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THE Grand Festival takes place on Wednesday next, and as it will be held under the genial presidency of the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M. of England, there is every likelihood of its passing off with unwonted success. The proceedings in Grand Lodge will be of the usual imposing character, and assuming that Dame Rumour is correct as to the brethren who are about to be appointed to Grand Office, we may venture to congratulate both the Grand Master and the Craft on the worthiness of the selections that have been made. As to the banquet, we are satisfied the Grand Stewards will do their appointed duty admirably, and that at the close of the evening, when the parting bumper has been quaffed, and the brethren are on the eve of separating, the general verdict of all present will be that the Grand Festival of 1886 will compare worthily with the worthiest among its predecessors.

THE news that the GRAND MASTER has appointed his brother, the Duke of CONNAUGHT, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, in place of the late R. W. Bro. Sir W. W. BURRELL, Bart., will be received everywhere with the heartiest acclamation. His Royal Highness not only enjoys a full measure of respect and popularity which belong hereditarily to our Royal Family, but he is also an able Craftsman, and has evinced on all occasions, so far as his military and other avocations would allow, a great personal interest in the concerns of Freemasonry. The Duke was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, in 1874, and raised to the Degree of M.M. the evening before the Prince of WALES was installed Grand Master in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, a circumstance to which his Royal Highness alluded in his speech at the banquet which followed his brother's installation. He is a Past Master of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, and in 1877 was Grand Senior Warden of England. In 1878 he presided at the annual Festival of the Boys' School, while during his recent command in India he took every opportunity of sharing in the duties and responsibilities of the Craft. His Royal Highness is an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and outside the limits of Free and Accepted Masonry is an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of England, and Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland. Such, in brief, are the achievements of the new Provincial Grand Master, and it only now remains for us to congratulate the GRAND MASTER on having made so happy a choice, the Duke of CONNAUGHT on having been chosen as the recipient of so considerable an honour, and, above all, the Province of Sussex on its great good fortune in having had placed over it so splendid a successor to their late respected and beloved chief.

IT is about time we reminded our readers that the Girls' School Festival is rapidly approaching. We are within four weeks of the day appointed for its celebration, and it behoves us therefore to look about us and see what prospect there is of a success worthy of the Institution and the Craft generally. We have already enumerated the especial necessities which have arisen during the past year and made heavy inroads upon the funds of the School. We have also stated the amount that is required for the ordinary expenditure, and have pointed out that between its exceptional and regular requirements the Institution will need not far short of £14,000 for the year now current. The prospect of obtaining this amount was not very clear when we last wrote on the subject, that is, on the 20th March ult. The Board of Stewards consisted of only about 190 brethren, and was consequently behind its usual strength with the Festival then distant no more than two months. We naturally pressed this discouraging state of things on the Craft generally, and urged them, while there was yet time to render material service to the School, to do their best to strengthen the Stewards' list in numbers. We are glad to see that some progress has been made since then, and that the Board which was only 190 strong is, at the time of writing,

quite 250, of whom some 132 hail from London lodges and chapters or as unattached, while the rest figure under the provinces. There can be no doubt about this being a great step in advance, and as there is still the best part of a month remaining, there seems to be a fair prospect that on Wednesday, the 19th May next, Bro. HEDGES will be in a position to announce a Board of Stewards numerically the equal of that which stood him in such good service last year. We are not altogether so sure, however, about its being financially quite as promising as that of 1885. True, we hear of there being some 18 or 20 Stewards for Surrey, the Chairman's province, but on the other hand, we believe we are right in stating that quite half of its lodges are as yet unrepresented on the Board by any of their members. This is not quite so gratifying a picture as we hope it will be in our power to present ultimately, neither so gratifying to the Institution nor to Bro. General BROWNRIFF, who has gallantly taken upon himself the responsibility of presiding at the Festival, and so benefiting the Funds of the School. When that respected brother presided at the Benevolent Festival in 1883, his province helped him with contributions amounting to over £900, and every Provincial Chief, who has since undertaken a similar duty has been supported with a like display of generosity. But in each of those cases the province mostly interested has polled its full strength, while here we are within four weeks of the event, and, as we understand, one half of the lodges in the Chairman's province are still unrepresented. We are sorry for this; because, as we argued in our former article on this Festival, when it is known that the province of the day is working hard, there is a kind of guarantee that the general result will be favourable. However, let us hope the interval between now and the day appointed will be made the most of and that, at the critical time, Surrey will be able to show that its love for our Girls' School, and its respect for the esteemed Craftsman who has so long and genially presided over its fortunes are as great as ever. As regards the rest of the Board, it seems as if London were likely to do well; but the other Provincial representatives are not quite as numerous as we should like to see them, and as we hope to see them on the eventful day. Of course it is always on the cards that mere numerical weakness may mean no more than that a few brethren have taken upon themselves the duty of representing whole provinces or important sections of a province, so that the strength of their returns will more than compensate for their paucity of numbers. We trust this may be so, and that if there are fewer Provincial Stewards than last year, that they will raise amongst them by way of compensation a heavier aggregate. There is no doubt about the nature and extent of the School's requirements, and we hope it will be the particular business of the Craft, both in London and the Provinces, so to exert themselves during the next three or four weeks that those requirements will be fully satisfied.

THE voting papers for the annual election of candidates into the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Friday, the 21st May next, have been issued, and it does not need much of a glance down the lists for the two Funds to see how terrible is the disproportion between the numbers that can be elected, and the numbers from which the election must be made. It is sad to think how many of these poor old people, who have all seen better days, and all been recognised as worthy of being received into the Institution, must of necessity be disappointed. As regards the Male Fund there are 58 candidates, but only 15, including the three deferred annuitants, can be elected, this number, however, being liable to increase, in the event of further vacancies having occurred since February and the meeting being prepared to fill them up. In the Widows' Fund there are no less than 71 candidates, while the number to be elected, including the deferred annuitants, is only 9, which latter figure, as in the case of the Male Fund, and subject to the same conditions, is liable to be increased. Thus, speaking roundly, there are some 40 old men and 60 old women, who, in any circumstances, must be left in their present condition of poverty for a further period of 12 months or, it may be, even longer. Many of our readers will naturally be anxious to know how it is there is such an excess of candidates over vacancies, when during the last few years the Committee has taken every opportunity of sanctioning or recommending an increase in the number of annuitants on each Fund. The inquiry is easily satisfied. The successive increases, great as they have been undoubtedly, have not been sufficient to reduce appreciably the array of applicants—at all events as regards the Widows' Fund—while, in the case of the Male Fund, the hard times we have had to endure latterly are responsible for the present increase in the number of candidates. Of the 71 widows, 46 remain over from last election, and of these 46 one has been on the list for eight years; five for six years; one for five years; eight for four years; 11 for three years; and 20 for two years. Only 14 old men remain over from the election in May, 1885, but

the number of new candidates is 44, while only 25 widows have been added this year to the list for the Female Fund. But after all it is not of material importance whether the excess of candidates over vacancies is caused by the large number unsuccessful last year and previously, or by the unusual number of applicants since; the impossibility of helping all who need help remains, and until a way of grappling with the difficulty, which, in spite of the successive additions made, keeps on recurring annually, there must continue to be these annually recurring disappointments. It is out of the question to go on enlarging the sum expended for annuities, and now amounting to close on £14,000 a year, and while that is so, there is nothing left for these poor old folks but to bear with such philosophy as they can muster to their aid the disappointment in store for them.

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BUT let us turn from a picture which is infinitely sad, to a consideration of the two lists for the Male and Widows' Funds respectively. We have said that, as matters stand at present, there are fifteen men, including the three deferred annuitants, to be elected from an approved list of 58. We have also shown that of the latter number fourteen remain from the election in May, 1885, this being the fifth application of Nos. 1 and 2, the fourth of Nos. 3, 4, and 5; the third of Nos. 6, 7, and 8; and the second of Nos. 9 to 14, inclusive. The remaining 44 have been approved during the past twelve months. London sends up sixteen candidates, the District of Bengal one case, and the provinces amongst them 41, the two Yorkshires having five each; East Lancashire four; Devonshire three; Cheshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Hants and Isle of Wight, West Lancashire, Northumberland, and Warwickshire two each; and Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Kent, Middlesex, Lincolnshire, North Wales, South Wales (West Division), Surrey, Sussex, Worcestershire, Jersey, and the Channel Islands (Guernsey) one each. Of the old candidates No. 5 has 500 votes to his credit; No. 2 has 441 votes, while Nos. 6, 14, 13 have 269, 257, and 241 votes respectively; the remaining nine having under 100 votes. Thus the election would seem to be a pretty open one, as, with the exception of Nos. 5 and 2, there are none of the old candidates, who can reckon on their present credit being likely to prove of appreciable advantage to them. As regards the Widows' Fund, there are only nine vacancies at present, including the three deferred ones, and 71 candidates, of whom 46 remain from last year, and 25 have been newly placed on the list. Of the former, No. 1—poor old lady—has been a candidate for eight years, and brings forward 441 votes; Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive have stood five contests already, Nos. 5 and 6 having to their credit 1236 and 1245 votes, respectively, while No. 3 has 366 votes. No. 7 has stood four ballots, but to little purpose, her votes brought forward being only 20. Nos. 8 to 15 are about to make their fourth venture, No. 13 having 1218 votes to the good; No. 8, 305 votes; No. 15, 225 votes; and No. 10, 172 votes. Of the 11 who have stood two previous contests, namely, Nos. 16 to 26, both inclusive, No. 19 brings forward 1355 votes; No. 22, 355 votes; No. 18, 290 votes; and No. 26, 216 votes. The 20 who made their first attempt in May, 1885, are Nos. 27 to 46 inclusive, and of these No. 27 has 869 votes; No. 37, 874 votes; No. 32, 589 votes; No. 36, 538 votes; No. 31, 409 votes; No. 29, 216 votes; No. 46, 257 votes; and No. 42, 135 votes. Thus there are some half-dozen or more of these who start with a good score in hand, and if their friends work well, should find themselves well placed at the close of the poll. In this case, too, 21 of the candidates hail from London, one from a District abroad, and 49 from the Provinces, namely, nine from Kent; five in each case from Devonshire, Hants and Isle of Wight, East Lancashire, and Lincolnshire; four from West Yorkshire; three each from Cumberland and Westmorland and Suffolk; two from Berks and Bucks; and one from each of the following: Dorsetshire, Durham, West Lancashire, Middlesex, Somersetshire, Staffordshire, Sussex, and N. and E. Yorkshire. Let us hope that in both contests the most deserving cases will be returned.

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WE are very pleased to report that another honour has fallen to the lot of the *youngest* Grand Master in America, M.W. Bro. THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Grand Master of Maryland; whose kindness and attention to brethren hailing from this country, especially those in distress, have been experienced by many. The Governor of the State of Maryland has appointed Bro. SHRYOCK, Brigadier General and Chief Engineer of Maryland, the appointment having been confirmed by the Senate. We rejoice, in common with his many friends, in another compliment being thus paid to the Grand Master of Maryland, and we are also much pleased to hear that his administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge bids fair to be most successful.

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THE Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the year 1885 is, like all other reports emanating from the same source, most interesting, and the account it furnishes of the doings and position of the Craft in that jurisdiction most satisfactory. Everything seems to work smoothly, while if we take the numerical and financial state of the Society as a criterion of its soundness, there cannot be the shadow of a doubt as to its being healthy and vigorous in all its parts. The GRAND SECRETARY'S statement of account shows a total of receipts, including the balance forward from 15th November, 1884, of 118,833 dollars, the principal items being for rents, 35,172 dollars; for dues, 47,698 dollars; and for initiations, 13,533. The payments amounted to 109,525 dollars, of which 21,860 dollars were paid to Committee on Temple; 12,000 dollars to Sinking Fund; and 63,975 dollars for interest. The balance in hand at the close of the twelve months, on the 15th November, 1885, was 9308 dollars. The Sinking Fund at the close of the same period showed a total of 322,448 dollars, of which 305,700 dollars were invested in approved securities, and 16,748 dollars in cash. This, as compared with the total at the corresponding period in 1884, gives an increase in the twelve months of 28,019 dollars. As regards the current year, the Finance

Committee have estimated it will yield a total, including the balance carried forward, of 130,571 dollars, the Dues being set down at 43,000 dollars, rents at 35,000 dollars, and Initiations at 10,000 dollars; while they consider the expenditure will amount to 129,525 dollars, thus leaving a balance to the good of about 1046 dollars. These figures, though necessarily given in mere outline, will serve to give an excellent idea of the financial position of Pennsylvania, while, as regards numbers, the Grand Lodge can boast of a membership of something like 38,000—the actual number on the 27th December, 1884, being given as 37,175, and at the close of last year it would have reached, and most probably exceeded, the figure we have stated. Lastly, the GRAND MASTER'S address at the annual Grand Communication at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 28th December, is not a lengthy one, but it contains pleasant matters to read, and its delivery must have evoked a considerable amount of enthusiasm from the brethren who heard it. We trust all future reports that reach us from this jurisdiction will be as satisfactory as this.

CONSECRATION OF LODGE DALHOUSIE, No. 720 (S.C.), AT BONNYRIGG.

The Visiting Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, headed by the convener, Bro. James Crichton, consecrated and erected a new lodge in the village of Bonnyrigg, on the 7th inst. The event, that was to have taken place on the 2nd of last month, was unavoidably postponed on account of a severe snowstorm having rendered the presence of many visiting brethren improbable; it had been looked forward to in Masonic circles in Edinburgh with considerable interest, and upwards of a hundred of the brethren of the various lodges in the district went to Bonnyrigg to take part in the ceremony. The new lodge is to be named the Dalhousie, No. 720, and a charter was issued by Grand Lodge on the 5th November last. Already a membership of twenty-five has been enrolled, and the various offices filled up, Bro. Robert M'Kenzie being elected Master. The ceremony of erecting the new lodge took place in the lodge room at the village Coffee-Rooms, Bro. Crichton opening and raising the Grand Lodge, with the assistance of Bros. James M'Kenzie, R.W.M. 2, as S.W.; and Albert Apthorp, P.M. 405, as J.W.

Bro. Major HILLS, who acted as Grand Marshal, read aloud the charter granted to the new lodge, after which the jewels and clothing of the lodge were delivered to the presiding Grand Master, and the ceremony of consecration, which was accompanied by music and the customary solemnities, duly performed.

The ACTING GRAND MARSHAL then formally proclaimed the new lodge by its proper style and title.

The ceremony of the installation of the office-bearers was then performed by the ACTING GRAND MASTER, each in turn being invested with the emblems of his office on taking the usual obligations. In his address to the newly-inducted office-bearers, Bro. Crichton urged upon them always to remember that the cement which bound Freemasons together was that of brotherly love.

Bro. M'KENZIE made a suitable reply, and the lodge was soon afterwards closed.

The company then repaired to the Bonnyrigg Public Hall for refreshment, where the Master of the new lodge took the chair. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the toasts of "Prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland" and of "The Newly Organised Lodge" were similarly complimented, and a few songs were contributed by various visiting brethren. Deputations were present from 19 different district lodges, nearly all of which were represented by their Master and Wardens.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 238.

The consecration of the new Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, to be known henceforth by the style and title of the Prince Leopold, No. 238, took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., the ceremony being carried out by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., assisted by Bro. Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.

Lodge having been opened, eight candidates were elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, after which Bro. Matier proceeded with the task of consecrating the lodge, the duty, as it is almost needless to say, being fulfilled most ably and impressively. Bro. T. C. Walls was then formally installed in the chair of N., and Bros. A. Tisley and T. Olver Harding inducted into the chairs of J. and S. respectively.

The other officers having been invested, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Matier for his services as Consecrating Officer, accompanied by his election as an honorary member, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Bro. Walls, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 14th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at Sheffield, under the banner of Britannia Lodge, No. 139. The occasion was one of special interest to the Craft, and the attendance of brethren was extremely large. The meeting was held in the old Banqueting Hall of the Cutlers' Hall, and upwards of 300 members of the Craft were in their places when W. Bro. Waterhouse opened his lodge. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew), the W. Deputy Grand Master (Bro. H. Smith), having entered the lodge, were saluted in due and ancient form. They were accompanied by a large number of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers.

R.W. Bro. Tew then addressed the brethren. He said it was the desire of the executive to promote in every possible way the unanimity and

harmony of the members of the Masonic body under their administration, and the true interests of the principles committed to their supervision. They earnestly desired to maintain in the lodges that spirit of peace which was so eminently characteristic of Freemasonry, and to show, in their quiet and unobtrusive manner, the veneration in which they held the rulers and patrons of the Order, their hatred of plots and conspiracies, and their dis-favour of a policy of disintegration as regarded religion and the State, and to uphold those three ties which fundamentally bound imperial communities together. Many events for the welfare and woe of the country and for the Craft had occurred since Provincial Grand Lodge met in that place in October, 1884. Not quite a year had passed since they honoured Bro. Lord Lathom at Leeds, when he (Bro. Tew) was installed as P.G.M. in the room of their late gallant and beloved commander-in-chief, Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., who, he regretted to say, was still invalided at Halifax. The opportunity so gracefully accorded to many of those present in July last by the ex-Mayor and Master Cutler of Sheffield (both honoured members of the Britannia Lodge), to offer a welcome to Prince Albert Victor, was a brilliant occasion and heartily availed of, of expressing devotion and attachment to the Royal Family of England, and also their appreciation of the exhibits of Sheffield industries. Also a little later they had the opportunity of greeting the Prince and Princess of Wales at the opening of the Yorkshire College, Leeds. The worth of the Masonic charges had been singularly verified in that the autumnal electoral contests had left them no broken friendship and no differences of opinion unhealed. (Cheers.) The 42 towns in which the lodges were established could surely say that Masonry in their midst had exercised a wise and benign influence over the contentions which marked so prominently the closing months of last year. The province desired to acknowledge the generosity of the lodges for their support of the Masonic Charities which yearly required urgent support because of the many deaths and by the fact that 116 votes had been lost in consequence. There were more candidates for their votes and it took about five times as many votes to elect a candidate now as was formerly the case, yet their voting power, in consequence of deaths, had not increased since 1875. The contributions of that province to the five Masonic institutions, to the 31st March, amounted to £1760, which sum might possibly be considerably augmented. The West Yorkshire participants of these institutions were deriving benefits to the extent of £2148 annually, therefore they received more in return than they provided for the education and maintenance of these participants. The whole body of the Craft on the 24th February, gave to the Festival of the Benevolent Institution £14,850. (Cheers.) He trusted that the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May next, might be equally successful. The collections at Skipton Church in October, amounting to £16 10s., had been handed over to the Boys' Institution, which gave to West Yorkshire six votes in perpetuity to that educational establishment. The contribution of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of £68 5s., added to the balance from the presentation fund, had been the means of endowing the Chairman of the P.G. Lodge as a Patron to the Girls' School Institution. The whole body of Freemasons rejoiced that the Prince of Wales was re-elected Grand Master of the Order in March. (Cheers.) His goodness of heart was displayed by the motion which he delegated to a brother that 200 guineas be granted to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the Unemployed, whilst a further sum of £2300 was awarded from the funds at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence to the relief of Masonic petitioners. (Cheers.) It was his privilege in October to present to the Proby Lodge (Halifax) a centenary warrant. On the 17th December, Excelsior Lodge (Leeds) completed the 21st year of its existence, and in celebration of the event £126 had been collected and handed over to the Benevolent Institution. On the 1st of March Goderich Lodge (Leeds) admitted on to the roll of its members Mr. G. W. Balfour, M.P., for Central Leeds. They had to deplore the death on the 17th of February of Bro. Geo. R. Mossman, Clerk to the Bradford Justices. Bro. Widdop and 64 other members of the Craft had also passed away. Another noble-minded man had passed away. Bradford and England had sustained a severe loss by the death of the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, one of whose most prominent characteristics was his immense sympathies for the sufferings of humanity—a trait every Mason strove to cultivate. In May, 1837, Bro. Charles Lee, of Leeds, was appointed D.P. G.M. of West Yorkshire. He retired from that responsible office in October, 1856, and was presented with a testimonial of silver in recognition of his valuable Masonic services. He passed away in November of the same year, and was buried in Adel Churchyard. His widow died at close of last year. She had upon trust left two legacies for the time being, one of £100 to the Royal Benevolent Institution, and the other of £50 for the Royal Free-masons' School for Female Children. She further bequeathed the two silver vases and stands which were presented to her husband to the Right Worshipful P.G.M. for the time being for the use of the Provincial Grand Lodge. It appeared from Bro. Mason's researches that they cost upwards of £170. As occupant of the chair, he had pleasure in handing over this beautiful and appropriate gift to the care of the Provincial Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) The Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary having found the old banner under which Bro. Charles Lee served, he had had it restored and presented it to the lodge. The brethren would thank the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary for this beautiful gift. (Cheers.) Bro. Wordsworth, to his great regret, retired from the chairmanship of the Charity Committee, a position in which he had been signally successful.

