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THE proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday were, as will be seen from our report elsewhere, little more than formal. The Earl of CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master, met with a most cordial reception, his lordship having been absent from England for the better part of the last 12 months. The reports of the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes were submitted and adopted, and there were the usual elections of brethren to serve on the Colonial Board, Board of General Purposes, and Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions. But there, as we have said, were merely formal matters, and when they had been disposed of Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated till the first Wednesday in September.

WE announced last week that the R.W. Bro. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, P.G.S.W., would be installed Provincial Grand Master of Sussex by his Royal Highness the M.W. GRAND MASTER in the Dome of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst. We supplement this announcement by stating now that the summons to be present has been issued to the Provincial Grand Officers and Masters of the Sussex lodges by Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Provincial Grand Secretary, and that, having regard to the very numerous attendance which may be expected on the occasion, the brethren to whom this invitation has been addressed are desired to return an answer *not later* than Saturday, the 12th inst., so that the necessary tickets of admission may be forwarded to them. Attention to this request is most important—(1) because the railway company (L.B. and S.C.) has very considerably undertaken to convey brethren from a distance to and from Brighton at a cost of a *single* fare; and (2) because it is necessary the caterers should know as early as possible the number for which it will be necessary they should make provision at the lunch which will follow the ceremony of installation.

THE Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales held its summer Half-yearly Communication at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The attendance was considerable, but the business was shorn of most of its usual attractions by the postponement of the Prince of WALES's installation as Grand Master until Thursday, the 1st July, when His Royal Highness will be present, and will be solemnly inducted into the chair of A., in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of Mark Masonry. The appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year will follow, and then the business which is ordinarily transacted at the Communication held on Tuesday will have been completed, and we doubt not the Degree will find its already prosperous condition, if possible, more assured than ever.

COMPARISONS are not generally held to be in very good form, but they are useful at times, especially if any one desires to know more explicitly than usual the amazing advances that have been made by our charitable Institutions within the last thirty or forty years. The very rare circumstance that, when the current month is ended, two Festivals, which are separated from each other by an interval of 35 years, will have been presided over by two distinguished brethren belonging to the same family, and bearing the same title, and, Masonically, initiated in the same lodge and ruling over the same province, affords us an excellent opportunity for contrasting the present position of the Boys' School with what it was when the earlier of the two anniversaries was celebrated. On the 13th March, 1850, the then R.W. Bro. Lord SUFFIELD, P.G.W. of England, and Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, presided at the 52nd Festival of what was then known as the Royal Masonic Institution for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Deceased and Indigent Freemasons. The scene of the gathering was Freemasons' Tavern. The Board of Stewards may have numbered some 12 or 14 brethren, with Bro. ALSTON as President, and the guests were under a hundred. In the course of the after-dinner proceedings, when the principal toast of the evening—that of "Prosperity to the Institution"—had been

proposed by the noble Chairman, the pupils, clad in their new suits, were introduced into the hall by the Stewards, and by them marched round in solemn procession. Arrived opposite the dais, the prize boy of the year—FREDERICK WILLIAM MACKAY—who is described in the report in the "Freemasons' Quarterly Magazine" as having been a very small child, was mounted on a table and decorated with the silver medal of the Institution, awarded him for proficiency in arithmetic and good conduct. In bestowing on the little fellow this reward of merit his lordship addressed to him a few kindly words of advice and encouragement as to his future career; and the boys generally, having been urged to show diligence in their studies and comport themselves properly, retired from the presence laden with the remnants of the dessert. The toast was acknowledged by R.W. Bro. B. B. CAMPBELL, M.P., P.G.W., and the Secretary having announced a total of subscriptions amounting to close on £360, the meeting shortly afterwards broke up, and the brethren dispersed highly pleased with the result of the Anniversary. We are now on the eve of celebrating the 88th Festival of the same Institution, under the auspices of the present Lord SUFFIELD, who is also P.G.M. of Norfolk. The scene of the gathering will be the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. There will be a muster of several hundreds of ladies and brethren to do honour to the occasion, and his lordship will have the services of a Board of Stewards some twenty times as numerous as that of his predecessor of the year 1850; while, as regards the proceeds of the celebration, we will venture to assert that the Craft generally will be beyond measure disappointed if they are not considerably more than thirty times the £360 which was then contributed. Of course, the change that has taken place in the interval between 1850 and 1886 in the character and extent of the Institution will account for the changed conditions and results of the respective Anniversaries. What was then a Charity for the clothing and educating of some 70 children has since developed into a School, which clothes, educates, and maintains 240, with the requisite educational and domestic staffs, and what was then regarded as a liberal contribution by the whole of the Craft, will in all probability be exceeded by several of our smaller provinces, and even perhaps by sundry of our individual lodges. It is no mere figure of speech to suggest that a progress such as we have indicated in this comparatively brief period of 36 years is amazing—in fact, is well nigh incredible.

THE effect produced by the simple process of multiplication in converting small figures into big ones is known to most of us from practical experience, but the instances are few and far between in which the proceeds of a benevolent festival have been multiplied more than thirtyfold in the course of but little more than 30 years. However, those of our readers who may wish to note more particularly the successive stages of this amazing progress will find them all carefully reported in the "Table of Festivals" appended to the "History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," which originally appeared in these columns, and has since been published in book form by the Executive of the School. If they would carry their inquiries still further, and discover if possible, how, in matters of this kind, the oracle is worked, we must refer them to the Secretary, Bro. F. BINCKES, who has been the chief executive officer of the Institution for the last quarter of a century, and in that capacity has had the chief hand in raising, at the 24 Festivals at which he has assisted, the splendid aggregate of £222,657, or an average of £9277 per Festival, while the 11 Festivals which preceded his appointment to office—that is, from 1851 to 1861, both inclusive—yielded a total of £12,947, or £1177 per Festival. However, the main fact to which we are desirous of drawing attention is, that the 1850 total of £360 was magnified into one of over £12,000 last year.

WE have been favoured with a long and elaborate statement of the case of the Scottish Templar Encampments in New Brunswick against the action of the National Great Priory of Canada. We have no intention of laying this statement before our readers, who have probably heard enough of these apparently interminable disputes about jurisdiction, which are regarded with so much earnestness and argued in the majority of cases with so much bitterness of spirit in American Masonic circles. Happily for us in the United Kingdom, the limits of the authority exercised by our several Grand Lodges are so clearly defined that the chance of any conflict arising between any two of them is out of the question. But our Colonies are occasionally treated to an outbreak of this class of disturbance, and in some cases it has happened that one or other of our home Grand Lodges, with every desire to be at peace with the rest of the Masonic world, has been dragged into the unpleasant dispute. This Templar conflict in Canada does not directly concern us, but the principle at issue between the Great Priory of Canada and the Scottish Templars in New Brunswick is almost, if not precisely, the

same as that involved in the Quebec-England difficulty as to the English lodges in Montreal. About two months since the question was brought under our notice by Bro. EMMA HOLMES, the representative in this country of the National Great Priory of Canada, whose opinion was hostile to the pretensions to freedom advanced by the Scottish Templars of New Brunswick. We pointed out at the time that we took a different view of the question from Bro. HOLMES, and we have no hesitation in stating that our opinion remains unaltered. With all due respect to Bro. HOLMES and the Body he represents here, there is no justification whatever for the attempt that is being made by the Great Priory of Canada to force its authority upon these Scottish Templar Encampments, which have never had anything whatever to do either with the Great Priory of Canada or Convent General, of which till quite recently that Great Priory was a constituent part. These encampments derive their existence from the Supreme Templar authority in Scotland, by whom they were warranted, and to whom they have always paid due allegiance. The reorganisation of Canadian Templary as an independent, instead of a dependent, body is a matter with which the Scottish Templars in New Brunswick have had, and have, no concern whatever. They may have sympathised, or they may not have sympathised, with the change, according as they may have considered it would prove beneficial or detrimental to the cause of Templary generally. But they have never expressed the slightest wish to sever the connection which has always existed between them and their parent body—the Chapter General of Scotland. They are prepared to show proper respect to the Great Priory of Canada; they are sincerely desirous of living on terms of the most sincere friendship with it; but they are not prepared to exchange their Scottish for Canadian warrants. Their position might, and no doubt would, be quite as honourable under the banner of Canada as under the banner of Scotland; but they prefer remaining under the latter, and there is no power vested in any supreme authority of which we have any knowledge that can force them from their present allegiance to Scotland. As with the three English lodges in Montreal, which cannot be forced into a union with the Grand Lodge of Quebec so long as they desire to remain in allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, so with the two Scottish Templar Encampments in New Brunswick; if they prefer being under the Chapter General of Scotland to casting in their lot with the National Great Priory of Canada, there is no power existent that can disturb them from their purpose.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. A. E. J. McIntyre, P.G.W., as G.S.W.; and the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as G.J.W. The other Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers present were:

Bros. Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, G. Chap.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purs.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. (G.C.); Sir Bruce M. Seaton, G.S.D.; Samuel Pope, G.S.D.; Ralph Clutton, G.J.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, G.J.D.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C.; R. G. Glover, D.G.D. of C.; H. T. Wood, A.G.D. of C.; W. Roebuck, G.S.B.; W. Parratt, G. Org.; A. Lucking, G.P.; W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.W., P.G.M. Durham; Lord Harlech, P.G.M. North Wales; Viscount Ebrington, P.G.M. Devonshire; Wm. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland; Arthur M. Saunders, D.G.M. Madras; Hugh D. Sandeman, D.P.G.M. Bengal; Lieut.-Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G.C.; John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; M. E. Clark, P.G.D.; H. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; R. Gooding, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; K. Costa, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. S. Peirce, P.G.D.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; Major C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Dr. R. W. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; J. Brette, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; L. F. Littell, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; and H. Garrod, P.G.P.

On entering Grand Lodge the Earl of Carnarvon received a most enthusiastic welcome from the brethren.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the balloting papers for the election of the Board of General Purposes were distributed, and the Scrutineers of voters were appointed and obligated, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., being nominated as Chairman.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March and Grand Festival were read and confirmed.

The Rev. J. N. Palmer, M.A., of Brading, Isle of Wight, who was not present at the Grand Festival, when he received the appointment of Grand Chaplain, was then invested by the Earl of Carnarvon, who said it was his pleasing duty to place the Grand Chaplain's collar on his shoulders. Although he (the Earl of Carnarvon) was not Masonically connected with the province from which Bro. Palmer came, it was a province for which he entertained feelings of the greatest respect and affection.

The following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed:

A Brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London	£100 0 0
A Brother of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich	100 0 0
A Brother of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, London	50 0 0
A Brother of the United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, Old Brompton	50 0 0
A Brother of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham	50 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 44, Manchester	100 0 0
A Brother of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306, London	50 0 0

The Earl of CARNARVON said he had now to announce that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to appoint Bro. Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year.

Bro. Fenn was thereupon invested.

Bro. KNYVETT, P.G. Stwd., proposed Bro. John Smith, P.M. of the Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, as Grand Lodge Auditor. Bro. Smith, he said, was a partner in the firm of Harding and Co., who had now for 27 years so ably and well occupied the office of Auditors to Grand Lodge.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., seconded the motion.

Bro. John Smith was unanimously elected.

The following brethren were declared elected on the Colonial Board:—Bros. Tom Drew Bear, P.M. 1584; James Brett, P.M. 177; Lieut.-Col. George Haldane, P.M. 1615; Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 1381; Alfred

Cooper, P.M. 1591; Thomas W. Whitmarsh, P.M. 1150; and Albert Escott, P.M. 1593.

The Earl of CARNARVON declared the following brethren elected for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—Bros. Samuel Brooks, P.M. 1608; Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.M. 733; John E. Dawson, P.M. 404; Captain Alfred Durrant, P.M. 569; Albert Fish, P.M. 1366; Thomas Mount Humphries, P.M. 539; William J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Japheth Tickle, P.M. 1702; and Hugh Cotter, P.M. 554.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted:—To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of May instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £3425 os. 9d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £20 8s. 6d. (Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

18th May, 1886.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., said he had great pleasure in proposing—

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

He said he had proposed this motion for years, and he was sure there was not a brother in the room who would not give him what he asked. They had had a very pressing winter, and he asked the brethren to vote £70 to make the old men and women comfortable in the coming winter. It was not necessary with such a case in hand to say another word, depending as he did on the brethren's generosity.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., seconded the motion, which was carried "nem. con."

The Earl of CARNARVON then said that, as the Scrutineers of votes for the election of the Board of General Purposes had not yet made their report, he would, in accordance with the power vested in him by the Constitutions of the Order, close Grand Lodge, and adjourn to his private room, there to receive the report of the Scrutineers.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

List of brethren elected as members of the Board of General Purposes:—

1. Bro. John Lawrence Mather, P.M. 1471.
2. " Charles Belton, P.M. 165.
3. " James Terry, P.M. 228.
4. " Robert Clay Sudlow, W.M. 263.
5. " Thomas Charles Walls, P.M. 1381.
6. " William Alfred Scurrah, W.M. 2048.
7. " John S. Cumberland, W.M. 2128.
8. " William A. Dawson, P.M. 1768.
9. " Geo. F. Marshall, W.M. 69.
10. " Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205.
11. " Richard Coleman Hallows, W.M. 33.
12. " John R. Clipperton, W.M. 66.
13. " Eugene Monteuuis, W.M. 2060.

CONSECRATION OF THE WALSINGHAM LODGE, No. 2148.

An addition was made on Saturday last, the 29th ult., to the list of lodges in the Province of Kent by the consecration of the above lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Wilmington, near Dartford. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, P.G.M., assisted by Bros. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; Sir William Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.S.W.; Horatio Ward, P.P.G.W. Wilts, Prov. G. J.W.; Rev. V. S. Vickers, Prov. G. Chaplain; Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Chaplain Cornwall; and T. S. Warne, P.P.G. Asst. Secretary.

The petitioners for the lodge were Bros. Henry Sadler, P.M. 147, Grand Tyler, W.M. designate; Ernest L. Walford, J.W. 905, S.W. designate; Deanston Carpmal, J.D. 1924, J.W. designate; Hermann Meyer, late of 30; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, S.W. 217; William Rowley, S.D. 1924; David G. Reddall, 49; George D. Stevenson, 193; and George Jackson.

In addition to the founders, there were present:—

Bros. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes; W. J. Hughan, P.G.S.D.; H. G. Buss, P.G.A. Sec.; Alfred Spencer, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. R. Jamblin, P.P.G. Chap.; J. S. Cumberland, W.M. 2128, P.P.G.W. Yorkshire; W. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W.M. 1196; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1293; J. F. Jones, 217; W. E. Mills, 1981; S. W. Hooper, W.M. 1924; C. Coupland, P.P.G. J.W.; W. Watson, P.M. 1051; G. B. Chapman, P.M. 27, W.M. 299; F. Horner, P.M. 31; W. C. Smith, S.W. 1563; W. R. Marchant, 1837; A. H. Bateman, I.P.M. 1973; F. H. Williams, J.W. 18; Fletcher Beach, I.G. 1837; E. Joynson, 1973; J. W. Freeman, P.M. 147; H. Blackman, S.W. 23; W. Thompson, 185; W. D. Bayley, W.M. 185; E. Kerr, 241, N.Y.; T. Hutchinson, 1900; W. Brown, P.M. 90; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, having opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and said they would be fully aware of the reasons that had brought so numerous an assemblage together. It was not the first time that it had been his duty to preside at the consecration of a new lodge in the Province of Kent; but on the present occasion it afforded him peculiar pleasure. He was sure he was only expressing the feelings of the brethren connected with that province when he said that they gladly welcomed the brethren from London, who had come down there to start a new lodge, and had determined to combine the enjoyment of the pure Kentish air with the promulgation of the precepts of Freemasonry. He was convinced that the new lodge would be a credit to the Craft, and a valuable addition to the Province of Kent. On an interesting occasion like the present a good feeling animated all, and he was certain that that feeling would continue to exist in the new lodge, and that it would prosper. Their best thanks were due to those brethren who were in attendance to assist, by their presence, at that consecration.

The petition and warrant having been read, the brethren signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

The R.W. the Prov. G.M. then called upon Bro. the Rev. V. S. VICKERS, Prov. G. Chap., who delivered a short oration. After briefly alluding to Freemasonry generally, he referred to the impetus given to the Craft by the appointment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.

G.M. said: It is because the principles of the Order are worthy of his countenance and support that he evinces so great an interest in it. His Royal Highness is ably assisted by the body of Grand Officers, to which their R.W. Prov. G. Master belongs. All the Grand Officers are able brethren, and many of them are eminent in literature, science, and art. It says a great deal for the Craft that men of such eminence are selected to fill important positions in Grand Lodge. The lodge they had met that day to consecrate was named after one who was the first Prov. G. Master of Kent. The Hon. Robert Boyle Walsingham, fifth son of the Earl of Shannon, was appointed to be Prov. G. Master of Kent in 1769. At the time of his appointment there were but eight lodges in the province. During the interval that elapsed before the selection of the present Prov. G. Master, *i.e.*, from 1774 to 1860, there were but 10 lodges added to the roll. But during the tenure of office of Earl Amherst there have been 34 lodges added to the number. Since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been M.W. G.M. there had been an addition of 12 lodges to their province. There was no doubt that since H.R.H. had occupied the position of M.W.G.M. the prestige of the Craft had considerably increased. Their M.W.G.M. had from time to time appointed the most eminent men to occupy important positions in the Order. We find that those who are thus honoured are men whom we thoroughly and heartily respect in every station of life. Therefore, we argue from the men to their principles. When we find that those whom we honour in outside life are selected to fill such distinguished positions in the Craft, we naturally infer that Freemasonry must be founded on those principles that are good and true. Those tenets must be noble indeed that can secure their hearty allegiance. We have at the present time as the S.G.W. the Lord Chancellor of England, and as J.G.W. have Lord Charles Beresford, both of whom we heartily esteem and regard. We are told that the first principles of Masonry are brotherly love, relief, and truth. Although there must be differences of opinion, even amongst those who have been admitted into the Brotherhood, yet we should endeavour to reason with those who differ from us in a calm manner, and not give way to warm expressions. By so doing we shall be assisting to promulgate brotherly love. The second principle is relief and Charity, which is one of the great tenets of our Order, and commends itself to our respect and practical consideration. The third is truth—truth in character and in our intercourse with one another. In conclusion, he trusted that in that lodge these grand principles would ever flourish, and that in a few years it would be found that it had progressed and become an ornament to the Craft.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and carried out in a very impressive manner, the musical portion of the programme being conducted by Bro. Jamblin, assisted by Bros. J. S. Cumberland and W. W. Lee. At its conclusion Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., took the chair, and Bro. Henry Sadler having been presented as W.M. designate, he was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Ernest L. Walford, S.W.; Deanston Carpmal, J.V.; Hermann Meyer, Treas.; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, Sec.; Wm. Rowley, S.D.; David G. Reddall, J.D.; George D. Stevenson, I.G.; and George Jackson, Stwd.

The usual addresses were then impressively rendered by the Installing Master, Bro. FENN.

Bro. H. SADLER, W.M., proposed that the best thanks be given and recorded on the minutes to those brethren who had so ably assisted in performing the ceremonies.

Bro. E. L. WALFORD, S.W., having seconded this motion, it was carried with applause.

Bro. the Earl of AMHERST, Prov. G.M., tendered his sincere thanks on behalf of himself and colleagues.

Bro. Walford, S.W., was selected to serve on the Charity Committee of Kent, and four propositions for initiation having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been given and cordially received, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said that this toast was one that was always recognised and invariably received with feelings of enthusiasm. He was sure the brethren would not require any lengthy speech, as the many good qualities of his Royal Highness were known to the whole civilized world. Their M.W.G.M. was always ready to assist in any good work, and might fairly be described as the most hard working and most popular Prince in Europe. He had frequently heard the wish expressed that H.R.H. could attend Grand Lodge oftener, but the brethren should remember that his duties as M.W.G.M. extended a long way beyond attending the meetings of Grand Lodge. The interest he took in the Craft was evinced by the fact that his son was some time ago initiated into the Order, and he (the W.M.) felt sure he was expressing the wish of all the brethren when he hoped that his Royal Highness would live for many years to be the grandfather of Freemasons.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by Bro. SADLER, W.M., who remarked that they were honoured that night with the presence of several Grand Officers, who would be known to the brethren by reputation. He need not say anything with reference to the Pro. G.M., for he was well-known in that province as well as in Grand Lodge. With regard to the Dep. G.M., no words of his were needed, as he also was not unknown to them. He was pleased to say that Bro. T. Fenn was present that evening, and who would no doubt be familiar to all. He was personally indebted very much to that brother, for Bro. Fenn had installed him into the first chair of a chapter, and he regarded it as a great personal favour that he had come there that evening to instal him into the chair of that new lodge. They had also present that evening a brother who was well-known throughout the Masonic world. He referred to Bro. Hughan, P.G.S.D., who he hoped would take away with him some pleasant recollections of his visit to the Province of Kent. There was also another distinguished visitor in the person of Bro. Buss, P.G.A. Sec., who had spent a lifetime in Masonry, and he (the W.M.) was very pleased that his health had enabled him to be present on that occasion. Those brethren who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge were aware of the admirable manner in which the work was performed by the Grand Officers. He asked them cordially to drink the health of the Grand Officers, and desired to couple with that toast the name of Bro. Hughan.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.S.D., in reply, said that when he came there that day he was not aware that he would be called upon to respond for this important toast. However, as he always bowed to the ruling of the gavel, and as the Worshipful Master had connected his name with the Grand Officers, it was his duty to obey. It always afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast, for their Grand Lodge was the most in-

fluent under the sun, and had been the foremost of all others to practise brotherly love, relief, and truth. He assured them that it had pleased him very much to be present on that occasion. In the brother who presided in such an able manner over the province they had one of the best Prov. Grand Masters in England. Having received such a hearty welcome, he should take the earliest opportunity of visiting them again. He would also defer any remarks on the subject of Freemasonry in general until his next visit.

