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PERHAPS it will be as well we should remind our readers that the Autumn School Elections are at hand, that of the Girls' School, at which 16 Girls from an approved list of 33 will be elected, being fixed for to-morrow (Saturday) at noon, and that of the Boys' School for Monday the 11th instant, when 32 out of an approved list of 44 will be chosen. We have already drawn attention to all those circumstances connected with the two lists which appeared to be worthy of any remark. We need not, therefore, do more than repeat the hope that, in the case of both Elections, the results will be such as to cause the least possible amount of disappointment to the candidates and their friends and supporters.

OUR very full report of the proceedings in the Isle of Man in connection with the consecration of a new lodge and the constitution of the Island as a Masonic Province under the Grand Lodge of England, leaves us but little space for offering any remarks on the success which attended both ceremonies. But we must not let pass the opportunity of congratulating the GRAND SECRETARY and the deputation of Grand Officers, including Bros. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER-STANHOPE, Past G. Chap.; PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg.; FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D.; C. J. BANISTER, P.G.S.B.; and J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br.; as well as R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M. of England, installed the Prov. G.M. designate in office, on the admirable manner in which the duties were carried out. That this should have been the case with such a gathering of our ablest brethren will surprise no one, but the fact that everything passed off as every one expected it would pass off, does not lessen our sense of obligation to the Grand Officers we have named, who gave little heed to questions of time and the distance to be travelled when they found their services were in requisition.

It is a piece of rare good fortune for Suffolk that it should have had so able and popular a brother as Lord HENNIKER appointed to succeed the late Lord WAVENEY as its Prov. Grand Master. Moreover, his lordship is not only a Suffolk magnate, but his earliest insight into Masonry was obtained in a Suffolk Lodge, his initiation having taken place in January, 1869, in the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, of which two years later he was chosen W. Master. He is also a founder and was W.M. for the first two years of its existence of the Hartismere Lodge, No. 1663, Eye, which was warranted in 1877 and has for its designation the title by which his lordship sits in the House of Lords. He is also a Past G.S. Warden of the Province, having been appointed to that office by the late Lord WAVENEY in 1871, the year of his Mastership of his mother lodge, and in 1878 was invested as G.S. Warden of United Grand Lodge. Lastly he has already won distinction as a provincial chief in this part of the country, having been appointed in 1883 to the Prov. G. Mastership of the Mark Province of East Anglia, of which the county of Suffolk is a part, while his capacity as a ruler has been still further enhanced by his experience first as Deputy Grand Master and then as Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge. Such is the man whom the Prince of WALES as Grand Master has designated to succeed the late Lord WAVENEY, and who will this (Friday) afternoon be solemnly inducted into office by R.W. Bro. Earl AMHERST, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, in the presence of the Suffolk brethren in Prov. Grand Lodge assembled at the Town Hall, Ipswich. We have no doubt the ceremony, as do most ceremonies in which Lord AMHERST plays a leading part, will pass off successfully, and that the arrangements made for the occasion by Bro. N. TRACY, the indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary, will be found fully equal to any strain that may be imposed on them. The Great Eastern Railway Company appear to have shown their usual liberality in providing for the transit of brethren intending to be present at his lordship's installation, and we shall probably not be considered over-sanguine if we anticipate that, in our issue of next week, we shall be in a position to furnish a full and particular account of one of the most numerous and enthusiastic gatherings of Freemasons ever assembled in the town of Ipswich.

It is a pleasure to turn over the pages of the report in which are described the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its 31st annual communication held in the town of Windsor on the 14th and 15th July last. There can be no doubt as to the prosperity of the Craft in this jurisdiction, while its quiet and dignified conduct offers a marked contrast to that state of unrest which appears to have become chronic in the neighbouring jurisdiction of Quebec. In the latter the position of Freemasonry seems to have altered but little from what it was in 1869, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec was established. In Canada, almost every year shows some advance upon its predecessor, an advance which is all the more substantial, because it is not made by leaps and bounds, but by slow, yet sure degrees. Thus, as regards the position of the Craft numerically, we learn from a tabular statement prepared by the Grand Secretary, that during the years from 1866 to 1885 both inclusive, the total membership of the lodges has increased from 6263 in the former year, to 18,983 in the latter, but the bulk of this increase took place in the earlier half of the period, from 6263 in 1866, to 15,934 in 1875, while between 1876 and 1885, the advance did not much exceed 2000, the numbers being for the former year 16,719, and for the latter 18,983. This is a sure sign that Freemasonry has got a firm hold in this portion of the Dominion, the yearly gains by initiations, joinings, and restorations, being, with one exception, always in excess of the losses by resignations, deaths, suspensions, and expulsions. Then, as to the financial position of Grand Lodge, nothing could well be more satisfactory. The receipts for the year from the 1st June, 1885, to the 31st May, 1886, including a balance brought forward from the previous account, amounting to over 12,994 dollars, reached the sum total of 29,476.58 dollars, while the expenditure was 15,916.64 dollars, leaving a balance to the good of 13,559.94 dollars. Of this expenditure, 5831.64 dollars was for general purposes and 10,085 dollars for benevolence. As to the funds of Grand Lodge, they amount to 68,959.94 dollars, of which 55,400 dollars is deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, yielding 4½ per cent., the remainder being cash in bank. This is a healthy state of things, on which our Canadian brethren may well be congratulated, the most noteworthy feature, however, being the outlay of so large a sum for purposes of benevolence, the moneys thus disbursed exceeding £2000 of British money. The address delivered by Grand Master MURRAY related principally to matters of local interest, the most noticeable exception being his remarks in the case of agnosticism, which attracted notice some time ago, and the action in which—that of expelling the errant brother from Freemasonry—he considers was perfectly justifiable. There is one other report to which reference should be made, namely, the report of the Committee appointed at the annual Communication in 1885 to superintend the revision of the Constitutions. The work of the Committee is completed, and the Constitutions as revised are included in this report, and are recommended by the GRAND MASTER to the careful consideration of the brethren during the current year, so that at its next annual meeting Grand Lodge may be able to fulfil its desire for a revised code of laws for the government of the Craft. These are the salient features of the report as to Canadian Freemasonry for the past year, and it only remains that we should express our thanks for the opportunity afforded us of studying it at length.

INAUGURATION OF A NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE FOR THE ISLE OF MAN.

CONSECRATION OF A LODGE AT PEEL.

