated into our ancient Order. Bros. Reynolds and Linstead were passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hayden was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Rich was proposed as a candidate for initiation.

It was then unanimously resolved that a summer banquet should take place during the season, and that Bro. Stevens be requested to give his valuable services as Honorary Secretary.

The W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where they were served in such a manner as to elicit the warmest praise. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. Several brethren considerably enhanced the enjoyment by their harmony.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There were present Bros. G. Marsden, jun., W.M.; J. Voisey, S.W.; John Hernaman, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; C. Wilson, Sec.; D. D. Mercer, J.D.; F. W. N. Smith, Org.; T. E. Webb, I.G.; and J. G. C. Gooding, Steward. The P.M.'s present were Bros. J. J. Brinton, G. T. Bickerton, B. R. Bryant, and P. A. Nairne, D.C. The members present were Bros. R. Elgar, T. Bradley, W. Andrews, F. P. Hunt, C. D. Scriven, John Arlidge, A. Ramage, Thomas Arnold, H. S. Bigg, W. Andrews, jun., C. F. Cockle, R. Irvine, F. H. Woodward, J. N. Turney, and H. H. Hyslop. The visitors were Bros. J. H. Hawkins, W.M. 65; J. Nichal, 1539; J. Dixon, P.M. 1728; W. Harold Vint, 871; R. Grey, 176; William Jeffery, 1622; J. H. Lowry, 1475; R. J. Paton, J.W. 205; R. Kimpton, W.M. 1728; H. Lynn, I.G. 217; A. C. Bradley, P.M. 1216; and H. R. Greet, P.M. 507.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to pass Bro. Frederick Pursord Hunt to the Second Degree. This ceremony having been completed, Bros. W. Yardley Andrews, jun., and Charles Richard Scriven were raised to the Third Degree. Mr. Henry Hector Hyslop, who had been already ballotted for and approved, was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. We may remark, en passant, that the W.M. conducted these several ceremonies in a most able and judicious manner. Those who are in the Craft are aware what an amount of labour, both mentally and physically, is involved in working three degrees consecutively. In consequence of the time thus

occupied, many matters had to be postponed until May next.

The lodge was then closed in due form. At rather a late hour the W.M. invited the brethren to dine with him in the room set apart for that purpose, Bro. Venables having provided a most appetising repast, which all the guests appreciated after long abstinence. The W.M. acted as Chaplain.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in loyal terms, proposed "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales;" "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom;" and "The other Officers of Grand Lodge, Past and Present."

These were all well received and most heartily pledged.

Bro. J. J. Brinton, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the popular W.M., Bro. Marsden." He remarked he had never risen to propose a toast with more pleasurable feelings than on that occasion, inasmuch as their W.M. had in the Temple discharged the onerous duties of the evening in a manner that could not be excelled. He appealed to those present to corroborate that assertion. There were two reasons that afforded him (the speaker) so much pleasure—namely, the fact that the prestige of the lodge was upheld by the W.M., and, moreover, that the visitors present should be both interested and edified with what they had seen and heard. Their incomparable ritual had that evening been rendered with a solemnity and readiness which demonstrated the care, patience, and attention bestowed thereon in every detail. The impression thereof would be borne vividly in mind by them all for a long season. He did not intend to make a speech, for various reasons, which would unfold themselves as the evening advanced. He would, however, call on them to evince the estimation they cultivated towards their W.M. by giving a Sphinx fire, and take their time from him, one and all.

The appeal was responded to *con amore*.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, observed that their Immediate Past Master at all times had kind words to express towards him; but he feared that there was nevertheless an over estimation of his abilities. He had resolved on taking the chair—which had been filled by those whom he endeavoured to emulate—to do his utmost, though at a distance, to make himself conversant with the duties of the office. Bro. Brinton was quite right when he said that he (the W.M.) was willing to be instructed. He was at all times, and appreciated the motives of the brethren who rendered him information. He would admit that the labours of the evening had been to him rather trying; but if he had proved himself what had been represented, he was fully recompensed. He thanked them for their sympathy and esteem.

After Bros. Voisey, Scriven, and Gooding had vocalised some excellent pieces of music, the W.M. said there were ladies in an adjoining room who would alternate some music if the brethren did not deem it an "innovation" by their being present. The brethren with acclamation acceded to their presence, and therefore Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Turney, and Miss Walker were introduced, the two former being vocalists, the latter being their accompanist on the pianoforte. The vocalisation of these ladies was far superior to that often heard. The introduction of this singing seemed to infuse new life into the meeting, and no wonder when the quality was so excellent and the ability so perfect. Again and again the well-trained voices warbled forth music allied to immortal verse.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and "The Past Masters of the Lodge," also "The Officers" thereof, all of which were acknowledged in very effective speeches.

Bro. Jno. Hernaman expressed a hope that the W.M. would convey to the ladies on behalf of the lodge the pleasure derived from their brilliant musical talents, and anticipated that this was a prelude to other visits of a similar character.

Bro. Bickerton endorsed the remarks of Bro. Hernaman, and the W.M. promised to convey to the ladies the expression of feeling of which the brothers who had spoken were the exponents.

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most cheerful evenings presided over by the Master of this lodge, and perhaps we may venture to assert any other lodge.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. J. Williams, W.M.; B. Cooper, S.W.; J. A. Taylor, J.W.; G. Mattock, P.M., Treas.; G. Skegg, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Shaw, S.D.; F. J. Eedle, D.C.; J. B. James, I.G.; A. C. Jones, Stwd.; John Lee, Tyler; J. Terry, P.M.; R. Forster, P.M.; J. I. Cantle, P.M.; H. S. Allworthy, C. Fitch, and T. Cray. Visitors: Bros. G. H. Bunting, C. Sheppard, W.M. Highgate Lodge; A. Edwards, J. Underwood, I.P.M. Highgate Lodge; G. S. Graham, P.M.; W. A. Goosey, F. Hurdle, B. Bell, W. J. Large, P.M.; C. J. Tyrrell, and F. R. Young.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditor's report received and adopted. The installation of Bro. B. Cooper as W.M. then took place, the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Williams. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Taylor, S.W.; W. Shaw, J.W.; G. Mattock, P.M., Treas.; G. Skegg, P.M., Sec.; J. James, S.D.; F. J. Eedle, J.D.; T. Cray, D.C.; A. C. Jones, I.G.; and C. Fitch, Stwd.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A regular meeting of this successful lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 25th ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. Arthur Ferrar, W.M., and amongst the brethren present were the following: Bros. R. Polak, S.W.; W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx.; Secretary; A. R. Olley, S.D.; W. Beasley, J.D.; J. H. Rich, I.G.; W. Wright, D.C.; E. Frisby, Organist; W. Simpson, Stwd.; J. L. Payne, I.P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; and F. Brasted, P.M. Visitors: Bros. W. A. O'Reilly, 1986; G. A. Wootton, 1986; Mark Rawlings, 1894; J. Deverill, jun., 1894; A. G. Watkinson, 1728; G. Pesca, 1305; A. D'Ardenne, 1184; G. Baugh, 548; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the installation meeting read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Messrs. G. Jarvis and A. Pottier, which proved unanimous in their favour, and the latter

being in attendance, he was impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Allardyce was passed to the Second Degree, both this and the former ceremony being rendered by the W.M. in a very able manner. It was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be forwarded to the widow of the late Bro. Searle, who was for some time a respected member of this lodge, sympathising with her in her distress. Propositions having been received for the next meeting, and other business transacted, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers," were each proposed by the W.M. in appropriate terms, and received by the brethren present with the customary cordiality.

Bro. J. L. Payne, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that the brethren had all seen the very able manner in which Bro. A. Ferrar, W.M., had performed the ceremonies that evening, and he felt assured that the ensuing year would be a successful and prosperous one.

Bro. Arthur Ferrar, W.M., tendered his sincere thanks to the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and to the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. It would be a sincere gratification to him if he performed his duties to their satisfaction. He was sure he could rely upon the support of the officers and brethren during his year of office, and it would be his earnest endeavours to uphold the prestige of the lodge, and promote the comfort of the brethren.

Bro. A. Pottier in reply to the toast of "The Initiate," said it had been his ambition for some time past to be initiated into Freemasonry. He thanked the members of the lodge for their cordial reception, and especially the brother who so kindly proposed him.

Bro. J. L. Payne, I.P.M., responding on behalf of "The Past Masters," said that they one and all had the interests of the lodge at heart, and were always willing to render any assistance they could to the W.M. who occupied the chair.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said that as father of the lodge he took a very great interest in it, and expressed his regret that Bro. Brand, their respected Treasurer, was unavoidably absent.

"The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who gave them a hearty welcome, and trusted they had spent an enjoyable and profitable evening.

"The Visiting Brethren" responded, one and all expressing their admiration of the manner in which the ceremonies were performed, and thanking the lodge for its profuse hospitality and very cordial reception.

"The Officers" having been given, and responded to by Bro. Polak, S.W., the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Some excellent songs and recitations were given by the brethren, Bro. Frisby, Org., presiding at the pianoforte.

COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 25th ult., at the Bow Vestry Hall, when there were present Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, W.M.; A. Souch, S.W.; E. G. Johnson, J.W.; R. Logan, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; H. L. Wheatley, S.D.; Chas. A. Plater, J.D.; R. R. Green, D.C.; J. H. Langdon, as I.G.; Young, as Tyler; J. T. Robey, I.P.M.; C. F. Webster, Wiseman, Hobbs, T. H. Smithers, and Sutton.

Visitors: Bros. W. J. Rundell, W.M. 1716; J. House, P.M. 1716; R. H. Harland, Sec. 1716; J. Grout, Org. 1716; Raymond, 1716; J. McLaren, W.M. 1805; Marsland, S.D. 1805; E. Brown, P.M. 1885; B. Carter, P.M. 1382; Baster, P.M. 902; J. K. Coleman, W.M. elect 907; J. H. Langdon, 1457; Steffen, 1457; Trew, 959; Slater, 1076; Woodcock, 1216; Ford, 807; J. H. Brown, 953; and F. C. Richardson, 1641.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Alfred Witherby, David Annan, jun., Robert Hargrave Self, John Henry Johnson, and John Sully, who were declared elected, and subsequently initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who was heartily congratulated on his efficient working, the present being the first opportunity of judging the same since his installation into the chair of K.S. At the conclusion of the ceremony, W. Bro. J. House, P.M. 1716, at the invitation of the W.M., delivered the charge, as also the First Lecture on the Tracing Board, in a very masterly manner, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for the same. The W.M. reported the fact of Bro. Green, D.C., and himself having represented the lodge as joint Stewards at the late festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, their list amounting to £82 19s.

All Masonic business having been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren subsequently sat down to refreshment, where, after the usual preliminary toasts had been proposed, "The Healths of the Initiates" were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—On Monday, the 15th ult., this lodge had before it an unusual amount of work, there being no fewer than five candidates for initiation, besides one for passing. Bro. Wm. C. Nichols, of Mark-lane (a son of the W.M.), having been passed, the following candidates were initiated:—Mr. Alderman W. B. Redfern, Mayor of Cambridge; Mr. Geo. Wallis, M.R.C.S.; Mr. W. Fawcett, Mr. Frank Flinn, and Mr. John A. Clarke. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Nichols, W.M., assisted by Bro. G. M'Callum, I.P.M. With regard to Bro. Redfern, we believe it an exceedingly rare occurrence in the annals of Freemasonry to find a mayor admitted during his year of office.