"The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M. of Kent," was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who observed that it was comparatively easy to propose this toast, as the P.G.M. had received such an excellent character from the last speaker—Bro. Hughan. He would take that opportunity of thanking Lord Amherst for his kindness in being present that day to consecrate the lodge, and he was sure he was expressing the feelings of the brethren when he said that the ceremony had been most impressively rendered. He wished to call the attention of the brethren to a remark made by the P.G. Chaplain, to the effect that there had been an increase of 34 lodges in the province since the advent to power of their present P.G.M., which clearly showed the progress made by Freemasonry since 1860. He wished also to refer them to the motto of the lodge, which they would find under the Walsingham crest—it was "Spectemur Agendo," or "Judge us by our actions." It was undoubtedly a good sign that the numbers had increased so largely in the province. There was no doubt that good work was being carried on, and he would remind the brethren of an occasion when their present P.G.M. took the chair at one of the Masonic festivals, which was an evidence that the principle of Charity was not being neglected in the Province of Kent. In conclusion he asked them to drink cordially to the health of their esteemed P.G.M.

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl AMHERST, P.G.M. Kent, sincerely thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for their hearty reception of it. He always had a lurking suspicion that the heartiness with which the brethren welcomed this toast was partly accounted for by the fact that at its conclusion permission was usually given for the use of the fragrant weed. The W.M. had been good enough to say that he was pleased to see him there that day, but an occasion like the present, when a new lodge was inaugurated in the province, was one on which the P.G.M. should not be absent. He assured them that it had given him very great pleasure to perform the ceremony of consecration, although he had but been carrying out his duty. He sincerely hoped that the work begun that day would go on and flourish, and he was perfectly certain that every brother present would rejoice that he had been there to see the nativity of a lodge of such promise for the future. He looked to those brethren whom they had constituted a lodge to uphold the principles of the Order, to support the Worshipful Master in the chair, and to maintain the prestige of the province. He hoped that the founders would never regret the day they went into the Province of Kent, nor the Consecrating Officers the day they started the Walsingham Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Dep. Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that no brother would receive that toast with more good feeling than the members of that lodge. The Prov. Grand Officers were well represented on that occasion, and he had known most of the brethren present for many years. First, there was Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M., who was a host in himself, and Bro. Horatio Ward, Prov. G.J.W., and Bro. Rev. R. Jamblin, P.P.G. Chaplain, both of whom would be known to all as having rendered valuable assistance to the Order in the province. The members of the lodge were highly honoured by the presence of such an array of Prov. Grand Officers, and hoped that they would take advantage of every opportunity of visiting them, and he assured them they would always meet with a hearty reception. He had much pleasure in coupling with that toast the name of the D.P.G.M.

Bro. JAMES SMITH EASTES, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., said that, associated as he had been with the Province of Kent for 30 years, and having witnessed as he had the great prosperity the Craft had experienced since their Prov. G.M. was installed in 1860, he responded with pride to that toast. The Prov. Grand Officers cordially welcomed that lodge into the province, and assured its members that it would receive their cordial support. They had various lodges in Kent; but they welcomed a lodge that would no doubt set an example in the excellent performance of its work. There was already a lodge named after him, where the working was very good. They all very much admired the Emulation working, and they were therefore glad to see that lodge started, and were convinced that the work would be carried out in a proper manner. The W.M. asked him if he would give up the prerogative of installing him into the chair, and he was only too glad to have the opportunity of seeing Bro. Fenn perform that ceremony. He heartily thanked them on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, who would join with him in wishing the new lodge every prosperity.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was next proposed by Earl AMHERST, Prov. G.M., who said he wanted the brethren to consider the refrain of a song they had just heard, and, by cordially drinking the health of the W.M., give him "a lift on the way." Bro. Sadler was favourably known by Masons throughout England. He was not only known by the office he held in connection with Grand Lodge, but by the position he had taken up in rendering valuable instruction in the working of the ritual. Having such a Master, the lodge might look forward with confidence to the future. The brethren were doubtless aware that at the launching of a new boat a bottle of wine was broken during the ceremony. That appeared a waste of wine; but they would be using it to a much better purpose on the present occasion if they would drink a bumper to the health of the W.M. of the Walsingham Lodge.

Bro. HENRY SADLER, W.M., in response, begged to thank the Prov. G.M. for the kind words he had used in proposing the toast. If he had not deserved those kind remarks, he would endeavour to do so. He had read that "even a fool when he holdeth his peace is counted wise." Having recently been installed as the humble representative of the venerable individual who is credited with that assertion, he felt he should best deserve the character of being wise by saying as little as possible about himself on the present occasion. He would therefore only thank them for the very hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in introducing the toast of "The Installing Master," said that Bro. Fenn was known to them all as a most indefatigable worker in connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he felt it a very great pleasure to have been installed by such an eminent brother. Bro. Fenn was a pupil of the late Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, and was an older Masonic friend of his than any other brother present.

Bro. T. FENN, P.G.D., Pres. Board Gen. Purs., replied, and said that he begged to thank them for the very unexpected honour accorded him by

proposing his health in a separate toast. The Grand Officers were always pleased to assist at the inauguration of a new lodge. It was about 25 years ago that he first assisted at a consecration in Kent, and he believed on that occasion he officiated as Chaplain, for it was far more difficult then to obtain the services of clergymen at those ceremonies than it was at the present time. It had given him great pleasure to install Bro. Sadler into the chair, and he thanked Bro. Eastes for permitting him to perform that ceremony. It was a pleasure to install a brother who was so admirable an exponent of the ritual. While congratulating Bro. Sadler upon the honour of being the first W. Master, he also congratulated the brethren on having a brother to preside over them who was so capable of guiding them through their early experiences to prosperity and distinction.

"The Visitors" was then given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing such a goodly array of brethren present to witness the launching of this new lodge. To some of those brethren he was very much indebted for their valuable assistance in its formation. He had also to thank Bros. Jamblin and Cumming for the true Masonic feeling they had shown. Whenever a Mason came into that neighbourhood he was always treated with the utmost courtesy by those brethren, and he (the W.M.) desired to tender to them his sincere thanks for their kindness, and for recommending the petition. He was happy to say that from the first moment he applied to the Lullingstone Lodge, to which they belonged, he had received nothing but hearty assistance. He considered it would be but right if he asked those brethren to respond.

Bro. the Rev. R. JAMBLIN, P.P.G. Chap., returned thanks, and assured the brethren that if the Lullingstone Lodge could at any time assist them, it would be pleased to do so.

"The Officers" having been given, and responded to in appropriate terms by Bros. WALFORD, S.W., and BEAUFORT HINKS, Secretary, and "The Charities" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded a very successful inauguration meeting.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARTYN CHAPTER, No. 1224, SUDBURY.

Previous to the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Suffolk at Sudbury, on Monday, a new chapter, named after the Provincial Grand Superintendent—the Rev. J. C. Martyn—viz., "The Martyn Chapter, No. 1224," was consecrated by the Grand Scribe E. of England, E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, assisted by E. Comp. Frank Richardson, P.G.S., as D.C., and other Grand Officers. The ceremony took place at the New Masonic Hall, the following companions being present besides the Consecrating Officers:

Comps. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Supt. of Suffolk, &c.; E. P. Youell, P.G.H.; W. J. Nunn, P.G.J.; N. Tracy, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; A. J. Grimwade, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; E. St. George Cobbold, Z., P.G.S.N.; Wm. Clarke, P.G.D. of C., G.A.D. of C.; T. Holland, H.; C. Cooke, P.P.G.R.; C. Byford, P.Z., P.G.S.B.; J. F. Mills, B. R. Bryant, J. C. Norman, W. Pearson, A. E. Smith, G. F. Crane, P.Z., P. 2nd A.G.S.; J. M. Harvey, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; H. Harvey George, T. B. Corfield, W. Morgan Jones, G. H. Grimwood, H. J. Wright, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; H. W. H. Elwes, J.; B. P. Grimsey, Z.; Fred. Wheeler, H. D. E. Bull, J. S. Stuart, J. Davies, and G. Gould, Janitor.

The chapter was opened in due form, E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke occupying the chair of Z., Comp. E. P. Youell as H., Comp. W. Clarke as acting J., Comp. F. Richardson as D.C., and N. Tracy as S.N.

The Consecrating Officer, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and expressed the satisfaction he felt at the spread of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Suffolk. He was especially gratified that the brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge had petitioned the Supreme Grand Chapter for permission to consecrate a chapter in connection with their lodge, particularly as the chapter was to be named after the esteemed Superintendent of the province. He felt it was a great honour to act as the Consecrating Officer, a duty which would have fallen upon the Grand Superintendent but for the fact that he was to be the First Principal of the chapter.

The ACTING SCRIBE E. then read the petition and charter, after which the chapter was consecrated in due and ancient form, the oration being delivered by the Grand Superintendent, the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, who, in the course of an eloquent and impressive address, spoke of Royal Arch Masonry as the perfection of Craft Masonry—it was the top stone in the structure. He was glad to find that Royal Arch Masonry was spreading in the province, this being the seventh chapter which had been consecrated in Suffolk. This, in ordinary Masonic language, was a perfect number, but nevertheless he hoped other chapters would be consecrated in different parts of the province. He trusted that the members of the Martyn Chapter would use their best endeavours to make Royal Arch Masonry in that part of the province complete. The ceremonies of the Supreme Degree taught them to look kindly upon their fellow men, to bend with humility before the Most High, and to reverence His holy name.

The Consecrating Officer having dedicated and constituted the chapter in ancient form, and after the Patriarchal Benediction, the First Principals were installed as follows: V.E. Comp. C. J. Martyn, P. Grand Supt. Suffolk, &c., M.E.Z.; Comps. Joseph F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, P.M. 1224, H.; and Frederick Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk, P.M. 1224, J. The other officers were balloted for, and the following were elected: Comps. G. H. Grimwood, S.E.; T. Holland, S.N.; W. Clarke, P.S.; Geo. Thompson, Treasurer.

The other requisite officers will be elected at the first regular meeting of the chapter.

A Committee, consisting of the three Principals, two Scribes, and the Treasurer, was appointed for the purpose of framing the bye-laws.

Four joining members and nine candidates for exaltation were proposed.

The M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to the G.S.E. and the other Grand Officers for their presence, and for the work they had done, and intimated that he should be very pleased if they would accept the position of honorary members of the chapter.

The G.S.E. having responded, a vote of thanks was accorded to the members of the White Rose Chapter for the use of their regalia.

THE PROV. G. CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

When the consecration of the Martyn Chapter was concluded, the ordinary business of the Prov. Grand Chapter was proceeded with, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Supt., Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, with Comp. J. F. Hills as H., and W. J. Nunn as J.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Board of General Purposes was read by the P.G.S.E. It showed that Royal Arch Masonry was making steady progress in the province, and recommended that a sum of £10 10s. be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

On the motion of Comp. WM. CLARKE, seconded by Comp. W. J. NUNN, J., the report was received and adopted.

The rolls of the officers and chapters respectively having been called over, the Provincial Grand Officers were invested as under:—

Comp. A. J. Grimwade	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" G. F. Crane	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" N. Tracy	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. F. Hills	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" F. Wheeler	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Pearson	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" H. W. H. Elwes	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. Harvey George	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" B. P. Grimsey	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Collins	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Clarke	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" G. Gould	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. W. Bobby was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The revised bye-laws, which had been circulated amongst the members were adopted with trifling alterations.

Letters of apology were read from the following companions: Comps. W. Bobby, T. J. Ralling, P.G.S.E. Essex; F. A. Philbrick, Prov. G. Supt. Essex; A. A. Bennett, and E. J. Brown.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the Prov. Grand Chapter upon the principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

The P.G. Chapter was closed in ancient form.

The banquet was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday, at the Holborn Restaurant. The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M.M., presided. Bro. Kelly, G.M.M.M. Leicester, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W.; Bro. W. J. Hughan, as G.J.W.; Bro. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, G.M.O.; Bro. J. S. Eastes, G.S.O.; and Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, G.J.O.

The other members present were—

Bros. Rev. Hayman Cummings and Rev. T. W. Lemon, G. Chaplains; Jas. Moon, G. Treas.; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; Percy Wallis, G.S.D.; R. P. Spice, G.S.D.; G. Mickle, G.J.D.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; H. George, G.A.D.C.; M. J. Walker, G. Swd. Br.; R. B. Read and W. P. Collins, G. Std. Brs.; E. J. Hoare, G. Org.; G. Graveley, G.I.G.; J. W. Fuller, G. Edwards, D. P. Cama, J. Rumsey, W. B. Williamson, P. A. Scratchley, and C. A. C. Jones, G. Stewards; Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart., P.G.M.M. Cornwall; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, P.G.M.M. Dorset; John Walker, P.G.M.M. Gloucestershire; Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.M.M. Kent; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.M.M. Buckinghamshire; A. F. Godson, P.G.M.M. Worcestershire; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; F. Davison, P.G.W.; W. Adlard, P.G.O.; W. Roebuck, P.G.O.; T. Cubitt, P.G.O.; H. R. Cooper, P.G.O.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.O.; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.O.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Geo. Cooper, P.G.D.; A. Williams, P.G.D.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.D.; C. H. Driver, P.G.I. of W.; W. Watson, P.G.A.D.C.; Col. Baker, P.G.S.B.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; J. R. Wynn, P.G.I.G.; M. Mildred, P.G.S.; J. O. Marsh, P.G.S.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.; C. E. Soppet, P.G.S.; H. Marsh, P.G.S.; Jno. Lane, P.G.S.; T. Taylor, P.G.S.; R. Loveland Loveland, D.P.G.M.M.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. W. Saunders, P.P.G.M.M. Madras; R. B. Cunliffe, P.P.G. M.M. Madras; R. Owen, P.P.G.W. North Wales; J. N. Palmer, P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; E. Bowyer, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey; J. Terry, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey; Horace White, P.P.G.R. Middlesex and Surrey; C. Boulton, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey; C. Belton; J. L. Mather, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; G. P. Festa, W.M. 8; J. Willing, jun., W.M. 355; W. Barlow, W.M. 364; F. Wood, P.M.; E. J. Mills, W.M. 350; and others.

By the direction of Bro. R. BERRIDGE, G.D.C., the G.M. was saluted in ancient form, and the minutes of the meeting of 1st December, 1885, were then read and confirmed.

The following is the report of the General Board:—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

In submitting their Report to Grand Lodge, the Board feel justified in prominently alluding to the election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., an event which cannot fail to exercise a very important influence on the interests of the Order. While in no way involving the possibility of a recognition of the Mark Degree as an essential portion of Ancient Freemasonry—from which position it is absolutely debarred by the Articles of Union of 1813—the fact of having at its head the illustrious Prince, who occupies a similar distinguished position as the supreme head of English Craft Masonry, is sufficient proof that there is nothing inconsistent in the principles of the Mark Degree with the principles of Craft Masonry.

The number of certificates issued during the six months to 31st March last is 781, the total number of registered members being 21,657.

In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner the certificates issued during the same period are 72, the total number of members on the register being 1958. Warrants for Mark Lodges have been issued:—

- No. 361, Onslow, London.
- " 362, WOULDHAVE, South Shields, Durham.
- " 363, Ruspini, London.
- " 364, Gordon, Gravesend, Kent.
- " 365, Hesperus, Bourke, River Darling, N.S.W.
- " 366, Hertford, Hertford.

Warrants for lodges of Royal Ark Mariners.—Calthorpe, attached to Mark Lodge Albert, 270, Gwalior. Prince of Wales, to Mark Lodge Prince of Wales, 4, London.

A new province, that of Hertfordshire, has been constituted, and R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., appointed as the first Prov. Grand Master.

In Three provinces the following changes have taken place:—Staffordshire—R.W. Bro. Col. George S. Tudor has been appointed Provincial Grand Master, vice R.W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough. Monmouthshire—R.W. Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, J.P., as Provincial Grand Master, vice R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray, J.P. Warwickshire—R.W. Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, as Provincial Grand Master, vice R.W. Bro. Lord Brooke, resigned.

To meet the increasing requirements for the business of the Office, and the demands for accommodation by various Masonic Bodies for meetings, the Board have entered into an agreement with the original lessees of the premises in Red Lion Square for a lease of additional rooms at a further rental of £40 per annum for a term concurrent with that of their existing tenancy. This arrangement will considerably increase the facilities for the conduct of the business of the Order, and also will add to the accommodation already extensively recognised as suitable for Masonic purposes.

The relations between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and this Grand Lodge remain *in statu quo*. Those relations are, however, unhappily affected in no inconsiderable degree by the hostile action taken by the authorities in Quebec and by Grand Chapters

of the United States against the United Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, of which bodies all Mark Master Masons under this jurisdiction are members. While this Grand Lodge, in common with the other Supreme Bodies in Great Britain and Ireland, is unable to concur in the American theory of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, as contrary to Antient landmarks and to historical fact, it absolutely disclaims all right to interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters of the United States. And as regards the Grand Chapter of Quebec, it has every desire that some *modus vivendi* should be found by which an amicable arrangement of the points in dispute may be arrived at.

The revision of the Constitutions has been a work of considerable labour, now happily concluded, and it is believed that the Text Book of the Order as now presented will be accepted with satisfaction by those for whose guidance it has been prepared.

The Board have to acknowledge the receipt of proceedings of Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Nebraska, Arkansas, Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois.

The Board have relieved the following cases:—

Bro. G. S. P., No. 40 ...	£20 0 0
Mrs. S. T. ...	5 0 0
" C. A. ...	10 0 0
" E. A. L. J. ...	10 0 0
" L. M. G. ...	10 0 0

And recommend the following grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge:—

Bro. G. S. P., No. 40 ...	£30 0 0
" J. W. B., " 211 ...	25 0 0
" W. G., " 39 ...	25 0 0
" W. H. G., " 311 (daughter of) ...	20 0 0

The invested funds are as follows:—

General Fund ...	£2900 0 0
Benevolent Fund ...	1300 0 0
Educational Fund ...	1900 0 0
Annuity Fund ...	1300 0 0

Appended are the accounts of the Grand Treasurer.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.M.,
Half-year ending 31st March, 1886. President.

DR. GENERAL FUND.

To Balance 30th September, 1885 ...	£200 12 1
" Half-year's Receipts ...	941 13 2
" Interest on Investments ...	91 16 8
" Canadian Bonds paid off ...	200 0 0
" Cheque returned paid ...	2 0 0
	£1436 1 11

DR. BENEVOLENT FUND.

To Balance 30th September, 1885 ...	£328 3 9
" Half-year's Receipts ...	134 17 0
" Interest on Investments ...	74 13 6
" Canadian Bonds paid off ...	600 0 0
	£1137 14 3

DR. EDUCATION FUND.

To over paid ...	£ 3 3 0
" Interest on Investments ...	50 0 6
" Overdrawn ...	38 17 7
	£92 1 1

DR. ANNUITY FUND.

To Donation Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M. ...	£105 0 0
" Transferred from Benevolent Fund ...	200 0 0
" Interest on Investments ...	1 18 8
	£306 18 8

CR. GENERAL FUND.

By Ordinary Expenditure ...	£709 18 5
" Shoolbred & Co. ...	69 0 6
" Sims & Co. ...	13 18 6
" Donation to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ...	52 10 0
" Milne Gasalier ...	8 6 0
	853 13 5
" Purchase of Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cent. Bonds and Brokerage ...	205 10 0
" Balance at London and Westminster Bank ...	374 18 6
" Cheque returned ...	2 0 0
	£1436 1 11

CR. BENEVOLENT FUND.

By Grants in Relief ...	£232 0 0
" Purchase of Cape of Good Hope 4½ per cent. Bonds and Brokerage ...	616 10 0
" Transferred to Annuity Fund ...	200 0 0
" Balance at Bank ...	89 4 3
	£1137 14 3

CR. EDUCATION FUND.

By Overdrawn, 30th September, 1885 ...	£25 15 7
" Education Fees ...	66 5 6
	£92 1 1

CR. ANNUITY FUND.