For a number of years Freemasonry has been in a state of suspense in the good old "city of Peel," the lodge which formerly met there, under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, having practically ceased to exist. A few months ago, however, it was determined to make an effort to resuscitate the Order, and, with the help of a few enthusiastic brethren from Douglas, the operation has been effectually carried out. A petition to the Grand Lodge of England was very favourably received, and the warrant was granted in due course. The Island, Masonically, owes a debt of gratitude to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, for many favours, and he has still further increased the indebtedness of the brethren to him by again going over to consecrate the St. Germain's Lodge, at Peel.

The ceremony of consecration, followed by installation of the W.M. and the investiture of officers, took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The room for the meeting of the new lodge is situated in the Peel Castle Hotel; but, as a large gathering of the Craft was expected on the occasion, it was arranged that the important ceremony should take place in the Centenary Hall. The anticipation as to the largeness of the attendance was fully

realised, the gathering having been, we think, the largest ever held up to that day in the Island in connection with the Order. The Centenary Hall made a splendid lodge room, and afforded ample space for an effective celebration of the imposing ceremony which Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and the other officers of the Grand Lodge had travelled so far to perform. The brethren commenced to assemble shortly before three o'clock, the majority arriving by train from Douglas. Amongst those who signed the Tyler's book were the following:

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., as W.M.; F. A. Philbrick, G.R., as S.W.; H. T. Somerville-Burney, as J.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; J. H. Matthews, as A.D.C.; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B., as I.G.; W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Prov. G.M. Isle of Man designate; G. C. Heron, P.M.; J. A. Brown, P.M. 1242, 2049, and P.Z. 1004; J. C. Corris, 823; C. J. Tayleur; J. Joughin, P.M. 221; H. Brearley, P.M., D.C. 1004; J. Hodgson, S.W. 2049; W. Fargher; J. Clucas, 221; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1264, P.P.G.S. W. Lanc.; W. Booth, P.M. 104, Prov. G.D.C. Cheshire; R. Swinnerton, P.M. 1242; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; F. G. Saunders, 249; W. Goodacre, 155, Prov. G. Sec. W. Lanc.; T. Forrester, P.M. 730, P.P.G.J.D. W. Lanc.; T. A. Withey, S.W. 1209; R. Cain, 724, Prov. G. Std. Br. W. Lanc.; W. Isdale, 1242; J. D. Manay, P.M. 1335, Prov. G.D.C. W. Lanc.; A. J. Spittall, 1242; T. Whiteside, 1242; W. J. Brown, J.W. 1242, 2049; P. A. Killey, J.D. 2049; W. M. Roberts, P.M. 1289; F. C. Poulter, J.D. and Org. 1242; R. G. Hoyle, I.G. 1242; J. P. Legotine, P.M. 1542; J. E. Hunt, J.W. 2049; E. J. Bowman, P.M., Sec. 1242; J. W. M. Year, P.M. 1384; G. M. Lofthouse, P.M., P.Z. 1004; J. Wakefield, P.P.G.S. Cheshire, J.D. 287; C. T. C. Callow, 2049; G. H. Smith, 1242, W.M. 2049, P.P.G.S.B. North Munster; W. P. J. Pittar, I.G. 2049; H. C. Lockhart, 897; A. N. Laughton, 1004; C. Turmeau, 786; W. Tomlinson, 780; J. Bradshaw, W.M. 730; J. S. Nathan, W.M. 2050; J. C. Bradshaw, P.M. 1242; G. H. Quayle, P.M. 212; P. M. C. Kermode, S.W. 1075; Rev. W. Morris, J.W. 1075; W. J. Stanton, 357; C. Kennaugh, P.M. 1242; J. Clucas, 221; W. J. Kelly, 2050; R. E. Cain, 2050; J. S. Morrison, W.M. 1242, 1004, 2050; J. W. Barrow, Prov. G. S.D. W. Lanc.; R. Foote, Prov. G. Treas. W. Lanc.; F. Lawrence, P.M. 255; J. P. Callow, J.D. 2050; and J. Cowen, 1242, Tyler.

After the brethren had assembled, the officers of the Grand Lodge were received in due form, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as presiding officer, appointed Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, to officiate as S.W.; Bro. Col. Somerville-Burney, as J.W.; and Bro. C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The lodge having been opened, the CONSECrating OFFICER, in addressing the brethren on the motive of the meeting, said that he did not think when he visited the Island two years ago for the purpose of consecrating two lodges, that he would be so soon called upon to visit the Island again for a similar purpose. It had, however, been dimly foreshadowed that an application would be made for a warrant for a lodge at Peel, instead of the warrant held some years ago under the Irish Constitution. That expectation was now being realised. The local brethren had met together, and signed a petition to H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master to form them into a lodge. That lodge was now being formed, and it was very properly being called by the honoured name of St. German's. That name had many claims upon them. In the first place, he understood that it had been the name of the old Irish lodge; in the second place, it was the name of the parish in which they now were; and in the third place, it was the name of the old historic cathedral now in ruins in the centre of Peel Castle. He need scarcely say that the Grand Master had given to the petition every favourable consideration, and had at once granted its prayer. Therefore, he would at once proceed to dedicate and constitute the lodge. The petitioners were fortunate in having obtained the services of so energetic and so well-known and worthy a Mason as the worthy brother whom they had selected as their first Master. He referred to Bro. Heron. (Applause.) It was a most curious fact that on his last visit to the Island he had the pleasure of installing Bro. Heron into the chair of one of the new lodges to which he had referred. But he had not anticipated that he should again have the pleasure of installing that worthy brother. However, he was glad it should be so, and he felt quite confident in the belief that under Bro. Heron's able guidance the lodge would be prosperous and have a great career of usefulness before it, as he was glad to find the two lodges he had previously consecrated had had. (Applause.)

During the ceremony, the Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE, as Grand Chaplain, delivered an oration.

The Consecrating Officer concluded the impressive ritual of consecration by formally constituting the lodge, and pronouncing the final benediction. Immediately afterwards he proceeded to install Bro. G. C. Heron into the position of W.M. of the new lodge—a ceremony which was performed in an equally impressive manner with that of consecration.

After the installation of the new W.M., Bro. J. A. BROWN, P.M., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England, and the other Grand Officers who had come to the Island for the purpose of performing the ceremony they had just witnessed. He was sure that those who had watched the proceedings could not fail to join him in saying that these brethren had performed their arduous duties in a manner conspicuous for ability.