SHEERNESS.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—Under a dispensation from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. Smith-Eastes, the installation meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held in the Local Board of Health Room, on Tuesday, 23rd ult. The W.M., Bro. H. Sole, opened the lodge, supported by the following members and visitors: Bros. A. Spears, P.P.G.O.; J. Bagshaw, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Brett, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. S. Warne, P.P.G.A.S.; T. W. Carpenter, P.P.G.P.; W. Blakey, P.P.A.D.C.; H. Black, P.G.A.P.; C. Burley, P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. Watts, P.M.; T. Firminger,

P.M.; G. T. Green, P.M.; R. Derry, P.M.; R. J. E. Brown, P.M.; J. Funnell, W.M. 20; W. H. Hedger, W.M. 77; J. Tower, W.M. 1089; Rev. W. Bond, M.A., W.M. 1273; C. Cockburn, I.P.M. 20; W. W. Copland, I.P.M. 1384; T. Mitchell, P.M. 20; E. J. Penney, P.M. 1089; W. Norrington, P.M. 1089; R. H. Plattin, W.M. elect; J. Auty, W. G. Watts, J. Hooker, J. B. Elstone, J. H. McLachlan, I. F. Jacobs, F. H. Vinncombe, 202; D. Ososki, 704; T. Allingham, 1967; and several others.

Bro. R. H. Plattin, S.W., W.M. elect, having been presented, was ably installed into the chair by Bro. A. Spears, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Sole, I.P.M.; J. Auty, S.W.; H. E. Hammond, J.W.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Treas.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Lee, S.D.; A. S. Baskett, J.D.; A. Spears, P.M., D.C.; C. M. Glaysher, Org.; E. Stutely, P.M., and D. Griffith, Stwds.; H. G. Boorman, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The various charges were given by Bro. R. Derry, P.M., and the ceremony brought to a conclusion. The W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. H. Sole, with a P.M.'s jewel, as a slight recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties appertaining to the chair during the past year.

Bro. J. Bagshaw, P.M., was re-elected lodge representative on the Provincial Charity Committee for the ensuing year. Votes of thanks were given to the Installing Masters and the Local Board of Health for the use of the room, and the lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren were highly pleased with the appearance of the lodge furniture, which has been entirely renovated and re-embellished through the kindness of Bro. R. H. Plattin.

An adjournment having been made to the lodge room at the Britannic Hotel, about 70 brethren sat down to a sumptuously served banquet in Mrs. Green's best style, under the superintendence of her son, Bro. G. T. Green, P.M. The splendid floral decorations of the tables, combined with the magnificent proportions of the room, were the theme of admiration of everyone present, and the visiting brethren congratulated the members of the lodge on having a hostess imbued with such public spirit as to erect a room so admirably adapted, on account of its size, acoustic qualities, and general arrangements, for Masonic and other purposes. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly received according to ancient custom.

In responding to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Plattin said from his first entrance into Masonry he had always looked towards the chair, and that day, through the kindness of the brethren, he had arrived at the summit of his ambition, and it would be his constant aim to walk in the footsteps of his predecessors, for by so doing he would promote the best interests of the lodge, and bring credit upon himself.

Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," gave some very interesting statistics and information in connection with the various Charitable Institutions, and he concluded his remarks by appealing to the brethren to use the utmost of their power in promoting the welfare of the Masonic Charities.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a successful termination. The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Bro. C. M. Glaysher, Organist of the Dockyard Chapel.

HADLEIGH.—Virtue and Silence Lodge (No. 332).—On Thursday evening, the 18th ult., being the regular lodge night, this lodge was held under the Worshipful Mastership of Bro. C. H. U. Haward. The lodge being in mourning in consequence of the death of the R.W. G.M., Bro. Lord Waveney, only the work it was absolutely necessary to execute was discharged, including the raising of a brother from F.C. to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the duties being most ably discharged by Bro. A. J. Grimwade, P.M., assisted by the officers and brethren. After the lodge was closed the following brethren signed the presence book: Bros. C. H. U. Haward, W.M.; J. C. Norman, I.P.M.; J. Warren, S.W.; C. Smallman, J.W.; C. J. Grimwade, P.M.; A. J. Grimwade, P.M.; G. A. Hardacre, P.M.; W. Gardener, P.M. and D.C.; N. Tracy, P.M. 376, P.P.G.J.W., Prov. G.S.; M. Franks, W.M. 376; F. Grimwade, P.M.; S. Cooper, P.M.; H. R. Taylor, S.D.; A. Taylor, J.D.; the Rev. E. A. Thelwall, I.G.; E. W. Archer, R. Aldous, T. Cook, S. Honeywill, and H. Jones.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. W. Everatt, W.M.; E. J. Foster, S.W.; Robert Dayson, J.W.; H. T. Gardiner, P.G.S., acting Chap.; J. A. Bray, P.M., Treas.; G. Dixon, Sec.; R. C. Bruce, S.D.; W. H. Fogg, J.D.; E. C. B. Tudor, D.C.; C. Grant, I.G.; C. Chappell, Stwd.; T. Rippon, Org.; G. Cutt, acting Tyler; K. Wright, P.M.; W. Brook, P.M.; H. Wilson, P.M.; Ezra Gooderidge, P.M.; G. Jackson, P.M.; W. W. Hunter, P.M.; C. Denby, P.M.; Jordan, W. H. C. Dunhill, Powell, Leach, Empson, England, Lieut. Hind, Blasdale, C. A. B. Tudor, Dimberline, and several others.

On the motion of Bro. Wilson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Dr. Bruce, a vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Timm, whose brother had since the last regular lodge been thrown out of his conveyance and killed. Bro. R. Ward was then initiated by the W.M., Bro. P.M.'s Gardiner, Wright, and Bray assisting in the ceremony.

NEWPORT (MON.).—Isca Lodge (No. 683).—A regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. E. Homfray Davis, I.P.M., as W.M.; Dr. Thomas, S.W.; D. Fitt, J.W.; S. Davies, Treas.; W. B. Barnett, Sec.; Col. Cummins, S.D.; J. Fothergill, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; G. Beavis, P.M.; Oliver, P.M.; Jordan, De Angelo, Parsons, and other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Mon.; H. Mauder Williams, I.P.M. 1986; C. H. Phillips, P.M. 1986; Waites, W.M. 471; Taylor, W.M. 1429; Boulton, 36; and others.

After the minutes of previous meeting had been submitted and confirmed, the R.W.D.P.G.M. of the province, Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, was announced, and, attended by several Provincial officers, entered the lodge, being received and saluted by the brethren in due form. The candidate for initiation—Mr. Tom Gill Williams, L.D.S. Eng.—was regularly balloted for and approved, after which, by permission and at the special request of the W.M., Bro. Rev. J.

D. Griffiths, P.G.C., who was unavoidably absent, Bro. H. Maunder Williams, I.P.M. 1986 (brother of the candidate), then took the chair, and the candidate being admitted, the ceremony of initiation was performed under circumstances of considerable interest to the brethren in a most impressive manner by the W.M., who evidently deeply felt the solemn responsibility of admitting his own brother to the mysteries and privileges of the Craft. Bro. Col. Cummins gave the charge to the initiate. Bros. Gardiner and White were afterwards raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being most impressively by Bro. E. Homfray Davis, I.P.M. (nephew to the D.P.G.M.)

In acknowledging the usual vote of thanks to the visitors the R.W.D.P.G.M. expressed his pleasure at again witnessing the excellent work of the lodge. He heartily welcomed the brethren from London to their province, and trusted they would give a good account of Masonic work in Monmouthshire.

Bro. Maunder Williams, I.P.M. 1986, said that he desired to convey to the lodge the warmest thanks for the fraternal welcome he and his friend Bro. Phillips had received since their arrival in the town. He also wished to thank the W.M. for his kind permission to initiate his brother into Masonry. He had every confidence that their new member would in due time prove himself worthy of their kindness.

Bro. Phillips, P.M. 1986, endorsed all the expressions of thanks of Bro. Maunder Williams, and expressed the great pleasure he himself had in being present that evening. He had known the initiate for many years, who he was sure would follow in the footsteps of his own father, a P.M. of 25 years' standing, and of his brother then present, in practising the principles and precepts of Masonry so ably enunciated that evening. For all their kindness he (Bro. Phillips) could only again thank them, and trusted to meet some of the brethren of the lodge in town, where he would be glad to show them all the attention he possibly could in return for their kindly welcome.

Other visiting brethren having expressed their "Hearty good wishes," and sundry propositions being given, the lodge was closed.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The annual festival of this prosperous lodge and installation of W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 10th inst. There were present Bros. J. Copestick, W.M.; Edgar Horne, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Woodiwiss, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; J. Chadwick, S.D.; S. Taylor, J.D.; J. Walker, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; G. Sutherland, I.G.; W. Todd and J. Jones, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; P.M.'s J. Taylor, G. T. Wright, John Smith, J. C. Merry, J. Brown, T. R. Gee, A. Frazer, W. Cooper, F. Bland, C. Webster, F. G. Sanderson, T. C. Wigg, and T. E. Yeomans; Bros. W. H. Wright, H. Horne, W. Knight, H. J. Peake, A. Moore, D. Woollatt, and many others. Amongst the large gathering of visitors were Bros. T. Cox, P.G. Treas.; W. N. Marsden, P.M. 253; T. Parker, P.M. 1495; J. C. Webb, W.M. 353; W. J. Gothard, P.M. 624; Burton, F. Campion, P.M. 253; W. Naylor, Prov. G. Sec.; R. Roberts, I.P.M. 353; M. Hill, P.M. 1495; J. Holmes, W.M. 1495; W. S. Hall, S.W. 253; W. H. Roberts, P.M. 630; H. Tissington, P.M. 1495; John Townsend, 163; T. N. Turner, P.M. 506; W. Pollard, W.M. 506; R. A. Greenough, P.M. 1495; J. S. West, S.W. 787; Belper, F. Bennett, P.M. 787; W. Elphinstone, S.W. 506; F. Stone, S.D. 1085; R. Widdowson, I.G. 925; J. Monck, S.D. 802; J. Chadfield, 1387; J. Cook, 1324; B. W. Pike, J.D. 1085; W. L. Ball, P.M. 802; J. Butler, 419; J. D. Wragg and S. Morley, 1739; J. R. Cain, P.M. 353; H. Harrison, P.M. 506; H. Carr, W.M. 1085; F. G. Boden, J.W. 779; J. H. Marshall, W.M. 1007; A. J. Waller, P.M. 802; W. F. Ellis, P.M. 1739; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; M. H. Humphreys, P.M. 506; W. J. Piper, W.M. 802; S. Steele, P.M. 812; I. B. Laxton, and many others, in all, 115 signed the Tyler's book.

The minutes of the last regular lodge, and of emergency, having been read, confirmed, and signed, the W.M. elect was then presented by Bros. G. T. Wright, P.M., and A. Frazer, P.M., Bro. John Brown, P.M., occupying the chair of S.W. A Board of Installed Masters numbering 45 was then opened, and he W.M. elect having been admitted in due form was most ably installed by the retiring W.M., who it may be mentioned performed the whole ceremony throughout with a precision and dignity which evoked hearty plaudits from the brethren assembled. The Worshipful Master then invested as his Wardens Bros. A. Woodiwiss, S.W.; J. W. Brigg, J.W. The remaining officers were invested as follows: Bros. Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; Jesse Chadwick, Sec.; S. Taylor, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; G. Sutherland, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; J. Jones, I.G.; T. Day, Tyler; W. Todd, W. H. Wright, G. Taner, and H. Ward, Stwds. Apologies were tendered from Bros. S. S. Partridge, Deputy P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland; E. P. Steeds, W.M. Golden Fleece; and others. The W.M. then presented in the name of the lodge a beautiful Past Master's jewel to the Installing Master, Bro. J. Copestick, for his services rendered to the lodge during the previous 12 months. After a few appropriate words the W.M. attached the jewel, which bore a suitable inscription, to Bro. Copestick's breast.

The I.P.M. heartily thanked the W.M. for his remarks, and the lodge for the kindness and forbearance always shown to him.

All routine business being ended, lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

To show the high esteem in which Bro. E. Home, the newly-installed W.M., is held, it may be mentioned that brethren from all parts of the province and other adjacent provinces assembled at the banquet table, to the number of 105. The W.M., assisted by Bro. S. Steele, P.M. 802, managed the catering, and their wives did excellent service in decorating the tables. The wines were selected by the same brethren from the extensive stock of Bro. T. Cox, P.M., P.G.T.

Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, and thanks tendered by the Chaplain, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., ably acting as Dir. of Cer., and leading the firing.

To the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge" Bros. G. T. Wright, P.G.S.W., and W. L. Ball, P.G.J.W., ably responded.

The toast of "The W.M." was given in his usual able, forcible manner by Bro. John Brown, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., who said he felt it his duty to congratulate their newly-installed W.M. on the splendid assembly of brethren who had met around him so spontaneously on the important occasion of his elevation to the Mastership of his lodge. He could quite understand the enthusiasm of the brethren at the reception of the toast. It had fallen to him to initiate the W.M. into Masonry, and, apart from his personal worthiness, the brethren present would realise the great pleasure he had in the duty then falling upon him. We may, he said, congratulate ourselves on having so good a brother to preside over us for the ensuing year. The motto of the W.M. had been "Try, try, and try again." He had always tried to do his work well, and was one who had succeeded everywhere. He was trusted by all, and his principles were so high as to secure the esteem not only of his brethren, but all his fellow men.—The toast was drunk with all the honours.

On rising to respond, the W.M. was received with hearty cheers. He said he felt he could not plead guilty to all the kind things said of him by the proposer of the toast. He would only say of himself that he had always striven to do his duty as far as in him lay, and he valued the principles of Masonry so highly, and the interests of his brethren, and the Arboretum Lodge especially, so that he would far rather retire from the lodge than forfeit their good opinion, or in any way impair that brotherly feeling which existed so strikingly within the lodge. The local brethren present so numerous as visitors that night would corroborate him when he told the large number of brethren present that each officer of their lodge made it a point to throw his heart and soul into the work, with the result that the lodge became so highly thought of by every Mason in the province. He would try to do his duty to the lodge and equally to every brother during his year of office, and he hoped to follow the many bright examples of his predecessors in that chair, particularly of those Past Masters who had honoured him with their presence that evening, and who had always so much at heart the welfare of their lodge. Such examples should not be lost upon him, and it would be his constant aim to follow them, and to hand down his powers when the time should come for him to do so with undiminished honour.

Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., gave the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. James Copestick, I.P.M.," he said, although he had not the power of speaking which Bro. Brown possessed, his task was not a difficult one as all present knew and valued Bro. Copestick as a tried Mason and a worthy Master of his lodge. As to the ceremony of the evening, he had been present at very many of their anniversaries, but he was sure none had been carried out in a better spirit than the present one. He did think that the P.M.'s of the Arboretum Lodge paid the very best attention to the duties of their lodge, and all present would agree with him that the I.P.M. had conducted the ceremony that night in the best possible manner, as he had equally done in his duties to the lodge in the past, and especially during his year of office, when, as was usual with them, the work had been both heavy and important.

The toast was duly honoured, when the Installing Master responded.

Bro. Copestick thanked all the brethren very heartily for the kind manner in which the toast had been given and received. He assured them that his work in connection with their dear old lodge had been to him a delight and pleasure, and a labour of love, but particularly the work which had fallen to him that day of installing their worthy Master for the ensuing year. He would take care that the lodge would be in the future as in the past, a constant source of interest to him. No difficulty had arisen during his year of office, and he felt that none would be likely to arise in the future, but he would be ever ready to offer what assistance he could. He took that opportunity to thank all his officers for the help he had received from them, especially their new W.M., and he would also express his warmest acknowledgments to the Provincial Officers for the kind manner in which they had come forward to help him on all occasions.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Visiting Brethren," he regretted being so late in giving this toast, and was sorry that some of the brethren from a distance had been obliged already to leave them. He thanked all for their attendance that night. The success of the meeting was to a great extent due to the large numbers who had come from the outside, some from long distances in honour of the occasion. Perhaps some of the brethren had been kind enough to take that opportunity of coming to the Arboretum, from the fact of his having met them so often in their own lodges, and he could but consider it an honour to himself that they, and so many other brethren had come to see them at a time, which to him, was of such importance.

After due honours to the toast, Bro. J. Townsend, 163, replied. It had given him very great pleasure to be present that night. He had known Derby a long time, and was a frequent visitor in the town, and he knew also that in it Masonry was strong, but he could tell the W.M. and brethren present that what he had witnessed within their lodge, and the manner in which he had been received that night, had quite astonished him. The meeting had far exceeded what he had met with in Manchester or London. He considered the manner in which the ceremony had been given was elevating to all Masons, and he was sure no one could have enjoyed the evening throughout more than he had. It had given him great pleasure to be present, and he hoped to show some return to his brethren of Derby by meeting them within the walls of 163.

Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.M., gave the toast "The Worshipful Masters and brethren of the Sister Lodges," that toast, he said, had been given very frequently in the Arboretum Lodge, and on similar occasions, but it was always an easy task for him to perform, as it was a pleasing one. The brethren of the Derby lodges were always made welcome amongst them, and he hoped they would not fail to visit them as often as they could, during the year of office of Bro. Horne, who would extend to them as hearty a welcome as had ever been given by the W.M.'s of their lodges, if not more so. The all knew the value of visiting, and their brethren present would acknowledge that the officers and brethren of the Arboretum, were not wanting in that respect. He trusted their W.M. might be spared in health to carry out the duties of his year, and he

was sure the Derby brethren would receive from him on all occasions a good reception.

Bro. T. Cox, P.M. 253, P.G. Treas., in reply, expressed his thanks on behalf of the Tyrian Lodge, the mother lodge in the town, and it would always afford him pleasure to meet the brethren of the Arboretum. He could express nothing but satisfaction at their prosperity, and he hoped they would go on and prosper. The Arboretum was the most successful lodge that had been held in that Hall, and as it appeared to him would continue to be so.

Bro. C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085, and several other brethren also responded.

Bro. A. Woodiwiss, the S.W., gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge." He said, he had the honour to give a toast that would be most heartily received amongst them. We had in the Arboretum Lodge a goodly number of Past Masters, and to them might be attributed the great success to which the lodge had attained, they were always in attendance at their meetings and willing to give that advice and guidance, which tended so much to their prosperity, and to make the lodge what it was. They were all deeply indebted to their Past Masters, and their thanks were due especially to them; he trusted all the brethren would try to emulate their good example, and thus do honour to the lodge, and to themselves in every way that lay in their power.

Bro. J. Bland, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., replied. It was a difficult matter to respond to that toast in the presence of so many Past Masters, but he thanked Bro. Woodiwiss and the brethren for their good wishes. It had given him very great pleasure to take his part in the duties of that evening, in honour to their W.M., his esteemed friend and brother. He could say that the position of their lodge was a noble one, and it had sent out many good men and true to other parts of the province and the country, and it would continue to help on the great principles of Masonry. He hoped the W.M. would have health and strength to rule over his lodge with that success which he knew he had at heart, and he was sure the Past Masters would give him every help that lay in their power.

Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., also responded.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. G. Whittaker, P.P.G.O., the J.W., ably responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list, and brought a delightful evening to a close. A night long to be remembered as the most brilliant and enjoyable which had ever been known in Derby, and at which gathering it could truly be said the numbers attending were the largest ever known at any installation in the province.

The musical portion was well looked after by Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O., who sang, as did Bros. T. B. Laxton (Leicester); W. Naylor, P.M. 802; and others, whilst the brethren were greatly delighted with the playing on the zither by Bro. J. O. Woodward.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The installation ceremony of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms on Wednesday, the 17th ult. There was a fair attendance, amongst whom were several brethren from the provincial lodges. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. Graham, who also most impressively installed Bro. A. T. Simpson, his successor, in the chair. The W.M. afterwards invested the following officers to assist him during the year of office: Bros. W. T. Hammond, S.W.; B. Rix, J.W.; W. S. Elers, Treas.; T. Buss, Sec.; R. Martin, S.D.; C. Vise, S.D.; B. S. Wilmot, D.C.; P. Ellis, I.G.; E. Dunkley, Almoner; A. J. Boorman, Org.; and J. Boulton, Tyler. The usual Masonic jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. during the ceremony.

The banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Kentish Hotel, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, songs and recitations enlivening the evening.

SWANAGE.—De Moulham Lodge (No. 1146).—The brethren of this lodge held their monthly meeting on Saturday, the 20th ult., in the Mowlem Institute. In addition to the usual business two brethren were raised, and it was also announced that the necessary subscription had been made by the brethren to meet the balance required to make the lodge a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The brethren afterwards adjourned for refreshment to the Royal Victoria Hotel, and spent a pleasant evening. Two or three distinguished visitors were present.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting of the brethren of this successful lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 18th ult. The W.M., Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., presided, supported by Bro. W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting S.W.; Henry Kimm, 40, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treasurer; Robert Hughes, Secretary; J. B. Foord, 40, S.D.; Charles Martin, acting J.D.; J. Fielding, Organist; T. W. Jordan, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; W. C. Till, J. B. Foster, W. A. Raper, J. W. Pepper, J. B. Farr, P.P.G. S.B. Essex, P.M.; Edward Davis, H. T. Simmons, F. W. Cock, M.B.; Victor Baumann, and others. Visitors: Bro. F. Duke, J.D. 40; and others.

The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, and communications read, Mr. T. W. Avis, candidate, being in attendance, was duly initiated, and Bro. Baumann raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., both ceremonies, together with charges and working tools, being rendered in a highly satisfactory manner by the W.M., Bro. E. R. Currie. There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The installation meeting of this highly successful lodge was held on the 10th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, there being a good attendance of distinguished brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Armstrong, and the minutes of the last meet were read and confirmed. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland were announced and saluted. The financial statement was then submitted, on the motion of the I.P.M., Bro. Brown, and unanimously adopted. The W.M. announced that he had received a letter and telegram from Bro. R. H. Holmes, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, regretting his inability to attend. Bro. Brown, I.P.M., then presented Bro. H. Spittle, S.W., W.M. elect, to the W.M.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, 23rd ult., in the Masonic Rooms. There were present Ex. Comps. W. Tonkin, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; J. Polkinghorne, P.Z.; G. Varcoe, Z.; and others. After the transaction of the regular business the following companions were elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. T. Baker, Z.; J. De C. Treffry, H.; and Dr. T. P. Tuckey, J. The installation will take place on June 29th.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z., P.P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; F. Swain, H.; Capt. H. S. Andrews, J.; H. Dehane, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, S.N.; and J. Cruttenden, P.S.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pratt, P.Z., candidate, with whom the companions expressed their sympathy at the illness of his wife. It was agreed that the clauses should be worked at the next convocation, and the companions generally who would like to be present are invited to attend. Owing to the wish expressed by many companions, it was unanimously resolved that the day of meeting should be altered when the necessary sanction of the mother chapter had been obtained. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE (No. 332).—The installation meeting of the above excellent and flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., at the King William the Fourth Hotel, Greenwich, when Bro. H. Roberts, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Kipps, W.M., P.G.R. of M. Kent, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. Carpenter, 169, and D. Bear, 1155, and, proving unanimous, the former brother, being in attendance, was advanced by the W.M. in a most efficient manner. Bro. Ralph Gooding, B.A., M.D., P.M., G.J.O. of England, then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and, in his own eloquent and impressive style, carried out the duties placed in his hands, the concluding addresses being delivered with rare force and feeling. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. W. Partridge, S.W. and acting Sec.; T. Coudry, J.W.; A. H. Satch, Treas.; Dr. W. G. Burney, M.O.; C. Fowler, S.O.; W. T. Hunt, J.O.; W. Ruddle, S.D.; J. T. Thomas, J.D.; W. H. Burney, R. of M.; S. Gore, I.G. (by proxy); G. Carter, Stwd.; and J. Brown, Tyler.

Among the brethren present were Bros. W. G. Batchelor, G. Burney, and H. Fryer, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. R. Boney, P.M. 99; A. H. Bateman, W.M. 309; and C. Jolly, S.D. 226, P.P.G.O. Kent.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a superbly appointed and elegantly served banquet in Bro. Burney's handsome assembly room, and the menu having been discussed satisfactorily,

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, G.M., and Past M.W.G.M.'s," and "Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The W.M., in putting the latter toast, referred with pride to the fact of there being present a Grand Officer who was a member of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge. He referred to Bro. Gooding, a good Mason and staunch friend, and with his name he coupled the toast.