By Balance at London and Westminster Bank (Since Invested.) ...	£306 18 8
	£306 18 8

Audited and Approved this 3rd day of May, 1886.

(Signed) CHARLES E. SOPPET, Auditor.

The recommendations in the report having been carried,

Bro. STRAHAN asked when the brethren might hope to receive copies of the new Constitutions. It was already six months since they were adopted, and in the country lodges and in the Provincial Grand Lodges the brethren wished to know what to do when they were called upon to give any decision.

Bro. BINCKES said they would have been ready now, but there were some elaborate engravings of chains and jewels which had taken a considerable time to prepare, longer than had been anticipated. Although a few copies were printed they were not complete or in a condition to be issued that day. Every lodge, however, under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge had had a proof. Bro. Strahan could now see a copy. He confidently expected that in a fortnight they would be ready.

The report was adopted.

The Earl of KINTORE then said: It is now my pleasing duty, brethren, to put for election the name of the Grand Master designate, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. (Applause.) I think I may assume that his nomination by myself will be endorsed by all the brethren with acclamation. I have to

put formally that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be elected Grand Master for the coming year.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. A. F. GODSON, G.M. of Worcestershire, was carried unanimously.

The Earl of KINTORE: I may add that I have this morning had a letter from the Secretary of his Royal Highness, informing me that in the event of his election he will present himself for installation on the 1st of July, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. (Cheers.)

Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, G.D. of C., here proclaimed the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.M.M.

On the motion of Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS, seconded by Bro. A. F. GODSON, Bro. James Moon was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Earl of KINTORE announced that the G.M. had appointed Canon Portal, P.G.M.M.M., President of the General Board, and Bros. F. Davison, W. Roebuck, Pearson, A. Williams, R. T. Spice, and T. Cubitt members of the Board.

The following five brethren were elected on the Board: Bros. G. Cooper, P.G.D., P.M. Bon Accord, T.I.; C. H. Driver, P.G.I. of W., P.M. 176; A. F. Godson, Prov. G.M. Worcester; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 63; and John L. Mather, P.M. Old Kent, T.I.

Bro. BINCKES, G.S., read a list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology to the G.M. for inability to attend.

The Earl of KINTORE said the first name on the above list was that of Canon Portal, the President of the General Board. He had met Canon Portal that morning, and was shocked to learn that his absence was caused by the melancholy news of the sudden death of his eldest son in India. He had no details as to the manner of his death. Considering the rank Canon Portal held in Mark Masonry, and the affection in which he was held, he thought it would be the opinion of one and all now listening to him that it was but fit, and proper, and gratifying to them to pass a vote of condolence with Canon Portal in his affliction. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. KELLY, in seconding the motion, said that Canon Portal had been of great service to Mark Masonry and to Grand Lodge ever since he had been in Grand Lodge. As representing Leicestershire, he had a vivid recollection of Canon Portal coming to that province, and of the great interest he had always taken in the Order in that province, as well as in others. He had endeared himself to all the brethren, and he (Bro. Kelly) need not say one word to the brethren collectively of the interest they all took in Canon Portal.

The motion was carried "nem. con."

The Earl of KINTORE said that full particulars of the installation of the Grand Master would be given. It would take place in the largest room at Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. BINCKES, G. Sec., said he had received from the Province of Dorset an invitation to the Grand Master to hold the Moveable Grand Lodge at Dorset in 1887. The Rev. W. Mortimer Heath was present and would be happy to address the Grand Master on the subject.

The Earl of KINTORE said he should be happy to hear Bro. Heath, but he (the Earl of Kintore) was no longer Grand Master.

Bro. the Rev. W. MORTIMER HEATH said, in the name of the brethren of the Province of Dorset, he had to say that they were unanimous in desiring that the Moveable Grand Lodge of 1887 should be held in that province.

The Earl of KINTORE said he should be pleased to make a note of what had been said by Bro. Heath, but it would be for the M.W.G.M. to decide as to the acceptance of the invitation.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

At the close of the banquet, the usual toasts were proposed.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry" having been loyally honoured,

Bro. KELLY, P.G.M. Leicestershire, proposed the toast of "The M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Kintore." He said he did it with considerable diffidence; but, remembering that good wine needs no bush, his task was rendered easy. He had held office under every Grand Master in the Mark as yet, and in no instance with greater pleasure than under the present ruler. They were sorry to lose him; but their consolation was, that they had H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to succeed him.

The GRAND MASTER, in reply, said the director of the music had been good enough to provide a song in connection with that toast, called "Good Company," which he hoped would apply all round. For two long years they had been pleased to entrust him with the office, and had on all occasions greeted him with cordiality. One reason for gratitude on his part had been unknown to them, because at the time of his election he was high in office in Scotland, and it was significant of the fact that the hatchet was buried; he hoped so deep as never to be found. In both Scottish and English Masonry they should only have one thought—the prosperity of the Order. His term of office had been most gratifying; they had increased in numbers, and he had drawn from it many friends. He had thought that on the advent of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master he should retire; but it was considered fitting that he should remain as Pro Grand Master. So he was at their disposal for another year as Pro Grand Master, in which capacity it would give him the utmost pleasure to render all the aid he could to the Mark Degree.

The GRAND MASTER next gave the toast of "The M.W.G.M.M. elect, the Prince of Wales, to which he would add the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family." He felt sure they would all do their best to support him loyally when it became his duty to instal his Royal Highness in the chair, his occupancy of which he predicted would cause Mark Masonry to advance with rapid strides.

The toast of "Past Grand Masters" was next proposed by the GRAND MASTER. The Mark Degree as it at present existed was founded in 1856, through the exertions of those who now occupied the position of Past Grand Masters. They now numbered 382 lodges, and the success was mainly due to the zeal of the Grand Masters who had occupied the chair. In this connection he desired to refer especially to their first Grand Master, Canon Portal, who was prevented attending that evening and responding to the toast by circumstances which would secure the sympathy of all present.

The toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given, coupled with the names of Bros. Robinson, P.G.M. of Kent, and Colonel Burney.

Bro. Rev. T. ROBINSON, P.G.M. of Kent, thanked the brethren present for the hearty reception of the toast. He especially thanked the Grand Master for the truly Masonic sentiments that had been uttered by him, especially as to his reference to Scotland and the burial of the hatchet. Scotland had been a birthplace and home of Masonry, and the fraternal

connection at present existing must be a great gratification to all English Masons.

Bro. Colonel BURNLEY also responded, remarking that he could speak very feelingly and touchingly as to the bond of union existing in the Craft. He had been initiated in Madras, and was connected with Masonry in Scotland. He had lately come from the latter country, and had been greatly interested in the subject of Masons' marks, some curious copies of which had been shown him there, amongst others, several from the ruins of Pompeii most curiously corresponding with other emblems well known in Speculative Masonry as at present existing. He would not anticipate the fuller description which his friend Bro. Russell Forbes would shortly submit to the public; but he merely mentioned the fact as another instance of the universality of Masonry.

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES next gave the toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund," calling special attention to the object and need of such a fund. For some years it had modestly relieved distress, and helped the education of children—now the Mark Benevolent Fund had been established, and from the small commencement of a few hundreds they were in hopes of seeing it run to thousands.

Bro. C. H. DRIVER, in responding, said Bro. De Ferrieres had reminded them of the success of the last year's Festival, but he would remind them that their motto must be "Excelsior," and with the accession of the Prince of Wales this year as Grand Master, he looked forward to a marked increase in the amount of the coming Festival.

Bro. BINCKES, G. Secretary, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," a toast, he said, which was never absent from the list, and he hoped it never would be. Their motto was—in addition to loyalty and charity—hospitality. The M.W.G.M. had made touching allusion to the Sovereign. In that assembly the fair rose of England was well represented, and the thistle and shamrock had their representatives in the persons of the Grand Master and Sir Francis Burdett, who was the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On the right and left of the Grand Master were two distinguished Masons—Bro. Lord Saltoun and Bro. Duncan Dalrymple—with whose names he would couple the toast.

Lord SALTOUN, in reply, thanked the Grand Secretary for his very kind remarks. This was the first banquet connected with Mark Masonry he had ever attended, and it had imbued him with the strong desire to do his utmost to bring together the two great bodies of English and Scotch Masons.

Bro. DUNCAN DALRYMPLE, said he had much pleasure in being present. He had for many years taken great interest in Mark Masonry. He deplored the present unsatisfactory state of Mark Masonry in Scotland. Its anomalous position caused it to be looked on only as a preliminary step, and under these circumstances the Mark Degree in Scotland had not taken that position to which it was entitled. They hoped that recent steps taken would remedy this, and do credit to the Mark Degree. The result of the Prince of Wales taking the position of Grand Master would be the cementing still further of that union between the two Grand Lodges, which had been so happily begun.

Other toasts were proposed, and the meeting separated at an early hour. The music was under the direction of Bro. E. J. Hoare, Grand Organist, who was assisted by Bros. E. Moss, Wilford Price, and E. Bryant.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, AND DERBYSHIRE.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. S., R.W.P.G.M.M.M., supported by

Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.P.G.M., P.G.D. Eng.; Percy Wallace, P.G.S.W., G.D. Eng.; H. Brown, P.G.J.W.; S. Cleaver, P.G. Treas.; Clement E. Stretton, P.G. Sec.; W. L. Ball, P.G.M.O.; R. Taylor, P.G.S.O.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, as P.G. Chap.; J. O. Manton, P.G.I. of W.; J. D. Harris, P.G.D. of C.; J. J. Hart, P.G. Asst. D. of C.; J. R. Cain, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; J. Harrison, as P.G.J.D.; W. J. Curtis, P.G. Stwd.; T. Dunn, P.G. Tyler; J. Tanser, P.G. Tyler; T. Worthington, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Silver Hall; Rev. S. Watkin Wigg, P.P.G. Chap.; S. A. Marris, P.P.G.R.; J. Young, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Toller, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D. Eng.; Rev. R. C. Faithfull, R. Michie, W. Bream, C. Webster, F. J. Baines, G. Odell, S. Knight, T. Colman, Miles J. Walker, G. Swd. Br. Eng.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.G. Chap.; J. R. Shearsmith, J. G. Murdin, W. T. Dagwell, G. Newsome, J. R. Rigby, J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec. Lanc.; J. H. Marshall, F. Griffith, J. Fisher, Edgar Horne, T. Emery, and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was held under the banner of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, and was received in due form.

The roll of officers and lodges was called and duly responded to. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Derby on the 11th May, 1886, were read confirmed, and signed. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was read, confirmed, and signed; it showed the lodges in the province to be in a satisfactory condition.

The report of the Provincial Grand Registrar showed a gain in numbers. The Prov. Grand Treasurer then presented an abstract of his accounts for the past year, which showed a good balance in hand. The accounts were approved and adopted, and the best thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge given to the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Cleaver, for his services. Bro. Cleaver was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M.M.M. then delivered the following address:

Brethren of the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge: The whirligig of time in its rapid gyrations has again brought us to the usual period of our annual assembly and with it the 28th anniversary of my rule over the Mark Degree in Leicestershire. Before proceeding to notice the events which have taken place in our own province, I cannot refrain from mentioning that at the meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge of England, on Tuesday next, at which I hope to be present, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is to be elected Grand Master of the Degree, which cannot fail, flourishing as it is at present, very greatly to enhance its prestige and still more rapid progress and popularity. But to come to home matters—Since our last annual meeting at Derby the Degree has been steadily progressing with us, the chief event being the founding of a fourth Mark lodge in Derbyshire, the Dove Valley Lodge, at Ashbourne, consecrated very shortly after we last met. In Northants the most noteworthy event has been the recent advancement in the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, of the W. Bro. Butler Wilkins, Past Grand Std. Br. of England, the highly esteemed Deputy, and in reality the acting Prov. G.

Master of the Craft in the Province of Norths and Hunts. Many of the older members of the Craft in different towns of that province have hitherto stood aloof from Mark Masonry, but doubtless the accession to its ranks of so popular and distinguished a P.G. Officer as Bro. Butler Wilkins will have great effect in making the Mark Degree more popular in that Craft province. With respect to Leicestershire, the only noticeable event to record has been the Howe Lodge, No. 21, which, since the year 1868, has met at Melton Mowbray, having members resident in those towns, has been authorised by the Grand Lodge to hold its meetings also at Market Harborough and Oakham, each in turn. By this arrangement the county of Rutland has been brought into the Mark, as it has been under the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Craft. This leads me to remark that the seal, which has long been in the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, as it still is, is quite inappropriate heraldically, and is quite unworthy of the present province, having on it the arms of the Masons' Company of London, in use before the Union of 1813, and having only "Leicestershire" upon it. It was formerly an old silver seal of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, which, after being lost for many years, and the present seal substituted for it, was altered to suit its present purpose. I have been in communication with the Grand Mark Lodge Secretary on the subject of a proper seal, and it has been suggested that, as the county of Rutland has been just brought into this province, we should adopt the arms of Leicestershire, Northants, Derbyshire, and Rutland, in a keystone quarterly, surrounded by the names of the four counties. This would be a very appropriate design, and if the assembled brethren agree in this view, I shall be very happy to superintend its being carried into effect. Turning to the abstract of the Treasurer's accounts, it will be seen that, beginning the year with a balance in hand of £43 os. 1d., after paying the ordinary expenses, and, in addition, a grant of £10 10s. to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and £4 4s. for the very handsome State sword, used to-day officially for the first time, we end the year, according to the account as audited, with a balance of £48 6s. 10d.; but which has since been increased to £50 8s. 10d. by the receipt of fees in arrear. The Registrar's report shows an increase during the year ending December 31st, 1885, of 25 members. Hitherto the work embodied in what is nominally termed the P.G. Registrar's report has really been done by the P.G. Secretary, the P.G. Registrar having merely signed his name to the certificates of appointments. Bro. Stretton, who, during the years which have elapsed since the death of our lamented Bro. McAllister, has so efficiently discharged the duties of these two offices, now, by the pressure of professional engagements, feels compelled to retire, much to the loss of the province, and he has suggested that for the future each of these officers should perform the duties of his own office. I have accordingly arranged that for the future the Provincial Grand Registrar shall register, receive the returns of the lodge, and do all the work of his office, and thus relieve the Provincial Grand Secretary for the future, whose duties of late years have, of course, greatly increased. The thanks of the province are justly due to Bro. Stretton for his valuable services. The only way which I can mark my high appreciation of them is by appointing him to the office of P.G.S.W. for the ensuing year. With regard to the highest office in my gift, that of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, held for the past three years by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sanders, as representing Northamptonshire, I have now a few observations to make. In the county of Derby, as remarked in my address of last year, the Mark Degree has spread so rapidly that it already has four lodges (as many as the old province itself) with the probability of a fifth lodge being founded very shortly at Ilkeston. With every desire on my part to do my duty as the ruler of the province by visiting as many of the lodges as possible, I now find that, from my advanced age and somewhat impaired health, it is beyond my power to do so much in this way as I formerly did, and could wish to do still. I therefore feel it due to the Derbyshire brethren, so long as they may honour me by remaining under my rule as a constituent part of this province, that they should have an efficient and respected Past Master of their own as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, to take a general supervision of and to pay those visits to their lodges which I should be pleased and feel bound to do if I were able. The Past Master whom I have selected for this honourable and important office is our W. Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.G.J.W., P.M. of No. 302, and who, I believe, was the first brother advanced to the Mark Degree in Derbyshire. I will now request that the two P.G. Deacons conduct our Bro. Cox to the front of the pedestal, and the P.G. Secretary to read his patent of appointment.

W. Bro. Cox was then conducted to the East, and his patent of appointment having been read, he was duly obligated, installed, and saluted as D.P.G.M.M.M.

The officers for the year were then appointed and invested by the R.W.P.G.M. as follows:

Bro. Clement E. Stretton	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. L. Ball	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" J. J. Hart	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. O. Manton	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" W. J. Freer	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. C. T. Bromwich, M.A.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. R. C. Faithfull, M.A.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" S. Cleaver	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. A. Marris	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Miles J. Walker	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. R. Cain	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Howell	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. H. Percival	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. D. Harris	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. R. Rigby	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" R. Symington	...	...	...	Prov. G.Swd. Br.
" Edgar Horne	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. L. Dodd	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Bream	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Emery	...	...	...
" J. E. Harrison	...	...	...
" J. Fisher	...	...	...
" J. Tanser	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Stone	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

It was then proposed, and carried by acclamation, that R.W. Bro. W. Kelly be re-elected Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing three years.

A Committee having been formed to revive the bye-laws, and the sum of £5 5s. voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren then dined together under the presidency of the R.W. P.G.M.M.M.

ITALIAN MASONRY.

A new departure may be said to have been taken in Italy by an attempt, which if successful in its aim, cannot fail to be of the very highest importance. Several English residents in Naples a short time ago determined to start a new lodge there, to work and in all respects to be conducted in the spirit and in the letter of English Masonry. With this object they have obtained a warrant from the Supreme Council of Italy, containing the usual commission to consecrate, and naming Bros. Borsari and Panunzi, W. Masters of two Italian lodges, and Bros. Hall and Elworthy to carry out the duty.

The warrant contains a special and hitherto unprecedented authority, for not only is the lodge permitted to work in the English language, but also in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England.

The ceremony of consecrating the new lodge, appropriately called "Anglia," was performed on Wednesday, the 5th inst., by Bro. F. T. Elworthy, P.M. 261, W.M. 1966, in the presence of a large gathering of (upwards of 60) Past Masters and brethren of Italian lodges, who were attracted by the novelty of the event, and also by their desire to witness the English method of working. In his opening address, the Consecrating Officer dwelt upon the importance of the attempted reform as regards Masonry in Italy, and on the great responsibility thereby incurred by the founders of this new lodge. Having reminded them of the high and noble principles of Masonry, he very pointedly referred to the devout and religious tone of the Order as practised in England, both in its ritual and in its teaching, while at the same time very strictly prohibiting all controversy upon religion or politics. He went on to express his firm opinion that the rigid enforcement of this law causes English Masons to remain conscious of their obligations, and in a large measure has led to the great power for good which is undoubtedly the attribute of English Masonry. He concluded by devoutly hoping the G.A.O.T.U. would so prosper this little beginning, that it might quickly bring forth such fruit, that Italians might quickly see all hostility to their Order cease, and before long reckon among their numbers not only their King and his son, but like their brethren in England, the clergy of every degree.

The installation of Bro. Eustace Neville Rolfe, B.A. (Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge), as the first W.M. was also performed by Bro. Elworthy. Bros. Alfred Hall and Dr. Defabek were afterwards duly appointed Senior and Junior Wardens in accordance with the warrant. Nearly all the Italian brethren, though but one or two understood the language, expressed themselves as much impressed with the solemnity and beauty of the English ceremonies, while several of them went so far as to say they should in future follow the example set them, and endeavour to improve their own working.

A banquet was subsequently held at which the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Rolfe, presided. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given in English fashion, greatly to the entertainment of the Italian visitors. The banquet on the whole assumed quite an international character; many excellent speeches being made in both English and Italian. Bro. Borsari gave a most able resumé of the history of Italian Masonry for the last 150 years, which really amounted to a vindication of the present hostility between the Order and the Roman Church; while Bro. Panunzi gave expression to the cordial feelings of brotherhood which Italians entertain for the English, expressing on behalf of his own lodge and Italian Masons generally their entire sympathy with the well understood object of the new "Anglia" Lodge. There is every prospect of a bright future before it, and we heartily wish the young lodge every possible success.

MASONIC PRESENTATION AT JARROW.

On the 20th ult., at a regular meeting of St. Bede's Lodge, No. 1119, held in the Masonic Hall, Jarrow, Bro. A. McDougall was presented with a suit of Provincial Grand clothing. The W.M., Bro. John Armstrong, made the presentation, supported by Bro. James Sedcole, I.P.M. The air-tight case accompanying the clothing bears a silver plate, inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. A. McDougall, W.M., D.C., on his being appointed P.G. Std. B., by the officers and brethren of St. Bede's Lodge, No. 1119. 1886."

The handsome present was given as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of Bro. McDougall's long and valuable services to the lodge, and as monitor of the lodge of instruction.

There was a large attendance of the brethren. Among those present were Bros. James McCulloch, P.G.G.J.W.; George Hardy, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. J. Athey, P.M., P.G. A.D.C.; J. A. Hall, P.G.S.; J. J. Wilson, P.G.S.; Wheatley, W.M. 1643; P. W. Thomson, Gladstone, Tyne Lodge, Willington Quay, and others.

OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL AT SUDBURY.