The motion was seconded by Bro. HENRY BREARLEY, P.M., and adopted amidst applause.

The CONSECrating OFFICER briefly replied, and, in doing so, thanked the Grand Officers who had rendered him such able assistance.

On the motion of the same brethren it was also decided to confer the further compliment upon the Grand Officers of enrolling them as honorary members of St. German's Lodge.

The W.M. invested the officers of the newly-constituted lodge as follows: Bros. J. C. Corris, S.W.; C. J. Tayleur, J.W.; J. Joughin, H.K., Treas.; Jas. Hodgson, Sec.; Jos. Clucas, J.D.; Wm. Fargher, I.G.; and H. Brearley, P.M., D.C.

The musical portion of the proceedings was most efficiently performed by a choir of the Tynwald Lodge, 1242, Douglas, consisting of Bros. F. C. Poulter, Organist; R. Swinnerton, P.M.; J. C. Bradshaw, P.M.; H. C. Lockhart, and R. G. Hoyle.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the Peel Castle Hotel. An excellent banquet was served up by Mrs. Kelly, the hostess.

Forty brethren, including the Grand Lodge Officers, sat down to the repast. The chair was occupied by Bro. G. C. Heron, W.M., who was supported on the right by Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, and on the left by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, the Grand Officers being arranged on either side.

Several brethren who were unable to be present sent telegrams congratulating the Master of the new lodge on the auspicious occasion.

After the toasts of "The Queen," of "The M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Officers, and the Craft," had been proposed and duly honoured,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the next toast he had to propose was one which he was sure would be received with every enthusiasm. It was not often they were honoured in the Isle of Man by the visit of so many Grand Officers as were present on that occasion. These brethren had all gone to very great trouble to assist in furthering the cause of Freemasonry in the Isle of Man; and they had visited Peel for the purpose of commencing what he hoped would be a powerful instrument for good in the Isle of Man in the future. He gave "The Health of the Grand Officers," and coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Beach, Provincial Grand Master Hants, and Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Essex.

The toast having been heartily received,

Bro. BEACH, in responding, said it had given him very great pleasure to pay this his first visit to the Isle of Man on such an auspicious occasion. It had been his good fortune to have witnessed that beautiful ceremony of consecration and installation so beautifully performed, and it also gave him great pleasure to know that he would be able in future to speak from personal experience of the manner in which Freemasonry was progressing in the Isle of Man. In the south they knew but little of what was going on in that Island, the lodges having no independent jurisdiction of their own; but he had heard since that Masonry was flourishing and undergoing a career of great usefulness in the Isle of Man, and he congratulated them upon it. Masonry was increasing all over the world, and he was thankful to say that that was due to the excellent example shown to all by H.R.H. the Grand Master, who took the deepest interest in the progress of the Craft. Those who acted under H.R.H. were imbued with his enthusiasm, and they all did their best to promote the cause of the Order in the parts of the Kingdom in which they resided. But they could do little were they not assisted by the universal good feeling which prevailed amongst those who ruled over Masons, and it was owing to the good feeling also displayed towards their rulers by those who did not hold such positions of responsibility. The increase in the strength of the Order throughout the Kingdom was an excellent thing, because there was nothing that tended so much to make men good citizens and to inspire them with a desire to do something for the benefit of their fellow men as Freemasonry. Freemasonry was more powerful now than ever it was, and if it was powerful it was for good and not for evil. Long might it continue so; long might every brother be animated by a desire to do something to promote good fellowship in the progress of the Order. (Applause.)

Bro. PHILBRICK said: There is an axiom in Freemasonry that the Master can do no wrong. Certain it is on the night of his installation that if he does do wrong the loyal subject ought not to reproach him for it, but when I sat down here to dinner I sat down in peace, I ate in peace, and what is more, I drank in peace, because I thought when I cast my eye down the list of toasts I should have been allowed to remain without inflicting upon you any words of mine, and without having to inflict upon the brethren what by courtesy is called a speech. (Laughter.) I am not about to do it, but as you have been good enough to couple my name with that of the distinguished body for which the Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has responded, it would ill become me to refrain from answering, and answering with gratitude, for the very kind reception which the Grand Officers have met at the hands of the brethren of the Isle of Man. One thing strikes me wherever I go in English Freemasonry, and that is the universality of our Craft. It brings together those who would not have a chance of meeting and becoming acquainted except under the hospitable banner of a Freemasons' lodge. It brings brother to grasp the hand of brother, who otherwise would go through life a stranger to him. It cultivates the best instincts of humanity; it fulfils, as has been eloquently expressed, a want which we all recognise; and Masonry, believe me, when truly practised, and when its principles are thoroughly adhered to, is one of those binding ties which binds society together, and which brings man to face his fellow man under the best and under the most advantageous circumstances. I can imagine no more powerful factor for the good of society at large. It is composed of a loyal and united body of brethren, who are met together, as we are met together, as Freemasons. The great topics on which men are divided; the momentous topics on which religion is divided; the topics on which men of varied politics differ, are all excluded at the portals of our lodges. We meet here looking to something higher than the mere divisions which man manufactures. We look to something higher and better; we cultivate that which is best for humanity, and that which has the greatest claim upon us. And it is better because it is universal; nobler because no colour, no race, no religion, no form of political development can divide man from man when he recognises his brother as a Freemason. It is because of this, that the society is powerful; it is because of this, and because of our adherence to the great principles and traditions of our Order, that we go on prospering as we do, and I trust will continue to prosper. It is because of this, that we feel proud when an addition is made to the number of lodges, and St. German's Lodge is an addition which I trust will bring strength to us—strength in numbers, and strength in the quality of recruits. Strength not

merely as swelling the ranks of the Grand Lodge of England, but strength because it indicates that the great principles of Masonry are known, held, and propagated in this part of her Majesty's dominions. For the kind reception you have given to the Grand Officers, and for the heartiness which has won a stranger amongst you, let me express, however imperfectly, our warmest thanks. (Cheers).