The roll of lodges having been called, it was found that out of the 69 lodges in this province only five were unrepresented at that meeting. Bro. HERBERT G. E. GREEN, the Provincial Grand Secretary, read letters of apology from Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., and other brethren, after which Bro. THOMAS RUDDOCK, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, presented the statement of accounts, which showed that there was a balance in favour of the province of over £1000, after meeting all charges. Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charity Committee of the province, presented a most satisfactory report on behalf of the Charity Committee, which was unanimously adopted. It was also decided that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge should be held at Bradford in October.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers as follows :

Bros. Thomas William Embleton, M.E., P.M. 1513	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Edwin Woodhouse, P.M. 304, 2069	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., W.M. 2069	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. William S. Turnbull, M.A., J.W. 1462	...	Prov. G. Chap.
F. M. Tindall, P.M. 1239	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Joseph Binney, P.M. 139	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019	...	Prov. G. Sec.
James Ambler, P.M. 302	...	Prov. G.S.D.
William Henry Steward, P.M. 380	...	Prov. G.S.D.
Henry William Maleham, P.M. 296	...	Prov. G.J.D.
George Marshall, P.M. 521	...	Prov. G.J.D.
Thomas William Roome, P.M. 904	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
George Buckley, jun., P.M. 61	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
Samuel Talentyre Oates, P.M. 304	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
Henry Trevor Gardiner, P.M. 458	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
James Bourne Hargreaves, P.M. 1311	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
Thomas Woodhead, P.M. 1522	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
William Laycock, P.M. 1108	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
William Breton Townsend, P.M. 1211	...	Prov. G. Org.
William Brewin Alderson, P.M. 495	...	Prov. G.A.S.
William Thomas Sugg, P.M. 149	...	Prov. G. Purst.
John Tinker, P.M. 652	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
John William Fourness, P.M. 1211	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
Edwin Lee, P.M. 265	...	
Thomas Denby, P.M. 387	...	
Thomas Michael Holmes, P.M. 1542	...	
Samuel Sugden, P.M. 1645	...	
Job Harling, P.M. 1542	...	} Prov. G. Tyler
Joshua Lee, P.M. 290	...	
Jim Sheard, P.M. 971	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler

From this list it will be seen that Leeds has received a very large share of the honours it is in the power of Bro. Tew to bestow. Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, heads the list, its W.M. having been made P.G. Chaplain, and its I.P.M., P.G.W. Bro. Townsend and Fourness, of Goderich, have been appointed P.G. Organist and P.G. Steward respectively. Bro. Oates, of the Philanthropic, 304, has been made Prov. Dep. D. of C., and Bro. J. B. Hargreaves, of Zeland, No. 1311, has been made Prov. G. Swd. Br. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street.

FREEMASONRY IN THE SOUDAN.

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In November, 1881, I left England as medical officer in charge of an expedition to Egypt, the Soudan, and Kunama, or Basé Country, our object being sport and exploration. A full account of the expedition and our strange experiences has already been related in my work; it would, therefore, be superfluous to enlarge upon them more than to give just an outline of our journey to Kassala. We left Sheppard's Hotel, Cairo, one morning about the end of November, and arrived in Suez in the evening. On account of a block in the Suez Canal, we were compelled to remain in this most uninteresting place for about a week. At the end of that time we were so fortunate as to obtain a steamer, which, after a three days' voyage on the Red Sea, landed us at Suakin, in the Soudan. About three days were occupied here in engaging camels to carry us and our baggage across the desert, and in sorting out boxes, &c. All this having been accomplished, and the camels (about 80 in number) having been brought into the large square on the quay to be laden, there ensued such a row as would have completely driven Mr. Babbage out of all his calculations; no organ-grinder could have upset any one more than the camels and camel-men. The camels roar and bellow, without any apparent cause, before the loads are adjusted on their hameias; the bushy-haired camel-men jabber away like a parcel of chattering baboons, and quarrel with one another in a womanish kind of way as to the respective loads of the respective camels. The bushy hair, being mop-like in appearance, is most convenient as leverage, so that one angry Arab frequently takes a savage delight in seizing this appendage, and without too much care produces an extremely rapid side-to-side movement of the head from which this springs, whilst Suleiman, our head-man and manager of the caravan, appears to feel the responsibilities of his office acutely; but not so acutely as the noisy Arabs. Suleiman is a philosopher and a very impartial man; he knows well the requirements of the Hadendowah Arabs, and, being a just man, he does not allow their requirements to go unsatisfied. He walks round with a coorbatach (a whip made of hippopotamus hide) using the most convincing arguments with very little expenditure of breath; for by the judicious and frequent application of the aforesaid coorbatach, he rapidly instils into the minds of the chattering Arabs that his theory is "more work and less talk." I may mention "en passant" that the chief characteristics of the Hadendowah Arabs are laziness and lying. By continual practice they have achieved great proficiency in these arts, and I should say few could excel them. When fully three hours had been consumed in wrangling and loading, our caravan moved on for a march of nearly 300 miles across the desert to Kassala, and it was at such an out-of-the-way place as this part of Central Africa that I met with my Masonic experience, which I should think was unique in its way. In consequence of illness in the camp, we were over three weeks in crossing the dessert. Arrived at Kassala, our camp was pitched about a quarter of a mile outside the town.

In England we are accustomed, in the stilly hour of night, when the little stars are twinkling, and the moon sheds its soft radiance on all around, to the somewhat distracting music of our domestic pets—called cats; and because they usually select the garden wall for their concert, I presume that this species of amusement has been denominated by the vulgar, cat-erwauling. In Kassala matters were differently arranged. How shall I describe the picturesque scene?

This small band of Englishmen (seven of us), with three European servants and a swarm of Arab camel-men and servants, encamped in equatorial Africa under the shade of tall waving palm trees and lemon trees, on the edge of the river—bed of the Gash (a quarter of a mile in width); a quarter of a mile from us the curious looking town of Kassala, surrounded by a wall composed of mud bricks, baked in the sun. By the soft and bright light of the moon we generally retired to our various tents for the purpose of sleeping about 9 p.m. Alas! how vain are all human schemes. The night air is not made to vibrate by the concert-loving cat. Oh! no, a greater cat-astrophe awaits us. From an Arab hut not far off issue the most monotonous sounds. Some people would, no doubt, profanely call them the devil's tattoo; I, however, will confine myself strictly to facts. The sounds produced emanated from an instrument of torture known to us as a Tom-tom, and were productive of so intense a feeling of irritation that I have always retained a conviction that had the amiable performer been within a reasonable distance the air would have been thick with missiles of a flinty nature, destined to produce scalp-wounds of an unpleasant character. Doubtless the operator would quite imagine his tum-tuming as sweet as the music of an Æolian harp. Nor was this all; at intervals of five minutes or so the larynx of an Arab woman would be called into requisition, and a piercing high trilling note would aid the disturber of our nocturnal slumbers. I should not have been particularly averse to ten minutes, or even half an hour, of this performance, as I am patient under suffering, but draw the line at three hours. There had been a death in the family, and on all occasions of great joy or sorrow this appears to be the Arab mode of rejoicing or grieving. The worst of it is, they are not satisfied with a reasonable amount of this sort of thing, but keep it up for three hours every night for a month.

It is pleasing to me that our customs are not conducted on this scale. In addition to this boisterous manifestation of grief, about 100 hyenas nightly assembled on the river bed near our tents, and either howled or laughed immoderately, much to their diversion and our annoyance, for we always failed to see where the laugh came in. However, we did find that the judicious administration of a leaden pill had a tendency to make these inconsiderate and hilarious gentry retire from the vicinity of our camp.

About two days after our arrival at Kassala, one Demetrius Mosconas, who was a Greek, employed by the Egyptian Government in sinking wells, requested me to go and visit his son, who was ill. This led to a friendly acquaintance during the few days we remained at Kassala, and to frequent conversations on the state of the country, slavery, and so on. Amongst other subjects that of Freemasonry cropped up. I was not then a member of the Craft, but told him that it had been my intention for some time past to become one, and that as soon as I returned home I should. He replied, "Why not now? I am a Master Mason in the Thirty third Degree, and if you like will initiate you here to-morrow." He belonged to the Lodge Pythagoras of Alexandria, at Cairo, besides to Greek and Italian lodges. "Well," said I, "this is an extraordinary experience, to find myself in the heart of the Soudan amongst all these uncivilized Arabs, and yet Masonry is represented here. I will come to-morrow and be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. I should think there are very few who can say they were made Freemasons in Kassala." To which he replied, "I should say you will be the first and only one ever made in Kassala, for there is no lodge here, and I would not initiate you now but for the peculiar circumstances under which you are placed and the dangers you are likely to encounter. It might so happen that your life may be at stake, and that Freemasonry might save you. Not that you are likely to encounter any Masons amongst these Arabs, still in the course of your travels you may be in difficulties, and when you are if you meet with a brother he is bound by his oath to help you in every way to the best of his abilities." I thanked the worthy Greek and left him, ardently invoking "the Great Architect of the Universe" to shower down blessings on my head for services rendered to his son, who was a young man of about 20. "What should I have done," said he, "with my son so ill, and having no medicines here to give him? The good God has sent you, and I am most thankful."

The following day found me visiting the Greek. He greeted me most cordially, and without more ado conducted me to his sitting-room, where the ceremony of initiation was gone through in the most solemn manner. Daylight was excluded, but the room was lighted by several wax candles. On a table in front of me lay the volume of the Sacred Law, with the requisite accessories. My cervical, ocular, and pedal arrangements were not subjected to any inconvenience, neither was the left mammary region. The various organs of the body usually subjected to inconvenience, were on this occasion let alone.

It will be readily understood that a good deal of the manipulation which takes place in a regular lodge was, under the circumstances, omitted, but I was told that in regular lodge "so and so takes place; here I must omit it and simply explain." In due course all was over, Mosconas promising to let me have my certificate next day, which he did. It was written in French, and I shall always keep it as a great curiosity, from its having been obtained under such peculiar circumstances, and in such an extraordinary place. Although he desired me to call at the lodge on my return to Egypt I found the time at my command was too short to enable me to do so.

On returning to camp I found Phillipps and Aylmer sitting outside one of the tents reading. When the former went away, knowing that Aylmer and Colvin were the only two Masons in camp, on Aylmer looking up from his book, he discovered me engaged in making mystic signs to him. His eyebrows went up, and he, at the same time, said, "What is the matter, doctor?" Again mystic sign. He laughed, exclaiming, "Are you mad, doctor?" "No," said I, "at all events, if I am, you will find there is a method in it; let me grasp you by the hand;" and, with the proverbial three big strides of the tragic villain, who says "Aha! I must dissemble here," I had him in a truly Masonic grip. He was plump, and I presume that my pressure on the hand of a man whose skin was so tight on his body caused his eyes to open and his mouth too, for he at once called out "Colvin, here; come, we will question him." Colvin appeared, exclaiming "Let us away to the interior of the tent," and we awayed. I was then subjected to such questions as the following: "You were not a Mason when you left Cairo?" "No," said I; "but I am now." "Where were you first made a Mason?" Of course, I told them, and, having answered all their questions satisfactorily, they were bound to admit that I was a brother, and were much astonished at my being initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Craft in such a wilderness. Of course, I described the whole thing to them.

When, some months afterwards, I returned to "Albion's land of the brave and free," I applied to join a lodge, my certificate excited much

curiosity. It was sent to Grand Lodge, on account of my having been initiated in a somewhat irregular way, and under such peculiar circumstances. Grand Lodge decided that there was no doubt about me being a Mason; but it would be better for me in many respects to have my mother lodge where I resided, and to go through the whole impressive ceremony "de novo" in a regular way, which I did, and I am now a member of the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, Sheffield. The foregoing is an illustration of how Masonry is spread over the whole surface of the inhabitable globe.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The reports of the last three Quarterly Communications of the newly formed "Grand Lodge of South Australia" indicate that the members are determined to progress in a truly Masonic and dignified manner, and we hope that by due care and attention they will avoid difficulties which, to some at least, appear at present to beset their path.

At the meeting held on July 15th, 1885, mention is made, with pardonable pride and congratulation, of the recognition of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of England, the importance of the event having been so appreciated in South Australia, that the news was telegraphed. At the next assembly, which was on 21st October, mention was also made of the recognition extended by the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and resolutions of gratification were passed respecting such recognition, as concerned each Grand Lodge accordingly. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was requested to accept the position of Grand Patron of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare a petition to be forwarded to him."

The report of the Board stated that "Grand Lodge regalia has been received from Bro. George Kenning. The order has been executed to the satisfaction of the Board."

The last Grand Lodge met on January 20th, 1886, when the "quarterage" payable by each member was reduced from one shilling to ninepence per quarter, or in other words three shillings a year, which is fifty per cent. more than is payable by country members under the Grand Lodge of England; but it must be remembered that in the latter case there are also the Provincial Grand Lodge dues to be added. The Metropolitan lodges, however, pay four shillings per annum.

The nominations for Grand Lodge honours were duly received, which seem to include all the offices save the Grand Secretary; the Grand Master (Chief Justice Way) and others of the chief officers, being renominated.

We hear that much surprise and regret are felt in South Australia on the withdrawal of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, especially as no explanation has been offered. Our impression is that the recognition by the Grand Lodge of South Australia of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales is the cause of such action, for we cannot but think it was a serious error of judgment to recognise such a body, when it is decidedly in the minority in that colony. True, other Grand Lodges have so done, but considering the unanimity that has characterized the proceedings in South Australia, the brethren should have looked for similar unity in New South Wales before extending recognition.

GENERAL PIKE'S "MASONIC ORIGINES."

A remarkable pamphlet has lately issued from the prolific and facile pen of Bro. Albert Pike, Washington, U.S.A.; many of the points alluded to therein deserving careful study.

Without doubt, General Pike is one of the most original and voluminous Masonic writers in the world, and his style is finished and fascinating. Bro. Jacob Norton, who is not over ready to praise, and never does praise, without reason, says "Bro. Pike is the best informed American Mason, as far as Masonic history and literature are concerned." This is a generous word from one who is such an able and constant opponent of the "Hautes Grades," of which Bro. Pike, if not the chief ornament, is certainly the most prominent figure of the last quarter of a century. I am inclined to consider him as both.

The title of the paper is the best indication of its scope and tendency, and assuredly the author has the "courage of his convictions," for he spares neither friend nor foe, in exposing errors and fables.

The self-evident axioms he lays down "as fundamental principles of Masonic Law and of common sense," are of widespread influence, and as might be expected, cover the whole question of rival Grand Bodies, and spurious organisations, with which the United States, just now, appears to be sadly troubled.

"Except the first possessor or possessors, no one can ever obtain legal investiture with any degree, except by receiving it from him or them, or from a person or persons, or a Body, having power derived from the first possessor or possessors, by receiving them as if immediately from such first possessor or possessors; by assuming the required vows or obligations; and by being, as if by these, put in possession of the arcana or modes of recognition, and the usual explanations of the symbols employed.

Following this definition we read:—"The benefits intended to be so secured cannot rightfully belong to any person except those who, paying the prices for the Degree, or Degrees, fixed by the law of the Degree or Rite, have received them at the hands or by the authorisation of a lawful and legitimate body or officer of the Rite, having the supreme power derived from the first possessors, and who, by assuming the required obligations, have become entitled to, and have been put in possession of, the arcana and modes of recognition belonging to each Degree." This declaration is ably enforced, and then follows the conclusion that—"To endeavour to procure for one's self those benefits, whether pecuniary or of consideration and

dignity, or of relief or assistance, in any other way, is plain dishonesty and speculation; and for any one not legally in possession of Degrees to take money for conferring them is theft," which is surely strong language, and demands a keen examination, for it is a direct statement, and its aim and intention cannot be misunderstood.

As to Degrees, Bro. Pike observes: "When the First or Second Degree was invented and adopted, or by whom or how, is not known. It is only known that until *about* a certain date there were *no* Degrees, and that it was some time after the first two were invented and used that the third was adopted." . . . "No one knows anything about the real *origines* of the Charges or Regulations, except that the former, at least, were known and used in Scotland before they were in England." I demur to this latter statement, as the evidence accumulated points to the opposite view, though I grant that, as respects actual lodge records, the Scottish minutes go much farther back than those of England.

I must not follow the author in his rapid survey of the origin of other Rites, at least, not at present.

General Pike is in error however in saying that the "Dermott Grand Lodge chartered an Encampment of Knights Templars at Manchester." Bro. John Yarker, an excellent authority on Knights Templary, does not say the Dermott or "Atholl" Grand Lodge chartered a Knight Templar Encampment, for as a matter of fact that Grand Lodge never did so anywhere, nor did any other English Grand Lodge, save the "Grand Lodge of all England," held at York; but many Knight Templar Encampments were held under the wings of lodges. However, as Bro. Pike says "To one thing all [Rites] agree: that to the Bodies of each of these Rites, the Rite as organised, and as administered by them, exclusively belongs, and if the Degrees of either are given by any other authority, the recipient is a spurious Royal Arch, a spurious Templar, a spurious Select Master," &c., &c., &c.

He asks (1) "When did the Grand Lodge of England begin to keep its minutes?" I reply, from 1723, and their chief records are to be found in the History of Freemasonry by Bro. Gould, being copies of the original Records still preserved at Freemasons' Hall, which many of us have seen and handled. (2) "Where are any minutes of the 'Old Grand Lodge at York,' if there were was such a Body?" I reply, they are still at York, from the year 1712 as respects the old Lodge, and from 1725 as a Grand Lodge. Many of these are given in my "Masonic Sketches and Reports" (1871), and all from 1712 to 1730, and others, are exactly reproduced in Gould's justly celebrated History. (3) "Who has seen the minutes of Dermott's Grand Lodge? Where is the book that contains a record of its sessions during the first twenty-five years of its existence?" I reply, several of us have seen the minutes and Registers from their origin in 1751-2, as they are in the archives of the United Grand Lodge from 1751-2 to 1813, and their main characteristics are faithfully exhibited in Gould's History.