The new Masonic Hall which has been erected at Sudbury for the accommodation of the brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, was opened on Friday afternoon, the 28th ult. The building is situate in North-street, and is admirably adapted for the purpose for which it has been erected. The lodge room is 41ft. long, by 21ft. wide, and is tastefully decorated. A dado of pitch pine is carried round the room, and the walls above this are coloured French grey, picked out in blue and gold. At the west end is an organ gallery, in which is placed an excellent instrument, presented to the lodge by Bro. Dr. Mason. The room is splendidly furnished, and the Stour Valley may take rank as one of the best appointed lodges in the province. The new hall has been erected by Bro. F. W. Jennings. A lodge of emergency was summoned for the opening ceremony, and there was a very large attendance of Past Masters, members, and visitors. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; Tracy, P.G. Sec.; D. Alston, W.M.; and the following Past Masters: Bros. Thos. Holland, F. W. Jennings, Joseph G. Hills, Chas. Emmerson, C. W. Grimwood, Thos. B. Ardley, H. Welham, Fred. Wheeler, Sec., W. H. Smith, P.G.S.B., and G. H. Grimwood.

The following officers and brethren were also present: Bros. Henry C. Pratt, S.W.; W. I. Mason, J.W.; Rev. J. F. Wilkinson, Chaplain; C. Joslin, J.D.; J. W. Reid, D.C.; B. H. Hurst, Organist; Charles W. Lord,

I.G.; Jos. George Steward, Wm. Bailey, W. G. Walford, C. J. N. Row, J. Velloly, G. A. Wells, J. G. Steed, F. J. Grimwood, George Murrells, Stephen Carlton, R. S. Joy, C. E. Mauldon, N. Aprile, W. L. Lewis, G. Whittle, C. H. Sewell, Charles F. Lilley, W. G. Kilpack, and A. Grimwood. The visitors included Bros. Edwin H. Inman, P.M. 1312; Charles Cooke, P.M. 1823, P.P.G.J.D.; Thomas Stokoe, W.M. 1823; George Thompson, P.M. 1008; J. S. Chambers, P.M. 1114, P.P.G.S.W. Norfolk; J. E. Barnes, P.M. 1823; Charles Henry Vincent, P.M. 1823, P.G.R.; B. L. Tandy, P.M. 1820, P.G.S.W. Essex; George Wright, P.M. 452 and 1996; William Roebuck, P.M. 29, 463, and 1996, G.S.B. England, P.P. G.S.W. Middx.; Fred. C. Atkinson, J.D. 376; A. Taylor, J.D. 332; J. S. Stuart, 1409 (West Africa); C. S. McIntyre, 1559; J. S. Boucher, P.M. 606; Frank Healey, 943; H. R. Taylor, S.D. 332; E. C. Smallman, J.W. 332; R. Aldous, 332; B. Sandford, United Service, Hong Kong; Maurice F. Joy, 650; Barrington B. Syer, P.M. 1823; A. Dupont, D.C. 1497; and others.

Mr. W. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P., Hintlesham; Mr. John Moye, Boxford; Mr. Thos. Bates, Sudbury; Mr. Edward Young, Sudbury; and Mr. Ephraim Andrews, Sudbury, were admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and Bro. John Sidney Stuart, of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, Kimberley, West Africa, was admitted as a joining member. The initiations were performed by Bros. D. Alston, W.M.; F. W. Jennings, P.M.; and T. Ardley, P.M.; the charge being given to the candidate jointly by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said as the oldest Past Master, and holding the office he did in the province, he congratulated the brethren of the Stour Valley Lodge most heartily upon the completion of that beautiful room. (Applause.) He was quite sure all the members of the lodge would feel proud and delighted that they had found at last, thanks to the energy of one of the brethren, Bro. Jennings, P.M., so fitting a temple for the observance of Masonic ceremonies. (Applause.) He was sure the brethren who had so kindly come to visit them shared in their joy and satisfaction, and he hoped it would please the Great Architect of the Universe to grant that whenever they met together in those walls they might always work with the love and harmony which at all times characterised Freemasonry. He also expressed his hearty thanks to every member of the lodge, and to other brethren who had been good enough to contribute something towards the adornment of the lodge room. He could not mention them all individually, but there was one name they ought not to pass by, namely, the Junior Warden, Bro. Dr. Mason, who had given them the splendid organ to which they had listened with so much pleasure that evening. (Applause.) In the name of all the brethren present, and on behalf of the Province of Suffolk, he wished the W.M. a happy and successful year of office, and continued prosperity and blessing to the Stour Valley Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. HOLLAND, P.M., speaking as the founder of the lodge, expressed his great satisfaction at the position which Masonry occupied in Sudbury at the present time, and said he rejoiced to see in that room the outcome of his humble efforts 17 or 18 years ago. (Laughter.) He scarcely dared to hope that he should live to see such a display of Masonic energy in Sudbury. (Applause.) Of course a great deal of the success of the Stour Valley Lodge was due to the support it had received from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by a very able and energetic Mason in the person of Bro. Jennings. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER endorsed every word which had fallen from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master with regard to the indebtedness of the lodge to the various brethren he referred to.

Bro. STOKOE presented a new Charity box to the lodge, which was accepted by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER with thanks.

After other congratulatory speeches, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where the banquet was served.

CHESHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Notwithstanding the large amounts contributed by the Masonic Province of Cheshire to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions in London, the province finds means to extend the blessings of Masonry specifically to members within its own more confined borders.

The 23rd report of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution has recently been presented, and it relates that during the past year 27 children had been educated at a cost to the Institution of £197 11s. 6d., and though two children now go off the list there are yet eleven candidates for election.

The funds now invested amount to £4996 11s. 11d., and the income derived from them £225 16s. 2d. This income, however, is less by £5 12s. 6d. than the actual expenditure for education and incidental charges. The brethren of the Ellesmere Lodge, Runcorn, raised £21 1s. in aid of the funds, and the brethren in the district of Hyde contributed £10 10s. as the proceeds of a concert. All the lodges and chapters in the province are contributors to the Institution, the expenses of which were as low as £33 17s. 2d. for 1885.

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The forty-fourth annual meeting of this Institution was held on Tuesday evening, at the Holborn Town Hall, Alderman Sir R. W. Fowler, Bart., M.P., in the chair, supported by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol; the Hon. Thomas Pelham, M.A.; Revs. J. H. Moran, M.A.; H. W. Dearden, M.A.; Burmin Cassin, M.A.; and J. Kinnings; T. C. Chadwick, Esq., W. Payne, Esq., B. W. Chandler, Esq., T. Wall, Esq., R. H. Moore, Esq., T. W. Gittens, W. Nash, Esq., W. A. Haslam, Esq., J. Kirk, Esq., Secretary, R.S.U.; and many others.

An abstract of the report was read by Mr. PEREGRINE PLATT, the Secretary, which, after referring to the great loss the Institution had sustained by the death of Lord Shaftesbury, went on to state that the Committee had obtained the consent of the Earl of Aberdeen to become his successor in the Presidency of the Institution. In presenting

another year's report, the Committee recorded that the work had been steadily carried on upon precisely the same lines as in former years, and they pleaded for public sympathy and support, as the efforts put forth were as much needed as ever. The Industrial Schools had maintained 105 boys and 80 girls during the year. The Servants' Training Home had admitted and trained twenty girls for service during the year. Sixty-eight poor women had been assisted under circumstances of the most painful distress. Broken food had been given away daily to upwards of 150 poor people, many of whom state that these gifts of food have saved them from absolute starvation. Soup had been distributed twice a week during the severe weather to some 190 persons. The Refugees had sheltered some 600 respectable men and women, 264 of whom had been helped to situations; 17,574 nights' lodging had been given during the year.

The report concluded with a very earnest appeal for an increase of contributions, the undertaking, which is a large and important one, being cramped through the shortness of funds. The balance sheet was presented on behalf of the Treasurer, Wilfrid A. Bevan, Esq., who was unable to be present through illness, by Mr. B. W. CHANDLER. The receipts for the year amounted to £7858. The expenditure (which included repayment of £400 off a mortgage, leaving £600 still owing) £8014. The difference between expenditure and receipts was made up from the balance of £435 with which the year was commenced. The year closed with a balance in hand of £279.

The Craft Abroad.

"MASONIC RECORD OF WESTERN INDIA."

Colonel G. B. Wolseley, C.B., held a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge at Meerut on 27th February.

A convocation of the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn Rose Croix Chapter was held on Monday, March 1st, under the same auspices.

The Priory of the same name assembled on 27th March. Freemasonry is prospering in India, and what may be viewed as the most pleasing feature of all, is that enlightened fraternity of feeling which is gaining ground in the lodges, cementing them together in a union which is ever increasing in intensity.

District Grand Lodge of Bengal met in Calcutta December 28th, 1885. Twelve lodges were represented. Much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Bro. Prinsep, Dist. G.M. Bro. James Mumford was re-elected Dist. G. Treas., and Bro. H. M. Rustomjee was reappointed Dist. G. Sec. Much business was satisfactorily transacted, and the brethren dismissed with the "usual" exhortation—"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of Love and Peace shall be with you."

The Freemasons of Bombay held their "Jamshedi Naoroze Festival" at Byculla, on 20th March. Upwards of a hundred distinguished Parsee, Hindoo, Mahomedan and European brethren were present, including Bro. Capt. H. Morland, Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. Hymns were sung in the Maharti and Hindustani languages. Bro. Darasha R. Chichgar, Hon. Sec. Freemasons' Joint Hall Committee, who was presented with a rich electro-plated tea and coffee set, a gold watch and chain, and cutlery, glass, and china ware, for his valuable services rendered to the Craft, first "saw the light" about 20 years ago in the first native lodge in Bombay ("The Rising Star"). Lectures, songs, instrumental solos, speeches, and a sumptuous banquet were included in the eventful proceedings. Bro. Chichgar has received permission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to place around the "Founder's jewel" of his lodge a wreath composed of roses and thistles, emblematic of England and Scotland respectively, to denote the interest he has taken in both Constitutions.

District Grand Lodge of Bombay met in Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on December 14th, 1885, the R.W. Bro. E. T. Leith, D.G.M., occupying the chair. All went off well. Reports were most favourable as to the condition of the Craft, the lodges being in a flourishing condition, and the District Grand Master was most warmly received.

Bro. H. R. King was appointed D. Dist. G.M. and Bro. P. R. Wilson was elected Dist. G. Treasurer. The sum of 100 Rs. was voted to the Chichgar Testimonial prior to that Brother's sojourn in England. The reports were numerous and well received, exhibiting great efficiency throughout the District.

The Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry for India was held at Byculla on January 23rd, 1886, M.W. Bro. Captain Morland in the chair as G.M. A fine gathering of the Craftsmen took place, under the genial rule of their distinguished Chief.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS CHAPTER, NO. 1590, SOUTH AFRICA.

A large number of the Masonic Fraternity visited Uitenhage, a rising town situated about 18 miles from Port Elizabeth, in March last, to take part in the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Southern Cross Lodge. Comp. J. Kemsley, P.Z., conducted the proceedings, and was assisted by Comp. J. W. C. Mackay, P.Z. The following officers were duly installed and invested: Comps. S. R. White, Z.; R. T. Middleton, H.; H. H. Lowrie, J.; A. T. Evans, S.E.; J. W. Martin, S.N.; J. F. Pearson, P.S.; F. E. Constance and C. A. Carter, Asst. Sojs.; and G. Brown, acting Janitor. At the close of the ceremony several candidates were duly proposed, and there is every prospect that the chapter will have a prosperous career. With the hospitality and courtesy that invariably mark the conduct of the Fraternity at Uitenhage the visitors were very kindly received and entertained with light refreshments. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the inauguration of the new chapter was dwelt upon in congratulatory terms by several of the speakers.

Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton and Bro. and Mrs. Akers-Douglas were at the dinner party given by the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at their residence in Arlington-street on Friday, the 28th ult.

The Prince of Wales has taken Pembroke Lodge, at Sunningdale, in addition to Harwood Lodge, for the Ascot race week, while Bro. the Earl of Dunraven and Lord Suffield are among those who will take up their quarters in the neighbourhood during the races.

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To Correspondents.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.
"Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine," "Piano, Organ,
and Music Trades Journal," "Cadiz Masonica," "Le Monde
Maconnique," "Liberal Freemason," "Hull and East Yorkshire
Times," "La Chaine D'Union de Paris," "Night and Day,"
"Masonic Token," "Guia Masonica de Espana," "Orient,"
"John Bunyan and the Gipsies," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The
English Illustrated Magazine," "Freemasons' Journal," "Jewish
Chronicle," "Die Bauhütte," "Yorkshire Gazette," "Citizen,"
"Court Circular," "Sunday Times" (London), and "Cassell's
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SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 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.]

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR DURHAM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your review of this on the 29th ult. you say:
"We believe the series was inaugurated by Bro. Dr. Hill-
Drury." This is not strictly correct, as Bro. Drury's
Calendar was published in 1833, while so long ago as 1809
Bro. William Brignall, jun., now deceased, published a
Calendar for the Province of Durham, on much the same
lines as the present Calendar.—Yours fraternally,
P.M. 124.

CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me through the *Freemason* to caution
brethren, Secretaries of lodges, and Almoners, against an
impostor mendicant, who gives the name of "Henry
Clementz" (and is very particular about the tz), and
represents himself as of Lodge South Middlesex, No. 858;
a rope and sail maker by trade. He gives a very plausible
account of the circumstances which reduced him to seek
assistance en route to some place where he will be sure of

regular employment. Of course, he has been a Masterman in his trade, and had bad luck, &c., &c. The Secretary of 858 writes: "I have looked through the books from the commencement of the lodge, and his name does not appear in the list of members."

This "beggar" is about 40 or 45, says he is a Bavarian by birth, and has been in England about 21 years. He is dark in complexion, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, and of a "stocky" build.—Yours, very truly and fraternally,
June 1st. E. T. BUDDEN.

PAST MASTERS' COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
May I be allowed to call attention to a slight misprint in my letter in your issue of yesterday?
The third line of the second paragraph should read "what I take," not "what I state," to be Bro. "P.M.'s" view.

I submit that Bro. "P.M.'s" last letter is a most substantial corroboration of the correctness of my argument; and I may mention that I had not before heard of the circumstances to which he alludes.

Bro. "P.M.'s" last letter seems to show that his real complaint is not against Grand Lodge for calling on P.M.'s to wear collars in Grand Lodge, but for not allowing officers to wear collars at all times, and in all places.—Yours fraternally,
LEX SCRIPTA.

May 30th.

LEVANDER MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Will you allow us to supplement your account in last week's *Freemason* of this memorial, which consists not only, as your notice points out, of a well-designed Runic cross—your illustration of which is very good—but also of that which will commend itself equally to the subscribers and your other readers—the foundation at the Girls' School of a "Levander Prize" for arithmetic for the junior girls, thus perpetuating his name worthily in another way. Nor must we forget to whose exertions the credit is mainly due of raising this fund, with much labour, and with such satisfactory results, our present Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. J. F. H. Woodward. The items are—cost of tombstone, £50 10s.; sent to Committee of Girls' School, £64 10s.—We remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

F. B. ARCHER, P.P.G.W. Middlesex,
Prov. Grand Treasurer.
P. H. ERNEST BRETTE, P.P.G. Chaplain
Middlesex.

June 1st.



CALENDAR OF MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

This useful little book is in its 36th year of issue, and is probably the oldest of its kind extant. East Lancashire, of which Col. Le Gendre Starkie is the respected Chief, is the largest province in England, numbering as it does, 94 lodges, 38 chapters, 27 Mark Lodges, 20 Preceptories, and 5 Rose Croix Chapters. The work gives the names, numbers, places of meeting, days of meeting, and a complete Calendar for the year of all these 204 organizations, so that the compilation means a lot more labour than a first glance at its pages indicates. The editor is our genial Bro. John Chadwick, Prov. Grand Sec., and its general character is similar to the Calendar published for West Yorkshire, a notice of which has appeared in these pages.

THE TEMPLE REBUILT. By "VINCIT, QUI SE VINCIT,"
A Rosicrucian of the Metropolitan College. London:
GEORGE KENNING, *Freemason* Office, 16, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.

It is needless to remark that the Temple which our brother Mason has been engaged in rebuilding, is not an earthly tabernacle; but a spiritual doctrine, including a theology, and a development of the origin of this world and of mankind. The author has studied deeply the occult lore of the Mystics, and has caught by infection their habit of deeply shrouding what is meant in the words which are written. The essay is eminently Theosophical and Cabalistic, and traces connections between Freemasonry, Christianity, and the doctrines of the Hebrew Rabbis; it displays much learning, but is too deep for the ordinary reader. It was originally a paper read before the Rosicrucian Society, and we learn that it was received by the members with many marks of approbation.

HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF UNIONS, No. 256.

The well-known "Lodge of Unions" was warranted on October 31st, 1785, by the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Effingham, acting Grand Master to H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master, its number then being 480, but altered to 390 in 1792. At the "Union" its position became almost what it was at its origin, its number on the roll being 481. In 1832 it was promoted to 318, and from 1863 it has been 256, by which number I hope it will long continue to be designated, for frequent changes in the numerical roll are much to be deprecated. The Master of the "Crown and Cushion" Lodge, Parker's Lane, was the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Morton being the first W.M. The early struggles of the lodge, as recounted by its able and zealous historian, Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., suggest that, for some reason or other, the members for some years were not such enthusiastic supporters of the "Unions" as those of a later period. At all events, for some time the lodge "had a hard struggle for existence," but eventually, by dint of determination and perseverance, the difficulties were overcome, and the brethren were gratified to note the realization of their most sanguine anticipations. Bro. Davis has carefully described all points of importance, no event of consequence Masonically or of interest to the members being overlooked. Two of the members, sad to

relate, got mixed up in a treasonable conspiracy in 1803, and, with eight others, suffered the extreme penalty of the law on Feb. 21st: the brethren having on the 10th of the same month assembled in open lodge and unanimously expelled the two delinquents, thus proving the loyalty of the lodge, and the horror of the members at any of their number being in any way identified in a rebellion against the Sovereign of the Realm. Only one instance occurs of the use of the "black ball," and that was as far back as August 8th, 1805. The fact is, there is no need to "black ball" candidates, where all the members act as brethren together, as the Master should be informed of objections to the admission of any candidates, and thus privately the whole matter be amicably arranged, and the names withdrawn without the proposers being mortified by the rejection in open lodge of their friends. A regulation in 1808 was of a practical character, and was as follows: "That each Brother, after this meeting, do pay two shillings for his supper, instead of eighteen pence, in consequence of the extreme dearth of provisions." For some years it seems to have been the custom to propose that a "Masters' Lodge" be held at the following meeting, when candidates were eligible to be raised; and evidently the Master believed it was "better to wear out than to rust out," for he kept the members busily engaged at the meetings, the Lectures as well as the Degrees being frequently exemplified during an evening. On April 17th, 1816, a brother was recommended to take "a higher Degree—namely, that of a Royal Arch Mason," which reminds one of the "Atholl" custom. At the election night—January 24th, 1822—not a member was willing "to accept the chair," but on the following March 4th that lamentable state of affairs was altered by the election of the famous Bro. Gilkes as a member and Master, his installation taking place on the 28th of that month. A letter was read from a candidate for initiation (in the following month), who desired to be excused for the present, "on account of his having entered the Holy State of Matrimony since he was proposed!" On December 23rd, 1824, it was agreed that a portrait of Bro. Gilkes (Honorary Member from November 7th, 1826) "be hung up in this lodge," and on January 25th, 1826, the revered Bro. William Farnfield—initiated August 31st, 1825—was appointed Secretary, which office he held, with a slight interruption, until his decease, February 27th, 1876. The frequent changes of the places of meeting apparently led to the loss of many articles belonging to the lodge, which is much to be deplored. On the 20th April, 1830, the members of the "Lodge of Unions" unanimously agreed to sanction the holding of the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement," an event, as Bro. Davis well observes, the members "have ever since had just cause to be proud." Wherever English Freemasonry is known, there the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement" is respected, and the "Lodge of Unions" is remembered for the sanction of its proceedings for over half a century. On March 19th, 1838, the 300th candidate was initiated; that brother is now the "father of the lodge," who has been for nearly half a century a member, for 29 years a Past Master, and for 15 years the Treasurer! I refer to Bro. Henry Greene, whose portrait adorns the work, and to whom Bro. Davis appropriately has dedicated his History, "as a slight token of the sincere esteem and fraternal regard entertained for him by his old friend and brother." Dr. Crucefix was a member for a short period, and the lodge subsequently became one of his most ardent advocates; a circular received at one of the meetings, which contained an attack on that Brother being "handed to the Tyler for the purpose of being committed to the flames," and five guineas were voted from the funds towards the Crucefix Testimonial. The lodge being rapidly improving as respects its finances at this period, it was resolved March 18th, 1845, "To make the banquets, dinners, instead of suppers." Dear Bro. John Hervey (P.G.D., and G. Sec.) was elected a joining member November 18th, 1845, and served as Master in 1848, 1849, and 1866. On his decease, July 2nd, 1880, a vote of condolence with his family was passed by the lodge, of which he had been a member some 36 years, and the members co-operated with the "Royal York of Perseverance," No. 7, in suggesting a Memorial Fund, which subsequently was started under distinguished auspices, the V.V. Bro. Sir John Monckton, F.S.A., P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, being the Chairman, and the W. Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M. 256 and 1851, the Honorary Secretary. The presentations and pecuniary gifts by the lodge are duly recorded, but are so numerous, and many of such an interesting character, that I must not refer to them at any length, as the space for the notice of this work is but limited. The "Lodge of Unions" lent their "three wooden gilt candlesticks" to the Grand Lodge, to be used at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Cathedral at Truro, on May 20th, 1880, and it seems that the members had agreed to do so on more than one occasion prior to that date. In anticipation of the approaching centenary celebration of the lodge on November 2nd, 1885, preliminary arrangements were made of an elaborate character, a petition was presented for a centenary warrant, which was granted, the document bearing date 31st October, 1885 (the lodge was warranted 31st October, 1785), the "Father of the Lodge," Bro. Henry Greene, P.M., was elected as W.M., and duly installed on February 1st, 1885, his officers being all Past Masters, and Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., was requested to write the history of the lodge from the date of its formation. The centenary celebration was an immense success; a number of distinguished visitors were present in honour of the occasion, including twelve Grand Officers, and many prominent members of Provincial Grand Lodges and of metropolitan lodges. Bro. Davis stated a few facts in connection with the history of the lodge, which must have deeply interested the members and visitors, and the statistics especially were most suggestive. During the hundred years 456 candidates had been initiated, passed, and raised, and 167 joining members were admitted. Over £300 represented the sum voted from the lodge for charitable purposes during that period, while the contributions of individual members have amounted to £100 per annum for many years past. The V.V. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, delivered a Masonic charge, in which he referred with pleasure to the change of late years in the location of the lodges, the arrangements now being such as to enable the brethren "to meet in dignity, comfort, and convenience." The V.V. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., at the banquet responded for "The Grand Officers;" Sir John Monckton, P.G.M., proposed "The Health of the veteran W.M.;" The V.V. Bro. Col. Clerke, G.S., replied for