Bro. J. HODGSON next proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers and the Installing Master." They had all witnessed the ceremony performed that afternoon, and he was sure all would agree with him that it was indeed a privilege to be present. They had heard what was good, and saw something which would be a good example to all. They saw "work" in its perfection. In the Isle of Man Freemasons were peculiarly situated. He supposed they were in the most isolated spot to which Grand Officers of England penetrated—that was to say, unless they went abroad. It was a little spot, and it was no part of the realms of England, although the Manx people had the honour to belong to her Majesty's dominions. The Isle of Man was a little place where the Grand Lodge of Ireland and Scotland had claimed jurisdiction, and where the Grand Lodge of England also claimed jurisdiction, and now they were showing what a powerful body the Grand Lodge of England was. England was now about to do what she had never done before to the Isle of Man. To-morrow the Isle of Man would be made a province of England, and in this respect at last it would be annexed. (Laughter.) However, they had all had the opportunity of witnessing the interesting ceremony during the afternoon, and he was sure it had been a treat to all. They had heard in the Grand Chaplain's oration a good deal about the duties Masons ought to perform. Now, he did think it was a grand thing that the little petition which left Peel should go up to the Grand Lodge, be recognised there, and that then Peel should be visited by all the distinguished brethren who had visited it that day. (Applause.) It showed that Masonry was not a local affair; that it was universal. The Grand Lodge of England had sent over some of its leading members to work for Manx Freemasonry. He therefore proposed hearty good wishes and success to the Consecrating Officers and the Installing Master. One omission had been made in the votes of thanks, and he should like to point it out now. They had omitted to thank those brethren who had come from Douglas to help in the musical portion of the ceremony. The work had been well done, and, on behalf of the brethren present, he expressed his thanks to Bro. Poulter and the choir for the work they had done.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, the Installing Master, in reply, said: I am happy to say that this is not the first time it has been my privilege to be spokesman on the occasion of returning thanks for the brethren who have taken part in the consecration of a lodge in the Isle of Man. And I can only express my own personal feeling and satisfaction at having been able to come over here. (Applause.) I must also acknowledge the great debt of gratitude I owe to the various distinguished officers who have assisted me so ably to-day in performing the duties which the proposer of the toast has been kind enough to refer to. Had it not been for their ability my own part of the ceremony would, of course, have fallen very flat. I may safely be their mouthpiece when I say that every one of them have only been too happy, and too glad, to be present on the occasion, and to do what each one of them individually could to further the great work we have achieved to-day. Many of them took part in the work of consecrating the two lodges in Douglas, on the occasion of our visit here two years ago. The whole of them are here with the exception of Bro. Bowyer, who was prevented coming over at the last moment by the serious illness of one of his children; otherwise he would have been here. It is a great pleasure to us all to visit you again for the purpose of consecrating the lodge, and we are delighted to see that since our last visit Masonry has still further increased and prospered in your Island, and that the two babes we left behind, and which were then at the mother's breast, have been thoroughly weaned and can toddle about by themselves with the greatest ease. (Applause.) To-morrow we start a new phase of Masonry in the Isle of Man, but to that I will not allude now, because it will have its own speeches, and its own ceremonies; but to-morrow will be a great event, and will start a new era in Freemasonry in the Island, and start it, I hope, on a further career of usefulness. I am glad to see that Masonry is about to take its place in Peel. Twenty-five years ago there was a lodge in existence here which held its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. I am sorry, of course, that we are stepping into the shoes of another Constitution, but the old lodge has died and we cannot help that. We have the greatest respect for the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and I have several Degrees under Irish Masonry, and I should, therefore, be sorry that we should triumph over any sister jurisdiction. Why the old lodge died out I do not know. The warrant is here, I believe; but I know that the lodge is struck off the books of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. There is still one Irish lodge in existence in the Isle of Man, and I am glad to hear that it has always pulled, in the happiest manner, with the English lodges. Some of our most valued brethren in the Isle of Man belong to that lodge, and I should be sorry to hear that any further organisation of ours should affect our good brethren in Castletown, many of whom I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing in Douglas to-morrow. I thank you on behalf of my distinguished colleagues and myself, and I must again thank them for the able assistance they have given me to-day. (Applause.) I have now to ask you to drink the health of that worthy and distinguished brother who has had the good fortune to be selected as first Master of this, St. German's, lodge. (Applause.) As I said in the ceremony this evening, when I had the pleasure of installing Bro. Heron as Master of St. Trinian's Lodge, two years ago, I certainly did not anticipate I should again have the pleasure of installing him in another chair, but of course it is the

unexpected that always happens, and that is the case to-night. I think you are very fortunate, brethren, in having secured the services of so excellent a brother as our Bro. Heron, and the fact that he has been selected to-morrow for the highest of the provincial offices shows the esteem in which he is held by the Provincial Grand Master. That is a proof that you have got the right man in the right place. Every arrangement of to-day has been admirably carried out. We were all most impressed with the manner in which the musical service was rendered, and we were astonished to find that the work was done by amateurs. As I said, all the arrangements have been perfect, and that is due no doubt to the organising powers of your Worshipful Master. Bro. Heron has for many years taken a leading part in Masonic work in the Island. He has been Master over three lodges, and he commenced his work at a time when Masonry was not very flourishing. He has been a determined worker, and, now that he has been adopted Deputy Grand Master, goodness only knows what he will do. I congratulate him on the position he has achieved to-night, and I ask you to drink success to him, and join me in hoping that the career of St. German's Lodge will be a successful and useful one.

The toast having been drunk,

Bro. HERON, in response, said he was glad Freemasonry was being resuscitated in Peel. He hoped the brethren in Peel would now come forward and work, and he could assure the founders and his officers that nothing would be left undone on his part to further the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Major J. S. GOLDIE-TAUBMAN, P.G.M. designate of the Isle of Man, proposed the next toast, which was that of "Success to St. German's Lodge." He thought the manner in which the lodge had been started that day augured highly for its future. He was sure that its first Worshipful Master would do everything in his power to support its interests, and he personally had shown his confidence in Bro. Heron when he had chosen him for the highest office in the Provincial Grand Lodge. He coupled with the toast the name of the Senior Warden.

Bro. CORRIS responded, and gave "The Health of the Visitors, coupling with it the names of Bro. Dr. Lawrence, of London, and Bro. A. N. Laughton, High-Bailiff of Peel.

The two brethren named suitably responded.

"The Health of the Officers of St. German's Lodge" was proposed by Bro. C. J. Bannister, and responded to by Bro. C. J. Tayleur, J.W.

Bro. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE proposed "Health, long life, and prosperity to the Grand Master of the Isle of Man, Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman." Might he and his family live long and be prosperous, and might his services as Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man be of great advantage to the cause of Freemasonry.