Our friend, Bro. Pike, says truly that "Fortunately, it is no longer considered necessary to resort to fictions, impudent and ridiculous, to support the claims to legitimacy of any Degree or Rite of Free Masonry. These fictions happily, though they sufficed at the time when they were invented, are unnecessary and exploded now." So we say, and what is more, the accumulated evidences of the researches of students during the last quarter of a century, have placed beyond a doubt, not only the *reasonable character*, but also the *antiquity* of Free and Accepted Masonry.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.—HIS MOTHER LODGE.

By BRO. H. SADLER.

Some years back I took considerable trouble in order, if possible, to ascertain the lodge in which this remarkable man, and most enthusiastic Mason was initiated, and amongst other sources of information I carefully searched the registers of both "Moderns" and "Ancients" from the earliest period down to the time of Dunckerley's death, 1795. The nearest approach to the object of my search was finding the date of his initiation, and this is given in the register of the Lodge of Harmony at Hampton Court, No. 384, now No. 255, Richmond, of which lodge I believe he was the promoter and first Master; he is there described as a Barrister, and was made a Mason on the 10th January, 1754, at the age of 30, I found him in several other lodges on the Modern side but the records throw no light on the place of his initiation, I also found a *Thomas Dunkley* in No. 86, "Ancients," registered as a Founder or joining member in 1761, and as this lodge was formed in the Royal Regiment of Artillery at Woolwich, and Dunckerley is said to have been a gunner in the Royal Navy, I thought it possible he might in his early days have been initiated in an Athole Lodge.

Since the last issue of the *Freemason* I have been so fortunate as to find a letter in his own handwriting, with which, I may say, I am well acquainted, which will, I trust, make perfectly clear and conclusive this hitherto doubtful and much disputed question. To those who are familiar with the history of Masonry in the latter half of the last century, this discovery will, I have no doubt, be exceedingly gratifying, and the general reader will probably feel some little additional interest in the subject of my letter when I state that he had filled the important office of Provincial Grand Master in at least eight counties at one time, viz., Bristol, Essex, Dorset, Gloucester, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Isle of Wight, and Somerset, he had been Superintendent of the Royal Arch in eighteen different provinces, and had taken an equally prominent position in the Order of Knights Templar, and possibly in other branches of the Masonic system with which I am less familiar. If he did not actually organise the Grand Chapter of England, he certainly had a great deal to do with its formation, and was undoubtedly for many years its most energetic supporter; indeed, I think he may fairly be described as one of the most indefatigable Masons of the 18th century. I may possibly have something more to say about him on a future occasion, unless some brother with more time at his disposal chooses to take up the subject, but for the

present I will refer those who wish for further information on the peculiar parentage and remarkable life of this distinguished Mason to the pages of *Freemasons' Magazine* between 1793 and 1796. I think something will be found about him in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* of 1834-5 or 6, but cannot now remember the particular year, his Masonic career is also dwelt upon in the more recent writings of Bros. Gould and Hughan, particularly in the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry" lately published by the last named brother.

The following is a verbatim copy of the original letter, which is addressed to James Heseltine, Esq., Doctor's Commons (the then Grand Secretary), and bears the Portsmouth postmark, 20th December:

Portsmouth, Decr. 19th, 1773.

"My Dear Friend and Bro.—

You will not be surprised when I acquaint you that we have troublesome Brethren at this place, who I think are equal in obstinacy to any we have formerly met at the Qua. Com. You are no stranger to the regard I have always expressed for my Mother Lodge at the Three Tonns in this Town, and that it was my repeated requests which has prevented it being struck off the List for some years past; and you are sensible that when I was in Town, five weeks ago, I acquainted you with my hopes that I should be able to revive the said lodge, and establish it on a very respectable footing; but as it was not *then* in my power to give you a regular List of the Members (for not one is to be found that has paid any Subscription for more than three years past) nor has any Lodge been held. You very justly observed that they were subject to the resolutions of the Committee, and that paying any money on their account to the fund of Charity would not prevent it; but that they would certainly be restor'd if they made a proper request to me for that purpose, and it came with my recommendation, before the Grand Lodge. I then paid 5 Guineas to the fund for building the Hall, together with the names of those (to be registered) which I had made Masons at this place in a P. G. Lodge.

Judge my surprise when after having summon'd the oldest Brethren of the said Lodge, five only came to attend me at P. G. Lodge last Friday, when I had the pleasure of Sir Peter Parker's company several other very respectable beside my Grand Officers. After acquainting them with my proceedings as above, and that it was proper they should write to me requesting to have their Lodge restored; all (except Capt. Robinson) rejected it with disdain—said they would not write to me for any such purpose, nor feed my vanity in any such manner—that I had no Right to make Masons—that I had Pocketted the Money—and Mr. John Tucker, a Watch-maker, threaten'd me—that he would shake my Provincialship, and write against me to my Grand Seigneur: surely he did not mean the King? However, supposing he meant Lord Petre; I have this happiness that my general character, together with my situation and connexion in life set me above his low malice and deduction: for if I am rightly inform'd he intends to impeach me of high crimes, which if he cannot prove, I am determined to bring an action on the case for Slander against him and all who join with him in the said Impeachment or Accusation. In short, Sir Peter Parker, the P. G. Officers, and my Friends that were present were astonished at his indecent behaviour. I expect to be in Town by the middle of next month; but shall hope to hear from you as soon as convenient, and that you will acquaint me when the next Qua. Com. is to be held. Sir Peter unites with me & Chez Moi in sincere regard for your yourself and all friends.—I am, Dear Sir, yours, with the greatest affection,

THOS. DUNCKERLEY."

It is not surprising that Dunckerley, whose early training in the naval service had doubtless given him very strict ideas of discipline and respect for lawfully constituted authority, should have felt considerable anger at the mutinous conduct described in his letter, and it is but natural to conclude that the delinquents were at once punished by the deprivation of their warrant, and the irrevocable erasure of the lodge. Such, however, was not the case, for notwithstanding the contemptuous treatment he had received, at the hands of those he had endeavoured to benefit, Dunckerley seems to have kept in view the first Grand Principle of our Order—*Brotherly Love*—and to have displayed to the last that affectionate regard for his mother lodge, which he mentions in the first portion of his letter.

The lodge was undoubtedly erased; but it must have been before the particular occurrence he describes, for in the Engraved List of Lodges for 1773, No. 20 (which in the preceding list is "The Three Tuns," Portsmouth), is blank. This summary proceeding on the part of the authorities, or some other cause, evidently brought the malcontents to reason, for on the 25th February, 1774, the lodge is credited by the Grand Treasurer with £1 1s., and reappears in the list for 1775 under its former number, having doubtless been restored at the intercession of the Provincial Grand Master. In the Grand Secretary's list for the latter year it is credited with £2 2s., against which amount is written "Dunck.," probably as a reminder that he had received that sum from Dunckerley on behalf of the lodge. For some years after the settlement of the differences between the Provincial Grand Master and the Portsmouth brethren, the progress of the old lodge appears to have been fairly steady, although the records give evidence of considerable irregularity in the matter of payments and returns to Grand Lodge. It must be borne in mind, however, that this was a very critical period for Masonry, many of the old lodges were strongly inclined to rebel against the new regulations for compulsory registration and payment for members, and evidently did not see the justice of being taxed for the purpose of building a hall which they were not likely to see, let alone use, unless at a great expense of both time and money.

Dunckerley's mother lodge seems to have taken the name of the "Lodge of Antiquity" about 1789, and, though in a declining state at the time of the Union in 1813, it was brought forward on the list of the United Grand Lodge as No. 28. The last payment was made in 1831, and it was finally erased from the List of Lodges in 1838.

It may seem strange that Dunckerley's name should not be found amongst those of the members of his mother lodge. I account for it in this way—compulsory registration was only resolved upon by Grand Lodge in 1768, and was not strictly enforced until five or six years later; doubtless our old friend, who was then residing in Hampton Court Palace, had left the lodge many years before.

The first list of names in the register appears to have been returned about the time of the reconciliation; it is headed by that of Mark Robinson, Captain in the Navy, made a Mason in Nov., 1747, who was probably the only member of the lodge, to whom Dunckerley was personally known, and of whom he makes honourable mention in his letter. I need hardly say that the name of the wicked watchmaker who had dared to use such atrocious threats against the person of his superior officer, and that officer a scion of Royalty, is *not* in the list of members.

There is just one item in connection with this lodge which strikes me as being rather peculiar; it is in the column of the register which is headed "Remarkable Occurrences," and is written against the name of George Cuthbert, Clergyman, and runs thus:—"Discontinued a member by his own request."

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To Correspondents.

Several communications stand over. BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Jewish Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Freemasons' Journal," "First Annual Report of 'The Home' for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," "Citizen," "Sunday Times" (London), "Yorkshire Gazette," "Court Circular," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Keystone," "Victorian Freemason," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Crystal Palace Programme of Arrangements for the Season of 1886," and "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

A QUESTION OF PRIORITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, A question arose, and was discussed after our lodge meeting on Thursday last. Some months since we had two initiates the same evening; one being the son of a Mason (called a Lewis), the W.M. gave him priority. On the second month both came and passed the Second Degree. On the third month the Lewis did not come, but the other was raised to M.M., and the Lewis was raised on the fourth month. Now the W.M. wished to give one of the two the office of I.G., and the question was, which should have the preference? Some say the member that was first a M.M., others say the Lewis has not lost his priority. This opened further discussion. Q. What is a Lewis? A. A son of a Mason. Q. Say a Mason has four sons, two born before he was a Mason and two after, are the four Lewises, or only the two? A. Q. What privilege has a Lewis? A. He can be made a Mason at 18 years of age, by dispensation only. This being so, we return to our first question. The Lewis being of full age, and not having taken advantage of becoming a Mason at the age of 18, by dispensation, should the W.M. give priority to the Lewis, or to the one proposed first, and who stands first on the summons? We know the Master's privilege, and his will is law. I shall feel obliged if you will give us your view on this subject.—Yours fraternally, LAMB SMITH, Worcester.

THE PAST MASTER QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother, During the late revision of the Constitutions, the "Past Master question" was so thoroughly and exhaustively discussed in the Freemason, that one scarcely expected it would crop up again so soon. But, as an old brother once remarked, "Antient and venerable as Freemasonry is, 'tis always young and ever green." And our young and verdant accessions, who bring so much youthful ardour into our ranks, contribute in a large measure to the freshness and verdancy of our inimitable Craft. They not only "renew our life," but will ask afresh the same old questions, on the same old topics; and in the end be satisfied with the same old answers. I should not have ventured any further remarks on this question but for the unconstitutional assertions of Lex Scripta, viz., that "a Past Master is necessarily an officer of the lodge." L. S. seems to argue that because a Past Master has certain rights and privileges, and, in certain cases, duties, he cannot exercise them without being "an officer of the lodge." A syllogism will show that the proposition is not only incorrect, but really absurd—c.g.— A Past Master is necessarily an officer of the lodge: "An officer of the lodge" means a present officer thereof: Therefore, a Past Master is a present officer of the lodge! But if a Past Master is a present officer he must hold a present office, and if the office be other than any of those enumerated in Rule 129, it can only be the office of Master. He cannot be a present officer without an office, and, further, if his office be that of Master, he must, I suppose, be "Master of the lodge." Let us try this by another syllogism:—

The present Master of a lodge is the Worshipful Master thereof:

But Past Masters are also present Masters of the lodge: Therefore, Past Masters are Worshipful Masters of the lodge!

Thus—according to the dictum of *Lex Scripta*—there may be at one and the same time as many present acting Worshipful Masters in a lodge as there are Past Masters on its roll, and the W.M. to boot!

In the earliest Constitutions the "officers of a lodge" were the Master and his two Wardens.

To these have been added at various times several others; so that in the revised Constitutions they are enumerated as follows: "The regular Officers of a Lodge consist of the Master and his two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, an Inner Guard, and a Tyler. The Master may also appoint a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Organist, and Stewards."

Some day Grand Lodge may add Past Masters, but certainly it has not done so yet.

A Past Master requires rank by one year's service as Worshipful Master of a lodge.

To that rank is attached certain rights and privileges, which are retained so long as he continues a subscribing member in the Craft. If he forsakes the Craft for a longer period than one year, he loses all his rights and privileges as a Past Master. The rank itself he can never lose, as it was obtained by service and is part of his individualism. But the rank without the rights and privileges is not of much practical worth.

Lex Scripta's assertion, that "A Past Master represents his lodge in Grand Lodge, &c.," is, in my opinion, incorrect. The Constitutional Representatives of a Lodge are "the W.M. and his Wardens." If the W.M. cannot attend, a P.M. may attend in his place, and he would then be virtually W.M. for the time being, the same as in other cases of absence of W.M.

I have attended Grand Lodge a good many times as a member of that body by virtue of my Past Mastership; but I can safely affirm that, except on one or two occasions, I never had any idea that I represented any body but No. 1.

Of course, a lodge may depute a P.M. to represent it, in which case his representative character would be an addition to his membership.—Yours very fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN.

BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your remarks in this week's *Freemason* respecting the lad Knight at the Boys' Election, allow me, in justice to the lodge, to state that after the boy was placed on the list of applicants, two and half years ago, his friends unfortunately (and I cannot but think unwisely) decided to withdraw his name, but not till the votes were recorded for the first election, and consequently lost, since which time nothing more was done by the lodge on his behalf, and from some neglect, not of the lodge, of which his father was a respected member, his withdrawal was not officially made known.—I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

J. IRVING, I.G. 87.

8, Michael-road, Wallington,
April 17th.

ATHOL GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be obliged if you will find space for the following remarks respecting Bro. Lane's letter, which appeared in your columns last week.

It was by the merest chance I learned, when endeavouring to ascertain if, in my first article on the "Early Organisation of the 'Ancient' Masons," I had assigned honour to whom honour was due for the discovery of the first Athol Register Book, that Bro. Lane had written you a letter on the subject, which appeared in the *Freemason* of 24th October last. I had not previously seen it, but I at once inserted in my article the words "which was briefly referred to by Bro. J. Lane in a letter published in the *Freemason* of the 18th October last." How I came to make the mistake of substituting "18th" for "24th" in the date of publication, I do not know, nor is it very material.

I saw and read his second letter which appeared on the 28th November last for the first time this week, when the fact of its having been published in your columns was brought under my notice by the communication from Bro. Lane on which I am now remarking. Had I seen it before I should have made a point of indicating it in my article No. 2, in which I reproduced in full what he had previously made public, minus the names of the Masters, Wardens, &c., who were present at the drawing up of the declaration. I am afraid that, in making these admissions, I lay myself open to the charge of not being a very diligent reader of your admirable paper; but I had better do that than leave Bro. Lane under the impression that I am at all desirous of robbing him of the credit of first making public the important declaration of "14 September, 1752, N. Stile," &c. It was when I had occasion to look up some particulars in the Athol Archives about the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, that I first heard of Morgan's Register having come to light.

Let me state further that my short series of articles on "Ancient" Organisation cannot possibly interfere with Bro. Lane's "Masonic Records," the object of which, I am told, is to trace from its constitution onwards every lodge warranted by one of our English Grand Lodges. I have seen a specimen page of the work, and can fully realise how valuable it will be to all who take an interest in the history of our Craft. I can also fully understand the immense importance of the newly-discovered Athol Lodge lists to Bro. Lane, who will necessarily make use of them in tracing those lodges and fixing the years of their constitution, just as they appear to have been used already for the latter purpose in Grand Lodge Calendar for the current year; only he, of course, will go minutely into details. But I have not the remotest intention of trespassing on the field of labour he has marked out for himself. We shall no doubt have occasion to refer to the same records, but he will do so—or, I ought to say, has done so—for the purpose of tracing lodges, while they help me by confirming an opinion I have held for some time past, that the organisation of the "Ancients" dates from the General Assembly at the Turk's Head in July, 1751.

* See Rule 129.

There are one or two matters of criticism I should like to have gone into, but they are outside the pale of this explanation, and, moreover, would prolong my letter probably beyond what you would care to find space for.—Fraternally yours,

London, 17th April, 1886.

G. B. ABBOTT.



660] BRO. H. SADLER, RE OLD 63.

I am very much indebted to Bro. Sadler for his prompt response to my desire for the list of the early members of old No. 63—a grand list it is [657]; also for the valuable information relative to Cox and Price.

I feel certain that if all the old Registers of Lodges prior to 1733, say, were given, by degrees, in the *Freemason*, they would prove a boon to many; as we could then trace several names as members, just as I have been able to do now, through having the list before me, so kindly contributed by Bro. Sadler.

I shall be pleased to announce the discovery of any old Warrants before 1731, that is, when they turn up; but I fear such an event is not likely to happen, now that Bro. Sadler says he does not know of any.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—The installation meeting of this highly popular and successful lodge took place at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; Dopson, S.W. and W.M. elect; Blake, J.W.; G. Butt, Treas.; J. Tuck, Sec.; Coplestone, S.D.; Doncaster, J.D.; Burton, I.G.; Walkley, Tyler; Slack, P.M.; Fisher, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; Barker, P.M.; Oliver, P.M.; H. Purdue, I.P.M.; Crumple, Bird, Williams, Morgan, Southwood, Scharien, R. Shaw, Cooney, Chambers, Hewett, Ward, Watel, Holland, Banks, May, Phillips, W. Purdue, Newland, Stotworthy, Spooner, Pritchard, Cartwright, White, Wicks, Icton, Cliburn, Bowles, and others. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Botley, W.M. elect 1976; Fletcher, P.M. 180; Pearce, 173; Austen, S.W. 1791; Ellis, 66; Madell, 1201; Cox, S.D. 1663; Coffin, S.W. 167; and many others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the ballot was taken for Messrs. Curties and Worth—that for Mr. Wicks had been taken at a previous meeting—which was unanimous in each case. Bro. Icton was passed to the Degree of F.C. The installation of Bro. Dopson, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., was then proceeded with, and he having been placed in that high and important position he invested his officers as follows: Bros. Blake, S.W.; Doncaster, J.W.; G. Butt, Treas.; John Tuck, Sec.; Coplestone, S.D.; Lucas, J.D.; Craggs, I.G.; H. Williams, D.C.; A. Williams and W. Williams, Stwds.; Oliver, P.M., Org.; and Walkley, Tyler. Bro. Sims, I.P.M., then gave the three addresses in a manner which took all present by surprise, by the impressive and eloquent manner in which they were given. The reward of his careful studies, we are sure, must have been the attention and appreciation which the brethren gave him. Messrs. Wicks, Curties, and Worth being in attendance, were admitted and duly initiated into Freemasonry according to ancient custom by Bro. Dopson, W.M., with that solemnity and impressiveness that the occasion requires, and which augurs well for the future career of the W.M. The balance-sheet and Auditor's report was then read by Bro. John Tuck, Sec., which showed the lodge to be in a highly successful state, and it received the satisfaction of every brother present.