"The Visitors;" and the V.V. Bro. Thomas Fenn offered an excellent response to the toast of "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," the world-wide distinguished child of the Lodge of Unions, and dwelt to some purpose on the eventful past of that most useful Institution. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. J. Brown, and we shall not be wrong in stating that the general advisers, directors, and responsible brothers throughout the proceedings were the Committee, composed of Bro. H. Greene, chairman; Bros. F. N. Farnfield, G. B. Heming, John Phillips, and J. A. Farnfield, the indefatigable Secretary. The "Annals of the Lodge of Unions" have been ably illustrated by Bro. R. R. Davis, and I am hoping such a capital history will soon be followed by others of a similar kind, as there are still many of our old lodges which are as yet almost wholly undescribed, though probably rich in ancient records and curious minutes.
W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF HONOUR AND GENEROSITY

(No. 165).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. Eve, W.M., assisted by his officers, and, after the usual formal business, the W.M. elect, Bro. G. A. Vennell, was presented for installation by Bro. Charles Belton, P.M., and D.C., the ceremony of installation and subsequent addresses being carried out by Bro. Eve in a very impressive and masterly manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hugh Thomson, S.W.; E. G. Brewer, J.W.; J. L. Syms, P.M., Treas.; R. C. Driver, P.G.D., P.M., Sec.; J. W. W. Thompson, S.D.; W. H. Powell, P.M., J.D.; Charles Belton, P.M., D.C.; and G. E. Wainwright, P.M., I.G. The following P.M.'s of the lodge were also present: Bros. C. G. Prideaux, Q.C.; Westall, Aldridge, and W. G. Lemon. Visitors: Bros. G. Pitt Lewis, P.G.S., Q.C., M.P.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Frend, P.G.S.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.P.G.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S. of W.; Major I. Knox Holmes; Mead, P.M.; Chatfield, P.M.; Langridge, P.M.; E. Owen, Wilford Price, Carnall, and a large number of brethren.

One candidate for initiation having been unanimously elected, and another proposed for ballot at the next meeting of the lodge, it was unanimously resolved that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to Bro. Richard Eve for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year.

The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where one of the best dinners ever provided for this lodge by the Inns of Court Hotel was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M., Bro. G. A. Vennell, in a most genial and kindly manner, and the manner in which they were responded to by Bros. Richard Eve, I.P.M.; Prideaux, Q.C., M.P.; Syms, P.M., Treas.; Binckes, Loveland Loveland, Hogard, and G. Pitt Lewis, Q.C., M.P., elicited a general expression of opinion that the oratory on this occasion had been of an exceptionally brilliant character. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wilford Price, of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910.

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).

—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, and considering it was the Derby Day, there was a fair attendance. Lodge was opened at six by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Cooper, assisted by Bro. W. J. Bassett, S.W.; and T. Boyden, J.W. The chief event of the meeting was the passing of Bros. Hamp and Sadler to the Second Degree. After this the question of a summer banquet was considered, and it was resolved to have one to be graced by the presence of ladies. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, capably served. The after proceedings were enlivened with songs and recitations by Bros. Cutler, Bassett, Glass, Rushton, Taylor, White, Burstow, Prior, Wagstaff, Henry, Hamp, and Marsh.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE (No. 780).

—The twenty-seventh anniversary of this lodge took place on the 20th ult., at the Angel Hotel, there being present Bros. John Cates Collier, W.M., P.G.S.W.; William E. White, S.W.; J. Hugh Thomson, J.W.; Hugh F. Day, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G.R.; John W. M. Piggott, P.M., Sec.; H. L. de Montmorency, S.D.; M. P. Edwards, I.G.; E. Drewett, P.M.; Charles Belton, I.P.M.; William Wells, P.M.; Thomas White, P.M.; Robert Pink, D. P. Cama, Grand Treasurer; Thomas Tucker, Arthur J. Newman, Ernest H. Ellis, R. Eve, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Frederick Binckes, Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M., &c.; Richard Cave, 1001; William Andrews, 1329; Charles T. Tyler, P.M. 1395; A. F. Asher, S.W. 1375; Arthur Hart, S.W. 1046; G. Vernon Knight, W.M. 1046; Charles H. Knight, J.W. 1046; George S. Graham, P.G. Organist Surrey, P.M. 1851; and Jehanghir K. R. Cama, S.W. 322.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the esteemed Secretary, Bro. J. W. M. Piggott, the W.M. elect, Bro. William Edward White, S.W., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. This ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Richard Eve, P.M., &c. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a pleasant evening was spent. Bro. George S. Graham, P.G. Organist of Surrey, presided at the harmonium, and Bro. Jehanghir Khursetjee Rustomjee Cama, Grand Organist of all Scottish Freemasons in India, at the piano. It was mentioned during the evening by Bro. W. Belton, who had attended as Steward from the Royal Alfred Lodge at the festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., that £900 had been sent in from the Royal Alfred Lodge. The list of subscriptions altogether amounted to £13,029 3s.

LEIGH LODGE (No. 957).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 4th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., and was a most successful and pleasant affair, both on account of the good work done, and the array of members and visitors present. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. T. Woodruff, who raised Bros. H. R. Balding and F. F. Bonney to the Degree of M.M.'s, and passed Bro. W. C. Hickey to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Charles Corby, W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. W. T. Woodruff, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and with the usual ceremonies was placed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. P. J. George, S.W.; R. W. Moffrey, J.W.; John Diprose, P.M., Treas.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., P.M., Sec.; F. Klein, S.D.; W. Howett, J.D.; W. Barralet, I.G.; F. P. Marx, P.M., D.C.; T. C. Batt, P.M., Steward; W. Dersham, A.W.S.; H. T. Bridges, A.D.C.; and J. T. Woodstock, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and the brethren were delivered by the Installing Master in a very able manner. After installation the W.M., Bro. C. Corby, initiated Mr. Henry Mitchell into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a very impressive manner. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Berther.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

Bro. W. T. Woodruff, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, said he must express the pleasure he felt in having to perform such an agreeable duty. All the brethren in the lodge knew that in their esteemed Bro. C. Corby they had an excellent W.M. His interest in the lodge had always been great, which had been proved by the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of his different offices. He was confident that Bro. C. Corby would give every satisfaction, and do his work in an exemplary manner. He wished him good health and a happy year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind words in which he had proposed his health, and also to the brethren who had so heartily responded. He assured them that nothing on his part should be wanting during his year of office in adding to the prosperity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said he must express the pleasure he felt in initiating Bro. H. Mitchell into the mysteries of Freemasonry. He had no doubt of him becoming a good and true brother amongst them, also a credit to the lodge.

The Initiate made a suitable reply.

In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bros. Mayne, Hunter, Watts and Fernandez replied.

There were present upwards of 40 brethren of the lodge and the following visitors: Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., Peace and Harmony; C. W. Mayne, W.M., 1238; J. C. Smith, W.M., 1744; R. J. Taylor, P.M., 144; Briggs, P.M., 157; S. Novakourks, P.M., 534; G. Mickley, P.M., 449; H. O. Hinton, P.M., 975; E. Sharkle, P.M., 87; H. Higgins, P.M., 1381; J. Hawkins, P.M., 65; W. C. Smith, S.W., 1563; H. Dickey, S.W., 1744; F. Bonny, P.Z., 193; C. H. Hohlman, P.M. and P.Z., 1381; C. Giddins, J.W., 933; A. Love, 1791; E. Bond, J.W., 860; G. T. Edwards, J.D., 766; W. Bayley, 1732; W. Ponton, 1744; G. C. Moulvey, 788; E. Newland, 1879; J. Hemming, S.D., 1287; G. F. Mon, 1017; C. Bellerby, J.W., 2021; G. C. Peacock, 201; J. Watmore, Caxton Lodge; A. H. Scurrah, 2048; J. Fernandez, 2127; A. J. Ellis, J.W., 1361; V. de Kercheeson, Droit Justin O. de Paris Lodge; A. E. Hughes, 179; E. B. Hobson, 700; W. M. Mayne, 1238; C. J. F. Shannon, 975; Dickeson, P.M., 179; and W. Merritt, 1987.

The brethren on parting expressed themselves very gratified with the proceedings of the evening. The recitation by Bro. J. Fernandez was much appreciated.

MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 1159).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 27th ult. The chair was taken by Bro. James Davis, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Berry, S.W.; D. E. Dharwar, J.W.; H. Trueman Wood, G.A.D.C., P.M., Treas.; H. H. Room, Sec.; H. B. Wheatley, J.D.; N. D. Fracis, I.G.; Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, P.M., Grand Treasurer; Sir F. Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., P.M.; H. Cheston, P.M.; T. J. Reeves, P.M.; J. Lea Smith, P.M.; Hyde Clarke, P.D.G.M. Turkey, P.M.; J. H. Vigne, P.M.; E. Newton, G. Guillain, J. Kennard Davis, P.D.G.D.C. Hong Kong; Lieut. R. A. Vigne, R.A.; S. Lea Smith, J. Hamilton, M. P. Betts, C. M. Cornnell, Capt. H. G. Colvill, P.M., P.D.J.W. Bengal. Visitors: Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D., Pres. Board General Puns.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. O'Flynn, 1198; Col. B. Payne Payne, 7; H. F. Loftis, 1731; H. C. Read, Dadabhai Naoroji, P.M.; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bros. E. Newton, C. W. Cornnell, and Lieut. Vigne were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

Bro. Davis, W.M., then rose and said that it was now his privilege to perform a very pleasing duty. Two of the members of the lodge had lately been promoted to Grand Lodge honours, and the brethren unanimously resolved that such an event should be celebrated in an appropriate manner. Bro. D. P. Cama had been elected by an overwhelming majority to fill the important position of Grand Treasurer, and Bro. H. T. Wood had been selected to occupy the post of G.A.D.C. He had to convey to those brethren the hearty congratulations of the members at their well-earned promotion. It had been further decided that this congratulatory feeling should be expressed in a more substantial form, and it had therefore been agreed to present Bros. Cama and Wood with the Grand Lodge clothing appropriate to their respective positions. The appointment of these brethren was a reward for the valuable services they had rendered to the Craft, and their selection for such distinguished honours had reflected considerable lustre on their lodge. This presentation had been made as a mark of the high esteem and affection with which Bros. Cama and Wood are regarded in the lodge, and it was the unanimous wish and desire of the brethren that they would both live for many years to enjoy their well-earned honours.

Bros. Cama and Wood briefly returned thanks for this mark of the esteem of the brethren, deferring any further remarks until a later period of the evening.

No further Masonic business offering the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet at the Criterion Restaurant.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," being received with the usual cordiality.

In proposing "The Grand Officers" the W.M. said that in the ordinary course he should have called upon Bros. Cama and Wood to respond for the Grand Officers, but on the present occasion he should reserve them to reply to another toast. He was very pleased to see on his right a distinguished brother who was Pres. Board of General Purposes. Bro. Fenn had been connected with their lodge, and had rendered valuable assistance. They were therefore delighted to see him among them, and he asked the brethren to cordially drink to the health of the Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Fenn.

Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., Pres. Board General Purposes, in response, said that the Grand Officers were always pleased to hear their names coupled with those of the Pro G.M. and the Dep. G.M. Those brethren who were present at Grand Lodge to see the Earl of Lathom occupying such a high position among them, would agree with him when he said that by his kind and genial manner he had endeared himself to all. With the rest of the Grand Officers he (Bro. Fenn) had been associated for 22 years. For five years—from 1864 to 1869—he held the position of G.A.D.C., to which Bro. Wood had recently been appointed, and he believed that during that time there was scarcely a meeting took place at which he was not present. He had assisted in laying the foundation stones of many important buildings, such as Truro Cathedral. He also took part in that interesting ceremony at the Albert Hall, and was pleased to say he consecrated that lodge. During the time he was G.A.D.C. he received on two occasions the formal thanks of Grand Lodge. He was sure that Bro. Wood would find his duties of a very interesting nature, and that the performance of those duties would meet with approval. He felt proud that he had consecrated that lodge, and was pleased to visit it again, although there was but one brother present that evening who was in office at its formation. The first W.M. he installed was Sir James Ferguson. On the part of Bro. Letchworth, P.G.D., and himself, he begged to return his hearty thanks.

Bro. J. Davis, W.M., then rose and said they had now reached the toast of the evening. The brethren had heard what was said in the lodge with respect to Bros. Cama and Wood, and he now asked them to join with him in drinking the health of those two brethren and to wish them a bright and happy future. He found that Bro. Cama was initiated in 1869 in the course of a voyage round the world. He was very glad that brother had become associated with the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, for it was originally started to promulgate the doctrines of Freemasonry among that nationality to which Bro. Cama belonged. Their esteemed brother appeared to belong to a number of lodges, and he (the W.M.) congratulated him on belonging to so many. Bro. Cama had rendered valuable service to the Craft, and however great were the honours that had been conferred on him, they gave place to a brighter jewel in the work of Charity he had carried on and in the interest he had taken in philanthropic movements. He was sure the brethren would join with him in congratulations on his appointment as Grand Treasurer, and in the wish that he might live long to be amongst them to enjoy his well deserved honour. He now wished to refer to their excellent Bro. Wood. Soon after he (the W.M.) joined the lodge he was very much impressed by the manner in which Bro. Wood worked in its behalf, and had since then appreciated his counsel and advice. Their esteemed brother had seen the lodge pass through vicissitudes and shadows until it had reached its present state of prosperity. The appointments which had been conferred upon Bros. Cama and Wood had reflected lustre on the lodge, and it was therefore decided among the members to make a presentation to those brethren. He asked them to cordially drink "The Health of Bros. Cama and Wood."

Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, Grand Treas., thanked the W.M. and brethren very heartily for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. When he first joined that lodge it was not in a very prosperous condition, but at last they were able confidently to assert that it was in a satisfactory state. When he received the appointment of Grand Treasurer he was very pleased, not only on account of personal feelings, but from the fact that it would be a credit to the lodge. He should never forget that memorable occasion, when by the hearty support of the brethren he won the election with flying colours. He took the present opportunity of thanking them for their kindness in supporting him. His selection would prove that the office was not meant to be restricted to Englishmen, but to any brother who won the approval of the Craft, and it would increase the good feeling existing between the brethren of different nationalities. He would endeavour to satisfactorily perform his duties, and in the lodge he would do his utmost to support the W.M. by rendering all the assistance in his power. He again thanked them, and assured them that he should always be grateful for their kindness.

Bro. H. Trueman Wood, G.A.D.C., also replied, and said that on the present occasion he found it somewhat difficult to give expression to his feelings. His appointment as G.A.D.C. had given him very great pleasure, for it was a position any brother might be proud of. Those who looked upon Masonry as he did would agree with him that it was worth some time and trouble to obtain a post in the ranks of the Grand Officers. It was very gratifying to have obtained that appointment, as the Grand Officers were always very kindly received. During the short time he had belonged to that body he had found that he was welcomed heartily, for he was representing the hierarchy of the Craft. He was initiated 12 years ago in that lodge, and since that time the meetings had been one continual series of pleasure to him. Since his initiation he had always held office of some description in the lodge, and hoped to continue to do so for many years. He could safely assert that his first thought on receiving the appointment was that it would be a good thing for the lodge. The object of that lodge had been to promote the universality of Masonry, and one result had been that their senior Past Master had been elected a Grand Officer. He was very grateful to Bro. Fenn for his kind remarks when speaking of the Grand Officers. He felt there was something to live for, and something to look forward to in the dim and distant future. He also very much appreciated the valuable present they had made him, and

he hoped he might always have the honour of wearing it in their service.

Bro. Davis, W.M., in reply to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," expressed his cordial thanks for the manner in which his health had been drunk. He would endeavour during his tenure of office to promote the welfare of the lodge, and was certain he could rely upon the aid of the brethren. He then proposed "The Visitors," and said they were favoured with the presence of a number of distinguished brethren, whom they were always pleased to see round their festive board.

Bro. Dadabhai Naoroji, P.M., responded, and reminded the brethren that he was one of the first founders of that lodge. He had found that the spirit of kindness and good Masonic feeling was always shown more heartily to brethren of other nationalities than it was to their own countrymen. He had heard of the presentation that was to be made that evening to Bro. Cama, and he had therefore readily accepted the invitation, in order to be present and add his testimony to the good and noble work carried on by that brother. Bro. Cama was a thorough Mason, and, in fact, his whole family were Masons of a superior sort. There had not been a chance of doing good that the name of Cama was not associated with it. It was the Cama family that had set a noble example by starting philanthropic societies on behalf of women and girls in India and elsewhere. He was glad to be present that evening, and thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which he had been received.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been given, and suitably responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant and memorable evening to close.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, by dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master, the Board Room of the Agricultural Hall, the usual place of meeting of the lodge not being available on this occasion. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Edwin Payne, supported by Bros. G. W. Larter, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Heyse, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treasurer; J. Osborn, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., Secretary; W. F. Poulton, P.M.; J. Greenfield, W.M., 795, P.M.; R. Homan, S.D.; C. Dearing, J.D.; G. Brown, I.G.; W. F. Wood, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; R. Garner, Steward; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.A. Sec. Middx.; and a numerous assemblage of brethren, including the following visitors: Bros. R. A. Matthews, P.P.G.D. Gloucester, P.M., 493; T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M., 1567; C. Weeden, W.M., 813; W. L. Western, P.M., 1693; E. Woodman, P.M., 1950; J. Kew, P.M., 179; F. H. Spiller, P.M., 49; C. H. Spiller, I.P.M., 49; J. C. Cross, S.W., 902; J. Webber, J.W., 132; G. S. Snook, J.W., 1693; R. P. Forge, S.W., 1693; J. Jones, I.G., 1278; J. Bayne, Org., 1897; A. G. Watkinson, 1728; C. L. Clark, 228; J. Cutbill, D.C., 902; B. Rennie, 1891; J. Hughes, 1897; H. W. Alabone, 151; J. Finch, 173; H. Davis, 177; J. Potter, 1693; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. Wood and White were raised to the Third Degree. Ballot was then taken for Mr. Mark King-horne, a candidate for initiation, which proving favourable, he was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W. Master. Bro. George Edwin Larter, S.W., was then presented for installation, and ably installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Edwin Payne, the outgoing Master, and taking into consideration that this was the first time that he had performed the ceremony, Bro. Payne is to be congratulated on the success of his maiden effort. Bro. Larter, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. F. Heyse, S.W.; R. A. Homan, J.W.; J. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.M., Sec.; C. Dearing, S.D.; G. Brown, J.D.; R. Garner, I.G.; R. D. Warner, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; E. J. Hiscock, W.S.; W. H. Dresden, Asst. W.S.; and J. Thomas, Tyler. The usual addresses were eloquently delivered by Bros. Osborn, P.M., and Weston, P.M. Bro. Larter, W.M., then said that a pleasing duty devolved upon him, it was to present to Bro. Payne, the Immediate Past Master, the jewel unanimously voted by the lodge for the efficient services rendered by him as W.M. during the past year. The duties of that office had been heavy, but they had been efficiently carried out by Bro. Payne. Bro. Payne, I.P.M., in a few words, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their appreciation of his efforts, deferring any lengthened remarks until a later period of the evening. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and adopted, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Baker, and which well sustained the high reputation enjoyed by the worthy host.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were, as usual, duly honoured, "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" being received with the customary heartiness.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Payne, I.P.M., who said that when he rose and took possession of the gavel the brethren would know it was for the purpose of proposing that important toast. It afforded him considerable pleasure to ask the brethren to drink to the health of the Worshipful Master, for he had worked shoulder to shoulder with him for some years past, and they had both gradually worked their way up in the lodge, until they had attained their present high position. It was a proud distinction to be elected as Worshipful Master of a lodge, and Bro. Larter had reached the chair by working very hard in order to perfect himself in the duties connected with that important office. He (Bro. Payne) was therefore sure that the working would be carried out by the W.M. to the satisfaction of the brethren, and predicted a successful and prosperous year.