The toast was drunk amidst considerable enthusiasm, and was briefly responded to by Bro. Major GOLDIE-TAUBMAN.

The proceedings closed at half past ten with the Tyler's toast, which was proposed by Bro. H. BREARLEY.

Bros. R. Swinnerton, P.M.; E. J. Bowman, P.M.; C. Turmeau, W. Tomlinson, and F. C. Poulter contributed to the pleasure of the evening by capital renderings of several songs.

A special train left Peel at eleven o'clock for the convenience of the brethren.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place Liverpool.

INAUGURATION OF A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

In the year 1883, the three lodges of Freemasons in this island, working under warrants of the Grand Lodge of England, the Athole, 1004; St. Maughold, 1075; and the Tynwald, 1242, appointed a joint Committee for the purpose of considering the advisability of making application to have this island formed into a "province."

The Committee consisted of Bros. J. A. Dearden, L. G. Hanney, G. C. Heron, H. Brearley, C. F. Johnson, J. Holden, T. H. Nesbitt, and H. Rothwell, for the Athole Lodge; Bros. W. L. Wild, J. W. Wood, W. Laughlin, and C. Kermodie, P.M., for the St. Maughold; and Bros. J. S. Goldie-Taubman, J. C. Bradshaw, J. F. Terry, J. A. Brown, G. H. Smith, J. Hodgson, and W. L. Clarke, for the Tynwald.

This Committee, after several meetings, on the 17th January, 1884, unanimously adopted a report, ably drawn up by Bro. James Hodgson, in which they expressed their opinion that, for several reasons, it would be advantageous to local Freemasonry that a Provincial or District Grand Lodge should be established in this Island; and stating that "the proper mode of applying to have a District or Provincial Grand Lodge established on this island would seem to be for each of the Insular lodges to pass, and transmit to the Grand Secretary, a resolution, petitioning the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to establish the same, and to appoint a District or Provincial Grand Master." Acting on this, each of the three lodges we have named subsequently passed a resolution, adopting a petition in favour of a Provincial Grand Lodge.

On the 25th of October, in the same year, the Ellan Vannin Lodge was consecrated, and this was followed two days afterwards by the consecration of the St. Trinian. In due course both these lodges passed similar resolutions, the remarks of the Grand Secretary, the V.W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, who at the consecration of those lodges specially referred to the subject, no doubt largely leading to a favourable consideration of the proposal.

All the lodges in the island working under warrants of the Grand Lodge of England having thus declared in favour of the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order, was pleased to appoint Bro. Major John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, a P.M. of the Tynwald Lodge, to be the first Grand Master of the Province of the Isle of Man, his patent being dated the 21st January, 1886.

Soon after Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman had received his appointment he set to work to select his officers, and, acting on the advice of experienced P.M.'s, he, in the first place, appointed Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, W.M. of the Athole Lodge, to fill the office of Prov. Grand Secretary. A better selection

could not have been made. Bro Nesbitt is an enthusiastic Mason, and it is largely to his efforts, and his power of organisation, that the success of the inauguration proceedings is to be attributed. Another important appointment is that of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. In the opinion of the majority of the brethren, the choice for this office lay between Bros. G. C. Heron, P.M., and J. A. Brown, P.M.; but the latter at once withdrew in favour of Bro. Heron any claim that he might have had to the office, and the next office in rank, that of Prov. Grand Senior Warden, was offered to Bro. Brown.

The day was looked forward to with the most pleasurable anticipations, and so large a gathering of the Craft was expected, that it was decided not to hold the inauguration ceremony in any of the lodge rooms, but that the large Masonic Hall should be appropriated for the purpose. The Masonic furniture of the Athole and Tynwald Lodges was used in fitting up the Hall, and, what with plants and curtains, and other adornments, a very charming effect was secured; and when the room was filled with the brethren, the purple and gold clothing of the Grand Officers, set off by the blue clothing of the Craft brethren, produced a brilliancy of effect and a harmony of colour which was pleasing in the extreme. The brethren commenced to assemble shortly after two o'clock, and by three there were over 160 present, amongst them being representatives from all parts of England, as well as from North America, South Africa, Australia, and other distant parts, affording a strong proof, if any were needed, of the universality of the Order. A large number of local brethren were present and the following visitors;

Bros. W. W. Beach, P.G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg. of England; Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, P.G.D. of England; C. J. Bannister, P.G. Swd. Br. England; C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap. England; F. Richardson, P.G.D. England; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br. England; E. Pierpoint, 155, 680, P.G.J.W. West Lancashire; R. Foote, 1505, 2043, 2114, P.G.T. West Lancashire; R. Cain, 724, P.G.S.B. West Lancashire; T. Forrester, 730, P.G.J.D. W. Lanc.; O. H. Barrow, 154, W.M. 1070, P.G.D. West Lancashire; J. D. Murray, 1335, P.M., P.G. D.C. West Lancashire; John Pemberton, 1264, P.M., P.P.G.S. West Lancashire; W. Newsome, P.M. 86, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br. West Lancashire; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec. West Lancashire; J. Robinson, P.M. 249; James White, W.M. 249; Frank Saunders, 249; T. A. Withey, S.W. 1299, 477; J. Bradshaw, W.M. 730; Isaac Smith, P.M. 897; J. W. McTear, P.M. 86; W. Booth, P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Wilfred J. Stanton, 357; Arthur B. Gelling, 730; W. Dixey, P.M. and Sec. 444, P.P.G.S.D. Northampton and Huntingdon; Charles Phillips, P.M. 1524; S. Smont, P.M. 1642; Joseph Wood, 104; H. K. McGeachin, 1013; Fred. Laurence, P.M. 225; J. Hodgson, 908; T. Marshall, I.P.M. 1756; R. F. Brutten, S.W. 1756; W. M. Roberts, P.M. 1289; John Wakefield, 287, P.P.G.S. Cheshire; and others.

After the brethren had assembled, the members of the Grand Lodge entered the Hall in procession, headed by Bro. Frank Richardson as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., who had been appointed to preside, at once assumed the chair, appointing Bros. Philbrick, Grand Reg., to be S.W.; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.B., to be J.W.; the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, to be Chap.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S. for West Lancashire, to be Grand Purst.; Frank Richardson, to be Director of Ceremonies; and J. H. Matthews, to be Assistant Director of Ceremonies.