Bro. Slack, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Purdue, P.M., seconded, that the same be received and adopted, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. G. Butt, Treas., complimented the lodge on its prosperous position, and trusted that Bro. Dopson, W.M., would follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and that the very handsome balance he had to hand over to him would by the same time next year be doubled. Bro. Purdue, P.M., proposed, Bro. Slack, P.M., seconded, and Bro. Shaw, P.M., ably supported, that the sum of five guineas be expended from the funds of the lodge for the purchase of a suitable jewel, to be presented to Bro. John Tuck, Secretary, as a slight recognition of the able manner he had carried out the duties of Secretary for the past six years, which was carried unanimously.

The most interesting event of the season was the presentation of a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Sims, the outgoing Master, as a mark of esteem and respect, and in recognition of the admirable manner he had carried out his duties during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master thanked the lodge in a few well-chosen words for the mark of appreciation it had given to his humble endeavours to give satisfaction to the lodge, stating he valued the jewel not on account of its intrinsic value, but of the happy reminiscences of the many pleasant hours he had spent with the brethren of the Ranelagh Lodge.

There being no further Masonic business, the lodge was adjourned, and the brethren retired to the banquetting room, where the banquet was served in a style which gave satisfaction to all present, and reflects great credit on Spiers and Pond's able manager, Bro. Bertini. Due justice having been done to the banquet, the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were proposed, received, and ably responded to, interspersed by some excellent songs and recitations by the brethren present. Thus ended at a very late hour one of the most pleasant and enjoyable evenings that it is possible to spend in a Masonic lodge.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Gifford Thomas Salmon, W.M. There was a very large number of brethren present, and among them were

Bros. Past Masters J. Brockett Sorrell, Charles Atkins, H. Evans, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Treasurer; and Orlando L. M. Latreille, Secretary. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Stead, P.M. 1997; C. E. Wright, S.W. 1460; H. Carr, W.M. 1085; Jacob Nufer, 60; John J. Bates, 874; Mount Brown, 1997; H. A. Lovett, P.M. 179; R. Turtle Pigott, P.G. A.D.C.; C. W. Meiter W.M. 1671; George H. Hoyle, J.W. 19; W. Richardson, S.W. 1058; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 15; J. Peart, 1614; C. Wilkinson, S.D. 1997; G. Sneath, P.M. 19; R. J. Tucker, P.M. 933; W. S. Allen, I.G. 784; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; W. R. Porcher, P.M. 82; Jas. Pinder, 15, 1662, and 1997; Philip E. Clunn, 1997; Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; A. Bliss, 1572; W. Manger, P.M. 1314; E. Morris Gibson, 1658; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; T. J. Woolls, 1475; A. D. Roberts, 1593; Thomas J. Thompson, 979; and Henry A. Thorn, 218.

Bro. Sorrell, P.M., raised Bro. William Wallis to the Third Degree, and afterwards installed Bro. Frank Taylor, C.C., J.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the year: Bros. Samuel Hart Baker, S.W.; Henry F. Frost, J.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., P.M., Treasurer; Orlando L. M. Latreille, P.M., Secretary; Frederick Dangerfield, jun., S.D.; William Henry, J.D.; Walter F. Potter, I.G.; Major Joseph Heaton, P.M., D.C.; William Harris, Asst. D.C.; Robert F. Budd, W.S.; George Collins, Asst. W.S.; and Freeman, Tyler. Bro. O. L. M. Latreille, P.M., Secretary, delivered the addresses. The W.M. subsequently initiated Mr. Alfred Bull. A handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. Gifford T. Salmon, I.P.M. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren partook of an elegant banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. The usual toasts followed.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Rev. J. Edmund Cox, P.G.C., who was the first to respond, said he had for many years past been a Past Grand Officer of Grand Lodge of England, and during that time he had had the privilege of coming in contact with the rulers of the Craft, and he had never found in them a greater desire to promote the good of the Order than at the present moment, when the Grand Officers did whatever they possibly could for the Order, even by putting themselves to inconvenience to occupy their places in the Order and by contributing largely and bountifully to the various Charities. In fact, one and all of them seemed as if they were determined to show how thoroughly and truly they appreciated the good work of Freemasonry in every respect, and how they desire to fulfil the various duties which devolve upon them to the utmost of their power, and to promote the extension and enlargement of that influence. It is a great privilege for us to have as our chief the M.W.G.M., who most earnestly sought to promote the interests of the Craft, and showed it in every way that could be devised, even to initiating his eldest son in Freemasonry, and bringing him forward so that he also might appreciate the value of the Craft in the same way as his father had done.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Hutton, P.G.D., said he really did not understand innovations in Masonry, but with that kindness of feeling which characterised the W.M., he said that he (Bro. Hutton) was to say a few words in response to the toast, it was a great pleasure to him, but he believed it was always a pleasure to return thanks for the Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodge. People had a great deal more than they thought of, not only in Masonry, but in social life, to thank the unpaid men and gentry of Great Britain, men who had obtained a certain position in society and who were desirous and anxious to devote their experience, knowledge, and wit, to acts of benevolence and aid to their fellow creatures. Such in Masonry were the Past Grand Officers, and if the brethren wanted to know what sort of influence was exercised all the world over they might contemplate Freemasonry. They were an undivided body, a band of brethren and of men exercising an immense occult influence in the world, who were benefiting humanity without any ostentation, pursuing their course quite regularly along the world's surface, whether in Europe, Asia, Africa or America, regularly in one continuity and unity. They had every member of the Craft to thank, very much indeed Grand Lodge, for very many questions came before it, questions of great intricacy, from every quarter of the globe. These questions were such that unless great care and caution was brought to bear in dealing with them all sorts of motives would be attributed to them. Masons managed to get through that and to keep the body as a united body, and he believed that was more than any social body in the world could say, be it autocratic, democratic, or constitutional. He trusted that the principles that had characterised Masonry in the past would be kept up, though this was a most trying time by the guardians of Masonry in the present age, and that they would be handed down unswayed to posterity.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., P.M., in the absence of the I.P.M., who had been obliged to leave, proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. was not a very old Mason, having been initiated only five years ago. He had, however, made very much progress, which accounted for the distinguished position he now occupied. The reason he had been elected from the chair of Junior Warden was that next year he would be W.M. of another lodge, and as he could not be Master of two lodges at the same time, the Senior Warden had stood aside for one year to allow him to pass through the chair of this lodge before he became Master of the other lodge. The thanks of the brethren were due to the S.W. for his self-abnegation, and he was sure the brethren of the lodge would recognise it. But the W.M. had won the hearts of the brethren long ago. He had filled all the junior offices to the satisfaction of the lodge. He had learned all the ritual, and was an excellent and valuable Mason. The brethren all felt that they had done themselves much honour in electing him. He was initiated in March, 1881, and he had been so diligent in his attention to duty that he had now attained the summit of his ambition, and become the occupier of the W.M.'s chair. He had shown that night how well he could work the ritual by initiating Bro. Bull. He was acquainted with all the ritual, and such a man must do credit to the lodge. Many of the P.M.'s were not present. Seventeen years ago the lodge was founded, and he (Dr. Hogg) was the father of the lodge. Though they had had 17

P.M.'s there were only five or six present, which showed how rapidly we passed away, and what changes time made even in a young lodge. Those who were present would also pass away, but he was sure they could not forget in that lodge that they had had many distinguished Masons with them. The P.M.'s had done their duty thoroughly and well, and their services had been appreciated. With regard to the dissemination of Freemasonry, Bro. Hutton had referred to it. The lodge had its members in various parts of the globe. At the Cape and in Sierra Leone were two brethren residing, who were members of the lodge. It had sent them to America, to India, and to all quarters of the world, where they were not only in connection with this lodge, but doing good service in Freemasonry. Not to go further with these remarks, which were induced by the varying circumstances of the lodge, he would conclude by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," a brother who was very well known, and whose merits required no ornamentation at his hands.

The W.M., in reply, said it was to the brethren's kindness he was indebted for getting in the chair, and that he had made progress in the lodge; but especially this year was he indebted to the S.W. He would do his utmost to show his appreciation of that kindness, and it would be his endeavour to further the interests of the lodge and increase the happiness and comfort of the brethren. He would press forward to the utmost, and he was sure that the brethren would forgive any defects and imperfections they found in him—

"Be to his virtues very kind,
And to his faults a little blind."

If he had their consideration and their hearty co-operation they would have a not unsuccessful year during his time of office.

The W.M. next proposed "The Initiate," of whom he, as his proposer, could speak highly, having known him the whole of his business life, and he was sure he would make a valuable addition to the lodge.

Bro. Bull replied, stating he was happy to join the Order, the ritual of which, as far as he had seen it, had impressed him very much.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Carr, Stead, Sneath, and Nufer (New York) responded.

The W.M. then gave "The P.M.'s."

Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M., replying, said he was extremely pleased to come up from Brixham to join the brethren of the Hervey Lodge that evening. His old friend the W.M., whom he had the pleasure of proposing and initiating five years ago, was kind enough to ask him to come, and he could not resist the gratification he knew he should feel at being once more among the brethren for a few hours. It added greatly to his pleasure to think that in the short space of five years Bro. Tayler had attained the chair. He felt a great pleasure in initiating Bro. Tayler, for he knew he was a good man. Bro. Tayler had proved the correctness of all his anticipations. The brethren were all pleased to find that he (Bro. Atkins) was getting quite young again. He had passed through the winter without a cough or a cold or any symptoms of being and asthmatical or a bronchial old man, as he had the fear of being when he was in London. Of course it would be useless to ask them all to go to see him in Devonshire, but he hoped they would one by one go, for he could assure them they would find it another country altogether to London, where they smoke and fog, as opportunity offered he hoped he should come again and again to London and see how the lodge was prospering, and how well the work was done. He could recollect the time when the work was not done so well as it was now, and the old members would bear him out in that. All the officers knew their duty, and could do it. He hoped they would continue as they were going on and add lustre to the name of the lodge, John Hervey, the late Grand Secretary, who was one of the best Masons that ever lived.

Bro. Heaton, P.M., also replied, and said that since the advent of the W.M., no doubt a great change had taken place in the working of the lodge, and he trusted this would continue, so that visitors would be pleased to come to the lodge, and be satisfied with the work.

Bro. Brockett-Sorrell, P.M., said the Past Masters would do what they could to further the interests of the lodge. The Past Masters had shown their interest in the lodge that night. Bro. Atkins had acted as J.D., Bro. Heaton as D.C., and he himself had had the pleasure of performing the installation ceremony. He commended the work of the W.M., who was a most efficient Mason. He (Bro. Brockett-Sorrell) thought the time had now come when he entitled to a little rest, as he had done the work for two years.

Bro. Latreille, P.M. and Secretary, replied, to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Dr. Hogg would do all he could for the lodge, and he (Bro. Latreille) would endeavour to perform his duties faithfully and zealously. He was accused of being strict, but he was strict on account of his love of Masonry, and a desire to keep the John Hervey Lodge right.

The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening, rendered additionally enjoyable by the musical efforts of Bro. Wallis, and Messrs. Linley, Berry, and Tournay, under the direction of Bro. W. Henry, J.D.

ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE (No. 1305).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Langham Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. Henry Hill, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Middleton W. Halliday, S.W.; F. Smith, J.W.; J. Chaplin, Treas.; J. L. Baker, P.M., Sec.; F. Spurgin, S.D.; F. J. Bonham, J.D.; C. Curtis, D.C.; Arnold Birch, Org.; R. Raymond, I.G.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P., P.M.; F. C. Moullet, P.M.; J. J. Pope, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; and many others. Amongst the visitors were the following: Bros. G. Coop, S.W. 141; C. Grassi, S.W. 1339; H. Gidding, 1624; W. Holland, 2030; H. Donnelly, 749; J. Taylor, 1744; E. Wilding, J.D. 1541; A. Henson, 1706; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. S. Whiteley, E. A. F. Whiteley, and J. W. Avery were raised to the Degree of Master Masons. Bro. Middleton Wood Halliday, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested by the W.M.: Bros. F. Smith, S.W.; F. Spurgin, J.W.; J. Chaplin, Treas.; J. L. Baker, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Bonham,

S.D.; R. Raymond, J.D.; Cox, D.C.; Curtis, I.G.; and Douglas, Stwd. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Henry Hill, in a very able and impressive manner that was much appreciated by the brethren present. Ballot having been taken for Messrs. W. T. Barnard, W. G. Cotsford, and G. H. Turner, which resulted unanimously in their favour, they were initiated by the newly-installed W.M. in a manner that augured well for the working of the lodge during the next year. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, showing a balance to the credit of the Benevolent Fund of nearly £220. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, expressing the sincere thanks of the brethren to Bro. F. C. Moullet, P.M., for the very handsome banner presented by him to the lodge, and which was much admired.

All Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at the conclusion of which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that it was always well received, and the present occasion would be no exception. They hailed with pleasure the return of Her Majesty amongst her people, and all would unite in wishing her health and strength to continue among them.

The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," whom the W.M. observed, was one of the hardest worked men in England, but yet found time to attend to his Masonic duties. Nothing gave his Royal Highness greater pleasure than to be exerting his influence or giving his time to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and since he had occupied the position of M.W.G.M. the Craft had made rapid strides, having largely increased in numbers, and therefore giving increased support to the Masonic Charities.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master said he was glad they had a Grand Officer present that evening, Bro. Foxall, P.G.P., whose name he should couple with the toast. It was not necessary for him to dwell upon the great interest taken by the Grand Officers in the Craft, but he should content himself with assuring the brethren that they did all in their power to promote its welfare.

Bro. S. G. Foxall, P.G.P., responded; but said that, as the hour was very late, he would simply thank them sincerely for the reception given the toast, and for the honour conferred upon him by coupling his name with it.

Bro. Henry Hill, I.P.M., said it was now his pleasing duty to propose "The Health of their Worshipful Master," and from the successful manner in which he had performed the duties of the various offices, he had no doubt that he would preside over the lodge in a way that would meet with the approval of its members. They had all known the W.M. for some considerable time, and he was sure he would have a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Middleton W. Halliday, W.M., tendered his hearty thanks for the manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and also for the honour conferred upon him by electing him to the chair of the lodge. No effort would be wanting on his part to carry out his duties to their satisfaction, and he asked them all to assist him during his year of office by giving him their support, and to combine with him in making his term of office a successful one. He would do his best to promote the welfare of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren.

In submitting the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said that scarcely a meeting passed without some new members being introduced, and he was pleased to say there were three initiates that evening, all of whom he trusted would become good and true Masons.

Bros. W. T. Barnard, W. G. Cotsford, and G. H. Turner responded, the first-named brother observing that it would be his earnest endeavour to become, as the W.M. had remarked, a good and true Mason. From what he had seen of Freemasonry that night, he was sure that it was an Order to which he would be proud to belong, for, in the first place, it had the Bible as its foundation, and, in the next, it upheld the Queen and Constitution. With such principles as it taught, he was certain that he had not joined an Order he need be ashamed of.

"The Visitors" was next proposed by the W.M., who said that they were always favoured with a large number of visiting brethren, as the members took great pleasure in bringing visitors, and he, as W.M. of the lodge, gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. G. Coop, S.W. 141, replied, and thanked the members of the lodge for the hospitable manner in which the visitors had been received. He had been an inhabitant of Marylebone for many years, but had never before had the pleasure of visiting the St. Marylebone Lodge, which was a thoroughly representative one. He was almost sorry he had not had the good fortune to have been initiated in that lodge; but he hoped to have the pleasure of visiting it on many future occasions.

Several other brethren responded, thanking the members for the hearty reception accorded them, and testifying to the excellent working and prosperous condition of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Past Masters," from whom he had derived great assistance, and to whom he tendered his best thanks for the ready help they had afforded him. There was a thoroughly representative number of Past Masters present that night, some of whom he believed were founders. Amongst these was Bro. Moullet, P.M., who was always ready and willing to do anything for the good of the lodge. Last, but not least, there was their I.P.M., Bro. Henry Hill, whom he wished to heartily compliment upon the very impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. He (the W.M.) had now a duty to perform that always devolved upon the new occupant of the chair. It was to present Bro. Henry Hill, I.P.M., with the jewel that had been voted by the lodge (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning). It afforded him very great pleasure to make this presentation, for it was in recognition of the able manner in which Bro. Hill had carried out the duties, and he hoped that brother would have health and strength to be with them for many years to come.

Bro. Henry Hill, I.P.M., said he had to thank the brethren for the very cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. He had also to thank them for the handsome jewel presented to him. He had always carried out his duties to the best of his ability, and he was pleased to think he had performed them to the satisfaction of the members. He would always treasure the jewel to remind him of his year of office.

Bro. Pope, P.M., also responded on behalf of the Past Masters, and assured the W.M. and brethren that nothing gave them greater pleasure than to be present and render every assistance in their power.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next proposed by the W.M., who said he was sure they would all readily agree with him that there was not a more onerous duty than that of Treasurer, and they were fortunate in possessing such a brother as Bro. Chaplin to act in that capacity. With regard to the Secretary, the lodge had never had a better Secretary than Bro. Baker, P.M., to whom their best thanks were due for the zeal and energy with which he performed his duties.

Bros. Chaplin, Treas., and Baker, Sec., responded, thanking the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been received, and assuring them that no effort would be wanting on their part to ensure the satisfactory performance of their respective duties.

"The Officers" having been given and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The first meeting of this lodge under the newly-elected W.M., Bro. G. P. Bertini, took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 9th inst., when he was supported by Bros. C. Grassi, S.W.; F. W. Cash, J.W.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Treas., P.G.S.B. Middx.; Ernest E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Jas. D. Graham, S.D.; H. Wild, J.D.; J. H. Meyer, I.G.; Wm. Cawley, P.G.D.C.; C. T. Grummant, P.M., Stwd.; R. Mackway, acting as Org.; J. W. Rowe, Tyler; Rev. J. W. Sturdee, I.P.M.; W. Avenell, R. Barrett, H. W. P. Makeham, J. Neville, John Falkner, H. W. Walden, G. Felix Mounter, James Rowe, J. B. C. Rouard, J. Pegrum, R. Pratti, C. Guffanti, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; T. A. Harding, 859; Edward F. Green, 8; R. Mackway, 1987; G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614; J. M. Kiry, Treas. 1622; J. Lander, W.M. 1022; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot took place for Messrs. R. Pratti and C. Guffanti, and proving unanimous, those gentlemen were informed of the same. Bro. W. Avenell and R. J. Pegrum were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. W. H. Walden was raised to the Degree of M.M. The W.M. initiated Messrs. R. Pratti and C. Guffanti into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. and Bro. E. H. Meyer proposed two gentlemen for ballot at the next meeting.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a supper. The W.M. performed all the ceremonies well, more especially the Third Degree.

After the brethren had done good justice to refreshment, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and other Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured in good style. He then proposed "The Health of the Initiates," saying he believed they would become worthy Masons and a credit to the Craft. He felt great pleasure in having introduced them, and if they persevered in learning the tenets of Freemasonry they would never have reason to regret joining the Craft.

Bro. R. Pratti, in reply, said he thanked the brethren for the hearty reception the initiates had received at the hands of the brethren. He had long hoped to join them, and to night his wishes had been realised. He would give all his assistance to their worthy Institution, and endeavour to become a faithful and true brother.