Bro. Gooding, in response, thanked them for their loyalty to the G.M., D.G.M., and officers of Grand Lodge, for there could be no doubt that they had rendered good suit and service to the cause of Mark Masonry, and whatever they did was done conscientiously and for the best. It afforded him very great pleasure to know that the two brethren who had passed the chair had received substantial recognition from Grand and Prov. Grand Lodges, and he looked forward for the coming Masters to receive the same recognition for services rendered not only in Prov. Grand Lodge, but in what they were proud to call the "Grand Lodge of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown." Their lodge had made its mark already, and he felt sure in time it would be second to none in the Province of Kent, and he might say second to none in the kingdom. He saw no reason why its present lustre should not be handed down, for he felt sure that there present Master, Bro. H. Roberts, would do his duty well, and that both he and his officers would that day 12 months receive the hearty congratulations of every member, not only for their good work, but for the continued and even increased prestige and prosperity of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he cordially thanked them for their kind reception of the toast.

The next toast was "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Past and Present," coupled with the name of Bro. Kipps, who, in the course of an eloquent reply, said the P.G.M., Bro. Robinson, and his officers were not ornamental, but hard working Masons. The D.P.G.M. was indefatigable in his endeavours for the success of the Order, especially in the Province of Kent, and none of those who were present at the consecration of that lodge would ever forget the splendid oration Bro. Cummins delivered on that occasion. He felt it to be a great honour to hold office under such excellent Masons, not so much as an honour to himself as to the lodge he represented, and he would say to all aspirants to the purple, "Work hard for it, and you will gain it." He concluded by reminding them of the forthcoming emergency Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Gravesend during this month, and assured them they would never regret attending it.

Bro. Kipps then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing paid a high eulogium to the merits and abilities of Bro. Roberts.

Bro. Roberts, in response, said they had just been told that he had done a good many things in his time, and he trusted he had done something worthy of their commendation, but the most difficult thing he had ever done yet was to return thanks eloquently enough to clearly describe his feelings, at least to his own satisfaction, so that he should not, on that occasion, inflict a speech upon them. He should endeavour to carry out the duties with credit to

himself and to the lodge. He had a good set of working officers, and had seen them do their work in other degrees in such a manner as assured him they would do well in that. He promised to make himself efficient, so that at the end of his year of office it should not be said that he had either disgraced himself or his position.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to present the I.P.M. with a very handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, and in so doing said it was a very proud event for him, for he had known Bro. Kipps both as a Mason and as a friend for many years. They had worked in the Craft and in the Royal Arch together, and now in the Mark they hoped to spend many more happy hours. They all knew what an excellent W.M. Bro. Kipps had been, and how kindly he gave his invaluable services at the piano, so that it gave him double pleasure in making the presentation that night. In pinning it upon Bro. Kipps' breast he trusted that brother might be spared for many years to wear it, and that the P.G.M. would be pleased to see it there as a mark of the esteem of the brethren of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge.

Bro. Kipps, in response, thanked them in the first place for their beautiful gift, and next for their hearty good wishes conveyed with it. It was practising Charity in its broadest sense, not because of the value of the jewel, but because it showed that they had winked at his shortcomings. If he had not worked well, and he did not say he had, yet he had done his best; and they must remember that he had followed a Master whose working was second to none, and in following Bro. Gooding he felt that he had indeed "stepped in where an angel might fear to tread." However, he heartily thanked them, and would attend and prove his devotion to the lodge and the brethren.

The other toasts were "The Initiate" and "The Visitors," for which Bros. Boney and Jolly responded; "The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast.

Some capital singing and reciting enlivened the proceedings.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, on the 24th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Solomon M. Harris, assisted by Bro. J. S. B. Bell, I.P.M., P.P.G.R. of Mks.; John Usher, S.W.; John Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., as J.W.; W. E. Franklin, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Treas.; Rev. W. Skene, P.P. G.C., Chap.; Edward Marston, M.O.; Seymour Bell, P.M., as S.O.; R. C. Symonds, J.O.; W. M. Lyon, R. of M.; W. F. Carmon, Sec.; D. McDonald, S.D.; T. Dinning, J.O.; J. McKay and W. Atkinson, Stewards; and a large muster of brethren. Visitors: Bros. Charles James Banister, P.M., P.G.M.O. of England, &c.; Harrison, 293; T. Purvis, 346; Walter Ross, 362; and C. B. Ford, W.M. 93.

Bro. George Awburn Allen was unanimously elected, and the Degree was admirably given by the W.M. Bro. T. J. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., proposed that each subscribing member should be presented with a copy of the new Book of Constitutions. This lodge is admirably worked by the W.M. and his officers, and was deservedly complimented by Bro. C. J. Banister. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors to the W.M., wishing prosperity to the Mark lodge.

Business over, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, which was presided over by the W.M., having on his right Bros. Banister, Bell, Wood, Skene, and on his left Bros. T. J. Armstrong, J. S. B. Bell, C. B. Ford, Marsdon, Usher, and others, and a good muster of the members.

The Worshipful Master proposed in rotation "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the G.M.," "D.G.M.," and with the last toast "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling the name of Bro. Banister, one of the oldest P.M.'s of the lodge, which was received with acclamation.

In response, Bro. Banister said it was now about a quarter of a century since he held that office, and he was highly delighted to be present and to see the admirable working of the W.M. and officers, and giving them some practical suggestions, which were received with much applause, and after thanking them all most cordially proposed "The Health of the W.M." in well merited terms, thanking him for his kindness.

The Worshipful Master responded in a telling speech, which was received with loud applause.

Other toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren thoroughly enjoyed themselves after the work of the lodge was over.

ST. COLUMB.—Fort Lodge (No. 206).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 15th ult., when Bro. T. Hicks, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Bro. Colonel Michell, P.P.G.S.W., installed Bro. John Best as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed as his officers Bros. Frank Bray, I.P.M.; Pope, S.W.; James, J.W.; G. G. Bullmore, M.O.; Sibley, S.O.; C. Brewer, J.O.; Michell, P.P.G.S.W., Chaplain; Wellington, Treas.; J. R. Evans, Sec.; H. F. Whitfield, Org.; Whiteley, R. of M.; Beatt, S.D.; J. B. Williams, J.D.; Blee, I.G.; J. Rogers, D.C.; Carrivick, Tyler; and Garrison, Asst. Tyler.

The banquet was held at Bro. Brewer's, Red Lion Hotel, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 26th ult. In the absence of Bro. Bewlay, W.M., Bro. E. Tyson, P.M., G. Stwd., presided. Bros. George Ryrie, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.G.J.O., J.W.; Thomas Brakenridge, M.O.; Thomas Rowlings, S.O.; W. J. Tyson, J.O. and Org.; Rev. James Anderson, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Treas.; W. D. P. Field, Reg. and Sec.; D. Atkinson, S.D.; Dr. J. F. Muir, J.D.; J. Bowes, I.G.; Thomas Richardson, P.G.T., Tyler; and others.

On the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Bros. Parker and Bewlay; both were accepted, and the former was advanced to the Honourable Degree. The Treasurer next read a statement of accounts, which showed a balance to the credit of the lodge at the bank of £21 2s. 1d. On the motion of Bro. Atkinson, seconded by

Bro. Ryrie, they were passed as read. Bro. Atkinson then informed the brethren that he had been approved of as a Steward for the next festival, and he hoped to have their individual support to make his list worthy of the province, and the Fletcher Lodge in particular. The intimation was well received. Three candidates were then proposed for Mark Masonry, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Knights Templar.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 20).—This preceptory was opened by the E.P. Sir Knt. Wilkes, assisted by Sir Knts. Henry Hotham, as Prelate; Salmon, as Constable; T. J. Armstrong, Marshal; Carmon, Sub. Marshal; Marsden, Recorder; Dodds, Capt. of Guard; John Wood, Seymour Bell, and others. The Prov. Prior, Sir Knt. Chas. James Banister, was received and saluted according to his rank. Sir Knt. C. R. Fry was unanimously elected E.P. for the ensuing year. The installation meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Sir Knt. Henry Hotham was re-elected Treasurer. A candidate was proposed for the Degree. Letters of apology were received from most of the absent knights.

Business connected with the Order and the preceptory in particular being concluded, the preceptory was closed in due form. The V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knt. Charles James Banister; the E. Preceptor, Sir Knt. W. Wilkes, and principal officers retired with the customary honours.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, on Saturday, the 27th ult., assisted by his officers. The muster roll was called, and letters of apology were read from those who were unable to attend. Ex. and Perfect Bro. J. L. Atherton, M.W.S. elect, was presented by Ill. Bro. Jonas Loader, P.M.W.S. 33°, to Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G. I.G. 33°, and I.G. North-Eastern District, for installation, who performed that ceremony with his usual care and impressiveness. The following officers were then appointed: Ex. and Perfect Bro. J. W. Monckman, 1st General; Ex. and Perfect Bro. Crabtree, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. John Marshall, 30°, Prelate; Ex. and Perfect Bro. H. Shaw, Treasurer; Ex. and Perfect Bro. W. T. Sugg, Recorder; Ex. and Perfect Bro. Frank Banister, Grand Marshal; Ex. and Perfect Bro. Gill, Raphael; Ex. and Perfect Bro. Wellsman, D.C. Two candidates, Bros. Hugh Sugden Holdsworth and E. A. Beaumont, were perfected by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. Banister. A candidate was proposed for perfection at the next meeting. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, was received and retired in the usual form becoming his rank. The chapter was closed in due form.

The banquet was held in the dining hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. Atherton, having on his right Ill. Bro. Banister, Ex. and Perfect Bros. Holdsworth, Beaumont, Sugg, and Gill; and on his left Ill. Bro. Craven, 30°, Ex. and Perfect Bros. Monckman, Shaw, Frank Banister, and others.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, responded for "The Supreme Council, and himself," in suitable terms; he was received in thorough Yorkshire fashion, and at the end of a most fraternal speech, proposed

"The Health of the M.W.S., which was received by acclamation, and responded to by that worthy brother most heartily.

Ill. Bro. Craven, 30°, delivered a most excellent speech, which was listened to by the brethren most attentively, and cordially responded to.

"The Candidate's Health," "Visiting Brethren," and "Officers," with the last toast, brought one of the most enjoyable meetings to an end, that has ever been in this chapter.

Royal and Select Masters.

CONSTANTINE COUNCIL (No. 2).—On Saturday last, the 27th ult., one of the most interesting meetings of the members of the Cryptic Degrees that has occurred for many years past took place at the headquarters, Red Lion-square, when this, the oldest council was resuscitated. Among those present we noticed Comps. T. C. Walls, D.G.M.; A. M. Broadley, Dist. G.M. Mediterranean; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., G. Rec.; C. H. Driver, P.G.C. of W.; A. Williams, G.I.M.; B. R. Bryant, G. Sec.; J. L. Mather, G.C. of G.; T. Poore, P.G.C. of G.; Capt. G. Lambert, F.S.A., P.D.G.M.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Stwd.; G. Cooper, A. Tisley, E. M. Money, Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., W. Vincent, W. Lake, E. M. Lott, C. F. Hogard, F. J. Bennett, G. W. Marsden, E. J. Mills, G. Sen.; and others.

The proceedings commenced by R.P. Comp. B. R. Bryant, G. Sec., assuming the office of T.I.M.; R.P. Comp. A. Williams, G.I.M., as D.M.; and R.P. Comp. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., as P.C. of W., when eight companions were acknowledged and received as members of the degree, the ceremony being worked in that perfect manner for which these companions are so greatly celebrated in other degrees. R.P. Comp. C. F. Matier then in a most masterly manner installed Comp. C. H. Driver as T.I.M., who invested the following companions as officers: Comps. J. L. Mather, Dep. M.; A. Tisley, P.C. of W.; F. J. Bennett, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Rec.; D. P. Cama, C. of G.; W. Vincent, Cond. of C.; E. M. Money, 1st Marshal; G. W. Marsden, 2nd Marshal; E. M. Lott, Org.; W. Lake, Stwd.; and E. J. Mills, Sentinel.