Certain formalities have been gone through, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in stating the object of the meeting, said: We are met here to-day, as you are aware, on an occasion of more than ordinary interest, and on an occasion which will long remain recorded in the archives of Masonry in the Isle of Man, as one of the red letter days of the Order. Masonry here, I am happy to say, having flourished in recent years in a remarkable way, his Royal Highness the Grand Master has had before him for consideration the question of whether or not a local organization might not now be appropriately established in this Island, whereby all classes of Masons may be brought together more closely than they have hitherto been, and whereby the great cause of Masonry may be materially benefited. His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful the Grand Master having satisfied himself that there was a necessity for a provincial organization in this Island, has decided to allow its formation, and we are now about to constitute a Provincial Grand Lodge here. No doubt you are aware that the Isle of Man, at present, stands by itself among the home bodies as not being the possessor of such an organization. However, his Royal Highness has been pleased to decide that, from this date henceforth, there shall be a Provincial Grand Lodge in the Isle of Man. (Applause.) And his Royal Highness, in order to give effect to that decision, has been pleased to issue a patent under his sign manual, appointing one of your leading citizens and most distinguished Masons, our Bro. Major John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, Speaker of the House of Keys, to be first Prov. Grand Master. We are met together, brethren, on this highly interesting occasion to give effect to the patent of his Royal Highness. When the period was fixed at which this ceremony should take place, I at once placed myself in communication with that illustrious and popular brother, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England—(applause)—and I expressed to him what I understood to be the sincere hope and wish of the brethren of the Isle of Man, that his lordship should perform the ceremony of installation this day. Lord Lathom, like a good and worthy Mason as he is, at once said that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to do so, but, as time went on, his engagements became so numerous and important, that it was rendered impracticable that he should be here to-day. He explained this to me, and asked me to express to his brethren his very great regret that he could not be with them. Such being the case, it fell upon my humble self to represent the Grand Master to-day. (Applause.) But, brethren, I am happy to say that at the last moment I was fortunate enough to meet one of our very distinguished brethren in the Order, one of our oldest Provincial Grand Masters, who has not only served his country for twenty-nine years in the Commons House of Parliament, as one of its most honest members, but has for seventeen years ruled one of the largest Provinces in England, with the greatest possible zeal and ability—I refer to the illustrious brother on my right, Bro. Beach, member of Parliament for Hants. (Applause.) When I explained the position to him he at once assured me that it would give him the greatest pleasure to come here to-day, and represent the Grand Master in installing your Grand Master. It is thus that I have had the great fortune to fill the gap, and I now offer the Provincial Grand Master of Hants this gavel, and ask him to instal the Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man, Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman into his chair. (Applause.)

Bro. BEACH said: It is unnecessary for me to add anything to the words which have fallen from our excellent Grand Secretary who has so well expressed himself concerning the purposes of our meeting this day. It is sufficient for me to thank him sincerely for the flattering terms in which he has alluded to myself, and also to assure you that it is with the very greatest pleasure that I assume the gavel he has placed in my hands, and that I represent his Royal Highness the Grand Master on this interesting occasion. (Applause.)

Bro. BEACH, as the Installing Master, then took the chair, and the Grand Pursuivant having announced the arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate, the Director of Ceremonies, under instruction of the Installing Master, retired, and asked the Provincial Grand Master designate for his patent. The Installing Master then appointed a deputation consisting of the Worshipful Masters of the Insular lodges, to introduce the Provincial Grand Master. The Installing Master then delivered an impressive address on the duties appertaining to the office of Provincial Grand Master, and asked Bro. J. S. Goldie-Taubman if he could conscientiously undertake the duties of the office. The answer being in the affirmative, the Provincial Grand Master was duly inducted according to ancient custom, and invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of his office.

The Provincial Grand Master having been saluted with the greatest cordiality, he proceeded to invest his Deputy, Bro. George Chilwell Heron, P.M. In doing so the Provincial Grand Master congratulated Bro. Heron on the conspicuous ability he had always displayed as a Mason, and said that he had great pleasure in placing him in the high office with which he was about to be entrusted.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was also saluted by the brethren. The Prov. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer, and on the motion of the Prov. G.S.W., seconded by the Prov. G.S.D., the honour of filling the position was unanimously conferred upon Bro. A. Bruce, Treasurer of the Ellan Vannin Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest his officers:—

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| Bro. G. C. Heron, P.M., Treas. 1004, 2050, W.M. 2164, | P.Z. 1004 | ... | ... | D. Prov. G.M. |
| „ J. A. Brown, P.M., Treas. 1249, 2049, P.Z. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| „ W. Laughlin, P.M. 1075, P.Z. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| „ Rev. E. Ferrier, P.M. 215 (I.C.) | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| „ Rev. W. Morris, J.W. 1075 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chap. |
| „ A. Bruce, Treas. 2049 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| „ James Hodgson, S.W. and W.M. elect 2049 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| „ Thomas H. Nesbitt, W.M. 1004, P.S. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| „ Henry Brearley, P.M. 1004, H. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| „ James M. Cruickshank, P.M. 1075 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| „ William L. Wild, P.M. 1075, P.Z. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| „ Robert Swinnerton, P.M. 1242, P.P.S. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| „ E. J. Bowman, P.M. and Sec 1242, P.S.N. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| „ Charles Fryer Johnson, P.M. 1004, J. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| „ J. Champion Bradshaw, P.M. 1242, P.S.E. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| „ Charles Morton Challender, J.W. 2050 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| „ John Allen Mylrea, Org. 2049 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| „ Walter James Brown, J.W. 1242, P.S.E. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Sec. |
| „ William Kissack, S.W. 1242 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| „ Matthias W. Corran, J.W. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| „ George Harrington Quayle, P.M. 212 (I.C.) | ... | ... | ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| „ Robert Lightfoot, S.W. 1004 | ... | ... | ... | |
| „ A. C. Paterson, P.M. 1075 | ... | ... | ... | |
| „ W. R. Davis, 1242 | ... | ... | ... | |
| „ William P. J. Pittar, I.G. 2049 | ... | ... | ... | |
| „ William Colquhoun, S.S. 2050, S.S. 1242 | ... | ... | ... | |

Provincial Grand Tyler to be appointed.