Bro. G. W. Larter, W.M., in reply, after thanking the brethren for the hearty reception accorded the toast, said that, if in the performance of the duties of the chair he could elicit their approbation, he should be satisfied. On an occasion like the present it was difficult for him to find words to express his feelings, and he would only ask for their support during his tenure of office, and assure them that he would use his best endeavours to promote their comfort and the welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," and said the brethren were

well aware that Bro. Payne had ably carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. He had initiated no less than 11 members into the lodge, all of whom would prove a credit to it, and most of whom had signified their intention of working by regularly attending a lodge of instruction. He was certain they would heartily drink to the health of the I.P.M., who had, by his hard work during his year of office, ably sustained the credit of the lodge.

Bro. E. Payne, I.P.M., in reply, tendered his sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, and for the many kindnesses he had experienced during his term of office. He also thanked them for the handsome jewel presented to him, and which he would always wear, not on account of its value, but from the fact that it carried with it the good wishes of the brethren. Since he first entered the lodge, about twelve years ago, he had taken great interest in it, and he assured them that it would continue to receive his cordial support, and he would do his best to assist the W.M. in the chair.

In reply to "The Initiate," Bro. Mark Kinghorne said that on the present occasion they would hardly expect anything from him but brevity, which was the soul of wit. He was very pleased to be among them, and to have been initiated into the brotherhood. That their confidence was not misplaced he would endeavour to prove, not by words, but by actions.

Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., in responding for "The Visitors," after sincerely thanking the lodge for the hospitality shown to the visiting brethren, said that it had afforded him considerable pleasure to see Bro. Larier installed in the chair. It had been his privilege to be present at many of the installation meetings of that lodge, and the brethren who had preceded the W.M. in the chair had attained a high standard that would be difficult to equal, and more difficult to excel. He again thanked them for the right hearty welcome he had received, and sincerely trusted the new year would be a happy and prosperous one.

Bro. C. Weeden, W.M. S13, also responded, and after thanking the W.M. for associating his name with the toast, said that it was always a pleasure to him to visit that lodge. The brethren might congratulate themselves that they had a Worshipful Master in the chair who would carry out his duties to the credit of the lodge, and to their satisfaction.

"The Past Masters," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were afterwards duly honoured, at the conclusion of which, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant and profitable evening to a close.

During the proceedings, some excellent music was performed under the able direction of Bro. W. Wright.

BAYARD LODGE (No. 1615).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present Bros. Col. G. Blunt, W.M.; Capt. Graham Moore, S.W.; Sauerbrey, J.W.; Rev. D. Wilson, Chap.; Col. Haldane, Sec.; E. Bamber, S.D.; S. T. Fisher, J.D.; Col. S. Burney, D.C.; Major Scott, I.G.; Austin, Tyler; Col. Wemyss, P.M.; S. d'Avigdor, P.M.; H. J. Sparks, Rev. T. Robinson, Rev. W. Smale, Major Bailey, Bryant, Chancellor, Dallmeyer, Griffiths, Goodhall, Mecey, and Henriques. Visitors: Bros. General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; C. J. Smith, W. Smith Thomas, Knowles, Churchill, Smith, Casson, Turner, Goodwin, and others.

The minutes having been read, the S.W., Bro. Capt. Moore, was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Col. Blunt, the ceremony being admirably performed. The W.M. then appointed and invested the officers as follows: Bros. Sauerbrey, S.W.; Bamber, J.W.; Haldane, Sec.; Fisher, S.D.; Scott, J.D.; Col. Burney, D.C.; Rev. D. Wilson, Chap.; Dallmeyer, Org.; Mecey, I.G.; Goodhall and Chancellor, Stewards; and Austin, Tyler. Bro. Major Turner, P.D.D.G.M. Punjab, was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks to Bro. F. Richardson for the admirable manner he had performed the duty of Treasurer for 10 years was passed, and a P.M.'s jewel was conferred on Bro. Col. Blunt.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Café Royal.

DUKE OF ALBANY LODGE (No. 1963).—The fourth anniversary of this flourishing lodge was held at the Albert Palace, Battersea, on Thursday, the 20th ult., and was in every respect an unqualified success. Since its foundation in 1882 it has made a progress almost unprecedented, both in the increase of its members and the quality of its work. Each Worshipful Master has striven to equal, if not to eclipse, his predecessor in the performance of the beautiful symbolic and ceremonial Degrees of the Craft, and we were therefore not the least surprised on our visit at the fifth installation meeting to see the admirable manner in which the new Master was placed in the chair. The outgoing Master, Bro. Stokoe, whose diligent and successful work as a schoolmaster in the parish of Battersea has gained the approbation of all who know him, culminated a most prosperous year of office by installing his successor, this being done with a precision and perfectness rarely equalled.

It must be very gratifying to its founders to find that the lodge is taking root so firmly, and that it is fast becoming one of the institutions of the parish of Battersea. Many of its members are prominent in all its parochial councils; and their connection with the lodge will cement friendship and heal differences made and encountered without its portals.

The new Worshipful Master, a learned brother well skilled in all the landmarks and ritual of the Order, took office at the foundation of the lodge as Senior Deacon, and has gone on, step by step, to his present exalted position, winning the affection and respect of all his brethren. During his year of office Bro. Vincent T. Murché will carry on the lodge with energy, zeal, and ability; and his effective, vigorous initiation of no less than four candidates, immediately after his installation, augurs well for the diffusion of Masonic light and instruction among the members of the lodge. We heartily wish for him plenty of work, and for his officers plenty of enthusiasm.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Voisey, the first Master and founder of the lodge, and were very satisfactory. We cannot refrain from giving special praise to Bro. Voisey for his admirable rendering of the bass solo in the anthem. A superb and recherché banquet was splendidly served by Bro. Todman, of the Albert

Palace Refreshment Department, and his staff of waiters was well organised.

The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Vincent T. Murché, W.M.; R. Stokoe, I.P.M.; F. Kerry, S.W.; G. Gill, J.W.; C. Donaldson, Treas.; R. J. Voisey, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; W. T. Pink, S.D.; J. J. White, J.D.; E. Beaven, I.G.; Robert J. Vincent, P.M., D.C.; A. Harvey, A.D.C.; W. H. Jeffries and H. Bannister, Stewards; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. W. J. Akers, W.M., in the chair. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. G. Davies, P.M.; G. Masters, P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Bidgood, Org.; A. Cleal, S.W.; J. G. Milburne, J.W.; W. Taily, S.D.; H. Grice, J.D.; J. Bell, I.G.; L. Chasteaneup, D.C.; G. Wood, P.M. 381; E. Chenery, 184; H. Smith, 700; H. Hickman, 1662; W. Cook, 1780; C. Watkins, 615; A. Guthrie, 745; J. Wood, 381; G. W. King, 1437; W. Murdock, 615; G. Catlin, 158; S. H. Hertham, 1767; J. Sanderson, S.W. 700; C. Jolly, W.M. 1472; and others.

The usual ceremonies of opening having been observed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. L. W. Hancock and T. S. James, and proving unanimous, they, with Mr. P. G. Thompson, already approved of, were duly initiated. Bro. Bell was then passed, and Bros. Harris, Budd, and Dorrell were raised. To those who know how well the work is always done at this grand old lodge, it will be sufficient to say that it was, as usual, most solemn and impressive, both W.M. and officers being perfect in their work.

There being nothing further before the lodge it was closed in due form, and the brethren passed a pleasant evening in harmony and good fellowship.

FAVERSHAM.—Harmony Lodge (No. 133).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held at the Minor Hall of the Faversham Institute, on Monday, the 10th ult., when a numerous company of brethren assembled from different parts of the province. The ceremony of installing Bro. Gange, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., S.W., was ably performed by Bro. Goldfinch, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and the following brethren were appointed officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. F. F. Giraud, P.P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; W. J. Fuller, S.W.; R. Redman, J.W.; the Rev. F. M. Crapper, Chap.; Richard Griggs, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Underdown, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Katcliffe, S.D.; W. J. Clarke, J.D.; W. H. Drake, Org.; Allan Tassell, I.G.; and J. E. Cook, Tyler.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Ship Hotel, of which the brethren, to the number of 40, partook. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening terminated the proceedings of the day.

DARTFORD.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 299).—A meeting was held at the Royal Bull Hotel on Tuesday, the 18th ult., when Bro. Geo. Chapman was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Light. After the ceremony Bro. Chapman invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. McNaull, I.P.M.; Greig, S.W.; Snowden, J.W.; N. Martin, P.M., Treas.; T. Wills, Sec.; Jenkins, S.D.; Hind, J.D.; Barton, I.G.; Howitt, Org.; Page, D.C.; C. Potter and Priest, Stwds.; Baker, Almoner; and Carter, Tyler. Bro. Dr. McNaull was presented with a Past Master's jewel. Before the lodge had been closed a vote of condolence on the death of "our departed Bro. Bray" was proposed by Bro. Sears, P.M. The vote was seconded, and carried unanimously. The vote of condolence will be forwarded to the widow.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Mrs. Bray in a very handsome manner, which gave entire satisfaction to the whole of the brethren; in fact, there had not been a better banquet served for 30 years; 41 brethren sat down, and there would have been double that number had not a circular been published in the province asking the brethren to abstain from coming.

There were present at the banquet Bros. Jamblin, Prov. G. Chap. Kent; P.M.'s T. Wills, Martin, Light, Brock, Davison, White, Sears, and McNaull; Greig, Howitt, Rickett, Barton, Potter, Jenkins, Snowden, Tomkins, Townsend, Longley, A. Parish, G. Parker, W. T. Page, and others.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales" (Mr. C. White and Mr. T. W. Page officiating as vocalists, and Bro. the Rev. Jamblin as accompanist), "M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and Grand Officers, Present and Past."

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The bi-monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. C. Sweeting, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. Butt, P.M. and Treasurer; C. Norman, P.M. and Secretary; J. Warren, P.M.; J. H. Roberts, P.M.; T. Ovenden, P.M.; J. Sanderson, S.W.; R. Naylor, J.W.; J. Swanson, S.D.; J. Miller, J.D.; W. Webber, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Organist; J. Etheridge, W.M. 829; F. Tims, 1536; W. Purney, 1427; F. Murray, 261 (S.C.); F. Anson, 13; H. Richmond, 13; R. Self, 1804; G. Chambers, 13; T. White, 723; H. King, 615; C. Jolly, W.M. 1472; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. J. Marfleet, and being unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated. Bros. J. Bull, A. Winbush, H. G. Bush, and A. W. Deacon, the latter of the Eccleston Lodge, were passed, and then Bro. B. J. Hancock was raised; the whole of the work was admirably done by the W.M. and his officers. The ballot was then taken for W.M. for the ensuing twelve months, and Bro. J. Sanderson, S.W., was unanimously elected, and returned thanks. Bro. Butt, P.M., was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and he returned thanks. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was voted to Bro. Sweeting, for which he cordially thanked the brethren. Bro. Roberts, P.M., then gave notice of motion, "That the meetings of the lodge be

monthly instead of bi-monthly; also that the initiation fee be raised to ten guineas (£10 10s.), and the joining fee be five guineas (£5 5s.), and that the bye-laws be altered accordingly." The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments, and round the social board spent a few hours in converse and harmony, after doing justice to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

WOTTON - UNDER - EDGE.—Lodge of Sympathy (No. 855).—The installation festival of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Town Hall. Among the brethren assembled were Bros. J. Brook Smith, D.P.G.M.; Llew. White, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Clifford, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Arthur H. Turner, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Frank Milman, P.M., P.G.S.D.; H. Blandford, P.M. 761, P.G.P.; and H. Small, P.M. 761, P.P.G.S.D. Visitors: Bros. Charles Meredith Penley, W.M., P.G.D.C.; George H. Perrin, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Perrett, J.W.; W. F. Gould, Sec.; W. Heath, S.D.; C. C. Im'Thurm, J.D.; also Bros. T. G. Seymour, Ernest Henly, and S. Partridge. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Perrin, S.W., was introduced and installed in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Milman, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Perrett, S.W.; C. C. Im'Thurm, S.D.; W. F. Gould, J.W.; Llew. White, J.D.; W. Heath, Sec.; Ernest Henly, I.G.; and W. Windon, Tyler. Bro. Milman then gave the address to the Master; Bro. Penly to the Wardens; and Bro. J. Brook Smith, D.P.G.M., the final address to the brethren.

The W.M. then closed the lodge, and the brethren returned from labour to refreshment at the Swan Hotel. The banqueting room was decorated with exquisite taste, the walls being draped with Oriental curtains; azaleas and other flowering and foliage plants were artistically grouped in various parts of the room, the large mirror reflecting a particularly charming group, while the table was laid in a manner that eclipsed all former efforts. With such surroundings, and under the presidency of a genial Master, the evening proved the most enjoyable spent for many years.

The usual loyal toasts having been given, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. J. Brook Smith, D.P.G.M.," expressing the pleasure of himself and the brethren at seeing him amongst them that day.

Bro. J. Brook Smith, in responding, warmly eulogised the Lodge of Sympathy, alike for their work and their hospitality, and alluded to the reception given to the Provincial Grand Lodge last year, which he said was such as to have given great pleasure to Sir M. Hicks-Beach and the P.G. Lodge, and they could not expect the reception at Gloucester this year to equal it. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. G. H. Perrin."

The W.M. acknowledged the toast in graceful terms. Bro. Seymour proposed "The Installing Masters and Masonic Charities."

Bro. Milman replied, and said he was pleased to find the lodge had resolved to present Bro. Blake with a testimonial for his services.

The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters, and the I.P.M., Bro. Penly," whom he could rely on for active help during his year of office.

Bro. Penly briefly responded.

Bro. White gave "The Visiting Brethren," replied to by Bros. Blandford and Small.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast closed the list, when a musical party was formed, and the rest of the evening was harmoniously spent.

SHEPPERTON.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Ship Hotel, Halford, when Bro. Chas. Robinson Tinker was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Thomas Nicholas Frost was raised. The W.M., Bro. John Davies, was hindered from attending the meeting by domestic affliction. The work was, in his absence, ably done by Bros. Tebb, P.M., P.G. S. of W. Middx., and Gurney, P.M.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and, as this was the last meeting previous to the usual summer vacation—a well-earned Masonic holiday after earnest, honest, and charitable work on the part of the Chief and all his officers—there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. The interest of the meeting largely centred in the work which had to be performed, no fewer than six candidates presenting themselves for passing. The raising of Bro. George Thorne, the illustrious Koko of "The Mikado," also proved an eminently attractive feature of the highly successful gathering, at which nearly 80 members and visitors were present. The post of honour was filled by Bro. J. M. Boyd, W.M., and he was officially supported by Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, W. Savage, R. Burgess, W. W. Sandbrook, O. W. Sanderson, J. B. Mackenzie, Josef Cantor, H. Round, E. H. Allen, Jos. Fineberg, Thos. L. Duncan, A. E. Workman, J. H. Light, and Wm. H. Ball. The members represented were Bros. J. W. Leech, Edward Graham, Wm. Calder, L. G. Schoolcraft, W. A. Whittle, J. H. Croden Powell, Walter Henry Owen, J. Close Williams, A. Mascard, Jas. C. Boardman, James S. McDonnell, G. W. Harris, H. Heard, Isaac Knott, Andrew Mein, W. Hildyard, I. Jacobs, Frank Emery, Henry C. Arnold, W. C. Fane, James J. Monk, Tudor Rogers, H. Fineberg, Viola Akeroyd, Vasca Akeroyd, Ben. Hughes, J. Bayliss, George Thorne, James Lees, W. Addis, D. Cumming, John Cobham, William Briscall, T. Mawdesley, and R. O. W. Pughe. The visitors were Bros. H. Pascoe, H. Woodhouse, Theo. H. Tebb, H. Burman, T. M. Bleakley, W. J. Hoskyn, Edward Terry, John Clulow, H. Bruce, Jos. Worthington, James Kiernan, J. Ingham, Wm. Naylor, Charles R. Copeman, Richard Taylor, C. Crowley, Richard Armitage, Herbert Brooke, Hy. Davis, W. C. Williams, Thomas W. Bruce, J. W. Binks, H. T. Neale, William Jones, and H. T. Brickwell.

After the transaction of routine business Bros. Vasca Akeroyd, Viola Akeroyd, Leech, McDonnell, Kiernan, and Woodhouse (the last-named hailing from 667) presented themselves for passing, and after the usual preliminaries they were duly admitted to that section of the Order. Bro. George Thorne having proved himself

especially proficient in his Masonic knowledge, was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., after which the genial and talented comedian received the warmest congratulations of his many professional and private brethren who had assembled on the interesting occasion. The work of both Degrees was performed in first-class style by the W.M., who received valuable and willing assistance from his efficient staff of officers.

Substantial Charity was voted on behalf of a widow of another lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were conveyed to the W.M. from the representatives of about a dozen lodges, and the business proceedings were brought to a close.

An excellent dinner was subsequently served by Bro. W. S. Vines, of the Canton Hotel, and a most enjoyable and unique entertainment, interspersed with two toasts (given by the W.M. with the brevity and emphasis for which he is justly celebrated) was afterwards furnished by Bros. Edward Terry, H. C. Arnold, J. Clulow, Josef Cantor, S. Kirkham, E. Edwards, N. F. Burt, Eaton Batty, A. E. Workman, and W. Savage.

TONBRIDGE.—Medway Lodge (No. 1678).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. G. D. Warner, W.M., who was supported by a large gathering of brethren and visitors from other lodges. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. Tyler and Wadmore were passed to the Second Degree; the W.M. in a most impressive way giving an explanation of the tracing board. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. Hogben, was then duly installed in the chair by the Installing Master, Bro. S. W. Shaw, who ably rendered the usual addresses. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. B. Hughes, S.W.; D. Cornfoot, J.W.; W. G. Stidolph, S.D.; A. Dunk, J.D.; F. L. Pattison, I.G.; W. B. Shaw, Treas.; A. Gibbs, Sec.; and J. Boulter, Tyler.

A very handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. G. D. Warner, I.P.M., as a token of the brethren's esteem, and to commemorate his year of office. The W.M. in suitable language made the presentation, and spoke of Bro. Warner's earnest and zealous endeavours to promote the interests and prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Warner feelingly thanked the brethren for their mark and appreciation of his services. After "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided at the Rose and Crown Hotel by Bro. T. Pawley. The W.M., Bro. C. H. Hogben, presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

THAME.—St. Mary's Lodge (No. 1763).—The annual installation ceremony of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult. The ceremony was performed by Bro. M. H. Humphreys, P.M. Bro. W. D. Sutton was installed Master, and proceeded to install his officers: Bros. W. R. Sutton, I.P.M.; H. Fielding, S.W.; G. Briars, J.W.; C. F. Howland, Treasurer; D. Snell, Secretary; Tanner, S.D.; Holland, J.D.; J. Mears, I.G.; H. Webster, D.C.; Bond and J. Castle, Stewards; Payne, Tyler. Bros. H. Birch, P.M.; and J. Franklin, P.M.; were also present. Among the visitors were Bros. S. Godden, P.M. 862; T. W. C. Jones, P.M. 259; J. R. Wilkins, 340; Bruce Rennie, 1891; W. H. Kirby, 1631; and H. A. Blagg.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Spread Eagle Hotel, where an excellent banquet awaited them, and, under the presidency of the W.M., a very enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

HAZEL GROVE.—Grove Lodge (No. 1957).—The installation meeting took place and the St. John's Festival celebrated at the Cock Inn on Thursday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. T. Axon, W.M.; J. W. Higginbotham, S.W.; C. W. Bickerton, J.W.; Isaac Higginbotham, Treas.; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler, Sec.; W. Maxfield, S.D.; J. Grundy, J.D.; R. Clayton, I.G.; S. Fidler, Tyler; T. Moore, I.P.M.; J. P. Bardsley, P.M.; H. Lomas, J. Howarth, T. Rowbotham, J. Gosling, N. Van Win, J. H. Foster, J. B. Wilkinson, C. Higginbotham, and J. B. Domakin. Visitors: Bros. J. Beresford, P.M. 104, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.G. Chap. Cheshire; Wm. Booth, P.M. 104, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; S. W. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. T. E. Jones, P.M. 1952, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Johnson, W.M. 104, P.P.G.A.D.C.; N. James Whitehead, P.M. 1952, P.P.G.D.C. Derbyshire; Thos. Brookes, P.P.G.A.D.C.; G. R. Brady, I.P.M. 322; J. Worsnup, P.M. 322; N. Dumville Fairbrother, W.M. 322; George Baker, W.M. 1030; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., Sec. 1030; T. Whalley, S.W. 323; S. Lowe, W.M. 323; A. Burdon, J.D. 204; H. Watmough, W.M. 1126; W. Campbell, J.D. 654; K. Maclean, P.M. 1030; T. H. Euke, 210; T. E. Rigby, W.M. 287; J. W. Thompson, P.M. 1534; J. Heathcott, W.M. 1952; P. Bramwell, P.M. 1952; J. C. Hyde, P.M. 1952; W. Milnes, 1773; A. Pemberton, P.M. 1030; J. Leigh, P.M. 287; J. Smith, J.D. 323; and R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Rowbotham was made a F.C. by the W.M., the charge and working tools being given and explained by the S.W., Bro. J. W. Higginbotham. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, Bro. J. P. Bardsley, P.M., and father of the lodge, officiating as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, after being presented by his father, Bro. Isaac Higginbotham, Treas., was subsequently inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, and, on the readmission of all M.M.'s, was duly proclaimed to, and saluted by, them. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. officers for the ensuing year, and invested and addressed by Bro. J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D.: Bros. C. W. Bickerton, S.W.; W. H. Maxfield, J.W.; Isaac Higginbotham, Treas.; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler, Sec.; Josiah Grundy, S.D.; R. Clayton, J.D.; H. Lomas, I.G.; B. Higginbotham and J. H. Foster, Stwds.; and Samuel Fidler, Tyler. Bro. W. Booth, P.G.D.C., addressed the W.M. and Wardens; Bro. Thos. Brookes, P.P.G.S.D., the brethren; and Bro. the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, P.G. Chaplain, concluded the ceremony with prayer.