The companions then adjourned to a most excellent banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, when the usual toasts were given in a manner highly acceptable to those present.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., will take the chair at a meeting which will be held in the Vicarage Parish-room, Kensington, on Thursday next, the 8th inst., for the purpose of considering a proposal which has been made to establish a library and scientific institution to be known as "The Kensington Athenaeum."

Scotland.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall on Monday afternoon, the 22nd ult., when the office-bearers for the year were elected and installed. Comps. Col. Sir A. Campbell, M.P., was elected First G. Principal; the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past First G. Principal; Wm. Mann, S.S.C., Depute G. Principal; the Earl of Kintore, Second G. Principal; F. E. Villiers, Third G. Principal; Wm. Edwards, G.S.E.; Dr. G. Dickson, G.S.N.; and Wm. Officer, S.S.C., G. Treas. In the evening the Festival of the Vernal Equinox was celebrated.

CONSECRATION OF THE PLANTATION MASONIC HALL.

The formal consecration of the Masonic Hall of Lodge Plantation, No. 581, situated at 465, Paisley-road, Glasgow, took place on Thursday evening, the 18th ult., in presence of the office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge and a large attendance of the brethren of Plantation Lodge. The ceremonial, which was commenced at eight o'clock, was brought to a close about half-past nine o'clock. In the absence of Bro. Wm. Pearce, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Glasgow, the chair was occupied by Bro. Wm. J. Easton, D.P.G.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Graham, S.P. G.M.; J. M. Oliver, P.G.S.W.; Wm. Ferguson, acting P.G.J.W.; the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, P.G. Chap.; D. Reid, P.G. Sec.; A. M. Smith, P.G. Jeweller; D. Sharp, P.G. Bible Bearer; D. Gill, P.G. Marshal; W. Phillips, P.G.D. of C.; James Gallie, P.G. Dir. of Music; J. M. William, P.G. Architect; T. Halket, P.G. Treas. of Benevolent Fund; J. Clark, R.W.M. 581; J. Hendry, P.M. 581; Neil Thomson, S.W. 581; J. C. Thomson, J.W. 581; A. Purdie, Sec. 581; J. O. Struthers, Treas. 581; J. Paterson, R.W.M. 419; Wm. Barclay, R.W.M. 553; and D. McConechie, Sec. 437.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the following letter from Bro. Pearce, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Glasgow province:—

"Leadenhall Buildings, London, E.C.,
13th March, 1886.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—As there is important business in the House of Commons, in which I am interested, I regret that I am unable to be present with you at the consecration of the new hall for Lodge Plantation.—I am yours, faithfully and fraternally, W. PEARCE."

In proceeding to consecrate the new hall, Provincial Grand Lodge followed the ritual of the Craft which had been carefully arranged in programme form for their use. The devotional exercises were led by Bro. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, P.G. Chap., whilst the musical arrangements, which gave great satisfaction to all present, were under the charge of Bro. James Gallie, P.G. Director of Music, who holds the degree of A.M. of the Training College of London.

In delivering an oration to the assembled brethren, the Rev. W. W. TULLOCH, Chaplain, said,—Why do we meet together as Masons? Why do we rejoice that in every town and village of any importance, not only in Scotland, but in the world, we have representatives of the Craft? Why do we hail every additional lodge that asks for our solemn consecration? Is it because as a body we exist merely for ourselves, for social fellowship and recreation? No, it is because we believe that Masonry bears witness to some fundamental principles which are calculated to be of the greatest service to our better selves, our nobler natures, and the members of the community in which we live, and, indeed, to the world at large. What are those two principles in which we believe, and according to which, if we are true Freemasons, we ought to be living. They recognise the relationship in which we stand, first, as towards God, and, secondly, towards our brethren. It is a grand thing for ourselves and our brethren that one of our great beliefs is that we live day by day and hour by hour under the all-seeing eye of the Almighty. You who are to work and labour in this lodge, in this hall that is to-night to be dedicated to the purposes of Masonry. I beseech you with all the power I can, not to forget this article of your Masonic faith. Speak and act in this hall as if you fully believed it, and let nothing be done here which would grieve or vex so great, so benign a Power. On the contrary, let your labour here be for His glory, for the good of your brethren, and for your own eternal welfare. (Applause.)

The hall was thereafter solemnly consecrated to the purposes of Freemasonry, with the usual impressive ceremonials and the pouring of corn, wine, and oil.

Bro. EASTON, D.P.G.M., in addressing the brethren, said—I can assure you I speak not only on behalf of myself, but on behalf of the office-bearers of Provincial Grand Lodge, when I say we wish Lodge Plantation every success in the new hall which has been consecrated this evening. We trust that here the brethren of Lodge Plantation may pass many happy evenings in concord, that harmony and brotherly love will reign, and that they will be successful in the work they have to do. The office-bearers of Provincial Grand Lodge have to congratulate you upon the very neat hall you have secured. It is large enough in every way, and has a pleasing appearance. I cannot but add one word of praise to your excellent choir—(applause)—by whom the musical part of the services has been conducted, and in a way which has given very great pleasure to us all. (Applause.) The whole service, from beginning to end, has been most impressive. (Applause.)

Bro. JOHN CLARKE, R.W.M. of Lodge Plantation, 581, returned sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which the office-bearers of Prov. Grand Lodge had come forward in connection with the new hall for Lodge Plantation. The hall they previously possessed was not very well suited for their work, they had set about to procure a new hall, and were very happy that the issue of their efforts had been so successful. Plantation Lodge had always worked in unison. The necessary expenses of the new hall had been all defrayed by the voluntary subscriptions of members, which must be a very pleasing feature, in the eyes of the Prov. Grand Lodge, as to Lodge Plantation. While raising the additional subscription, they resolved, if possible, to leave the lodge funds intact, and he was happy to state that all the necessary funds had been subscribed by the members themselves. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, after which Lodge Plantation was opened by the R.W.M.,

and Bro. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, Chaplain of the Prov. Grand Lodge, was affiliated to the membership.

The brethren afterwards sojourned from labour to refreshment, and spent a pleasant evening together.

CONSECRATION OF THE KENMUIR MASONIC HALL.

By the office-bearers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow the Masonic Hall of Lodge Kenmuir, No. 570, situated at 37, Cowliars-road, Springburn, was solemnly consecrated to the purposes of Freemasonry on Thursday evening, the 25th ult. In the absence of Bro. Wm. Pearce, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. W. J. Easton, D.P.G.M., who was supported by Bros. J. M. Oliver, P.G.S.W.; W. Ferguson, acting P.G.J.W.; D. Reid, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. J. Watt, G. Chap. of Scotland; J. Jackson, P.G.J.D.; A. M. Smith, P.G. Jeweller; Wm. Phillips, P.G.D.C.; Jas. Gallie, P.G. Director of Music; D. Gill, P.G. Marshal; R. Gibson, R.W.M. 570; and others.

Apologies for absence were received from Bros. William Pearce, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; J. Graham, S.R.G.M.; and J. Morgan, P.G.J.W.

After the ordinary preliminary services, Bro. the Rev. JOHN WATTS, Grand Chap., in delivering an oration, said: One hears sometimes the words used of an alliance between the Masonic Craft and religion. If there were not such an alliance, you may rely upon it that I, as a minister of religion, and others such as I am, could not feel ourselves justified in holding the offices we do. We believe that there is an alliance of a strict kind. I would put it that there is more than an alliance. I call Masonry, rightly understood, a form, and no low form, of religion in itself. As truly is it a form of social religion as any church organisation governed either by Bishop or Presbytery. There is no need on the present occasion to raise any question as to the exact place which this religion holds, or whether in itself it is sufficient to meet the wants of an imperfect humanity. It is sufficient for me to recall to your minds this fact, that the fraternity to which we belong rests upon a solid truth, an eternal truth, namely, the existence of a living, Almighty, Beneficent Being; that it rests upon this, and that its great aim is to bring into harmony to His will and His order, as we know it, the minds and the lives of those who own this great fundamental truth. And if this be so it is apparent that one of the needs of our Order is a right, fitting, and suitable place to cultivate this feeling. A consecration service such as we are to take part in now is a meaningless ceremony only to those who have eyes and see not, to those who have ears and ear not. There are symbols employed in the course of it to denote the peace and prosperity that is longed for within such a lodge as this; there are solemn words of aspiration, adoration, and yearning for brotherhood employed that ought to carry their weight to every thinking and feeling heart. Each spot, indeed, where virtue takes up her abode is protected by solemn sanctions, either formal or informal. One such sacred spot is our home. You know the outrage which we feel is committed when impurity enters the domestic circle. The church is another place, and you know the violence that is done in the eyes of all right-thinking men to the cause of religion when some offices that alone ought to be performed in the church are changed for the jester's voice, alas! sometimes here and there. And, with regard to the Masonic lodge, shall not it, too, have its appropriate duties to be guarded by solemn sanctions, over which the outer world may not pass? It has seemed to me—and I know that others have felt it—that it is a cause of regret that in a large centre of population, such as Glasgow is, Freemasonry has not some fitting home and temple of its own—some building that might be a credit and a glory to a society that lives and moves and has its being in and around the art and science of architecture. The dingy halls in which the Masonic brotherhood of the nineteenth century are sometimes content to meet are not worthy surely of the edifice in connection with which we believe that our Craft took its rise, which long ago reared high to heaven its thousand golden domes. No doubt we must work with what material we have, but it is always a pleasing thing to those who have the best interests of Masonry at heart to find, as we do find this evening, a signal instance of the desire of the brethren to possess right and appropriate homes in which to circulate their craft and their art. Grand Chaplain concluded as follows:—Brethren, I believe that if that which is rude and selfish, or sensual or degrading, or disobedient in any form, ever enters into this place, and if it is allowed to stay here, then the noble ends of Masonry will be so far forgotten, and the consecration services, as far as regards those who do such things, will, I fear, be but sad mockery. Let us, however, pray and hope for better things after our consecration services. (Applause.)

The hall having been duly consecrated by the pouring of corn, wine, and oil,

Bro. GIBSON, R.W.M. of Lodge Kenmuir, 570, proposed a vote of thanks to the office-bearers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the admirable and efficient way in which they had carried out the consecration ceremony.

Bro. EASTON, in acknowledging the compliment, said the ceremony had indeed been solemn and impressive. He was sure that in the hands of the present R.W.M. and of his successors the lodge would ever stand as one of the ancient landmarks of the Order, and maintain in their integrity all things that true Masons prize. (Applause.)

The proceedings terminated with the formal closing of Provincial Grand Lodge.—*Scottish News.*

New South Wales.

BANQUET TO BRO. LORD CARRINGTON.

A LARGE AND BRILLIANT GATHERING.

The Exhibition Building in Prince Alfred Park presented a brilliant spectacle recently, when his Excellency Bro. Lord Carrington enjoyed the hospitality of his brother Masons. From all parts of the colony members of the Craft had come to do him honour. The hall was splendidly decorated by Messrs. Sale and Dare with flags, ferns, evergreens, and emblems of the Craft. The galleries were filled with ladies, who were rewarded, especially those who used opera-glasses, with an insight, as far as banqueting went, into the mysteries of the Masonic Craft. Below this animated assemblage there sat in the body of the

hall (the annexes being partitioned off with appropriately flag and flower bedecked canvas) more than 600 Masons. The crush was too great for the caterer, Mr. Gunster, for whose reputation sympathy was expressed, as the tables had only been laid for 500—that is, for 100 persons less than tickets were sold to the day preceding. His Excellency, who was accompanied by Capt. Gascoigne, A.D.C., was received by the D.G.M.'s of the English and Scottish Constitutions (Bros. John Williams and Dr. Sedgwick respectively.) Accompanied by six Stewards, they conducted him to the place of honour, the band, under the direction of Herr Patek, playing the National Anthem. Behind the Governor there hung the Royal Standard—before him, high up on the gallery-railing, was the Royal coat of arms; and in front of him, on the table, was a magnificent floral decoration. Among white dahlias and tuber roses Mr. Searle had skillfully worked, with red geraniums, in large letters, distinguishable at any distance, the words "Welcome, Lord Carrington." The Governor sat on the right of the Chairman (Bro. John Williams), and on the left was Bro. Dr. Sedgwick.