The brethren then formed into procession, and marched to St. Thomas's Church to attend divine service, which was performed by W. Bro. the Rev. E. Ferrier, and W. Bro. the Rev. W. Morris, Provincial Grand Chaplains. The service, as arranged by the Provincial Grand Chaplains, was most impressive, the psalm, lesson, and hymns, being Masonic in spirit and reference. The Psalm was the 139th; and the lesson was taken from the 10th chapter of Luke, commencing at the 23rd verse. The sermon was preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. E. Ferrier, from the following text: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven."—Matthew v. 16.

The sermon was very impressively delivered, and was listened to with wrapt attention by a very large congregation, the church being crowded by the general public, as well as the brethren. The collection for the hospital amounted to £15.

After the service the procession was reformed, and returned to the Masonic Hall, where the business of Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of the Prov. G.M., seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. G.M., to the Grand Officers, and especially the Installing Master, for the manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

Bro. BEACH, in response, expressed a sincere wish that the step taken that day in the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be conducive to the progress of Masonry in the Isle of Man.

The PROV. G.S.W. said: I have a motion to propose, which I am sure the lodge will receive most heartily. We have just been members of a congregation, and have just witnessed a most impressive service which has been conducted in St. Thomas's Church by our own Chaplains. I propose that they receive the best thanks of the province for their services. (Applause.)

The motion was seconded by the PROV. G.J.W., and unanimously accepted.

Bro. the Rev. E. FERRIER responded.

The following were appointed a Committee to form and report upon the bye-laws for the province: Bros. J. S. Goldie-Taubman, R.W.P.G.M.; G. C. Heron, D.P.G.M.; J. A. Brown, P.G.S.W.; W. Laughlin, P.G. J.W.; James Hodgson, P.G.R.; and T. H. Nesbitt, P.G.S.

"Hearty good wishes" were here tendered for the Provinces of West Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Cheshire, Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire, Northumberland, Durham, West Yorkshire, North Munster (I.C.), Cumberland, Westmorland, from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and the Prince of Wales Lodge (Queensland, Australia).

The first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man was then closed in due form.

We may mention that the Grand Master's insignia, furniture, clothing, banners, jewels, &c., of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of the St. German's Lodge, were manufactured by Bro. Kenning, of Little Britain, London, from his branch establishment, Monument-place, Liverpool.

The musical portion of the ceremony was very efficiently rendered by a choir consisting of Bros. J. A. Mylrea, P.G. Org.; R. Swinnerton, P.G.D. of C.; E. J. Bowman, P.G.A.D. of C.; H. C. Lockhart, and R. G. Hoyle.

Dinner was afterwards served in the Castle Mona Hotel. There were about 58 members of the Craft present. The chair was occupied by the

R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, who was supported on his immediate right and left by the R.W. Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. Beach, and the Grand Registrar of England, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C.; the cross table was occupied altogether by the Grand Officers, their respective ends being occupied by the Prov. G. Wardens, Bros. J. A. Brown and W. Laughlin; the other Prov. Grand Officers being seated in the places allotted to them. There were several visitors present. The dinner was served and catered in a first-class style by the manager of Castle Mona, Mr. J. A. Hinton.

After dinner, the toast list was gone through, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been proposed by Bro. J. S. GOLDIE-TAUBMAN, R.W.P.G.M., and acknowledged with musical honours.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said: I have another toast to submit to you. It is that of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Applause.) I think we are very lucky in having so many Grand Officers, past and present, with us to-day. None of us have much acquaintance with the working of a Grand Lodge, but still we have seen what has been done to-day, and from that we know how well they work, and how well they are acquainted with Masonic lore. Both yesterday, at Peel, and to-day the Grand Officers, and particularly the D. of C., Bro. Richardson, have gone through a great deal of work, and I think they deserve the greatest thanks at our hands. (Applause.) Few of us know the amount of work he and all of them have gone through.

In response, Bro. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE, after thanking all present for the heartiness of the reception of the toast, expressed the earnest wish of the Grand Lodge of England that the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man should go on and prosper. He had no doubt that his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. would recognise that this was the newest province under his banner, and that he might feel it to be his duty, in some future year, to reward some of the Masons of the Island by some special marks of his favour. (Applause.)

The Installing Master, Bro. BEACH: Having had the pleasure of installing your Provincial Grand Master, it is now my pleasing duty to propose to you that you drink his health, and give him a hearty welcome to the high office to which he has been appointed. Brethren, I alluded some short time ago, in the Provincial Grand Lodge to-day, to the qualifications which were necessary for every candidate for the office Bro. Taubman now occupies. I pointed out to him the various duties he ought to strive to perform, and the qualifications he should endeavour to gain. I will not further elaborate upon them here. I would rather appeal to the brethren present, as I have a right to do at the present moment, because I have the honour of being the medium of representing the Grand Master. You may therefore permit me to appeal to you all in behalf of your Provincial Grand Master, and ask you to give him a fair and candid consideration in the discharge of his duties. (Applause.) I am quite aware that in Freemasonry there is generally a most willing obedience shown to our rulers. (Hear, hear.) There is nothing which tends more to the prosperity and success of the Craft than this yielding and willing obedience to those who are placed in authority over us. (Hear, hear.) We show obedience to the volume of the Sacred Law. We know that in that Book obedience to our rulers is inculcated as one of the grand lessons; and in Freemasonry we emulate those lessons and inculcate the lesson of strict obedience to our rulers. Freemasonry would be a lawless society, and it would be totally unproductive of good, if it were not for that; but it is because those who are selected are believed to be capable of ruling over us that we do place our confidence in them, and so do our best to assist them to act up to the utmost of their judgment. (Hear, hear.) I must say myself, from great experience, that I believe there is a great disposition in the members of the Order to give that fair consideration which I allude to to the acts of their superiors. Without that, as I have said, a ruler would be powerless for good, because, if he were always thinking or doubting whether he would be sustained in this or that act, he would be less efficient in the discharge of his duty, and all would suffer. But in Masonry things are different, and a ruler may feel perfectly sure that the brethren will give him fair judgment, and will believe that he is acting to the best of his belief in the discharge of his duty. I feel sure that you will all readily acquiesce in that, and with that belief I will ask you to rise and drink "The Health of your Provincial Grand Master," wishing him every success in the discharge of his high duties. (Cheers.)