Bro. C. Guffanti said that his brother initiate had expressed all he wished to say, and thanked the brethren for the kindness shown towards him, and would try to prove himself a good brother and a credit to the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, said he felt proud in having the gavel in his hand to propose "The Health of the W.M." To-night the W.M. had proved himself a good working Mason, and had done all his work well. He had never seen the Three Degrees worked better. He felt sure that during the Worshipful Master's reign the New Cross Lodge would be prosperous, he having shown such a lively interest by introducing new members, which would add to its strength.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was not much of a speech maker. It was his intention during his year of office, and at other times, to do all he could for the New Cross Lodge. His avocation would not permit him to give the attention he considered necessary to Masonry, but he assured the brethren he would discharge his Masonic duties to the best of his ability, and he trusted to their satisfaction. He thanked the brethren on his right and left for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said other lodges had visitors, but in no lodge were they welcomed more heartily than at the New Cross Lodge. One and all vied in their endeavours to make them happy. To Bro. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, and the worthy Preceptor of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, he owed much of his Masonic knowledge, and to a great extent accounted for the manner in which he had been able to perform his duties that night. He was pleased to say that lodge of instruction now met in the building of which he had the honour of being manager. To Bro. R. Mackway he owed much for his kindness with the music. To Bro. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, he was indebted in various kind ways. He was a hard working Mason, and there was no doubt the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, of which he was the Secretary, benefited much by the lively interest he took in its success. Bro. J. Lander, W.M. 1022, they were pleased to see amongst them, also the other visitors. He trusted they had all spent a pleasant evening, and would call upon Bros. Lander, W. C. Smith, and G. Reynolds to reply.

Bro. J. Lander, W.M. 1022, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the health of the visitors, and the hearty manner in which the brethren had received that toast. It was indeed a great pleasure to be with them. The working of the W.M. that evening in all three Degrees was good. It showed on his part great perseverance. He wished the W.M. a good and successful year of office.

Bro. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst them. He had had the pleasure of working with their W.M. for seven years, and now they were more closely associated together, and now met under the roof of the Criterion, of which their W.M. was the much respected manager, every Thursday evening, he would make it his endeavour to give him all the instruction

he was in search of. He felt sure that the brethren of the New Cross Lodge would say the work that evening had been done well, but when next they met he might prophecy they would still see an improvement in his working. He had spent a pleasant evening, and thanked them all.

Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, said he had felt deeply indebted to the W.M. for his kind remarks respecting the lodge of instruction, of which he had the honour of being Secretary. The W.M. had been a frequent attendant, and his successful working that evening fully proved the usefulness of lodges of instruction. And he did hope to have the pleasure of seeing the officers of the lodge present at instruction to work with him sometimes on Thursday evenings. Working together was most essential to success, and he trusted brethren would attend lodges of instruction during the recess, so as to keep themselves from getting rusty before the lodges reopened. The New Cross Lodge had for its Master a courteous gentleman and a good brother, and one that any lodge would be proud of. He wished him health with success, and every prosperity. He had spent a most enjoyable evening, and thanked them all for the hearty manner in which the health of the visitors had been received.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and P.M.'s," and, in so doing, said that Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee had done all in his power for the good of the lodge. That night he was much indebted to him for his kind assistance. He knew that their I.P.M. had the interest of the New Cross Lodge at heart. The P.M.'s had also done all in their power for the welfare of the lodge. The Treasurer and Secretary—who were both P.M.'s—were all that a lodge could desire.

The I.P.M. thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions with respect to himself. He could not say much, for he felt like a clock that had run down. He promised to assist the W.M. all in his power during his year of office, which he hoped would prove a successful one.

Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.M. and Treas., thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had drank the health of the I.P.M. and P.M.'s. It was most gratifying to him to see so good an attendance of the brethren that evening. Having no banquet it showed how much the brethren appreciated the work of their W.M.

Bro. E. E. Smith, P.M. and Sec., said he believed that one and all the brethren agreed with him it had been a most pleasurable evening. It was always most gratifying to see the working of the lodge, and he felt sure there was great success in store for the New Cross Lodge, as there had been so many initiates and prospects of others. As the Secretary, he would do all in his power for its welfare.

Bro. P.M.'s W. Cawley and C. T. Grumant also replied.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of his Officers," and, in doing so, said that their S.W., Bro. C. Grassi, was anxious to do his work well, and was attending lodge of instruction for the purpose of preparing himself for the onerous duties looming in the future. Bro. F. W. Cash, J.W., was also an excellent worker. The W.M. paid high compliment to his other officers, and said he felt well supported.

Bro. S. Ward, J.W., and the other officers having acknowledged all that was said in their favour, the Tyler's toast brought this pleasant evening to a close, to which the following brethren assisted much by their songs and recitations:—The W.M., Bros. C. Grassi, J. H. Meyer, C. Guffanti, J. Pegram, W. Avenell, R. Mackway, and others.

MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. George Lewis, W.M. After the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the 13th February, Mr. Joseph Franken and Mr. Edmund Beeley Smith were initiated, and on the motion of Bro. Bergmann £10 was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and on the motion of Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M., £10 was voted from the Benevolent Fund, and placed on Bro. Meiter's list as Steward for the next Festival of the Masonic Boys' School. Bro. Henry Warden, P.M., afterwards installed Bro. Charles William Meiter as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and Bro. George Lewis was invested as I.P.M.

The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Henry White, S.W.; Charles G. Hayman, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; James J. Avery, Treas.; Nelson Reed, P.M., Sec.; Johannes Bergmann, Org.; Arthur C. Darby, S.D.; Percy Keeling, J.D.; William E. Downey, I.G.; Charles H. Dancocks, D.C.; Charles Sissons, W.S.; and Goddard, Tyler.

Among the company present were Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; and D. P. Cama, G. Treas. elect. About 70 other brethren were also present.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to an elegant banquet, and honoured the usual toasts. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Meiter, W.M., who was assisted by Mrs. Meiter, Miss Helen Meiter, Miss Grace Meiter, Miss Florence Meiter, Miss Alice Meiter, Bro. Henry Parker, Bro. A. Byford, and Miss Harris. The programme of music contained the following selections:—The National Anthem (Miss Helen Meiter), "God bless the Prince of Wales" (Miss Helen Meiter), 1st violins (Misses Grace and Helen Meiter), 2nd violins (Misses Florence and Alice Meiter), viola (Miss Meiter), violoncello (Miss Harris), and piano (Mrs. Meiter). Selection, "Les Huguenots" (the Misses Meiter); song, "The Initiate"; solo violin, "6th air varie" (Miss Grace Meiter); overture, "Le Chevalier de Breton" (the Misses Meiter); song, "The miller and the maid" (Miss Meiter); gavotte, "Wilkommen" (the Misses Meiter); solo clarinet, "Luisa di Montfort" (Bro. A. Byford); song, "Waiting" (Miss Helen Meiter); serenade, "Les Mandolines" (the Misses Meiter); solo piano (Miss Meiter); overture, "Guy Mannering" (the Misses Meiter); song, "When the heart is young" (Miss Helen Meiter); overture, "William Tell" (the Misses Meiter).

The proceedings gave the greatest satisfaction throughout, and the music was much admired. The speeches were above the average of excellence, and Bro. D. P. Cama, who was called upon for an address, received the heartiest applause.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Castle Hotel on Monday,

the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. T. H. Hallett, W.M.; T. F. W. Markwick, S.W.; F. Plowman, P.M., acting J.W.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., Sec.; F. Duke, S.D.; J. B. Foord, S.D. 1184, J.D.; Woodcock, Org.; W. S. Allen, I.G.; G. Gaze, John Bray, H. Gloyns, F. C. Edwards, G. Randall, R. Walmsley, W. Cooper, R. Jones, P. M. Skinner, and others. Visitor: Bro. A. Skinner, 341.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. performed the raising of Bro. P. M. Skinner in a very efficient manner. Other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when there were present Bros. Herbert Spencer, W.M.; Caleb Williams, S.W.; H. Blenkinsop, P.M., J.W.; B. Campbell, P.M., Treas.; S. W. Cooke, P.M., Sec.; F. Thorne, P.M., S.D.; Dr. Douglas, I.G.; J. Bullock, Stwd.; W. Mann, Tyler; J. Haynes, P.M.; S. C. Smith, P.M.; Margetts, Aymer, Sanderson, T. Rendall, and other well-known brethren. Mr. H. Alcock was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

BASINGSTOKE.—Oakley Lodge (No. 694).—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge took place on Monday, 5th inst. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Prov. G.M. of Hampshire, performing the ceremony in a very impressive manner. Bro. E. P. Couran is the new Master. The retiring Master (the Rev. A. G. Barker) presented the lodge with an illuminated list of the Masters from the time of the formation of the lodge. The work was executed by Bro. H. J. Thatcher, and was enclosed in a handsome frame ornamented with Masonic devices.

After the business the brethren dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Edgar Horne, W.M.; A. Woodiwiss, S.W.; J. W. Briggs, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. Chadwick, Sec.; Severn Taylor, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; W. Forman, Org.; G. Sutherland, D.C.; John Jones, I.G.; W. Todd, G. Tower, W. H. Wright, and G. H. Ward, Stwds; Thomas Day, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.G. S.W.; J. C. Merry, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Frazer, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; C. Webster, P.M.; J. Copestick, I.P.M.; F. G. Sanderson, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; J. Worsnop, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. Smith, A. Tyler, F. Ball, G. C. Copestick, W. Harrison, D. Woollatt, jun., W. Knight, L. J. Greensmith. Visitors: Bros. H. A. Bemrose, W.M. 253; W. S. Hall, S.W. 253; J. E. Russell, I.P.M. 1085; J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; W. Marshall, 607; J. Fisher, I.G. 353; and D. W. Bardell, 502.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular lodge were read, confirmed, and signed. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Edward Mallen, who was elected. Mr. Samuel Trinkler was then initiated by the W.M. in a very able manner, and the charge was very tellingly delivered by the J.W. Bro. J. D. Woodward, of the Lodge of True Friendship, Bengal, was then proposed by the W.M. as a joining member. The Audit Committee were appointed. Sundry accounts were ordered to be paid, and a apology for non-attendance was read from the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. T. Orrell. The report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Hall with respect to increased rent, &c., was read and received. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, lodge was closed. By order of the Prov. Grand Master, the brethren were ordered to appear in mourning for three months for the late Bro. C. R. Colville, P.D.P.G.M.

Refreshment followed labour, most of the brethren remaining. The usual toasts followed, being given in a very hearty and happy manner by the W.M.

Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., P.G.S.W., responded for "The Provincial Grand Lodge."

A most earnest and impressive speech was given by Bro. J. Brown, P.M., in giving "The Health of the new Initiate," and in which he forcibly impressed upon the new brother to study carefully the symbols, &c., of our Order. It was listened to with marked attention by the brethren, and was loudly applauded at the close.

Other toasts followed. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. R. W. Pike, J. W. Briggs, G. Sutherland, and W. Whittaker. A very amusing recitation, "Localised," was given by Bro. A. Frazer, P.M., and Bro. J. V. Woodward gave a violoncello solo, accompanied by Bro. W. L. Dodd on the Grand Piano.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy meeting to a close.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. R. Dawson, W.M.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., S.W.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.A.P., J.W.; A. Lucking, G.A.P. England, Sec.; L. Warren, jun., S.D.; C. F. Woosnam, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; W. E. Bridgeland, I.P.M. 933, as I.G.; G. Kitchin, Org.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; F. D. Grayson, P.M., Prov. G.J.D.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.W.; T. Hood, A. Vanderwood, T. A. R. Whistler, C. W. Cooke, W. Tyler, A. Baker, A. G. Rennison, B. Thomas, and A. M. Gerussi. Visitors: Bros. Sidney Smith, W.M. 1734; E. C. Sparrow, S.D. 1734; C. L. Constandinidi, 1009; Gordon, 160; and A. L. Harrington.

Bro. C. W. Cooke was elected as a joining member, and Bros. T. Hood and A. Vanderwood were passed to the Second Degree. Mr. E. Cant, Rev. J. Hutchons, and Mr. N. de Sylla Zucco were elected as candidates for initiation, and the Rev. J. Hutchons and Mr. Zucco being present, were duly initiated, the charge being given by the J.W. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

HARROGATE.—Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—On Friday, the 9th inst., the 22nd anniversary festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall. There was a brilliant assembly of resident and visiting brethren, including representatives from Nos. 304, 521,

1042, and 1108. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Walker, was duly installed in the chair, and after being saluted with the usual Masonic honours, appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. C. J. B. Johnson, S.W.; T. A. Marsh, J.W.; T. Lawrence, Chap.; J. Richardson, P.M., P.P. G.P., Treas.; G. Thompson, Sec.; A. O. Jones, D.C.; G. Fawcett, Org.; R. H. Walters, I.G.; W. T. Marshall, P.M. 1108, Asst. Stwd.; and W. Child, Tyler. Bro. A. J. Bodmam, I.P.M., most ably officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Moses Perken was unanimously re-elected Almoner, and Bro. E. Wareham Harry, P.M., was elected R.P.C.C., in place of Bro. W. T. Smithson, P.M., P.P. G.D.

The R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.D., Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, has kindly expressed his willingness to co-operate with the Mayor and Corporation of Harrogate and the Governors of the Bath Hospital in soliciting his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M. of England, to lay with Masonic honours the foundation stone of the intended new Bath Hospital, as soon as the places are prepared and the project further matured. The General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year was duly elected. The balance-sheet for the past year was presented by Bro. J. Powell, P.M., who retires from the office of Treasurer after many years active service in the retaining a seat on the dais.

ROCHESTER.—Gundulph Lodge (No. 1050).—The installation of Bro. F. Nicholls as W.M. of this lodge, took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., and was the occasion of a very influential gathering of members of the Craft. The ceremony took place in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, kindly lent for the occasion by the Mayor. Bro. W. Watson, P.M., performed the office of Installing Master in a very able and impressive manner, and subsequently Bro. Watson himself, who has twice filled the chair of the lodge, was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Bros. W. Watson, I.P.M.; F. G. Homan, S.W.; E. Lemmon, J.W.; Capt. T. Wyles, Treasurer; F. C. Abbott, Secretary; J. Taylor, S.D.; G. W. Parsons, J.D.; J. Gilbert, I.G.; C. F. Wyatt, D.C.; H. Earle, Organist; J. Whitfield and C. F. Ashton, Stwds.; and J. Orm, Tyler. In honour of the installation the St. George's Cross flew from the Gundulph Tower of Rochester Castle, surmounted by the city flag. The attendance on the occasion included the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. Capt. T. Wyles, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Nichols, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; G. H. Curel, J. P. Griffin, P.P.G.A. D.C.; F. C. Abbott, E. Barrell, and J. Anthony. The following were among the visitors: Bros. W. H. Hedger, W.M. 77; J. Funnell, W.M. 20; H. H. Plating, W.M. 158; J. Tower, W.M. 1089; W. Browne, W.M. 1424; W. J. Upton, W.M. 276; Hamilton, 1446; Castell, W.M. 902; Blakey, P.M.; Warne, P.M.; Dr. Penfold, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; and others. Lord Amherst wrote expressing regret that the death of his father prevented his attendance.

In the evening the brethren dined together at the King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M., Miss Knight providing a splendid repast.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 15th inst. The W.M., Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., presided, supported by Bros. W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting S.W.; Henry Kimm, 40, J.W.; F. G. H. Wells, Prov. G.J.D., P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; J. B. Foord, J.D. 40, S.D.; T. J. Walder, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. T. Jordan, I.G.; C. Leary, Tyler; J. B. Sargent, P.M.; J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, P.M.; W. C. Till, C. Martin, J. B. Foster, D. White, J. W. Pepper, Victor Baumann, T. W. Avis, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Avis was then passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being well rendered by the W.M., after which Bro. J. M. Farr delivered an explanation of the second tracing board. The lodge was then closed.

ILMINSTER.—Nyanza Lodge (No. 1197).—The celebration of St. John's Day in connection with the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 30th ult. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Hughes, of Portcullis Lodge, Langport, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Else, D.P.G.M. The W.M. for the ensuing year is Bro. Lawrence, of Prudence and Industry Lodge, Chard. The following officers were appointed:—Bros. Bryant, S.W.; Warren, J.W.; Shanks, S.D.; Hawkey, J.D.; Stringfellow, I.G.; James, P.M., D.C. The banquet was partaken of at the George Hotel, and was admirably managed by Bro. Chase. A very pleasant evening was spent.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Johnson, assisted by Bros. J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Treasurer of the lodge, as S.W.; J. Browne, J.W.; A. J. Boucher, Secretary; H. Riddlesworth, S.D.; W. Rigby, I.G.; W. Patterson, Tyler; C. E. Beazer, P.M.; White, Knowles, Mortimer, Org., P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; Cronshaw, and others.

The minutes were duly read and confirmed, and Mr. C. G. Burland, who had already been balloted for, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who was afterwards congratulated on his efficient working. The W.M. proposed a joining member, and Bro. Murray having seconded the same, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the ante-room for the remainder of the evening.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 12th. In the absence of the W.M., through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who was supported by Bros. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., I.P.M., P.G. S.W.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. T. Seeler, P.M.; M. Millington, P.M.; J. Blenkins, P.M.; G. Balfour, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. Brown, S.W.; James Kay, Secretary; S. J. Dalton, P.P.G. Stwd., S.D.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; W. Storey, Stwd.; J. D. Irony and P. Pearson, Asst. Stwds; J.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The election meeting of the above powerful chapter took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brookhill, and was well attended. Comps. R. Edmonds, Z.; W. Rees, H.; and E. B. Hodson, J., were the three Principals, and the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Kent, Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent, S.E.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S. Kent; Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.Z.; H. Mason, I.P.Z.; R. J. Cook, S.N.; J. H. Roberts, P.S.; E. Palmer, 1st A.S.; Sydney Clarke, 2nd A.S.; T. R. Richardson, R. Hewitson, J. Topp, G. H. Porter, J. Hooton, G. Frost, J. Farrier, W. G. Lloyd, W. Harris, Dr. H. Bernays, W. G. Mastro, and C. Jolly, all of the chapter. Visitors: Comps. Captain Sculley, 587; G. B. Wood, 296; and Capt. G. Spinks, J. 13.

The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. G. F. Taylor, of 700, and on approval he was duly exalted with the full Pattison ritual. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and in accordance with the new Constitutions, every officer had to be balloted for, making it a rather tedious job; however, every companion in office, as above, got a step, with the exception, of course, of the Treasurer and S.E., and Comp. Richardson was elected to fill the post of 2nd A.S., and then the chapter was closed in due form.

Refreshments having been partaken of, the companions being seated round the social board, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal, Royal Arch, and provincial toasts.

Comp. Coupland responded for "The Provincial Officers, Present and Past," and in so doing paid a high compliment to our esteemed Grand Superintendent, Earl Amherst, for the great and unceasing interest he took in all things Masonic in the province of Kent. Comp. Eastes was also a hard worker, and in his choice of officers always displayed the greatest care and judgment. Their chapter was called the premier chapter in the province, and he looked forward rather confidently for one or two collars coming to it at their next Provincial Grand Chapter meeting, so as to do honour to companions who were certainly very worthy of it.

Comp. Mason then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," a duty which he said always gave him great pleasure, but that night it was mingled with regret at the prospect of losing so excellent a worker from the principal chair. Comp. Edmunds had presided over them with so much geniality and good temper, and had worked the ceremony—his share of it at least—so well, that he had no hesitation in saying that never in the history of the chapter had the ceremonies been better carried out.