The lodges under the two Constitutions were well represented by Masters, Past Masters, and brethren. The Mayor of Sydney, Bro. John Young, was present. Among the Grand Lodge Officers present were the following: Bros. F. A. Wright, D.D.G.M. (E.C.); H. Westcott, P.D.D.G.M. (E.C.); H. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M. (E.C.); Gastain Sahiel, G.S.W. (E.C.); W. H. Tulloh, J.W. (E.C.); F. B. Davidson, D.G.G.M. (E.C.); T. Read, Registrar; W. H. Stokes, Pres. Board of Gen. Purps.; W. Webster, Grand Treasurer; A. H. Bray, Grand Sec.; A. A. P. Tighe, D.G.D.C.; J. Booth, G.S.D.; J. Leavison, G.S.D.; S. Hodge, G.J.D.; A. Hancock and J. Marshall, Swd. Brs.; Albert Chapman, D.G.J.W. (S.C.); J. M. Lachlan, D.G.S.C.; M. S. Levy, Instructor of Works; J. Macdonald, Pres. Board of Benevolence; W. Higginson, D.G.S. (S.C.); Madgwick, D.G. Chaplain (E.C.); Darcy Irvine, D.G. Chaplain (S.C.); F. W. Knight, Grand Purst.; Captain Airey, Asst. Grand Purst.; and G. F. Garland, D.G. Organist.

The toast list was brief and brotherly. First there was that of "The Queen," then that of "The Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of English and Patron of Scottish Freemasonry," to which the brethren responded with the honours "One Feint 21," led by the Director of Ceremonies.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of "The Governor." He said it was well known that their guest was an intimate friend of their brother, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and was one of the most respected and esteemed of England's peers. (Applause.) With such a name and fame it was unnecessary for him to say that all Masonic honours should belong to him. (Cheers.) His Excellency, more than any other man in the colony, was fitted to consolidate Masonry here. (Applause.) And if in his wisdom it was essentially necessary that his Excellency should perform this duty, no one would hail with greater delight the occasion than he (the speaker) would, provided it was done in a legal and constitutional manner. (Applause.)

The toast was vociferously pledged with Masonic honours, the band playing "The Fine Old English Gentleman," and the Masons giving the mark of distinction, "The Feint 18," some impulsive ladies in the galleries taking their time, too, from the Director of Ceremonies, and giving the honours as heartily and as "brotherly" as the Masons beneath.

Lord CARRINGTON, who, on rising, received an ovation, said: Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—From the bottom of my heart I beg to tender to you my most respectful and grateful thanks for the overwhelming kindness with which this honourable company has been pleased to receive this toast. (Applause.) And I feel that the reception of this toast has a great significance, for it is not the individual that has been received, but it is what the individual represents. (Cheers.) It is a grand moment to stand here and reflect that the cheers which greeted the name of the Governor of this great and important colony really represented the loyalty which is felt towards her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by all ranks and by all sections of this colony. (Cheers.) And it proves that the loyalty of New South Wales is indeed a creed, and indeed a reality. (Applause.) I take the opportunity, sir, this evening, at this grand and magnificent banquet, to express my great pleasure at seeing the galleries filled with the grace and beauty of this great city. (Cheers.) It is indeed a compliment to Freemasonry. (Loud cheers.) And it shows how utterly wrong those are who tell us that Freemasonry is unpopular amongst the ladies. (Cheers.) Their presence here shows entirely the reverse. Brethren, your Chairman has told you of the many distinguished persons who have held high office in the Craft, and also that the heir to the throne of England—the heir to the great Empire—holds the highest place of honour in our Grand Lodge of England. (Applause.) He has told you that his Royal Highness's brothers have held high office in the lodge, and, most important of all, that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the Royal Alpha Lodge himself admitted his son into Masonry. (Applause.) It was my great privilege to be present on that occasion. (Hear, hear.) It is indeed a thing that ought never to be forgotten by every Mason all over the world, as it gives a distinct answer to all those who bring accusations of every sort or kind against our great and glorious Craft. (Applause.) The chairman has also introduced a subject which in this company I should not individually have ventured to touch, and that is, the subject of the consolidation of Masonry in this colony. (Loud cheers.) On my arrival, brethren, on your shores I was greeted not only by the brethren who belong to the Constitution which is so worthily presided over by my right worshipful brother on my left (Bro. Williams), but I also was greeted with expressions of loyalty from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, which is under the presidency of Dr. Tarrant. It is impossible for me, serving under the English Constitution, to accept their address as a Mason. (Hear, hear.) But I think it would be unbecoming of me if I did not, before this honourable company, acknowledge the loyalty that prompted them to receive me as the representative here of the Throne. (Applause.) Brethren, we all regret there is a division in our ranks. (Hear, hear.) It is a matter of deep and lasting regret; but perhaps we have the cure amongst ourselves. (Applause.) For it is only Masonry that can unite us. (Hear, hear.) Masonry, brethren, is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendships amongst those who otherwise must have remained at a perpetual

distance. (Applause.) It is not for me, in an important subject like this, to give advice or offer an opinion. But, surely, before this distinguished company I may be permitted to express the hope that our divisions will come to an end, and that we may all be united in the common bond of Masonry. (Cheers.) Brethren, may the Freemasons of this great colony yet be united in our lodges as we are united in our loyalty to our Queen—(applause)—and in our grand creed from which no one is excluded, provided he believes in the glorious Architect of the Heaven and the Earth—(cheers)—and so long as he practises the sacred duties of morality. (Applause.) A very pleasant duty has been confided to me, and I feel greatly honoured at being permitted to propose to you all a toast which will be drunk with the enthusiasm and the cordiality that it deserves. I have to propose the toast of "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and their Representatives in this Colony." (Cheers.) On an occasion of this sort it is not for me to remind you of what are the duties of Grand Lodges. They administer and frame the laws for good government; they are the arbiters of disputes which occasionally may arise; they are the final court of appeal. I call on you all to drink with enthusiasm and with cordiality this toast, and with the toast I have to couple the names of Bro. Williams, D.G.M. of the English Constitution and Bro. Dr. Sedgwick, D.G.M., of the Scottish Constitution. (Applause.) And before I sit down perhaps I may be permitted to say that though loyalty has called us together, yet it is no slight tribute to the merits of these distinguished Freemasons that to submit their names for the acceptance of the grand company that is assembled this evening in this magnificent hall is to secure a demonstration that both the District Grand Masters are regarded all over the colony with respect, esteem, and affection. (Cheers.) With all my heart I give to you our District Grand Lodges, coupled with the names of the District Grand Masters. (Loud applause.)

The toast was warmly pledged, cheers being given first for the English and then for the Scottish Constitution, and on the call of the Governor one cheer more for both, the band playing, "Come, let us be happy together."

Bro. WILLIAMS responded for the English, and Bro. Dr. SEDGWICK for the Scottish Constitution.

Soon afterwards his Excellency retired amid the cheers and congratulations of his brother Masons and with the good will of his gentler admirers in the gallery.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DUMBARTONSHIRE.

A deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire visited the Alexandria and Bonhill St. Andrew Royal Arch Lodge, 321, on a recent evening, the deputation consisting of Bros. John M. Martin, P.G.M.; Robt. MacFarlan, P.G.S.; George Matheson, acting P.J.M.; Alex. Ballardie, S.W. 18; James Thomson, P.G.S.; Jas. Morton, P.G.S.B.; Wm. Prentice, J.W. 18; David Paul, P.G.I.G.; and James Buchanan, P.G.I. The deputation, after inspecting the various books, gave in a very favourable report of the manner in which they were kept, and of the working of the lodge generally.

The brethren were called from labour to refreshment, and the usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland," and "The Provincial Grand Lodge," were duly proposed and heartily responded to.

Bro. MacFarlan, P.G.S., in proposing the toast of "Lodge 321 and the R.W.M., Bro. Glen," made highly complimentary references to the ability with which the Master's duties had been performed by him during the past six or seven years, reminding the brethren that prior to that time Bro. Glen had very efficiently acted as Secretary of the lodge for four years, and that much of the prosperity attending the lodge might fairly be attributed to the zeal and assiduity with which he had always performed his various duties.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the deputation retired, expressing themselves much pleased with their visit to and reception by the lodge. The lodge was thereafter closed in usual form.

It may be mentioned that the appearance of the lodge room has been very much improved recently by the addition of handsome oak chairs for the R.W.M. and the Wardens, a new carpet for the floor, of the true Masonic pattern, and otherwise the paraphernalia and furnishings have been added to, and rendered almost complete.

MASONIC CONCERT AT GLASGOW.

A grand benevolent concert in connection with the Scotia Lodge took place in the Waterloo Rooms, Wellington-street, Glasgow, on the 15th inst. Bro. Wm. J. Easton presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Graham, Dalrymple, Duncan, Watt, of Anderston Parish Church; Rev. Robert Thomson, of Ladywell Church; Oliver, David Reid, Prov. G. Sec.; Ferguson, Prov. G. Treas.; Halkett, Bailie Bisland, and others, and Masters of Provincial lodges. There was a large attendance, and the concert, which was of the most enjoyable description, was sustained by Miss Struthers, Mr. Orr Leslie, Mr. Templeman, Miss Shields, Mr. Frame, Miss Hinselwood, Mr. Scouler, Captain Marney, Mr. Baldsworth, Miss Gibb, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. McCulloch. Mr. George W. Hopper presided at the piano.

BALL AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOSEPH HEATHCOTT, R.W.M. FORTROSE LODGE, No. 108, STORNOWAY.

The annual social gathering of the members of Fortrose Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Stornoway, on the night of the 19th ult. The decorations were extensive and tasteful, extending not only to the ballroom, dressing-rooms, and tea-room, but also to the approaches to these apartments. After a pleasant interval, spent in the tea-room, the ball was opened with the grand march, in which about 30 couples took part. A very interesting feature in the evening's proceedings was a presentation to Bro. Heathcott. Bro. Wm. Gillanders, R.W.M. of the lodge in making the presentation, said the members of the lodge desired to mark their appreciation of Bro. Heathcott's conduct in, and zeal for the welfare of the Fortrose Lodge, as well as the correctness and ability which he had displayed in performing the several ceremonies peculiar to

the high office of R.W.M. of the lodge during his five years of office; and asked him in their name and on their behalf to present the gift he now held in his hand, viz., a P.M.'s gold jewel, specially designed and manufactured for them by Bro. George Kenning, of London and Glasgow. (Applause.) He had the utmost pleasure in acceding to their request, and in asking Bro. Heathcott to accept the gift. The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Fortrose Lodge, No. 108, Stornoway, to Bro. Joseph Heathcott, for five years R.W.M. of the lodge, 19th March, 1886." It may be a small token as regards intrinsic value. Bro. Gillanders continued, "but when I say that it is the first time in the history of the Fortrose Lodge (founded over 119 years ago) that a P.M.'s jewel has been given to the retiring R.W.M., I think it will bear a special value in your estimation. That the members should desire to present you with a token of some kind is a matter of no surprise to those familiar with what you have done for this lodge during your term of office, and it needs no words of mine to remind them of the eminent services which you have rendered to them and the lodge during those five years. I will therefore content myself by remarking, and that merely for the benefit of those present less familiar with what you have done than we (the members) are, that, with the future of the Fortrose Lodge there will ever be associated the name of Bro. Heathcott, who, at a time when this lodge was struggling for bare existence and its future looked exceedingly gloomy indeed, sacrificed both time and labour, and faithfully stood by it till this good day. It has not frequently been the lot of Masters of many lodges during their term of office, as it has been yours, to initiate into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry so many as forty members, many of whom I know to be now scattered over the four quarters of the globe, and as surely as they remember the name of the Maternal Fortrose, they will have associated therewith the name of Bro. Heathcott. Again, fortune seems to have favoured you financially, as well as otherwise, for when you assumed office in this lodge you did so at a time when most men would have shrunk from so doing, for there was then bequeathed to you by your predecessors a legacy of debt of a very considerable amount, yet no sooner did you come into office than you set yourself with a zeal and energy, worthy of the man, to wipe out that debt, and on your vacating the chair you bequeath to me, as your successor, not a similar legacy but by your good management a very handsome balance to our credit in one of our local banks. In pinning this jewel to your breast, Bro. Heathcott, I feel that I am adorning the outside of as good a heart as ever beat in unison with all that is emblematic of the earnest and loyal Mason, and I trust the G.A.O.T.U. will long spare you to wear it in affectionate remembrance of the members of the Fortrose Lodge." (Applause.)