Prior to closing the lodge, the W.M. rose, and, address-

ing Bro. Axon, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present him, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's gold jewel and a portrait, in acknowledgment of his services rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

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

Bro. Axon, in a few appropriate sentences, thanked the brethren for this kind testimony of their appreciation of his services.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The Festival of St. John was subsequently celebrated with a banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and "The Health of the W.M.," "I.P.M.," "Visiting Brethren," &c., proposed and responded to.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. Jos. Bailey, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Williams, S.D.; M. J. Green, J.D.; W. J. Mason, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, Stwd.; E. J. Day, Org.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. Smith, W. Robinson, G. D. Bailey, and W. H. Wadham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. G. D. Bailey and Mulvey being candidates respectively. The W.M. gave the charge, and also worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mote was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, when 35 brethren were present, including Bros. H. Gross, W.M.; Hearnsum, S.W.; Lane, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; C. J. Scales, Treas.; E. Storr, Sec.; J. Saunders, Assist. Sec.; Thom, S.D.; Parker, J.D.; Dimsdale, I.G.; and Whiting, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. C. Smith worked the Second Lecture of the First Degree, assisted by the brethren. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Frost and Conford candidates respectively. Bros. Smith and Conford, of the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Hearnsum was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. W. M. Stiles, Preceptor, proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies for the first time in any lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. C. J. Scales, Treasurer, and carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. This lodge of instruction being so central, and close to the Metropolitan Railway Station, it offers facilities for brethren from all parts. The room is large, and the genial Preceptor, Bro. W. M. Stiles, always ready to impart his knowledge to young and old Masons, if they so desire it.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. E. J. D. Bromley, W.M.; A. Clark, S.W.; H. J. Pellatt, J.W.; C. A. Itter, S.D.; J. D. Graham, J.D.; C. Favereau, I.G.; R. J. Harnell, acting as Sec.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. T. C. Keeble, C. Lambert, L. Gummell, M. Lincoln, W. H. Maguire, J. S. Henry, C. Grassi, S. Giannelli, Frank Gulliford, E. Farwig, J. Docker, G. P. Bertini, J. Woodward, E. Valeriani, J. Rowe, and P. W. Rogers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. Farwig worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Frank Gulliford having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. On rising for the first time, Bro. R. J. Harnell proposed that Bros. W. H. Maguire, 2048, and L. Gummell, 2021, be elected joining members of this lodge of instruction—seconded by Bro. H. J. Pellatt, and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. A. Clark, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week—being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, and seconded by the J.W. The W.M. was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. A. Clark, S.W., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bros. G. Reynolds and W. C. Smith for their labour and great painstaking in arranging the ceremonies of consecration and installation, worked by Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.J.W. Norths and Hunts, at their last meeting. Bro. A. Clark said he thought there never had been such a successful meeting at a lodge of instruction—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. Bro. W. C. Smith made a suitable reply. Bro. Frank Gulliford proposed that Bro. R. J. Harnell, Secretary (pro tem), write a letter to Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., expressing the brethren's sympathy in his illness, and trusting that he might have a speedy recovery, also to tell him of the vote of thanks passed to Bro. W. C. Smith and himself for the labour and great painstaking in arranging the working of consecration and installation at their last meeting, and that the same be recorded on the minutes—seconded by Bro. James Woodward, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; H. J. Pellatt, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, S.D.; W. Ham, J.D.; E. J. D. Bromley, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; James Woodward, C. Grassi, F. Dusterwald, J. Rayner, Frank Gulliford, R. E. Cursons, James Rowe, R. J. Harnell, C. Lambert, C. A. Itter, F. J. Moss, S. Moss, G. F. Swan, James Watts, E. Chamberlain, W. H. Toten, C. F. Foxe, E. J. Gittens, L. Grinzel, H. S. Hunter, and J. Wilson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. James Woodward having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. W. H. Toten offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put, well answered, and the brother retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bros. S. Moss, 1681, and J. Wilson, 1205, were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. H. J. Pellatt, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., thanked the brethren for their kind letter of sympathy, which he much appreciated, and vote of condolence at his illness; also for the vote passed to Bro. W. C. Smith and himself at their last meeting for the interest they had taken in the arrangements for working the ceremonies of consecration and installation by their worthy Bro. James Terry. He himself was much pleased with its success, and felt his labours had been fully rewarded by the large attendance of brethren on that occasion, viz., 116. He now begged to propose that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. R. J. Harnell for the kindness in undertaking his duties as Secretary during his illness, which had been satisfactory to all—seconded by Bro. W. H. Toten, and carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. W. C. Smith, Bro. J. R. Harnell promised to communicate the vote of thanks to his son, Bro. R. J. Harnell. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the New Market Hotel, E.C. Present: Bros. R. B. Greenwood, W.M.; W. Jolly, S.W.; W. C. Brasher, J.W.; J. W. Jolly, Sec.; J. F. Rumball, S.D.; Mallett, P.M., J.D.; T. Butt, P.M., I.G.; J. J. Howes, acting Preceptor; and Smyth, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation worked, Bro. Rumball candidate. The F.C. Degree was worked, Bro. Rumball again candidate. The W.M. opened up the lodge, and closed it in the Three Degrees. After observing the usual customs among Masons, the lodge was closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. P. Coughlan, W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Musson, J.W.; Brindley, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, Treas.; A. Hayes, Sec.; Green, senr., S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Taylor, I.G.; C. White, P.M.; Turner, and F. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Roberts, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts candidate. Bro. C. White was presented as W.M. elect, and duly obligated. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the M.M.'s retired. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. C. White was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon. The M.M.'s having been admitted, Bro. C. White was duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, and invested his officers. The retiring W.M. gave the Three Charges, and the ceremony concluded. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 29th ultimo. Present: Bros. Geo. Gardner, W.M.; H. F. Williams, S.W.; C. Dopson, J.W.; Geo. Gardner, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; V. Wing, J.D.; T. Brown, I.G.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Sims, P.M.; Purdie, P.M.; Davies, W. W. Williams, Woods, Craggs, and Furze, Visitor; Bro. Speigle, P.M.

Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Questions leading to the Third Degree were answered by Bro. Woods. Lodge resumed to the Third Degree, and the Third ceremony was worked. Bro. Davies, with the assistance of Bro. Woods, worked the 2nd Section of the Third Lecture. Bro. Ayling, Preceptor, with the assistance of Bro. Wing, worked the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. Lodge was then closed, the brethren singing the National Anthem, it being her Majesty's birthday. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, the 27th inst. Lodge opens at 6.45 p.m. Bros. Ayling, P.M., W.M.; Westley, S.W.; and Davis, 169, Preceptor Creation Lodge of Instruction, J.W.

Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—This chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Comps. G. Manners, C.C., M.E.Z.; Alfred Tisley, H.; H. Clemow, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; W. E. Farrington, P.S.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z.; Skelton, T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., Edwards, Christian, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing took place, with the following result: Comps. A. Tisley, M.E.Z.; H. Clemow, H.; F. Farrington, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; W. E. Farrington, S.N.; Farthing, P.S.; T. A. Woodbridge, 1st A.S.; Christian, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Dodson, Treas.; and Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. G. Manners.

Letters of apology for non-attendance having been read from Comps. W. Lake, P.Z.; F. Farrington, and others, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts were given.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. The chapter was opened in due form by the M.E.Z., Comp. W. C. Kent, assisted by Comps. H. Forss, H.; E. Mallett, J.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treasurer; L. Lardner, S.E.; R. F. Brickdale, P.S.; F. E. Roberts, Org.; T. T. Phillips, I.P.Z.; F. S. Van Raalte, P.Z.; W. Collier, J. J. Howes, J. W. Jolly, and F. Walters, P.Z.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared by Comp. Clemow, to the great satisfaction of the companions, after the repast, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts, to which the companions heartily responded.

The M.E.Z. next gave that of "H.R.H. the G.Z. of the Order," and after commenting on the excellent services rendered to Royal Arch and Craft Masonry, commanded the companions to give the toast the reception it so fully deserved, which after a right good fire, Comp. Roberts sung, assisted by the rest of the companions, "God bless the Prince of Wales."

"The Pro G.Z., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were duly acknowledged.

Comp. T. T. Phillips then gave that of "The M.E.Z.," in highly complimentary terms, and met with a hearty reception.

The M.E.Z. returned thanks, and next proposed that of "The H. and J.," to which a hearty reception was given, and they returned thanks. Next followed that of "The P.Z.'s of the Chapter," Comps. Van Raalte and Phillips replying to the same.

The M.E.Z. rising and proposing that of "The Treasurer," remarked, the amount of obligation they were under to him, without whose services he feared they would not have been in so successful a condition as they now were, he would leave it in the hands of the companions to let Comp. H. J. Lardner, their Treasurer, know how much they appreciated him, which, after a hearty reception, that worthy companion expressed his thanks, telling the companions it would not be his fault if the chapter was not a success, reminding them that they had also a duty to perform by recommending the chapter to worthy brethren, for without a constant supply of exaltees no chapter could go on and prosper, so hoped with their united aid to make the West Smithfield Chapter a continued success.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Visitors." Comp. Walters, P.Z., father of the chapter, replied, complimenting the chapter on its prosperity, and the excellent working of the companions in office, stating that it was no more than he expected, knowing them to be first-class workers in Craft Masonry, and begged to thank them for the welcome accorded him.

The M.E.Z. next gave that of his "Officers," paying them great compliment.

Comps. L. Lardner, S.E., and Brickdale, P.S., returned thanks.

Comp. Marsh, Janitor, by command of the M.E.Z., gave his toast, which ended a very happy and pleasant evening.

DEVONPORT.—Fidelity Chapter (No. 230).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall. The Principals-elect were installed, Comps. R. Pike, as Z.; J. Whitford, H.; E. H. Littleton, J.; and Comp. J. Cidley, P.Z. 105, 1205, officiated as installing officer, supported by Comps. John Lynn, P.P.G. St. Br.; R. W. Pitcher; J. R. H. Harris; W. Coath, P.P.G.A.S., 230; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31, P.P.G.P.S., 189; J. R. Lord, P.P.G. 1, 70; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg., 159, 1099; E. J. Knight, P.P.G.A.S.; William Allsford, 202; B. S. Johns, 159; C. Watson, 954; and T. S. May, J. 1099. The following companions were invested as the officers: Comps. R. W. Pitcher, I.P.Z.; J. R. H. Harris, S.E.; W. G. Swiss, S.N.; J. Medley, P.S.; W. V. Harris, 1st A.S.; F. Orchard, 2nd A.S.; T. Veale, Org.; J. Lynn, Treas.; and S. Harvey, Janitor.

One guinea was voted by the chapter towards the present to the P.G.M. on his marriage. In the evening the banquet was held, Comp. Bosworthick was the caterer. The Principals presided, and after the banquet a good entertainment was furnished by the musical companions present.

HASLINGDEN.—Chapter of Wisdom (No. 283).—On Friday, the 28th ult., the members of this old chapter assembled at the Swan Hotel for the purpose of celebrating their annual installation festival. About 20 companions were present, including Comps. R. Rushton, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; B. T. Gosling, P.Z., P.P.G.D. of C.; Thos. Hindle, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Harling, P.Z. (who acted as Z.); H. Himeson, H.; S. Horrocks, J.; J. Collinge, S.N.; J. Sutcliffe, P.Z., S.E.; W. Stallon, W. Nuttall, and others. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and after the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed Comps. Himeson, as Z.; Horrocks, as H.; and Collinge, J.; he also invested the officers. On the completion of the ceremony the newly-installed M.E.Z. proposed, Comp. Horrocks seconded, and Comp. Sutcliffe supported a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe, who, as stated by Comp. Sutcliffe, had performed the ceremony for several years past. The proposition was most heartily carried and suitably acknowledged.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the social board, where harmony reigned until about ten o'clock, when the proceedings were brought to a close after spending an exceedingly pleasant evening.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Chapter of Truth (No. 521).—The regular convocation of the above chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street, on Friday, the 21st inst. Present: Comps. Henry Shaw, Z.; Geo. Marshall, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas., as H.; R. Williamson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., as J.; John Wm. Turner, P.Z., P.G. S.B., S.E.; Henry Calverley, S.N.; Alfred Gill, P.S.; A. Armitage, 1st A.S.; J. T. Sheard, 2nd A.S.; also Comps. James Kaye, P.Z. 275, P.G.S.; B. S. Steward, Henry Partridge, Humphrey Wood, George Jackson, Jas. Brierley, Doré, P.Z. 275; Smelt, 290; and J. Wigglesworth.

The minutes of convocation held April 16th were read and confirmed. Comp. James Kaye, P.Z. 275, P.G.S., delivered the Historical and Mystical Lectures in such an efficient manner as to merit the approval of all the companions present, and was awarded the thanks of the chapter for his kindness. Comp. R. Williamson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., delivered the Symbolical Lecture, and also gained the approbation of all present for his excellent delivery.

The business of the convocation being concluded, the chapter was closed, and the companions afterwards sat down to an excellent supper provided by the officers, after which a very pleasant evening was spent. Comps. Kaye, Shaw, Sheard, Wigglesworth, and Armitage added to the evening's enjoyment by appropriate songs, well rendered.

GLOSSOP.—Devonshire Chapter (No. 625).—The annual installation festival of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Norfolk Hotel, on Thursday, the 27th ult. After the chapter had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H. East Lanc., installed Comps. J. Rhodes, as Z.; J. Collier, as H.; and W. Booth, as J.; he also invested the several officers. At the close of the ceremony the M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. Sillitoe, which was carried with acclamation.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to substantial refreshment provided by mine host of this well-known hostelry, after which a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present: Comps. Stiles, M.E.Z.; Scurrah, H.; Dean, J.; H. Syman, S.E.; G. W. Knight, N.; Gregory, P.S.; Edmunds, Precursor; Whiting, Janitor; Carter, Coming; Dickey, J. C. Smith, Jenkins, Jacobs, Christian, C. J. Knightley, Bolton, E. Storr, Paul Storr, Kaufman, and Saunders.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Knightley candidate. Comps. Paul Storr, Oakley Chapter, and C. J. Knightley, Metropolitan Chapter, were unanimously elected members. After a very instructive evening, chapter was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 29th ult. Present: Comps. J. T. Mickelburgh, Z. 733, Z.; F. Swain, H.; W. H. Wadham, J.; H. E. Dehane, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, P.S.; J. Crutenden, and T. C. Pratt, P.Z.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pratt candidate. After which the S.E. announced that the officers designate and petitioners of the Henry

Levander Chapter, about to be consecrated, had accepted an invitation to attend the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement on the 11th inst. to take the corresponding offices they will hold in the new chapter, and rehearse the ceremony of exaltation, as well as the several duties they will be called upon to perform at the consecration. A vote of thanks to Comp. Mickelburgh for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Z. was proposed. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed. Companions are invited to attend.

Mark Masonry.

GUILDFORD.—Percy Lodge (No. 114).—This lodge held a meeting at the Angel Hotel, on Thursday, the 20th ult. when there were present Bros. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, W.M.; J. C. Collier, S.W. and Treas.; H. F. Day, J.W.; J. W. M. Piggett, P.M., P.P.G.R.M.; E. Drewett, P.M.; W. Wells, P.M.; C. Belton, P.M.; T. White, H. L. de Montmorency, Richard Eve, P.M.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.W.; W. E. White, S.O.; Geo. Graham, Prov. G. Org.; and J. Hugh Thompson, M.O. Bro. Jehanghir K. R. Cama, of Rising Star of Western India, Bombay, was advanced to the Mark Degree by Bro. R. Eve; after which the lodge proceeded to elect the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, the result of the ballot being in favour of the re-election of both officers.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms on Tuesday, the 18th inst. There were present Bro. Captain E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., Prov. G. J.W., W.M., and the following officers and brethren:—Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, P.P.G.J.O., S.W., W.M. elect; T. W. Markwick, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; F. H. Hallett, P.P.G. Org., M.O.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Treas., acting S.O.; J. B. Foord, J.O.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; John Bray, Treas.; Councillor C. W. Duke, P.P.G.S.W., P.M., D.C.; C. S. Chandler, S.D.; Henry Kimm, J.D.; Leslie, Tyler; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.R.M., P.M.; C. H. Haine, R. Jones, and E. Davis. Visitors: Bro. Thomas Kingston, S.W. 13; and others.

The minutes of previous meeting having been confirmed, communications read, and report of Audit Committee received, successful ballots were then taken on behalf of Bros. F. P. Campbell, P.P.G.S.W. Kent, 1842; F. Plowman, R. Langley, H. Muscatt, and P. M. Skinner, all of 40. Bro. F. Rossiter, P.M., by permission of the W.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. W. H. Russell W.M. for the ensuing year, assisted by Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M., the ceremony being creditably performed. The investiture of officers then took place as follows: Bros. T. W. Markwick, S.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., J.W.; F. H. Hallett, M.O.; F. Duke, S.O.; J. B. Foord, J.O.; E. R. Currie, Chap.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; John Bray, Sec.; C. S. Chandler, S.D.; and Henry Kimm, J.D.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was awaiting them. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, grace was said, and the usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly responded to. Bro. F. H. Hallett, Org., presided at the pianoforte, where Bros. Plowman, Markwick, Duke, and others displayed their vocal powers.

READING.—Leopold Lodge (No. 235).—A numerous and distinguished gathering of the members of this lodge assembled on the 31st ult., when Bro. Murdoch, the member for the borough, with several other brethren, were advanced to the Mark Degree by the W.M., Bro. F. J. Ferguson. On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stephens, a vote of condolence with Canon Portal, Past Grand Master of Mark Masons, on the death of his eldest son in India last week, was unanimously adopted.

Red Cross of Constantine.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Conclave (No. 182).—The installation meeting took place on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Rooms. V.E. and P. Sir Knight W. G. Lemon, M.P.S., presided, and was supported by the following: Sir Knights W. O. Robinson, S.G., G. Std. Br. Kent; C. Coupland, J.G.; A. H. Bateman, Treasurer and Recorder, G.R. Kent; A. Penfold, Prefect and G.J.G. Kent; C. Jolly, Std. Br.; W. J. Colman, Herald and Creed Sentinel; F. Spurrell, P.S.; F. Wood, P.S. and G.I.G. Kent; Rev. H. Cummins, M.A., P.S., G.C. Eng., High Prelate Kent; J. Elliott, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.P.I.G. Eng. and P.G. Architect; and Joynson. The conclave being opened in due form, Bros. T. Fletcher, 33; G. Kennedy, P.M. 1536; W. Kipps, P.M. 1531; and Capt. E. Sweeney, P.M. 706, were balloted for, and the ballot proving unanimous, Bros. Kipps and Kennedy, being in attendance, were duly installed. As E. Sir Knight Thomas, M.E. Sovereign elect, was unavoidably absent, the ceremony of enthronement of that sir knight was postponed. E. Sir Knight Robinson was, however, duly consecrated as V.U., and, after some formal business, the V.E. announced that the enthronement of Sir Knight Thomas would take place shortly at an emergency conclave; and the usual ceremony of closing concluded the proceedings. The sir knights afterwards banqueted at the Railway Hotel, Belvedere.