The M.E.Z., in returning thanks, said no one knew his shortcomings better than he himself did, nevertheless he was pleased to hear the good opinion expressed by Comp. Mason endorsed so kindly by the companions, for which he could only tender them his very best thanks. He then, in eulogistic terms, proposed the toast of "The Second and Third Principals," who briefly responded.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. Mason, who in response, gave a long and interesting account of the Charitable Institutions, and of his efforts to take up as the representative of the Pattison Lodge and Chapter sums worthy of such position.

The toasts of "The Visitors" was drunk heartily, and Comps. Spinks and Wood eloquently returned thanks.

Comps. Roberts responded for "The Officer," and the Janitor's toast, concluded an interesting and pleasurable gathering.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 6th inst. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. T. B. Whythead, P.Z., presided, supported by Comps. M. Millington, H.; J. Blenkin, J.W.; Brown, P.S.; J. Kay, S.E.; G. Chapman, S.N.; Dalton, Lackenby, Ware, and several other companions.

None of the candidates having presented themselves, the acting M.E.Z. gave the mystical section, and the chapter was closed, the members adjourning to an excellent supper, after which a pleasant and social evening was spent.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Chapter (No. 1472).—An emergency meeting of the above chapter took place on the 13th inst., at Comp. West's Hotel, the Three Crowns, Comps. A. Penfold, Z.; R. J. Warren, H.; and E. West, J., presided, the latter, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. J. Aillud through illness. The other officers present included Comps. C. Jolly, S.N.; B. Brayshaw, S.E.; C. Wood, Treas.; Hill, P.S.; Canning, 1st A.S.; F. A. White, P.Z. 907; and W. Larder, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened, and the companions admitted, the ballot was taken for Bros. C. T. Lewis, P.M. 1472, and R. Caley, 1472, and being unanimous, they were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree in excellent style, the working being most admirable.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of an elegantly-appointed supper, and afterwards did full honour to the usual loyal Royal Arch and chapter toasts, and we are pleased to say that the chapter, although only consecrated a month ago, is thoroughly out of debt, every penny of the cost of furniture, inaugural banquet, &c., being defrayed by the companions of the chapter, so as to allow it a clear and fair start in its Masonic career.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 10th inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z., P.P.G.R. Dorset, Z.; F. Swain, H.; T. C. Edmunds, J.; H. E. Dehane, S.E.; J. Cruttenden, S.N.; W. J. Mason, P.S.; W. E. Jamison, 1st A.S.; Dr. E. Shedd, Z. 270; J. Collinson, P.S. 862; and Capt. H. S. Andrews.

The chapter was declared opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Collinson being candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried, to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. Mason for the excellent way he had rehearsed the ceremony of P.S. for the first time in this or any other chapter of Improvement. After "Hearty good wishes" and the "dismissal charge" to the companions had been delivered by Comp. Edmunds, the chapter was closed until the 17th inst.

Mark Masonry.

OLD KENT LODGE (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The chair was filled by the W.M., Bro. John Ramsey, who was supported by his officers and a large number of visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the other business of the lodge transacted, the chair was occupied by the Secretary, Bro. J. L. Mather, who proceeded to install the S.W., Bro. C. E. Soppet, in the chair, a ceremony very ably performed by Bro. Mather, who is well known as an expert worker in this interesting Degree. On the completion of the ceremony, Bro. Soppet appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. E. Anderson, S.W.; E. M. Money, J.W.; Geo. Graveley, M.O.; C. H. Driver, S.O.; W. Maple, J.O.; J. Skinner, Reg.; J. H. Thompson, S.D.; C. E. Ferry, J.D.; A. J. Hone Goldney, I.G.; J. U. Spence, D. of C.; and B. Nicholson, Steward.

Bro. Soppet then said that he had a duty to perform that was peculiarly agreeable to him, and that was to present to the retiring W.M., Bro. Ramsey, in the name of the lodge, a P.M.'s jewel. He trusted he (Bro. Ramsey) would long live to wear it as a memento of his pleasant year of office in the Old Kent Lodge.

Bro. Ramsey returned thanks for the gift, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors present, the lodge was adjourned, and the brethren sat down to a banquet under the presidency of Bro. Soppet.

The toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," having been proposed and loyally received,

The Worshipful Master proposed that of "The M.W. the Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore," associating the name with that of the Past Grand Masters—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Earl of Limerick, Lord Lathom, Lord Henniker, Canon Portal, &c. The Earl of Kintore, the present Grand Master, had the advantage of being supported by a very efficient body of Grand Officers, amongst them Bro. Moon, the Grand Treasurer, who was present, and others.

Bro. Strachan, D.P.G.M. for Northumberland and Durham, and Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke responded, the latter remarking that his senior Grand Officer—Bro. Matier—should have been called upon. A Grand Officer of the Mark Degree stood in a very proud position, amongst a distinguished list of Grand Officers, and the Order was now about to attain its climax by having H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as actual Grand Master during the coming year. As an Executive Officer of the Craft, if he thought for a moment that there was anything in the Mark Degree antagonistic to the Craft he should not support it, but he believed there was room enough for all. He believed the officers would all do their utmost to maintain and preserve the Order.

The I.P.M., Bro. Ramsey, then proposed the next toast, which was that of "The W.M., Bro. Soppet." They all knew, he said, what a capital Mason and good brother he was, and the lodge was to be congratulated on having such a worthy brother to fill the chair.

Bro. Soppet, in reply, said he had to thank his good friend and brother for the flattering way in which he had proposed the toast, and he had to thank his brethren of the Old Kent Lodge for placing him in the proud position of Master. It was impossible to add much lustre to the chair, which had been filled by so many eminent brethren; but this he could promise—that he would not tarnish it, and, with the assistance of his officers, he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the lodge which had been placed in his care.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," which the W.M. said was always received with the kindest feelings in the Old Kent Lodge. They had many distinguished Masons present—Bro. J. S. Cumberland, a well-known brother who had attained high office in his Provincial Grand Lodge, as well as being a Grand Officer, Bros. C. F. Hogard, Hay, Driver, Lake, and others.

Bro. Cumberland responded, and in the course of his speech, said that he was one of those who believed that Mark Masonry was an integral part of Ancient Craft Masonry. In olden days marks similar to those used by them were used by Mark Masons to distinguish their work, and the degree from every point of view was a most interesting one. Visitors were able to gain much and impart much by visiting, and he thought Masons should consider themselves as belonging to all lodges, the only difference being that the lodge in which they were initiated should be distinguished as their mother lodge. Bros. Hogard and Hay also responded.

The W.M. then proposed "The Healths of the Past Masters—Bros. Moon, J. L. Mather, Dickets, E. C. Mather, and last, but not least, the I.P.M., Bro. Ramsey. The latter responded on behalf of the other P.M.'s. He said that he felt very proud of occupying a chair during the past year that had been filled by so many distinguished Masters. To him, the four meetings had been all too short to satisfy his desire for work. It seemed to him that he had only just begun to get used to his position, but he had the satisfaction of knowing that his successor would fill the chair most ably.

The next toast was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary." They were deeply sorry that Bro. E. C. Mather was unable to be present, but they had Bro. J. L. Mather, who not only carried out his duties as Secretary very ably, but acted as Installing Master, for which service he was most grateful.

Bro. Mather, in replying, thanked the W.M. for his expressions of sympathy towards his brother. For himself he had always taken the greatest interest in the Old Kent Lodge. They all knew what a deep liking he had for Mark Masonry and any duties in connection therewith he always endeavoured to perform to the best of his ability, and he hoped it would be long before his name would be missed from the roll of the Old Kent Lodge.

The toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund" was next proposed, and the W.M. announced that the I.P.M., Bro. Ramsey, had undertaken to represent the lodge at the next Festival, when he hoped he would take up a list worthy of the Old Kent.

Bro. Matier, in responding, regretted the absence of Bro. Binckes, but he could assure them that the services of the Old Kent Lodge had been thoroughly appreciated. He (Bro. Matier) gave some interesting details as to the working of this excellent fund, and concluded by ex-

pressing a hope that all Mark Masons would assist in making the next Festival a great success.

"The Officers" was next proposed and responded to by Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Monday, the 12th inst., when Bro. Everett Denton, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of A., and saluted in due form. The I.P.M., Bro. Col. E. S. Gordon, R.A., P.P.G.S.O. Kent, was the Installing Officer, and carried out the duties in an admirable manner, his delivery of the addresses being most impressive. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Riddle, S.W.; F. Nichols, P.G.O. Kent, J.W.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.M., P.P.G.J.O. Kent, Treasurer; Sidney Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.S.O. Kent, Secretary; J. Birch, M.O.; C. Birch, S.O.; A. Burnett, J.O.; and J. Berry, S.D. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Gordon for his splendid working of the ceremony, and a handsome Past Mark Master's jewel was presented him by the lodge, as a mark of respect and esteem, and he suitably returned thanks. The lodge was honoured by the presence of Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M.M. Kent, and Bro. C. Matier, Asst. Secretary Grand Lodge; both were awarded grand honours on their entering the lodge, and the former was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, for which he feelingly returned thanks. Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 226, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M. 226, P.P.G. M.O. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 226, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; G. Spinks, W.M. 226, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; W. Kipps, P.M. 332, P.G.R. of M. Kent; J. Murrey, P.M. 158, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and C. Jolly, S.D. 226, P.P.G.O. Kent.

The banquet was served in the hall, and on the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and then "M.W. the Earl of Kintore, Grand Master," which was drunk with enthusiasm.

The toast of "The R.W. the Rt. Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," followed, and, in response,

Bro. Matier, with whose name the toast was coupled, said the distinguished Mason who held the supreme position in Mark Masonry had for many years past been engaged in promulgating the excellences of the Degree, and were indefatigable in their endeavours to secure its progress and prosperity, while if they looked through the list of those who held and had held office in Grand Mark Lodge, they would find brethren who had not only taken a high position in Masonry generally, but had striven with but one object in view, that of propagating the principles and prestige of the Degree by every means in their power. In that, which was an old Scottish lodge originally, might he, as an old Scottish Mark Mason, tell them how proud he was to see them working in and supporting the extension and knowledge of the Degree. It afforded him great pleasure to be with them, and at any time he could be of service to them, in or out of season, either in the lodge or out of it, he should be proud of the opportunity, and would heartily embrace it. He heartily thanked them for the toast, and the honour done him by coupling his name with it, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

The next toast was that of "The R.W. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M.M. of the Province of Kent," followed by that of "The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Cummings, and the rest of the Grand Officers of Kent."

Bro. Cummings, on rising to respond, was cheered lustily. He said it encouraged him very much to meet with such an enthusiastic reception of his name. The Grand Officers of the Province of Kent were only too anxious to perform any duty entrusted to them, and were always ready to do whatever they were called upon promptly, and with a cheerful heart. As D.P.G.M. it gave him great pleasure to be present, and he trusted, as the years rolled by, to be even closer connected with such an excellent lodge and such excellent Masons, and see them with even an increased roll of Grand Officers among them. He highly complimented Bro. Gordon on the masterly manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and concluded by fervently wishing both the W.M. and the lodge continued prosperity.

Bro. Col. Gordon having proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in felicitous terms,

Bro. Denton, in response, said he should do his best endeavours to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He asked them to find him plenty of work, and the officers to be punctual in their attendance, and then he believed the lodge would so increase as to become not only a credit to the province, but to the honoured name it bore.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Gordon, Sweny, and Clark, who severally and eloquently responded.

Bro. Cummins, in responding for "The Mark Benevolent Fund," thanked them, and fervently hoped the Fund would have a great success that year. He strongly advocated its claims upon their purses, and trusted that and every lodge in the province would support it.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, and then the proceedings, which were enlivened by some good singing, accompanied by Bros. Nichols and Kipps, terminated.

WOOWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. Capt. G. Spinks, W.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Kent; E. West, W.M. of the Temple Lodge; T. D. Hayes, S.W., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; E. Palmer, J.W., P.P.G.P. Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec., P.P.G.A. Sec. Kent; W. Moulds, M.O., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; T. Ovenden, S.O., P.P.G. Steward Kent; J. Whiteheart, R.M., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; C. Jolly, S.D., P.P.G.O. Kent; Lieut. W. H. Popplestone, J.D., P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; T. Couper, I.G.; Reed; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. R. Arnold, J. Christian, and J. H. Chinn, all of the Ubuque Lodge, 1789, and, on approval, they, with Bro. J. Warren, P.M. 700, who had been previously elected, were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. The election

of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. Hayes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for that period, and Bro. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A P.M.'s jewel, of the value of five guineas, was voted to the W.M. for services rendered to the lodge, and after he and Bro. Hayes had severally returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Capon's hostelry in Thomas-street, where refreshments were provided, and a few hours were spent in toast and harmony.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—Middlesborough Lodge (No. 276).—On Monday, the 5th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Martin-road. Bro. T. C. Davison, W.M., presided, supported by a large body of members and visitors. The minutes having been confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.O. and Prov. G. Sec., who proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Watson, and he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. E. Davison, I.P.M.; James Hogg, S.W., Treas.; Hy. Sherwood, J.W.; Robert Wilkinson, M.O.; Chr. Taylour, S.O., Sec.; Robert Bamlett, J.O.; J. M. Meek, R. of Mks.; T. M. Wigham, S.D.; W. Holloway, J.D.; Robert Braithwaite, I.G.; John Storrow, Stwd.; and James Ingram, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren assembled in the banqueting room, and enjoyed an excellent repast, under the presidency of the W.M., the evening being enlivened by songs.

MALTON.—Fitzwilliam Lodge (No. 277).—This lodge held their anniversary on Tuesday, when Bro. J. W. Marshall, P.G.J.D., was installed W.M., the Installing Officers being Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.G.M.O. and P.G. Sec., and J. Marshall, P.G.J.W. The other officers were duly installed as follows: Bros. John Hudson, P.P.G. I. of W., I.P.M.; A. W. Walker, S.W.; J. B. Nichols, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; T. M. Goldie, M.O.; John Buckle, S.O.; M. Williamson, J.O.; Rev. W. G. Chilman, P.G. Chap.; A. W. Walker, Treas.; W. J. Marshall, Sec.; A. J. Taylor, R. of M.; G. Fitchett, Org.; R. J. Smithson, D. of C.; W. R. Metcalfe, S.D.; E. R. Spiegehalter, J.D.; C. R. Staniland, P.G.O., I.G.; and W. Stockdale, Stwd. and Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Talbot Hotel, served in the excellent style for which Bro. Fitchett is so famous.

Knights Templar.

PLYMOUTH.—Royal Veterans' Encampment (No. 10).—The annual meeting of the above Encampment was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple on the 31st ult., to install Sir Knt. J. T. Bond as Eminent Preceptor for the year ensuing. The ceremony was conducted by the retiring Preceptor, the Eminent Sir Knt. W. Trevena, P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Eminent Sir Knts. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.E.C., P.P.G.P.; J. B. Gover, P.E.C., P.P.G.T.; L. D. Westcott, P.E.C., P.P.G.M.; E. Aitken Davies, P.E.C., P.P.G.D.C.; I. Watts, P.E.C., P.P.G.T.; J. Austin, P.E.C., P.P.G. Exp.; R. Lavers, P.E.C., P.P.G.S.B.; and J. D. Cobbedick, E.C., P.G.S.B.; both of Holy Cross Preceptory. The officers were invested as follows: Eminent Sir Knts. E. Aitken Davies, 1st Capt.; J. D. Barker, 2nd Capt.; J. Austin, Treas.; J. B. Gover, Reg.; J. James, Capt. of Lines; F. B. Westlake, Prelate; G. R. Barrett, St. Br.; I. Watts, Swd. Br.; and W. H. Phillips, Guard. The Fraters adjourned to the annual dinner at Watts' Globe Hotel. Among the visitors were the Eminent Sir Knts. J. E. Curteis, P.E.C., Grand Arch Chancellor England; J. Gidley, of Holy Cross Preceptory; and Farr, of Lodge Fidelity, No. 230.

WIGAN.—Faith Preceptory (No. 13).—The annual meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 1st inst. The preceptory was opened by Sir Knt. W. Johnson, assisted by the following: Sir Knts. R. B. Seddon, Constable; W. Goodacre, as Marshal; J. G. Christian, as Sub-Marshal; S. A. Oliver, P.E.C., Prelate; J. D. Murray, P.E.C., Recorder; J. P. Simpson, C. of G.; and several others.

The muster roll having been called, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bro. S. Farmer was duly installed and saluted as a Knight Templar. Sir Knt. J. D. Murray then assumed the baton, and Sir Knt. Robert B. Seddon, the E.C. elect, was duly presented and installed as E.C. for the ensuing year, and saluted accordingly. The newly-installed E.C. then appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knts. W. M. Wyld, Constable; W. Goodacre, Marshal; J. P. Simpson, Sub-Marshal; J. M. Kerr, Prelate; J. D. Murray, Reg.; J. G. Christian, Capt. of Guard; G. B. Cliff, Almoner; S. Farmer, Std. Br.; and S. A. Oliver, Treas.

The alms having been collected, the preceptory was closed in due form, and the sir knights, at the after proceedings, congratulated themselves on the now healthy state of the preceptory. All honour to those who are doing their best to bring the Faith Preceptory to the front once more, and we wish them every success.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 20).—This preceptory was opened at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., by the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight J. J. Wilks, assisted by his officers. The V.E. Provincial Prior, Sir Charles James Banister, P.G.C. of England, &c., and the E.P.P. Sub-Prior, Colonel James Monks, P.G.S.B. of England, were received under an arch of steel and saluted. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Letters of apology were received and read from Sir Knights R. A. Luck, H. Maddison, Watson, Logan, Bousfield, Bailey and others.

The E.P. elect, Sir Knight C. R. Fry, was presented to the E.P., Sir Knight J. J. Wilks, who installed his successor most admirably. The following officers were then appointed: Sir Knights H. Hotham, Prelate; T. J. Armstrong, Constable; E. Marsden, Marshal; W. F. Carmon, Reg.; M. H. Dodd, Sub-Marshal; C. D. H. Drury, Captain of Guard; Seymour Bill, Chamberlain; John Usher, Std. Br.; and Kennedy, Esquery. The preceptory was visited by Sir Knight Allison. There was a good attendance of sir knights. P.E.P., Sir Knight Adam Winlow we were pleased to welcome in improved health. Two candidates were proposed for installation.

The V.E. Provincial Prior, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, complimented the P.E.P., Sir Knight Wilks, on the impres-

sive manner he installed his successor, and offering his very fraternal regards to the E. Preceptor that he would have a successful year, which had begun so well, and was very sorry that he could not remain to join the knights at the banquet and have the pleasure of proposing his health.

The banquet was served in the dining hall to the satisfaction of all present. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of the E.P., Sir Knight Charles R. Fry.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The annual meeting of this body took place a few days ago at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Bro. T. B. Whythead, P., presided, in the absence of the E. Preceptor through illness, and installed Bro. Christopher Palliser as Eminent Preceptor. The following officers were appointed: Bros. W. Brown, Constable; W. H. Cowper, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P., Reg. and Treas.; Rev. W. Valentine, Chap.; A. H. H. McGachen, 1st Herald; J. T. Belk, 2nd Herald; W. B. Dyson Vexillum Belli; M. F. W. Williamson Beauceant; Augustus Harris, Swd. Br.; W. Watson, Capt. of Guards; and P. Pearson, O.G. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P., whose retirement was announced, was elected an honorary member of the preceptory.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).—The annual meeting of this body was held on the 1st inst. Bro. W. B. Dyson, M.P.S., presided, supported by his officers and brethren. Bro. Harry V. Millbank, 123, was advanced to the Order, after which the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.S., who installed Bro. William Brown, as M.P.S., and Bro. G. Balmford, as V.E. The officers were then appointed, and the St. Peters Commandery of St. John having been opened Bro. W. Brown was admitted to the Order and enthroned as Commander by Bro. T. B. Whythead.