Bro. HEATHCOTT, who received the gift with surprise, in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that, while accepting the jewel, he did so not for anything he had done, nor in recognition of any deserving action on his part, but as through it he had a recognition that they appreciated his aspirations to promote the welfare of the lodge. So long as he lived he hoped his name would remain on the roll of the Fortrose Lodge, and when it fell to his lot to depart from among their midst he would treasure their gift and the memories of the lodge till life itself departed. (Applause.)

Dancing was then recommenced, and was continued till 2 p.m., the proceedings being varied by solo singing at intervals.

THE MELBOURNE FREEMASONS' HALL.

This magnificent Masonic Temple was to be ready for opening at the beginning of March. The consecration will be delayed till the return from England of Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., the R.W. District and Provincial Grand Master of Victoria under the three British Constitutions. Another new English lodge was to be consecrated in the new Hall on the 4th of March, under the title of the Austral Lodge. Altogether over 40 metropolitan lodges, chapters, &c., will meet in the Melbourne Freemasons' Hall.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

The second annual ball of the above lodge was held on Tuesday evening last at the Cannon-street Hotel. The proceeds are devoted to the Benevolent Fund connected with the lodge, and doubtless this fact accounted in some measure for the very large and distinguished company, which numbered nearly 350. Last year the Fund was increased by about £100, and the result of the effort on Tuesday last will probably nearly reach that substantial amount. A dispensation had been received from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., permitting Masonic clothing to be worn, and the brethren present, therefore, wore the insignia and jewels of their various ranks. The attractive clothing thus worn gave much additional animation and picturesqueness to the gathering, while the banners at the upper end of the spacious hall contributed in no small measure to the variety of a most brilliant scene. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the music of Messrs. Coot and Tinney's excellent band, and was carried on with unflagging zeal until shortly after midnight, when the company adjourned to an excellent supper, ably presided over by the W.M., Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, supported by Bros. S. Jacobs, S.W., and J. Da Silva, P.M.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured with the usual enthusiasm, THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER introduced the toast of the evening—"The Ladies"—and observed that, as the company were no doubt anxious to resume dancing, his remarks would necessarily be brief. This toast required very little comment from him in order to obtain for it a hearty reception by the gentlemen, for he was assured they all thought far more than he was able to express. He asked them all to join with him in cordially thanking the ladies for their very kind patronage, for it was entirely owing to their presence that evening that the success of their second annual ball was due. The ladies had assisted materially in the cause of Masonic charity by their support, and had thereby helped to considerably swell the funds of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund. Without further remarks he would ask the gentlemen to rise and drink the health of the ladies.

The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, the company then returned to the ball-room, and dancing was resumed and carried on till the early hours of the morning,

one and all having spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

The arrangements, which in every detail were admirable, were carried out under the direction of the W.M., Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, assisted by the following: Bros. S. Jacobs, S.W.; S. M. Harris, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., Sec.; M. Bromet, Rev. M. Haines, Joseph Da Silva, P.M.; S. Hyman, D. Rodrigues, E. J. Hart, M. Bash, G. Sating, T. Wallace, J. A. Gartley, M. J. Emanuel, J. P. Cohen, and S. Schmerl. The onerous duties of M.C. were efficiently performed by Bro. A. Lacy Harris, B.A.

Obituary.

BRO. REV. ARTHUR CONRAD GRAYSTONE, LL.M.

We have to announce the somewhat sudden death, on Monday, of Bro. the Rev. Arthur Conrad Graystone, LL.M. Cantab, at his town residence in Lancaster-gate. The deceased was W.M. of the Graystone Lodge, at Whitstable; Chaplain of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, and Bon Accord (Mark). The deceased was lord of the manor of Whitstable, at which place the funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday).

BRO. WILLIAM LAMONBY.

We have to announce the death of the above veteran Craftsman, after a long and painful illness, at Brooklyn, U.S. Bro. Lamonby was a native of Cockermonth, in Cumberland, and for over 30 years held a responsible position in the National Bank of the Republic, New York. He was also a notary public of New York State. He took part in the Great Rebellion, on the side of the Union, being attached to the 22nd New York National Guards, as Standard-bearer-sergeant, for over a year, when he was invalided. As a Freemason we believe he first saw light in a London lodge many years ago. In the land of his adoption he was a member of Baltic Lodge, No. 284, De Witt Chapter, No. 142, and De Witt Commandery, No. 27, K.T., all in the city of Brooklyn, and the members of which three bodies attended his funeral. Bro. Lamonby was in his 70th year. His eldest son is Bro. W. F. Lamonby, of the *Melbourne Argus*. The *New York Despatch*, of December 20th, in its Masonic page, says: "De Witt Clinton, No. 27, K.T., to-day follows the remains of an old war horse to their last resting place. Sir Knt. Wm. Lamonby for a period of ten years occupied the honourable post of Recorder of this Commandery, and his long and active career as a Mason and Templar is full of incidents which go a great way to fill up the interstices of the Masonic history of Brooklyn. His long and faithful connection with the Bank of the Republic, in this city, gave to him a wide celebrity as a true and honest man among his fellow citizens."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

DACRE.—On Friday, 26th ult., at York-gate Mansions, N.W., Mrs. Arthur Dacre (Amy Roselle) of a son.
LUBBOCK.—On the 30th ult., at Belgrave Square, Lady Lubbock, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LIGHTFOOT—WILSON.—On the 27th ult., at St. George's, Bloomsbury, John Frederick, son of the late W. Lightfoot, of The Prebendal, Thame, Oxon, to Charlotte Maria, daughter of the late J. Wilson, of Torrington-square, W.C.

DEATHS.

GRAYSTONE.—On the 29th ult., Bro. the Rev. Arthur Conrad Graystone, of Lancaster-gate, Hyde Park, aged 50 years.
LAMONBY.—On the 12th December, 1885, at his residence, 265, Ewen-street, Brooklyn, U.S., Bro. William Lamonby, in the 70th year of his age.

ALADDIN'S PALACE OF LAMPS.

Having heard much about the novelties in lamps and shades to be seen at the establishment of Messrs. Williams and Bach, of 92, New Bond-street, we availed ourselves of a favourable opportunity which presented itself a few days since, and made the round of the several show-rooms on the premises. The collection is well worth inspecting, including, as it does, every variety of lamp, from the simple night-light for the bedroom to the most elaborate specimens for use in drawing and other reception rooms. Many of them were most artistic in design, while others showed considerable ingenuity of arrangement as well as skill and excellence in manufacture. Among the former we noticed, in particular, the the scarlet Isis bearing on its back a lamp covered with handsome silk ruffled shade, while among the latter were several formed of monkeys in hoops or climbing chains, the lamps proper being held by the animals in the most natural manner imaginable. But one of the chief attractions was undoubtedly Messrs. Williams and Bach's Improved Duplex Burner, which they fit all their lamps with, and which is certainly one of the neatest contrivances we have seen. It can be lit and extinguished as easily as gas, without removing either globe or chimney. The chimneys never break, and the cottons last six months without changing. When we add that it gives the light of 36 candles (and the firm guaranteed it for five years) the advantage of this over the old moderator, which is always getting out of order, is at once seen. No doubt the special oil they use (White Moluccas, and which is only to be had from them) has something to do with the pureness and brilliancy of the light; but the firm informed us that any mineral oil might be used without the slightest danger or smell. We also saw a mineral oil stove, brought out this season, which we have no doubt will be very generally used. It burns absolutely without smell, and is arranged to throw off either a moist or dry heat, the former being particularly necessary in a greenhouse or fernery. It has the further advantage of being portable as well as ornamental, and the price, 50s., brings it within the reach of almost everyone. However, the best advice we can give to our readers is that they should visit Messrs. Williams and Bach's premises. We can promise them they will see much that is beautiful as well as useful, while there is no doubt they will be able to judge of the merits of what is brought under their notice far better after personal inspection than from the ablest and most accurate description.



The regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

Bro. Augustus Harris returned to London from Italy on Saturday last.

Bro. Sheriff Clarke is the subject of a portrait and biographical memoir in a recent number of the *St. Stephen's Review*.

Bro. Deputy Saunders has been unanimously selected as candidate in the Liberal interest for the North-Western Division of Kent at the next General Election.

Bro. Sir J. Colquhoun, Bart., presided at a meeting held in Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey's Assembly Room, Hastings, on Monday, in aid of the London City Mission.

Bro. J. Matthew Klenck has been unanimously elected, at a Vestry meeting of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, to be one of the overseers of the parish for the ensuing year.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap., vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, preached a sermon on Sunday last in aid of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the distress among the Unemployed.

Bro. J. E. Ponder, who has recently resigned the Secretaryship of the Joiners' Company, was at a Court of the Livery on Monday presented with a testimonial in recognition of the services he had rendered as Secretary.

Among the more recent contributors to the Mansion House Fund for the Unemployed must be mentioned the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, which has sent, per Bro. C. F. Hogard, the sum of £5 5s., and the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, which figures for £10 10s.

The *Kentish Observer* states that the late Bro. Rev. A. G. Graystone, of Tankerton Castle, Whitstable, whose death occurred in London on Tuesday last, has left property to the value of four million pounds. The Graystone Lodge is named after him.

Bro. John Lobb, M.L.S.B., has made an earnest appeal for left-off clothing and boots for the poor children attending the Board Schools in Bethnal Green. Parcels containing such articles should be addressed to "Mr. John Lobb, care of Mr. Turner, Wilmot-street Board School, Bethnal Green."

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, April 3rd: Monday—Eclectic Chapter. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society; Lodge of Progress; Italian Ball. Thursday—St. James's Chapter; Universal Chapter; Victoria Rifles Lodge; Westminster and Keystone Lodges. Friday—Britannic Chapter; Royal Kensington Lodge; Thistle Lodge; Odd Volumes; Society de Secours mutuels des Suisses. Saturday—City and West End Soirée.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales was presented on Tuesday evening with the freedom and livery of the Goldsmiths' Company, and afterwards entertained at a banquet in the hall of the Company. The freedom was contained in an elegant gold casket, and bore a suitable inscription. Bros. Lord Wantage, Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., and Sir Robert Peel, Bart., M.P., were among the principal persons invited to be present.

The Tower of London has been reopened to the public, the free admission days being Monday and Saturday, while on the other four days the charge is 6d. each person. The Jewel House, however, is still closed for repairs, and will not be accessible till the 1st May next. The hours of admission are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., excepting during the months from May to September, both inclusive, when the time is extended to 6 p.m. on free days.

Bro. James Martin has been duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year in St. Ives Tregenna Lodge, No. 1272, and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. H. Parsons, S.W.; G. Williams, J.W.; the Rev. J. B. Jones, Chap.; J. T. Short, Treas.; J. Wearne, Sec.; C. F. Rowe, S.D.; R. S. Read, J.D.; R. Banfield, I.G.; E. Keskeys, D.C.; J. White, Org.; W. H. Trevor and S. Richards, Stwds.; J. P. Trevor, Tyler; J. T. Short, C.M.A.F.; and R. Williams, I.P.M.