Rosicrucian Society.

YORK.—York College.—On the 19th ult. the regular quarterly meeting of this active college was held at the head-quarters of the province. The college was called for 3 p.m., but according to previous arrangement the members met the Chief Adept, Fra. T. B. Whytehead, at noon, and under his guidance visited some of the places of interest in York, including the Merchants' Hall, with its subterranean chapel, the meeting place of the extinct Grand Lodge of All England and of the Apollo Lodge. Mounting the city walls at Wallingate Bar, the party traversed the ancient fortifications to the Red Tower, and again from Lazerthorpe Postern to Monk Bar. Here the interior of the Bar was inspected, which is very interesting, being most perfect in all respects, the old portcullis hanging from the windlass, in the position in which it was for the first time elevated, whilst the view of the cathedral and

city from the leads on the roof was thoroughly enjoyed. Thence the party made their way to the Black Swan Hotel, where they partook of luncheon.

At 3 p.m. the party assembled in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, which had been lent for the occasion by the Trustees of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611. At the last meeting Fra. Major Moore had been elected Celebrant, but had not been installed owing to his absence through ill-health. Fra. Tudor Trevor, the outgoing Celebrant, therefore took the chair, and was supported by Frates Major Moore, W. H. Cowper, J. M. Meek, Wm. Brown, Col. Monks, T. J. Wilkinson, C. H. Locking, W. H. B. Atkinson, J. W. Monckman, J. R. Dore, C. Palliser, and Dr. Mills. Fra. T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept of Yorkshire, was also present. Several technical matters were disposed of, and apologies were read from 30 members, who from various causes were unable to be present. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. F. Laxton, P.M. 1301; A. H. J. Fletcher, M.A., 275; and H. E. Cousins, P.M. 297; and these brethren, as well as Bro. S. Chadwick, P.M. 1040, previously accepted, were duly received into the M.C. by Bro. Tudor Trevor, who also gave the lecture in the First Grade.

The Celebrant elect, Fra. Major Moore, was then inducted into his office by Fra. Tudor Trevor, and appointed his officers as follows: Frates C. Fendelow, I.V., Deputy; W. H. Cowper, II., Assistant Deputy; J. M. Meek, V., Treas.; W. Brown, I., Sec.; Col. J. Monks, II., P.A.; S. Middleton, IV., S.A.; J. J. Wilkes, II., T.A.; W. F. Tomlinson, I., Q.A.; J. L. Atherton, II., Precursor; J. W. Monckman, I., C.N.; W. Flockton, I., Organist; Dr. Drury, I., T.B.; J. R. Dore, I., G.T.; R. Craig, I., Herald; and G. H. Locking, I., Medallist.

The Celebrant, Fra. Moore, then read a most interesting paper on the Runic stone found during the restoration of Leeds Parish Church, in the course of which he explained the various theories held by experts as to the interpretation of the symbols carved upon the stone. His address was illustrated by large drawings and plans, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him.

It was arranged that Durham should be the next place of meeting of the college on Wednesday, August 18th, and Fra. Col. Monks undertook to make preliminary arrangements for viewing the Cathedral, and other places and objects of interest in that ancient seat of learning. General satisfaction was expressed at the result of the resolution passed at the last meeting to issue a quarterly journal of the transactions of the college, and it was resolved to reprint the whole of the previous transactions of the college, to enable members to obtain a complete series. The Chief Adept announced that he had made the following provincial appointments: Frates Tudor Trevor, Suffragan; Chas. Fendelow, Provincial Treasurer; and W. H. Cowper, Provincial Secretary.

The M.C. was then dissolved, and the frates met at the Black Swan Hotel, where they dined together, and passed a pleasant and social evening in Masonic converse.

Gibraltar.

GIBRALTAR.—Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge (No. 670, S.C.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. in the Masonic Hall, Alameda, when there were present Bro. W. F. Roberts, R.W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. T. J. Haynes, P.M., P.G.M.; J. H. Bryant, P.M.; D. Dobranich, I.P.M.; Culatto, P.M.; W. F. Cottrell, P.M. 278; J. Frauceri, P.M. 115 (E.C.), and 325 (I.C.); F. Ashton, P.M. 115 (E.C.), P.G.S. (S.C.); Adair, R.W.M. 576; W. Stevens, W.M. 278; Barker, P.M. 153 (E.C.); Cunningham, P.M. 153 (E.C.); A. Netto, S.W.; F. Planello, J.W.; W. G. Whitehead, Secretary; P. H. Smith, S.D.; E. J. Howard, acting J.D.; H. Parral, D.C.; W. J. Knowles, I.G.; G. A. Houghton, F. T. Fox, E. Fred. Sullivan, W. A. Webb, T. Collins, J. McDonald, J. Buckingham, J. Molloy, R. Geddes, A. J. Weir, T. Evans, and F. McGuinness. Visitors: Bros. F. Loder, 51 (E.C.); Wadham, 215 (E.C.); W. U. Thornton, J.W. 278 (E.C.); D. Budge, 278; Pinchbeck, 1065 (E.C.); Dunstan, 576 (S.C.); Ruxton, 325 (I.C.); Bassadone, 325 (I.C.); Black, 135 (E.C.); Fisher, Secretary 153 (E.C.); Sauchez, 576 (S.C.); Simpson, 116, 836, 562, and 1722; Barbara, 576 (S.C.); Oita, 576 (S.C.); Smith, 153 (E.C.); Dagunio, 278 (E.C.); Baumgartner, 278 (E.C.); Legg, 576 (S.C.); Curtelin, G.O. France; Sillcot, 153 (E.C.); Austin, 576 (S.C.); Marengo, 325 (I.C.); Douglas, 322 (I.C.); Barrejon, 576 (S.C.); Thacker, 278; Kennedy, 180 (S.C.); Hawksford, O. Laud, 387 (I.C.); Le Greys, 15 (I.C.); and Carter, 322 (I.C.).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. William Gladstone Whitehead, the R.W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. W. F. Roberts, by Bro. Bryant, P.M., and Bro. Dobranich, I.P.M., who gave an impressive address, and pointed out the various duties and obligations of a Master of a lodge. Bro. William Gladstone Whitehead was then duly installed into the chair of K.S., and was saluted in the usual manner.

The R.W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Bryant, P.M., W.D.M.; D. Dobranich, P.M., W.S.M.; F. Planello, W.S.W.; T. Collins, W.J.W.; J. McDonald, Treasurer; G. A. Houghton, Secretary; W. J. Knowles, S.D.; E. J. Howard, J.D.; P. H. Smith, D.C.; J. Stewart, and E. Parral, Stewards; J. Molloy, I.G.; and M. Ghio, Tyler. The ceremony having been concluded, the Installing Officer addressed the R.W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and gave the customary exhortations and charges in a most able manner. A vote of thanks, proposed by the R.W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. H. Bryant, P.M., for the highly able manner in which the Installing Officer had performed the ceremony of installation, was carried by acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, as also a vote of thanks to the Past Masters for their kind attendance and assistance in forming a Board of Installed Masters. "Hearty good wishes" were received from Nos. 115 (E.C.); 325 (I.C.); 1065 (E.C.); 151 (E.C.); 278 (E.C.); 576 (S.C.); 322 (I.C.); 1536 (E.C.); 640 (I.C.); 153 (E.C.); 215 (I.C.); 15 (I.C.); and 555 (I.C.).

The business of the evening being concluded, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the handsome banqueting room in the Hall, and sat down to a well-filled table provided by Past Masters Bros. Cunningham and Barker, the caterers of the new Masonic Hall.



Bro. Prince Halim Pasha, who for some weeks previously had been staying at Claridge's Hotel, left London last Sunday on his return to Paris.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the St. James's Theatre on Friday evening, the 28th ult., and witnessed the performance of "The Wife's Sacrifice."

Bro. the Hon. E. J. Monson, H.M.'s Minister at the Court of Denmark, has been appointed a Knight-Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

The 23rd Annual Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, was opened on Saturday last, the number of entries being slightly in excess of those of last year.

Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., was among the guests at the State dinner given on Saturday last by Bro. Earl Granville, K.G., as Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., presided on Friday, the 28th ult., at an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Submarine and Continental Railway Company (Limited).

Bros. Lord Plunket (Archbishop of Dublin), Lord Ashbourne, Lord Monk-Bretton, and Lord Wolverton were among the visitors to the House of Commons on Thursday, the 27th ultimo.

The Prince of Wales presided at the annual regimental dinner at the Hotel Métropole on the 27th ult., of the 10th Hussars, Prince Albert Victor of Wales, who is a subaltern in the regiment, being also present.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who have been cruising in the Royal yacht Osborne, have been making a short stay in Amsterdam. They had previously landed at Rotterdam and driven through that interesting town.

Bros. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, Sir C. Dilke, Bart., Sir T. Brassey, and C. T. Acland were among the members of the House of Commons who attended the Liberal meeting at the Foreign Office on the 27th ult.

Bros. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen and Lord Mayor Staples were present at the dinner given at the Holborn Restaurant on the 28th ult. by the Canadian exhibitors at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in honour of the Queen's birthday.

The guests at the dinner party given by the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House on Saturday evening last in honour of the Queen's birthday included Bros. the Duke of Manchester, the Duke of Abercorn, the Lord Mayor, Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, Sir W. Clarke, Bart., and F. Knollys, C.B.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting held at Marlborough House on Monday morning of the Committee of the Duke of Albany's Memorial Church Society, and in the afternoon was present at the lecture by Captain Colomb, at the United Service Institution, on "Imperial Federation, Naval and Military."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, at a special meeting, to be held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., at 6.45; Bro. E. Ayling, P.M. 975, Preceptor, as the W.M. The attendance of brethren is particularly requested.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., presided at a complimentary dinner, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Friday, the 28th ult., to Mr. R. A. Germaine, Conservative candidate at the General Election for the Hoxton Division of Shoreditch. Bro. Sir R. Lethbridge, M.P., was one of the principal guests.

The ceremony of trooping the colours in honour of the Queen's birthday on Saturday last was, as usual, very imposing, and was witnessed by an immense concourse of spectators. The Prince of Wales was present with the Headquarters Staff, among whom also were Bros. the Duke of Connaught and General Lord Wolseley. The Princess of Wales and her daughters viewed the spectacle from a balcony in the Horse Guards Tower.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H. East Lancashire, installed Comp. S. Warburton, Z.; A. H. Jefferies, H.; and W. Williams, J.; and invested the officers of the Humphrey Cheetham Chapter, No. 645, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. Advantage was taken of the installation festival to present to Mrs. Lees, wife of Comp. J. E. Lees, who has acted as S.E. since the formation of the chapter, with a handsome case of silver plate.

Bro. Wm. T. Crump, P.M. 58, and a member of the Tilbury Lodge, No. 2006, on Saturday, the 8th ult., installed in the Master's chair of the Tilbury Lodge Bro. Manning, the eminent engineer of the East and West India Dock Company (who designed the new Tilbury Docks), in the presence of a large number of brethren, including the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Essex, and a large number of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex. After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the New Tilbury Hotel.

Bro. J. S. Watson, organist of the West End Church, Southport, and originator of the Subscription Concerts in that town, has been stricken down with illness, which will prevent his attending to his professional duties for some months. A complimentary benefit concert has been organised, and will take place at the Cambridge Hall on Friday, 4th inst., at which the following ladies and gentlemen are giving their services: Miss Sillitoe, Miss Brereton, Miss Peck, Miss Begbie, Miss Lilly, Madame Andersen, Miss Madge Morgans, Mr. and Miss Blumberg, Messrs. J. Acton, Stewart Allen, Fuller Allen, George Bernard, Bros. Fred. Gordon, Henry Hudson, Henry Hawkins, Wilkes, and A. E. Bartle (by permission of the Directors of the Winter Gardens), together with the Southport Vocalist Society, consisting of 16 male voices. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe is the Hon. Sec., and Bro. Herbert Kidson, Hon. Treas.

Bro. Coleridge J. Kennard has retired from the position of candidate in the Conservative interest for the city of Salisbury at the next General Election.

Our readers, like ourselves, will sympathise deeply with Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.C., in the great loss he has recently sustained through the death of his eldest son, Lieut. Portal, of the 61st Regiment.

Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Hicks-Beach, and Bro. Sir John and Lady Mowbray dined with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson at Lambeth Palace on Saturday evening last.

Bros. Admiral Sir H. Keppel, Admiral Lord Alcester, Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell, and A. Staveley-Hill, Q.C., M.P., dined with the First Lord of the Admiralty at 1, Carlton-gardens, on Saturday evening last.

Bros. Lord Wolverton, the Earl of Jersey, and Lord Brabourne were present in the House of Commons on Tuesday when the adjourned debate on the Irish Government Bill was continued by Mr. Chamberlain and other Members.

Bros. Lord Halsbury and Sir J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of London, were among the principal guests at the banquet given by the Grocers' Company in their hall, Princes-street, E.C., on Saturday last, to the Marquis of Salisbury.

Bros. Seely, Plunket, and the Baron H. de Worms are among the members who have been chosen to serve on the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Mr. Channing's Bill to make further provision for the safe working of railways.

A complimentary dinner will be given at Greenwich on Wednesday, the 16th inst., to Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., in recognition of his services to the borough during the period of his representing it in the House of Commons from 1850 to 1855.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, who will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, will open the blocks of new artisans' dwellings erected by the City and Central Dwellings Company (Limited) in Sewell-street, Goswell-road, E.C., this day (Friday), at 3 p.m.

Prince George of Wales arrived at Gibraltar on board H.M.S. Imogene on Saturday last from Lisbon, where he had been present at the marriage of the Crown Prince of Portugal with a daughter of the Comte de Paris, and sailed for Malta the following day.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington presided at a meeting held in one of the Committee Rooms of the House of Commons on Tuesday of the members of the Liberal party who hold similar opinions with his lordship as regards the Ministerial proposals for Ireland and its future government.

Bro. Lord Halsbury presided at the festival dinner, held by kind permission of the Benchers, in the hall of Lincoln's Inn, on Tuesday, in aid of the funds of King's College Hospital. The donations and subscriptions amounted to £1272, raising the sum received in response to the recent special appeal to £3378.

Bro. the Earl of Kintore was one of a number of gentlemen who met at Limmer's Hotel, Conduit-street, on Monday, for the purpose of considering a proposal to form a benefit society for gamekeepers and others. A number of resolutions to this effect were considered and adopted provisionally, and in the end it was resolved to request the Prince of Wales to become patron of the Society.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Princess, formally opened to the public new Putney Bridge on Saturday last, their Royal Highnesses being received by Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The route traversed by the Royal party was crowded with spectators, and nearer to Putney itself was profusely decorated.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales held a Levée at St. James's Palace on Monday, presentations to his Royal Highness being equivalent to presentations to her Majesty. In the evening the Prince and Princess dined with the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Londonderry House, and subsequently the former left for Aldershot, where the day following he inspected the Cavalry and Horse Artillery.

Among the guests at the State dinner given on Saturday last at the House of Commons by Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., Secretary of State for the Home Department, were Bros. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), Justice Mathew, Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir E. Du Cane, Sir Charles Warren, M. C. Borlase, M.P., Alderman and Sheriff Evans, and Sheriff Clarke.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales was present at the banquet given by the Prime Minister at his official residence in Downing-street on Saturday last in celebration of her Majesty's birthday. Bros. the Duke of St. Albans, the Marquis of Tweeddale, the Earl of Arran, the Earl of Fife, Viscount Powerscourt, Viscount Sherbrooke, Lord Leigh, Lord Monk-Bretton, Lord Tweedmouth, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Right Hon. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., were also among those present.

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Bro. Dixon Hartland, M.P., has been unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year of the Beaconsfield Club.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson was among the visitors at the opening on Wednesday of the Cyclists' Congress at Colchester.

The Prince of Wales will, by command of her Majesty, hold another Levée at St. James's Palace, towards the close of the present month.

Bro. Lord Halsbury presided at the 54th anniversary festival, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday, of the United Law Clerks' Society.

To-morrow (Saturday) Bro. the Lord Mayor will, on the invitation of the Duchess of Marlborough, open the Churchill Home for City Workwomen, Chiswell-st., E.C.

Bro. Gen. Sir Geo. Willis, K.C.B., presented new colours to the Hampshire Militia on Wednesday, the old colours being placed in the hall at Winchester Castle.

Telegraphic addresses (Inland) for the Freemason Printing and Publishing Works—"Freemason, London." For Jewels, Clothing, Furniture, Banners, &c., &c.—"Kenning, London."

Bros. Lord Suffield, Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk of London), and H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), were among those who attended the Levée at St. James's Palace on Monday.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., presided at the jubilee festival, held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association. The contributions amounted to £300.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt, P.G.A.D.C., entertained the colonel and several of the officers of the Dorset Militia at dinner at his residence, Purbeck House, Swanage, on Thursday, the 27th ult., Bro. Lieut.-Col. T. Davies Sewell being among the other guests.

At the meeting of the Port Natal Mark Lodge, No. 288, on the 28th April last, Bro. M. H. Emanuel, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services, and as a mark of esteem from the members.

Bro. Charles Dickens made his first appearance as a reader at the Athenæum, Camden-road, on Wednesday, and gave a selection of scenes from his father's works with considerable ability, and in a manner which deserved the recognition so freely bestowed by the audience.

Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir R. S. Phillips, and Baron H. de Worms, M.P., are among the stewards for the dinner which will take place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., in aid of the funds of the Jews' Free School, Bell-lane.

Bro. Lord and Lady Ashbourne, Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir F. and Lady Constance Stanley, Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Hicks Beach, and Bro. and Mrs. Akers-Douglas were at the dinner party given by the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Londonderry House on Tuesday evening.

The Court of the Spectacle Makers' Company dined at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, when among the principal guests were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sheriff Clarke, Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P.; Alderman Savory, J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., J. H. Puleston, M.P., Major J. A. Josephs, Under Sheriff Rose Innes, and Lieut.-Col. Davies Sewell.

The meet of the Four-in-Hand took place at the Magazine, Hyde Park, on Wednesday, when as many as 22 members of the Club turned up at the rendezvous, among them being Bros. Eaton, M.P.; the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Lord Charles Beresford, the Earl of Onslow, Lord Londesborough, and the Earl of Fife.

Bro. Windybank (Chairman) presided at the dinner given by the City Improvement Committee at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening. The principal guests included Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sheriff Clarke, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, G. F. Goldney (Remembrancer), J. Snowden, W. H. Liversidge, T. R. Bone, and E. Terry.

The anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund will take place at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, to-morrow (Saturday), under the presidency of Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P. The list of Stewards includes Bros. Sir Charles Warren, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., and Edmund Yates.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, was present at a cavalry brigade field day at Aldershot on Tuesday, and, after lunching with the officers of the 10th Hussars, returned to Marlborough House. In the afternoon the Prince and Princess, accompanied by their three daughters, attended an operatic performance given at the Grosvenor Hall by the Drawing Room Operatic Company in aid of the funds of the Gordon Boys' Home.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Evans, Sheriff Clarke, Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman Stone, Alderman Savory, Alderman Waterlow, Sir Jas. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Sir John Bennett, T. Beard, ex-Sheriff Sir F. Perkins, Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., and Justice Straight are among the principal patrons of the annual festival which will be held at the Cannon Street Hotel this (Friday) afternoon in aid of the City Waiters' Provident and Pension Society.

Bro. Augustus Harris presided at the 41st anniversary dinner at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, among the principal guests being Bros. Sir John Gorst, M.P.; W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P.; Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, Sir Geo. Elliot, Bart.; Edmund Yates, W. Pearce, M.P.; J. C. Parkinson, S. B. Bancroft, Col. H. Mapleson, Col. R. Edis, H. Pettitt, A. M. Broadley, Dixon-Hartland, M.P.; E. M. Lott, Alderman Isaacs, Percy Middlemist, C. Warner, Gaston Murray, H. Paul, and L. Brough. The subscriptions amounted to £1050, including £100 from the Queen, and £50 from the Chairman.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, June 13, 1886.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Town Hall, Twickenham, 3 p.m.
General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1494, Felix, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1929, Mozart, Greyhound Hot., Croyden.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

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, JUNE 7.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
" 2098, Harlesden, National School, Harlesden.
Chap. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS 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.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington W., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-rd., 7.
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.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hot., Liverpool-st.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1837, Lullington, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
" 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, 8a, Red Lion-sq.
R.C. 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.

Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 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-rd., Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1269, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.
" 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.

Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

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-rd., 8.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-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, JUNE 10.

Lodge 2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham, Kent.
Chap. 65, Prosperity Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
Rose Croix 97, Rose and Lily, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Cutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-rd., 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.
Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-st., at 5.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Rose, Sterling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st. Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Tredgeur, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
" 1702, Suburban, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.

Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hot., 40, Gt. Portland-st., W.C.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
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. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
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.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8. [at 7.30.
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell,
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 809, Gresham, Cheshunt Gt. House, Cheshunt-pk.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow-station.
" 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

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