After the close of the ceremonies the brethren to the number of 12, met at supper and passed a pleasant evening.

WEYMOUTH FREEMASONS AND BRO. ADMIRAL SIR W. KING-HALL.

As already announced, the valuable work done by Bro. Sir W. King-Hall, K.C.B., of The Elms, Sutton Bonnington, has met with some recognition; and he has been awarded a long-service pension. The gallant admiral has long taken an active part in Freemasonry and all that pertains to the Craft, and for many years he has been connected with the All Souls' Lodge, No. 170, at Weymouth. During the Russian War he commanded Her Majesty's ship Bull Dog up the Baltic, and carried the flag of the Commander-in-Chief (Sir C. Napier) at the capture of Bormasund on the 16th August, 1854. During the bombardment the enemy showed a flag of truce, which he went in to acknowledge. The fortress was surrendered on his demand, and the flag of truce used by him on that occasion was presented to All Souls' Lodge. The fortress was occupied by 235 men, and only surrendered after a severe cannonade. The news of this—the first success in the war—was received with great enthusiasm throughout Britain and France; and the gift of Bro. Sir W. King-Hall was highly esteemed by the Freemasons of the district and the lodge who secured the trophy. The brethren have now written to Bro. Sir William congratulating him on being awarded the long-service pension, and stating that the flag of truce still hangs on the wall of the lodge to keep his memory green.

NEW MASONIC HALL FOR PONTYPRIDD.

On Monday, the 3rd May next, the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall, to be erected at Pontypridd by the members of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, will be laid with full Masonic ceremony by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart., D.C.L., assisted by the W. D. Prov. G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the Prov. Grand Officers, and the members of the various lodges, when it is expected that a large number of distinguished brethren will attend. The Prov. Grand Lodge will be opened in the Town Hall at 11.30 a.m., immediately after which a procession will be formed, and the brethren will proceed to the site of the new hall. Immediately after the ceremony, the brethren will reform and return to the Town Hall, when the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, Bro. Stephen Lewis, J.W., will be installed by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Sprague. A luncheon will be served at the New Inn Hotel at 3 p.m., and a ball will be given in the evening by the members of the Merlin Lodge, at which non-Masonic friends will be present by invitation. Brethren desirous of attending, or having non-Masonic friends invited, should communicate at once with the Secretaries to the Ball Committee—Bros. R. Male, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and J. F. McClune, I.G.

The Merlin Lodge was consecrated in May, 1876, and now numbers 71 members. The brethren were recently fortunate enough to acquire a piece of freehold land, and the cost of the new hall about to be erected thereon, including the purchase money of the site, will, it is estimated, amount to £2000, which it is intended to raise by shares allotted only to members of the lodge. We must not, however, omit to mention, as a proof of the great interest the R.W. Prov. G.M. takes in the province, that he has promised the brethren of the Merlin Lodge a donation of £100 towards the expenses of erecting and embellishing the new hall.

CONVERSAZIONE OF THE WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134, AT HULL.

This lodge, consecrated on the 5th February last on temperance principals, has attained great success and position in the Craft. On Friday, the 10th inst., the brethren held their first conversazione in the Cobden Hall, which was largely attended by the brethren and their lady friends. Amongst those present were the W.M., Bro. T. T. Davis; Bros. Mackaill, S.W.; F. Vivian, S.D.; Gillitt, P.M., Treas.; Macgarr, Sec.; Vessey King, Org.; Sewell, Stwd.; Burdall, Tyler; and visitors from Nos. 57, 250, 1005, 734, and 2009.

The first part of the programme consisted of the following:—Pianoforte duet—Bro. and Mrs. Vessey King; song—"Thy Face"—Bro. F. Vivian; song—"Dolly's Revenge"—Miss Hebblethwaite; song—"Any vinders to mend"—Bro. Meanwell; song—"The sleeping camp"—Bro. Guy Hayler; violin solo—Mr. Breaker; duet—"Flora and Zephyr"—the Misses Hebblethwaite; song—"Bradshaw's Guide" (encored)—Bro. F. Vivian; song—"Many a mile away"—Miss A. Hebblethwaite; song—"Rocked in the cradle in the deep"—Bro. Meanwell.

An adjournment was then made to the refreshment room, where an excellent repast was provided by the Tyler, Bro. Burdall, and Bro. Guy Hayler. After which a ball took place in the hall, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bro. G. Leigh acted as M.C.; the Stewards being Bros. F. Vivian, S.D.; Guy Hayler, 2069; Vessey King, Org.; and J. Meanwell.

The officers and brethren of the lodge gave an entertainment to their children and friends on Monday, the 19th inst., which the young folks heartily enjoyed.

MASONIC BALL AT LICHFIELD.

After an interval of several years the local Freemasons, on the 9th inst., held a ball, under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, which was numerous and influentially attended. The gathering took place at the George Hotel, the excellent assembly room being tastefully decorated for the occasion with plants and evergreens. Lady Hilda Mosley was the lady patroness, and the patrons were Bros. G. S. Tudor, Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire; Col. Foster Gough, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire; and Frank James, P.D.P.G.M. of Staffordshire. The following members of lodge 1039 acted as Stewards: Bros. James Clark, P.M., P.G.S.W.; J. J. Perkins, I.P.M.; C. Trigg, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; A. Barnes, P.M.; G. Ashmall, W.M.; W. W. Weston, S.W.; F. Harper, J.W., P.G.S.; and A. Smyrk. The company numbered about 100. Bro. J. H. Gladman's band was in attendance, and performed an admirable selection of music. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up with zest until an advanced hour of the morning. At midnight a first-class supper was served in a most satisfactory manner by the respected hostess, Mrs. Owen.

LECTURE ON "THE GREAT PYRAMID AND FREEMASONRY."

At the George's Hall, Stonehouse, on the 12th inst., Bro. John Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D. Devon, of Torquay, delivered a most lucid and interesting lecture on "The Great Pyramid and Freemasonry." Amongst the large number present were: Bros. Thomas Bayly, P.M. 189, P.P.G.T.; Robt. Rae, P.M. 189, P.P.G.; T. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, 1205, P.P.G. Chap.; Edwin Prout, W.M. 189; William Olliss, P.M. 189; A. S. Hendry, P.M. 189; George Hawkins, I.P.M. 189; Charles Croyden, P.M. 189; R. Pike, P.M. 230; Colonel Healy, P.M.; G. R. Barrett, P.M. 2025, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Moysey, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Millar, P.M. 223, P.P.G. D.C.; J. Gifford, P.M. 2025, 105; W. M. Robins, 189; Charles Dunsterville, S.W. 189; J. B. Moulder, I.G. 189; F. R. Thomas, J.D. 189; J. N. O. Ward, S.D. 189; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; P. G. L. Pearce, P.M. 1247; G. Jackson, P.M. 189; Thomas Morgan, P.M. 1402; R. Brickwood, 2025; A. W. Whit, P.M. 1136; R. Carter, S.D. 202; J. Oldfield, J.D. 202; J. Weale, 2025; C. E. Wingate, 159; W. Jenkin, P.M. 1212; John Griffin, 2025; S. R. Lillcrap, 70; E. J. Knight, P.M. 202; John J. C. Elliott, W.M. 1212; James Gifford, P.M. 105, 2025; Charles S. Blight, 1205; John Moon, 1847; G. Firkins, 1847; J. Shepherd, 1205.

At the conclusion a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

THE GAVEL CLUB.

This club being now a successfully established fact, a brief description will no doubt interest Masons generally. The Gavel Club was founded about two years ago by Bros. F. T. Bennett, W. Hicklin, G. Kennaby, H. Pritchard, and R. C. Sudlow, who conceived the idea that something might be done to promote social intercourse amongst some of the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The idea was quickly put into execution, with Bro. H. Pritchard as Hon. Sec. and Treas., the result being that a most pleasant gathering takes place every Friday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, immediately after the close of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

On looking through the rules of the club we find that not only must every candidate for membership be a member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, but that no member or visitor can visit the club unless he has attended "Emulation" on the same evening. Thus we see that The Gavel Club consists exclusively of working Masons. There is a Charity Fund in connection with the club, and be it said to the credit of the members, that they contribute an equal proportion to the Charity Fund and Club Expenses Fund, the former being considerably augmented by the assistance of small fines.

On the 3rd instant the annual dinner of the club was held, when upwards of 40 members and visitors sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Gaveller Madell, the manager of the Freemasons' Tavern. Gaveller Sudlow occupied the President's chair; Gavellers Dawson and Kennaby the Vice-Presidents'; whilst Gavellers Pritchard and Terry acted as Stewards.

The speeches were few and brief, and the Gavellers are evidently of opinion that there are better ways of enjoying oneself than making and listening to long speeches.

After the toast of "The Queen" had been given, the Loving Cup—a huge silver cup in the shape of a gavel—was passed round, in a manner peculiar to Gavellers.

Later on the President proposed "The Gavel Club," and coupled with it the name of the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, who briefly responded.

The remainder of the evening was occupied with vocal and instrumental music, and concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Gaveller Sudlow for so ably presiding.

On the 15th instant the first effort of the club was made, in the direction of an Invitation Cinderella, which, in success, far exceeded the anticipations of the most sanguine.

This was held in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and was attended by about 140 of the members and their friends. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and dancing did not conclude until two in the morning, notwithstanding the title "Cinderella."

After the fifteenth dance, the HON. SECRETARY and TREASURER thanked the ladies and gentlemen for gracing and honouring the ball room and the Gavel Club with their presence. He also thanked the Gavellers, who had so heartily entered into the enterprise of getting up their first "Cinderella." So far as he could see, all had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the Committee felt encouraged to make another attempt early next season. He wished particularly to thank Gaveller Madell for the many kindnesses the club had received at his hands.

Hearty cheers were then given—first for the ladies, then for Gaveller Madell, and, finally, for the Gavel Club, after which the Loving Cup was introduced and made use of by visitors and members.

Gaveller J. E. TERRY proposed a vote of thanks to their Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Gaveller Pritchard, and said that they owed that evening's enjoyment to his instigation and energy.

This was heartily received, and Gaveller PRITCHARD replied, saying that the project having proved a success, the labour of himself and Committee had been one of love.

The hall was handsomely decorated. The Stewards were Gavellers Bassano, Carter, Dawson, Kennaby, Madell, Money, Nettlefield, Pritchard, Sudlow and J. E. Terry.

Mr. G. C. Pritchard's band performed a most excellent selection of music in an admirable manner.

PRESENTATION AND BANQUET TO BRO. GILL, THREE GRAND PRINCIPLES LODGE, No. 967, PENRYN.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., the members of the Lodge Three Grand Principles met at a presentation banquet at Bro. Chapman's King's Arms Hotel for the purpose of presenting their Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Gill, with a testimonial. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. H. Dawe, through domestic bereavement, Bro. G. W. Treney, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., occupied the chair. On the removal of the cloth a long list of toasts was gone through, and

Bro. TRENERY, in a very able manner, then made the presentation, asking Bro. Gill to accept the present as a token of the regard and esteem of his brethren and in recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer of the lodge for many years. He could but eulogize him for the very satisfactory manner in which he had carried out the duties and fully endorsed the sentiment which had actuated the brethren, "one and all," in their desire to recognize and appreciate such untiring zeal. (Applause.)

In acknowledging the gift, Bro. GILL said he should like to take advantage of the present occasion to make a speech, but if he failed in words to express the gratitude he felt for the great honour they had conferred on him he hoped that for many years he should be able to assist them in carrying out the duties of their lodge. It was nearly a quarter of a century since he was initiated into Freemasonry, and from that time to the present he had always felt a pleasure in being a Mason. The lodge, during that period, had met with many difficulties, but through the indomitable adhesion of the Past Masters, assisted by the brethren, they had succeeded in raising the lodge to a proud position. He was convinced that Freemasonry in its original form, simple and unadorned, was the grandest and most sacred of all institutions, and the genuine Mason finds consolation in the midst of reproach and apostasy. The handsome and valuable present would ever remind him of the kinds words spoken that evening, and it added greatly to his pleasure to think it was not a parting gift, and trusted he should be able for many years to come to reciprocate the kind feeling expressed towards him. He should think of that day as a red letter day in his life, and he asked the brethren to participate in the sunshine they had bestowed on him. In conclusion, he again thanked them most heartily for the handsome gift which he should always value, but more especially he would thank them for the greatest honour they could possibly confer on him in considering him worthy of their confidence and esteem. The testimonial consisted of a very handsome eight-day marble clock, with real bronze Corinthian and Ionic columns and relief, chiming on cathedral gong, with inscription on gold plate as follows: "Presented to Bro. Thomas Gill, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., and P.G. Asst. Sec., by the brethren of the lodge, Three Grand Principles, as a mark of their esteem and recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer. Penryn, April 8th, 1886."

The proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations, and the toasts of the officers were ably responded to by Bros. Worsdell, S.W.; Lavin, Wilmott, S.D.; Terrell, J.D.; Olver, I.G.; Martin, Newcombe, Rowley, Sara, James, and M. Blamey. The evening was concluded by the whole of the brethren singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Obituary.

BRO. CORNELIUS CODDARD.

The death is recorded of Bro. Cornelius Coddard, who was probably the oldest Freemason in the Province of Cheshire. He passed away, on the 2nd inst., in the 84th year of his age, at his residence in Hartley-terrace. He was formerly cashier for Mr. Abel Harrison, at Millbrook, and afterwards manager for Mr. Wilkinson, at Copley. These situations he filled for many years, retiring from the latter about eight years ago. An unfortunate speculation in an insurance society at Oldham, which came to grief, deprived him of much of his savings, and for about seven or eight years he has been in receipt of a pension of £40 per annum from the Aged Freemasons' Fund. He was a member of the Stamford and Warrington Lodge, 1408, which meets at the Masonic Club, Market-street. He had passed through all the offices of the Order.

BRO. JOHN ROGERS.

Bro. John Rogers, one of the oldest Freemasons, and the oldest Tyler of the Order in the Three Towns, has just died at his residence, 73, Well-street, Plymouth. The deceased was a member of the Craft for half a century; was a P.M. of Lodge Fidelity, No. 230, held at Devonport,

also a Tyler of that lodge for many years, and of Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, held at Stonehouse. He likewise held the office of Prov. G. Asst. Tyler of Devon for several years. He was well skilled in the ritual and working of the Order, and in his younger days was in frequent request by the brethren. Thirty years since he was a leading local authority in R.A. Masonry, and held the offices of P.Z. and Janitor of Fidelity and Sincerity Chapters, and P.G. Asst. Janitor. He was a Frater of the Masonic Knights Templar, and was Equerry of the Loyal Brunswick Encampment for over twenty years.



Miss Hilda Hilton (Mrs. Wright) is not retiring from the stage, but may shortly re-appear in London. She is recovering from a long illness and is at present effecting a recovering at Nice.

"Lurline," a burlesque extravaganza, is promised for Saturday night at the Avenue. The company chosen are Miss Violet Cameron, Misses Phyllis and Emma Broughton, Messrs. Arthur Roberts, Gerald Moore, Sam Wilkinson, and E. J. Lennan, the whole produced under Mr. Farnie's management, which, itself goes for a great deal.

Next Saturday week, May-day, Mr. Wilson Barrett promises to introduce to the public Mr. Sydney Grundy's classical play of "Clito," which he will later in the season take with him to America. It is rumoured that "Clito" is to surpass "Claudian," the "Lord Harry," and "Junius" for stage effects and interesting dialogue. The period is interesting to educated persons, and we wish the new play may be launched successfully.

Bro. Henry Irving presided, and Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Edmund Yates, S. B. Bancroft, Chas. Warner, J. C. Parkinson, W. Joyce, and others, were present at the 30th Anniversary Festival, held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Monday evening, of the Benevolent Branch of the Dramatic and Musical Sick Fund. The amount of subscriptions announced was £560, of which the Chairman's list absorbed by far the greater portion.

Bro. Edward Terry, Grand Steward, is now in the way of getting a new theatre, the plans having just been passed by the Metropolitan Board of Works. The new house will occupy the site of the Occidental Hotel. In the meanwhile our distinguished and popular brother is on tour, and receiving ovations everywhere. He played lately, for the first time, at Newport, Monmouthshire. The Mayor gave a breakfast in Bro. Terry's honour and hoped he would frequently visit the town.

On May 1st Miss Minnie Palmer completes her London engagement, and gives her 1510th performance of "My Sweetheart." It says a great deal for the young lady that the piece has never been out of the evening bills, and crowded houses have been the nightly rule. Miss Palmer goes a tour round the world after leaving our shores, commencing in Australia. We hope to hear the pretty young lady again in London, and trust it will not be a long absence she is about to make.

The Globe will reopen its doors on Saturday with an entirely new play called "The Pickpocket," by Mr. G. P. Hawtrey. The cast will include the lessee, Mr. C. H. Hawtrey, Bros. Lestocq, Tom Squire, and W. J. Hill, Mr. W. S. Penley, Mr. C. J. Henley, and Mr. Bent; Misses Cissy Grahame, and Vane Featherstone, and Mrs. Leigh Murray. Much interest attaches to Mr. C. H. Hawtrey's second venture, as the "Private Secretary" ran for nearly two years.

On Saturday, Bro. Augustus Harris reopens the National theatre—Drury Lane—with "Human Nature," by himself and Bro. Wm. Pettitt, which met with such unqualified success at the end of last year, and was only withdrawn during the pantomime season. We believe Miss Isabel Pateman will return to resume her part. Mr. Robert Bateman takes Mr. Fred. Thorne's part, the latter having gone back to the Vaudeville. During the interval the house has been under the hands of Messrs. Gillow for redecorating, painting, and cleaning. In the summer Bro. Harris promises us opera.