The will (dated March 13th, 1869), with two codicils (dated March 3rd, 1875, and February 2nd, 1877), of the Most Noble James, Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Grand Master of Ireland, late of Hampden House, Green-street, Grosvenor-square, who died on October 31st last at Barons Court, Newtown Stewart, Ireland, was proved on the 27th ult. by the Duke of Abercorn, the son, and the Earl of Lichfield, the surviving executors, the value of the personal estate in the United Kingdom amounting to upwards of £144,000. The testator appoints portion of £7,000 to each of his daughters who have not already been provided for, and bequeaths annuities to his unmarried daughters. The portions of his younger sons are made up to £30,000 each; and he leaves to his son Lord Claud, in addition, a house in Hertford-street, Mayfair. The residue of his real and personal estate he gives to his eldest son, the present Duke.

On Wednesday week a dinner was given at the Suffolk Hotel, Lowestoft, the newly incorporated sea-side borough of the Eastern counties, to the staff of H.M. Post Office. Sir A. S. Gooch kindly presided. Mr. W. H. Hope, principal of the telegraph department, being vice-chairman. The *recherché* menu, provided by Bro. F. Smith and Mrs. Smith, was perfect. The ladies belonging to the postal staff dining in a separate room with several other ladies. The usual loyal toasts were given and duly responded to. Some well chosen songs followed, and Bro. H. G. Cooper, the chief postmaster, in responding to the toast of "The Postmaster and General Heads of Departments," gave some very interesting details and statistics of the great rise and development of the postal system during the past few years. The last toasts, "The Ladies," and "The Host and Hostess," brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Bro. T. D. Bolton, P.D.G.D.C., presided at the general meeting on Tuesday of the Shareholders of the Isle of Wight (Newport Junction) Railway Company.

Bro. Lord Herschell, Lord Chancellor, will occupy the chair at the next house-dinner of the Devonshire Club, which will take place on Wednesday, the 14th inst.

Bro. the Earl of Egmont was present at a large meeting held at Portsmouth on Monday evening, to support the maintenance of the Legislative Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.—The Freemasons' Lodge of the Scotch Rite have bought a house in which to hold its meetings in the Rue Rochechouart, Paris, for the sum of £24,000.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has made it known to the public generally that to-morrow (Saturday) the organisation of the Hospital Saturday Fund will be called in to aid the appeal now being made on behalf of the Unemployed.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., is one of the Stewards at the anniversary festival to take place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Thursday, the 8th inst., of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has promised to unveil some time during the month of May a memorial window shortly to be placed in the Church of St. James, Curtain-road, Shoreditch, which is opposite the spot where the Curtain Theatre formerly stood.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren, W.M. 2076, the newly-appointed Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, arrived in London from Suakim on Monday, and shortly afterwards had an interview with Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., at the Home Office.

Members of the St. George Lodge, No. 2025, at their meeting held on the 23rd ult., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, elected their S.W., Bro. J. S. Sloggett, their W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. F. Hooper, P.M. 1212 and 2025, P.P.G.D.C., was chosen Treasurer, and Bro. James Gidley, Tyler.

A lecture will be delivered by Bro. S. Valentine, P.M. No. 9, at the Albion Lodge of Instruction, Crown Hotel, Essex-street, Strand, on Friday evening, the 16th inst. Subject: "Some Speculations as to the Origin of Freemasonry; its Signs, Tokens and Words, as suggested by the Bible."

The installation of Bro. Burcham Cooper, as W.M. of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, took place on Tuesday last, the 23rd ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The Installing Master being the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Williams, who performed the imposing ceremony in a most able and efficient manner. Bro. G. S. Graham, P.M., presided at the organ.

By the death of Earl Amherst, which occurred on Friday, the 26th ult., at his seat near Sevenoaks, R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, succeeds to the vacant title and estates. Lord Holmesdale has had a seat in the House of Lords as Baron Amherst for some years. The funeral of the deceased peer was arranged to take place on Thursday, the 1st inst.

Bro. Sheriff Clarke presided at the annual meeting held in the Hall of the Stationers' Company, Stationers' Hall-court, Ludgate Hill, on Friday evening, the 26th ult., of the members and friends of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute, Shoe-lane, Fleet-street. Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, sent a letter, in which he regretted his inability to attend, but enclosing a cheque for £50 towards the funds of the Institute. The Secretary in his report announced that Bro. the Lord Mayor had consented to become President during his Mayoralty, and that Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sheriff Clarke, H. B. Marshall, C.C., and J. Judd, C.C., would be among the Vice-Presidents.

A lecture of more than usual interest is to be delivered at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, 12th inst., under the wing of Lodge Sincerity, No. 189, by Bro. John Chapman, P.M. 1402, P.P.G.D. Devon, on "Freemasonry in Relation to the Great Pyramid." The subject will be lucidly treated by Bro. Chapman, who has made it his study for many years past, is familiar with all its many intricate, abstruse, and curious details, and is abundantly qualified to give authoritative opinion and authentic information thereon. The attendance of visiting brethren is invited by the members of the lodge, who anticipate a great intellectual treat on the occasion.

The consecration of the Gordon Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 364, will take place at the New Falcon Hotel, West-street, Gravesend, to-day (Friday), at 3 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by R.W. Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Provincial Grand Master of Kent, who will be assisted by Bros. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Grand Mark Chaplain; Horatio Ward, Provincial Grand Senior Warden; Henry Penfold, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden; the Rev. Branfell Harrison, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain; J. G. Podevin, Past Grand S.B. England, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Grand Secretary; and C. F. Matier, Past Grand Warden England, as Director of Ceremonies. The officers designate are Bros. William Barlow, Worshipful Master; Frederick Mitchell, Senior Warden; and J. Willoughby Brown, J.P., Junior Warden.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000;" three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

MORTGAGES.—MESSRS. JAMES are in a position to Supply Money to ANY EXTENT on the following Securities:—Landed Estates, Houses, Shops, and Offices, Warehouses and Wharves, Life Interests, &c., Retentions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As Spring advances a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fullness after eating, jaundice, gout, and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.—[ADVT.]

The Duke of Connaught has contributed £25 to the funds of the National Indian Association.

Sunday last, the 28th ult., was the second anniversary of the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W., and P.G. Master of Oxfordshire.

At the Drawing Room held by the Queen at Buckingham Palace last week, Miss Allcroft, daughter of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, was presented by her mother, Mrs. Allcroft.

At a meeting of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, on the 2nd ult., Bro. Phillips was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. A Benevolent Fund was started in connection with the lodge.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., has been elected Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons on the Employers' Liability Act Amendment Bill. The inquiry will commence to-day (Friday).

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie paid his first visit to the Scotch Office on Monday morning, when Bro. the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., attended, and formally handed over to his lordship the work of the department.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, is one of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subject of Historical Manuscripts, where they are deposited, and how they might be made available for public reference.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, presided at a meeting held last week at his residence, 108, Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, when the claims to support the London City Mission were warmly advocated, and its operations described.

At a sale of books which took place in Edinburgh on Monday two Common Place books, containing MSS. by Bro. Robert Burns, were the subject of very keen competition, one of them realising 310 guineas and the other 270 guineas. A Kilmarnock edition of the poet's works, date 1786, sold for 80 guineas, and another copy of the same, of which but 50 copies had been originally printed, was knocked down for 47 guineas, this latter work including the original MS. of "The Calf."

INTENDED VISIT OF THE QUEEN TO LIVERPOOL.—An intimation has been received by the Mayor of Liverpool stating that it is her Majesty's intention to visit that city on or about the 11th May next. The Queen will arrive from Windsor at noon, and will visit during the day the principal sights of the city, including the river and the International Exhibition, which it is expected will be opened by that time. On the following day the Queen will make another Royal progress through the city, and will leave for Windsor at two o'clock. During her stay in Liverpool her Majesty will be the guest of the Corporation at the Judges' Lodges, Newsham Park.

Devon Masonic Educational Fund, of which the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G. Master, is President, is to be held in the Masonic-hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The names of five brethren will be proposed as additional Trustees, two Auditors, the Treasurer, and the Secretary will be elected, and the usual Committee appointed. There are six candidates for the three vacancies in the Institution, the fathers of whom were formerly members of lodges situated in the province, and as all appear to have strong claims for the assistance offered by this excellent fund, it is much to be regretted that the support of the brethren has not been sufficient to enable the Committee to have recommended the election of the whole, half only being eligible for selection. The contest, therefore, will be keen, and it is not likely that fewer than 350 votes will be successful.

SANITARY INSTITUTE OF GREAT BRITAIN.—(Leoni's Patent Gas Ranges and Gas Fires).—The Judges have now completed the testing of the Gas Apparatus exhibited at the Exhibition held at Leicester, and I am instructed to inform you that they have awarded you the Silver Medal of the Exeter Gas Company, and also the Medal of the Institute for your "Large Gas Cooker with Boiler;" Certificate of Merit of the Institute for your "Artizan Gas Cooker;" the Silver Medal of the Gas Department of the Corporation of Leicester, and also the Medal of the Institute, for your "Fibre Asbestos open Gas Fire." Yours faithfully, E. White Wallis, Secretary. P.S.—The Judges are unable to make any awards for Bath Heaters or Gas Baths.

THE INTER-MASONIC TROPHY.—We understand that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Masonic Trophy, held a day or two ago, it was unanimously agreed that the competition should this year take place at Darnley, in connection with the inaugural meeting of the Scottish National Rifle Association. Several alterations have been made in the bye-laws regulating the competition, the principal of these being that in future daughter lodges will be allowed to send more than one team to compete for the trophy, and that "any position" will be allowed in shooting at 200 yards, as well as at the 500 yards. It is anticipated that these alterations will prove beneficial, and that the entries will be more numerous than in previous years. It will be remembered that this trophy has, with one exception—when it was shot for at Cowglen—always been competed for at the Edinburgh meeting, but this year the Masonic brethren have resolved to give whatever aid is in their power to secure the success of the Scottish National Rifle Association.

GRATIFYING PRESENTATION.—A well-earned compliment, whether for assiduous discharge of duties or for a genial way of doing so, was paid by his brethren of Mount Sinai, No. 121, to Bro. F. Rodda, I.P.M., of Penzance, at the monthly lodge meeting on Wednesday, the 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. W. Colenso, in the name of all the brethren, and especially of those excellent judges of work, the Past Masters, presented Bro. Rodda with an elegant jewel of office. The insignia of a P.M. in gold on an oval turquoise, the stone framed in gold, with a wreath of vine leaves round the upper half of the frame, tell their own tale in significant if speechless symbol. But that Bro. Rodda's family and non-Masonic friends may also read and learn there is, at the back of the jewel, a surface of plain gold, the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. F. Rodda, P.M., by brethren of Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, in appreciation of his valuable services as W.M., 1885. March 17th, 1886." This valued testimony to work and worth was handed to Bro. Rodda in an appropriate speech, and its receipt acknowledged with modesty and feeling.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, April 10, 1886.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at 4.
Lodge 1494, Felix, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
" 1929, Mozart, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1949, Brixton, Bixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

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, APRIL 5.

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1609, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court, Middx.
" 2098, Harlesden, National School, Harlesden.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 139, Panmure, Sa, Red Lion-square.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 6.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, S, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., N. Woolwich.
" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.
" 2032, Richmond, Richmond, Surrey.
" 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans, Waltham Cross.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Mark 236, Clapton, City Arms, St. Mary Axe.
" 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
" 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
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.
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 Edgcombe, 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, S.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.

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-rd., Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1766, St. Leonards, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
" 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Room, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark Grand Masters, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Bdw. 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.
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.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-ld., 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, APRIL 8.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall (worked in German language).
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 863, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell New-rd.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
" 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill, W.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, 8.
Creaton, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
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 Wolesey, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
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-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1530, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand, at 7.
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.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 7.
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, APRIL 10.

Quarterly General Court and Election Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting-hill, W.

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