It is quite refreshing to be able to chronicle a big success at the Vaudeville, for such "Sophia" is pronounced to be, after the recent fiasco at Bro. Thorne's little house. Bro. Thorne, feeling himself a victim of unwarranted displeasure at the hands of first nighters, decided to oust his enemies, and, by taking the bull by the horns, produced Mr. Robert Buchanan's adaptation of Fielding's novel, "Tom Jones," at a matinée. He need not have done anything of the kind, for on the Tuesday when he put it in the bills for the evening performance it met with as rapturous a reception as the lessee and author could wish. We predict a good run for "Sophia." Why the name—as Tom Jones is the hero of play? Has Mr. Buchanan chosen to call it "Sophia" because Mr. Will's termed his adaptation of the "Vicar of Wakefield" "Olivia," from the chief female character? The author states on the programme that the play is not a correct representation of the book, which would not be tolerated on the stage in these days. Fielding's novel is not an immoral one; we have many worse written in these days; but its language is coarse and blunt, which is not in keeping with the conversation of our refined age. The dramatist has not ventured to depict Fielding's impulsive profligate hero with the frankness of the novelist. The Tom Jones of the play is toned down, and is a fellow one feels sympathy with from the first, although he is what one would in these days term "fast." The result is a play of considerable interest. The Sophia of Miss Kate Rorke is a delightful representation of the heronine so pure, but not puritanical,

who sees, when few other do, good in even the scapegrace Tom Jones, and loves him, despite what his enemies say of him. It would be difficult to imagine a more charming Sophia than that given us by Miss K. Rorke, who now has an opportunity of unfolding her many undoubted talents. Miss Lottie Venne, as Sophia Western's maid, plays in the way she always does—with precision and chic. Miss Rose Leclerc is a decided acquisition to the company in the part of Lady Bellaston, and Miss Helen Forsyth shows real power of grasping a character she has to play in her truly natural rendering of the poacher's daughter Molly Seagrim. She does not over-do the provincial accent she gives to the rustic maid; "Give I a buss," seems befitting her innocent type of character to everyone who shows her kindness. Miss Forsyth's make-up is splendid. Bro. Thomas Thorne depicts Partridge, the village barber, erewhile pedagogue, and adds another to his long line of droll and humorous characters. Mr. Fred. Thorne lately acted in "Human Nature," at Drury Lane, and will be better at the Vaudeville, when he remembers that the latter house requires no effort to make the voice heard. Squire Western would be quite as effective if Mr. F. Thorne spoke in softer tones. Mr. Royce Carleton has a most difficult part in that of Blifil, but he handles it with great skill, in a style highly finished. Mr. Charles Glenney is the Tom Jones, which he plays with a deal of spirit, and wins the sympathy of his audience all through. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor visited the Vaudeville on Saturday evening.

It is expected that Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon will return to England from Italy in the course of next week.

Bro. Lord Suffield has resigned the Mastership of the Queen's Buckhounds, but has consented to act until his successor has been appointed.

Bro. Earl Granville left town on Monday for Southampton, to embark on Bro. Lord Wolverton's yacht Palatine, in which his lordship will cruise for about a fortnight in the English Channel, with the Channel Islands as his headquarters.

Bro. H. H. Lavington (Chairman) presided at the Markets Committee dinner on Friday last at the Guildhall Tavern. Among the guests, in addition to Bros. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs, were Bros. Aldermen De Keyser and Cowan, F. P. Alliston, late Chairman of the Committee, W. H. Pannell, Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), W. H. Liversidge, J. Renals, and J. W. Goodinge.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.45, HUMAN NATURE.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, French Plays.

ADELPHI THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce. Matinee every Saturday at 2.

STRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, MY SWEETHEART. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8, SOPHIA.

GLOBE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.0, THE SINS OF THE FATHERS; at 9, THE PICKPOCKET.

SAVOY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.35, THE MIKADO; or, THE TOWN OF TITIPU; at 7.45, THE CARP. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.

OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 8.45, ON CHANGE; at 8.0, Comedietta. Matinee every Saturday at 2.30.

GAIETY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.30, BORROWED PLUMES; at 8, JACK SHEPPARD. Matinee every Saturday at 2.15.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.
Every Evening, GOING IT AND FAUST AND LOOSE.

COURT THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.45, THE SCHOOLMISTRESS; at 8, BREAKING THE ICE. Matinee Saturday next at 2.30.

COMEDY THEATRE.
Closed.

NOVELTY THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8.15, OLIVER GRUMBLE; at 7.30, WET PAINT.

EMPIRE THEATRE.
Every Evening at 8, ROUND THE WORLD.

HOLBORN THEATRE.
Every Evening at 7.45, Variety Entertainment; at 9, Mr. T. A. KENNEDY, Mesmerist.

GRAND THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, HARD HEARTS.

SURREY THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, THE SILVER KING.

STANDARD THEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.30, OUR SILVER WEDDING.

SANGERS' AMPHITHEATRE.
Every Evening, at 7.45, THE OCTOON, and BLACK-EYED SUSAN.

ALBERT PALACE.
Open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. Amusements all day.

JAPANESE VILLAGE.
Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission one shilling; Children, sixpence; Wednesdays half-a-crown, after six one shilling. Performances free daily at 12, 3, 5, and 8, in the New Japanese Shebaya.

ROYAL AQUARIUM.
Open, 12.0; close, 11.30. Constant Round of Amusement.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 8, Variety Entertainment. Two Grand Ballets, &c.

CANTERBURY THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Grand Variety Company, &c., &c.

PARAGON THEATRE OF VARIETIES.
Every Evening at 7.30, Variety Entertainment, &c., &c.

MADAME TUSSAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.
Open 10 till 10. Portrait Models of Past and Present Celebrities.

MASONIC AND GENERAL NOTICES

The West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will not meet on Easter Monday, the 26th instant.

We are asked to state that the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will not meet on Easter Tuesday.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, who retires by rotation, has been succeeded by the Marquis of Londonderry as a Steward of the Jockey Club.

Bro. Lieut.-General Sir George Willis, K.C.B., will be in command of the forces which will take part in the Volunteer Review at Portsmouth on Monday next.

Bros. T. Bolton and Duckham have been added to the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Tithe Rent Charge (Extraordinary) Amendment Bill.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., and others, had interviews with Mr. Gladstone, at his residence in Downing-street, on Saturday last, previous to his departure for Hawarden.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., was among those present at a meeting held at Exeter Hall last week, for the purpose of inaugurating a scheme for supplying physical recreation to the working classes of the Metropolis.

The Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, No. 890, held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Paddington, will not, owing to the holidays, meet until Saturday, the 1st May, at 8 p.m., when Comp. T. C. Edmunds will be M.E.Z.

It is announced that Bro. Henry Irving will shortly give a lecture at Oxford, in which he will trace the history of the English stage through the Shakesperian and Restoration periods, the days of Garrick, and the days of Edmund Kean.

The funeral of Bro. William Jamieson, Knockenbaird, which took place at Insh on the 12th inst., was attended with Masonic honours by St. Andrew Lodge, No. 328. There was a large muster of the members, who marched in uniform at the head of the procession.

A new Mark Mason's lodge will be consecrated at Hertford on Thursday, the 29th inst., to be called the Hertford Lodge, No. 366, of which Bro. R. B. Croft, No. 1, is W.M. designate; Bro. H. C. Heard, No. 1, is S.W. designate; and Bro. T. S. Carter, No. 1, J.W. designate.

M.E. Comp. George W. Kendrick, G.H.P., and the officers of the Grand R.A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, made a grand visitation to Tristram B. Freeman Chapter, No. 243, Philadelphia, on Friday, the 2nd inst., there being a large gathering of companions on the occasion.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended the Supping in Public at the Great Hall of Christ's Hospital, on Thursday, the 15th inst. Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Mrs. Evans, Sheriff and Mrs. Clarke, Alderman Savory, and J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, being also present.

The Prince of Wales, Grand Master, has been pleased to grant a charter for a new Masonic lodge at Bowden. It will be named the De Tatton, and will be 2144 on the roll of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Edwin George Simpson, son of the respected Master of the Manchester Exchange, will be the first W.M.

The following dinners take place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 24th inst.—Monday—Grand Master's Lodge; British Lodge; Royal Albert Lodge. Tuesday—Wanderers Chapter; Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Buckingham and Chandos Lodge; Grand Stewards' Lodge; Oak Lodge. Thursday—Grenadiers Lodge; Polish National Lodge; Jerusalem Lodge.

Bro. W. Weston, P.M. 1536, and P.P.G.S.B. Kent, and who is also Captain and Quartermaster of the Royal Arsenal Volunteer Artillery, was entertained at dinner on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Raglan Assembly Rooms, Plumstead, on his return from Cairo, Egypt. Bro. G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536, presided, and among the company were officers of the garrison and gentlemen of the town of Woolwich, most of whom are members of local lodges.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be worked on Thursday evening, the 13th May next, at seven o'clock precisely, by Bro. Jas. Terry, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Sec. R.M.B.I., at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W. Dress—full Craft regalia. At the conclusion of the ceremonies there will be a supper. Brethren desirous of having tickets can obtain the same of Bro. G. P. Bertini, the Criterion, Piccadilly; or of Bro. W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563, Preceptor, 9, Mill-street, Hanover-square, W.; Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, Treas. and Sec., 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

The final report of the Third Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association is very satisfactory. The amount received during the past year, including a balance brought forward from the previous audit of £23 14s. 9d., was £134 11s. 3d. Of this, five Life Governorships amounting to £52 10s., was paid to the Girls' School, three Life Governorships (£31 10s.) to the Boys' School, and four Life Governorships and a Life Subscribership, representing £47 5s., to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. These together give a total of £131 5s., and the small balance of £3 6s. 3d. was expended for printing, postage, &c., &c. This makes, that during the four years the Association has lasted, the bulk of the sum subscribed (£409 2s. 6d.) has found its way to our three Charitable Institutions, which, if we take the proceeds of the First and Second Associations into account as well, we find that over £1600 has been handed over by their joint means to the Central Charities, while the cost has been comparatively insignificant. The thanks of the Craft are due to all who have had a hand in producing such admirable results, but especially to Bros. John Maller, P.M. 754, President; G. Poore, P.M. 1237, Vice-President; W. Thompson, P.M. 1707, &c., Treasurer; and A. G. Fidler, W.M. 754, &c., Hon. Secretary.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore will preside at the next house dinner of the City Carlton Club, which is fixed for Friday, the 14th prox.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt, P.G.A.D.C., entertained the Bishop of Salisbury and other guests at his residence, at Swanage, during last week.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the 19th annual meeting, held at the Mansion House on Monday, of the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution.

Bro. Puleston, M.P., Master of the Wheelwrights' Company, will visit Devonport in the course of next month, in order to spend a few days among his constituents.

Bro. Cusins, P.G. Organist, was one of the conductors at the 26th annual concert, which was held in St. James's Hall on Thursday evening, in aid of the Covent Lifeboat Fund.

The Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, has presented Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. and Secretary, with his full dress Grand Lodge clothing and jewels on the expiration of his year of office.

Bro. H. White, late Secretary of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, has been appointed Superintendent of Agencies in connection with the National Provident Life Office.

It has been resolved to make Shrewsbury the centre of the National Olympian Association, and promises of support have been given by Bros. Lord Harlech, Jasper More, M.P., and others.

On the 24th ult. the Grand Treasurer of Indiana drew his cheque for 4000 dollars, being the amount of the last bond remaining due on the Masonic Hall of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Bro. the Rev. Henry W. Ragg, Editor of the *Freemasons' Repository*, was elected, at the 88th Annual Convocation last month of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, M.E.G.H. Priest for the ensuing year.

The installation meeting of the Metropolitan Council (T.I.) of the Allied Degrees will be held at the Masonic Hall, St. Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 30th inst. Bro. Henry Venn is the W.M. elect.

Bro. Captain George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., who for many years has been an active and energetic officer of the Queen's Westminster Rifle Volunteers, has just been gazetted an honorary major of the regiment.

The contributions towards paying off the debt on the New York Hall and Asylum Fund amount already to some 38,000 dollars (£7600), and more are still coming in, so that Grand Master Laurence's scheme looks like turning out a success.

The principal officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for the current year are Bros. Michael Shoemaker, G.M.; R. C. Hathway, D.G.M.; Wm. B. Wilson, G.S.W.; W. Irving Babcock, G.J.W.; H. Shaw Noble, G. Treas.; and Wm. P. Innes, G. Sec.

Among those present at the Lady Mayoress's Reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday were Lady and Miss Hanson, Bro. and Mrs. Shoppee, Bro. Horton Smith, O.C., and Mrs. and Miss Horton Smith, and Bro. and Mrs. Brookman.

Bros. Viscount Ebrington, Sir G. Grant, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, the Hon. H. S. Northcote, and M. Stewart are among the members whom Sir John Lubbock proposes to nominate, after the Easter holidays, on the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Forestry.

At the meeting of the Association of Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania, at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on the 31st ult., Bro. Edward Masson, Senior Vice-President, announced the death on the 12th ult. of Bro. J. Parker Martin, President. Resolutions testifying to the virtues of the deceased were passed unanimously, and the usual festivities were dispensed with.

Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, asks us to notify that notwithstanding the first regular meeting falling on Monday next (Bank Holiday), the lodge will meet at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 6 p.m., as heretofore—for the purpose of raising a candidate (on behalf of the Lebanon Lodge), and the other routine business. There will not be a banquet on this occasion.

The Creaton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, have decided that their annual festival (a supper) shall take place on the 29th inst., at their usual place of meeting, the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road. Tickets to be obtained at the hotel, or the Secretary, Bro. Chalfont, P.M. On the following Thursday, the 6th prox., Bro. Spiegel, P.M., has promised to give a lecture on the Origin of Masonry, and how it was transmitted to the present generation.

Bro. J. S. Cumberland, the first Master of the newly-formed United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, has compiled a most useful calendar for 1886, showing all the nights of meetings of the lodge, and also those of the Grand Lodge and Chapter, the Mark Grand Lodge, and other governing bodies, Festivals of the Charities, Elections, which has been printed on a handy card, and presented to the members. It is a step in the right direction, and, though not a novelty in the provinces, it strikes us as new in London, and one well worthy of imitation, being a reminder of our Masonic duties amid so much else that calls for our attention.

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. —[ADV'T.]

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., Reversions, Borough Rates, &c., at the lowest current rates of interest. Prompt Settlement. 11, Staple Inn, London, W.C.—[ADV'T.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Whilst the inhabitants of our great cities suffer from the effects of overcrowding and all its attendant evils, both physical and moral, the more robust and energetic emigrant will in his turn be liable to suffer in his new home from the want of ready skill and the great medical resources of his native land always at command. The best advice a friend can give is for him to take a supply of these well-known remedies as part of his outfit, for by attention to the easily understood and yet ample directions which accompany each box and pot, he will never be at fault when taken ill or under any adverse sanitary conditions of life.—[ADV'T.]

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., presided at a meeting held on Wednesday of the Kingston-on-Thames Working Men's Conservative Association.

A brass plate, measuring some 8ft. by 4ft., from designs by Bro. Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Works, City Architect, has been placed over the grave of the late Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage, in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Bros. E. C. Beedell, J. C. Dwarber, and W. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., were present on Tuesday at the first meeting held since the recent election of the new Board of Guardians for the City of London Union.

Bros. H. de Worms, M.P., W. A. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., and F. Seager Hunt, M.P., are members of the provisional Committee engaged to secure the election of Lieut.-Col. Kirby to the Shrievalty of London and Middlesex.

Bro. Col. Potter, of Crescent Lodge, No. 402, New York, has in his possession, having inherited from his father, a Masonic apron which was worn by the Tyler of the Alexandria Washington Lodge, of Alexandria, Virginia, of which, in his time, Washington was W.M.

Bro. Chaplin Henry, musical director of the Æolian Club, held his annual benefit concert at the Falstaff, on Monday evening, the programme being excellent in quality and admirably carried out, and everything passing off most successfully.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided at the annual festival, held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening, of the Royal Maternity Charity, Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke being also present. The subscriptions amounted to £630.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Clarence Smith, Hyde Clarke, Sir John Bennett, and others were present at the meeting of the City of London Liberal Association, held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Monday, for the purpose of considering the proposed Government measure for Ireland.

We are glad to hear that Bro. the Earl of Chichester, P.P.G.M. of Sussex, who caught a severe cold a short time since while journeying from Chichester to Sandgate, has been pronounced convalescent, and left his bedroom on Monday for the first time since his illness began.

A painted window has just been erected in the church of St. Andrew, Weybread, near Harleston, the gift of Miss Cooper, of Leamington. The window has been executed for her, in harmony of colour with the previous window in the church, by Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, in memory of her brother, the late vicar, with the subject of Andrew bringing his brother Simon to Christ.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Evans and Sheriff Clarke have promised to give their patronage to the 16th annual ball, which will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 6th May prox., in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage. Tickets and full particulars to be had of Superintendent Foster, Hon. Sec. of the Ball Stewards' Committee, 26, Old Jewry, E.C.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invitation of W. Bro. S. C. Wakefield, Prov. G. Stwd. Oxon, and W.M. of the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, to deliver his lecture explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree, under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences," at the ensuing meeting of the lodge at Witney, Oxfordshire, on the 5th May. A large gathering of brethren from neighbouring lodges is anticipated.

We are requested to state that there will be no meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill, S.E., on Tuesday, the 27th inst. (Easter Tuesday), but on the 4th prox. the Preceptor, Bro. E. A. Francis, will occupy the chair in accordance with usual custom, when it is anticipated there will be a goodly assemblage of the brethren. The usual monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association will be held after the labours of the lodge are ended.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* propounds the very interesting question as to whether the Bro. Springett Penn who was appointed D.G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Munster, by Bro. the Hon. James O'Brien, G.M., on the 27th Dec., 1726, was a grandson of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania. Penn's eldest son was named Springett after his mother, Galielma Penn, *née* Springett, and died in 1796 in the 21st year of his age. The *Keystone* suggests that probably either Bro. Gould or Bro. Hughan may be able to answer the question.

At the grand banquet given by Bro. the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, on Saturday evening last, to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, among the most distinguished guests were H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Bros. General Lord Wolseley, Lord E. Pelham Clinton, Admiral Sir E. A. Ingfield, Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Major-General Sir Redvers Buller, General J. S. Brownrigg, Lieut.-General Feilden, M.P., &c.

The annual supper of the Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22, was held on Monday evening, the 12th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., under the presidency of Bro. Johnson, P.M. 1320, Sec. 2005, Preceptor of the lodge. There was a large assemblage present amongst whom were several prominent local brethren. The supper was of a most recherché character, and was served in Bro. Shannaw's well-known excellent style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given from the chair, Bro. Woods, P.M., proposed in eloquent terms the toast of the evening—"Success to the Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction," and in the course of his remarks said there could be no doubt that under such an able Preceptor, and with such excellent accommodation, the lodge could not fail to be a prosperous one. The Preceptor (Bro. Johnson), the Treasurer (Bro. Westley), and the Secretary (Bro. King), suitably responded. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Johnson, and Bro. Jenkins, W.M. Royal Jubilee Lodge, and other brethren returned thanks. The Chairman in proposing "The Health of the Host (Bro. Shannaw)," commented upon the excellence of the repast he had provided. Bro. Shannaw briefly replied. Several brethren contributed some excellent songs, and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, May 1, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 24.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 2048, Henry Levander, Harrow Station, Wealdstone Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
- Red Cross 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Chiswick, 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 26.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- " 20, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- " 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- Chap. 1745, Farringdon Without, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 4, Prince of Wales, SA, Red Lion-sq.
- Red Cross 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st.

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, 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 27.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 788, Crescent, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1348, Ebury, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
- " 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 2108, Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
- " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1269, Stanhope, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
- " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1365, Clapton, St. Botolph-chamers., Bishopsgate-st.
- " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
- Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., 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.
- Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
- Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
- Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
- Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.

- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
- 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.
- Kenington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
- Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
- Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

- GRAND FESTIVAL.**
- Lodge 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham.
- " 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
- " 1017, Montefiore, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
- " 1818, Clapham, Army and Navy Hot., Victoria-st., S.W.
- Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Mark 176, Era, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
- Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
- 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.
- Kavensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
- United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
- Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.

- General Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- 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.
- Creton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Duke of Edinburgh, 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 Woiseley, 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.

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- 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 30.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand, at 7.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
- Becontree, 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.
- 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, S.
- 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, MAY 1.

- General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1494, Felix, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1567, Elliott, Railway Hot., Feltham.
- " 1929, Mozart, Greyhound, Croydon.
- Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

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