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, in responding to the toast, which was received with the greatest enthusiasm, said: Brethren, I thank you for the manner in which you have received this toast, and also you, Right Worshipful sir, for the manner in which you have proposed it. We all listened, I am sure, with great attention to the Installing Master's charge. In it he clearly laid down the duties of your Provincial Grand Master. With every word then said, I thoroughly agree, and it will be the aim of my life, so long as I hold the position I am favoured to hold to-day, to try to carry out the principles he inculcated to-day. (Applause.) I agree with him in thinking that I shall receive from the lodges under my rule, that loyalty and hearty co-operation which is absolutely necessary if the province is to be successfully and thoroughly carried on. (Applause.) I now give you "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Beach," who has so efficiently discharged his duties to-day.

The toast having been honoured with every symptom of cordiality, the INSTALLING MASTER said: I return you my sincere thanks for the kind way in which this toast has been received by you. I have already said it has been a great pleasure to me to visit the Isle of Man, and to perform the ceremony of installation to-day. It is very gratifying to us, as representing the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges in England, to see the establishment of this new province, a province with so many lodges all bearing the impress of future success. (Hear, hear.) There is one thing necessary to success in Freemasonry. That is to have your heart in the cause. I always think myself that nothing tends to make anyone so successful in any walk in life so much as a display of a hearty interest in the cause he is taking up. And if that is true in the ordinary run of life, it is true in Freemasonry. If a brother enters into the Order—and he may be a respectable member of the Craft—who does not take an interest in it, he cannot expect to make much progress, but if he does take an interest, and resolves to make progress, he will succeed in forcing his way up to a high position. He will become one of the rulers in the lodge, and then a Past Master, and so add a wonderful strength to every lodge; because I do think myself that it is the Past Masters of a lodge which add so largely to the efficient manner in which Freemasonry is carried out. If brethren are lax in their efforts after they have passed the chair, a lodge cannot prosper as it should. (Hear, hear.) But I am glad to say that such is not the case

in Freemasonry. Generally, there is a disposition among the brethren to do their utmost to promote the success of the lodge, whether they are actually ruling or assisting those who are ruling over it after them. As I have been alluded to personally, I may say that I have always taken a warm interest in the prosperity of the Order. The great thing about English Masonry is the great enthusiasm with which it is taken up. There are perhaps greater numbers elsewhere than belong to our Constitution, in America, for instance, but I do not think the enthusiasm anywhere equals ours. The impetus given to the Order in recent times shows how those entering into it are animated with an earnest desire to promote the prosperity of the Order into which they have entered. It is the desire of those who rule over our different provinces to promote the success of the Craft in the different provinces. During the time I have had the honour of ruling over the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, I have constituted no fewer than fifteen lodges, besides a good many chapters, and that is not an isolated case. Numbers of other provinces have done as well. That shows how Masonry is thriving; and I hope it is also a symbol of how the brethren who become members of our Order are animated by the best desire to promote the best success of the Craft. I thank you for the way in which you have met me. I am sure I shall retain in my recollection a most grateful sense of the kindness I have received in the Isle of Man; and, brethren, accept on my part the very best wishes for the success of Freemasonry in this new province. (Cheers.)

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England: A toast has been placed in my hands to propose, which I am sure this meeting of brethren will drink with acclamation. It is that of "The Grand Officers of the newly-constituted Province of the Isle of Man." Now, after the eloquent speech we have listened to from the Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and the sage counsels which he gave in the Provincial Grand Lodge to-day, there is but little to say, and that little I should be unwilling to obtrude upon your notice, this evening, did I not feel how true it is, that as the child so the man; as the twig turns, so the tree grows; and a good start, and a good list of officers at the start, is likely to determine the future course of your lodge. Of all things, therefore, in starting this venture of a Provincial Grand Lodge, and binding the lodges of the Isle of Man under one head, under the Grand Lodge of England, of the utmost importance it is that those who are selected to bear high offices, and to rule and govern the Provincial Grand Lodge, should be duly qualified, and as Masons act so as to give an impetus to Freemasonry in the province. Feeling that, I am sure that your P.G. Master has made the appointments he has made to-day, and I am quite sure that the brethren of the different lodges under his banner recognise the fitness of the appointments, and the qualifications of the brethren whom he has nominated to the different offices in the province. But do let me say this—and I come from the east, and I have the honour to be the deputy of a Provincial Grand Master in an eastern portion of England, and they say that the wise men came from the east—(laughter)—of course they did, and therein they showed their wisdom. (Laughter.) Well, now, may I say a word and be forgiven? We have in Masonry many different organisations. What it has been within the memory of some I have the honour of addressing, they know; but I know that it is now very different to what it was when I myself joined the Order. Masonry has increased in the estimation not merely of those who are brethren of the "mystic tie," but also in that of the "popular world at large who are not Masons." Masonry has increased largely since it happened, under unfortunate circumstances, that our Grand Master felt it necessary to resign the throne of Masonry; but then it was not thought derogatory to the Heir Apparent of the Throne of England to come forward and vindicate the honour of Masonry. (Cheers.) But it has been said, "If you are what you represent yourselves to be, why the need of all this secrecy?" But I think we might well point, not only to the fact that the Heir Apparent of the Throne of this country is our Grand Master, but to those whom we have the honour to reckon among our ranks—the brother clergymen who are members of our different lodges—I think we might say, without disclosing any Masonic secret, to those who object to us, and say that, as a secret society, we have that which we desire to conceal because it cannot bear light—we might say to them that the light which is cast upon us by the illustrious names of those who belong to us, by their record, by their character, and by their daily life and conversation, ought to be vindication enough to us in the eyes of any candid person, and beyond such we care not to justify ourselves. (Cheers.) We know that all things human are subject to abuse, and when a thing is prosperous and fashionable, and when multitudes flock to it, there are dangers and difficulties of a certain nature, but which are not perhaps less insidious than those which attend us at the time of adversity, and when it is worth a man's while to say he does not belong to us. All who come to us, then, we know have set their teeth, and mean, through good report and evil report, to stick to us. In fine weather it is very easy sailing, but prosperity brings its troubles as well as adversity. Now, we cannot be too careful, when we are a prosperous and highly successful body, whom we admit into our lodges. We do not want numbers, but quality. (Hear, hear.) We desire that the "tongue of good report" shall be truly heard in their favour, and, that being so, we have a solid substratum to build upon, and then we can raise "an edifice which shall be perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder." When we do that we build on the rock. We go well with a fair wind, but when you have to batten your hatches you are not quite so sure of your cargo—(applause)—warranted 3 per cent. unless the ship stranded. (Laughter.) I am sure you will forgive me for having ventured on this subject. It is a text from which I constantly preach, and it is one which we feel is a good one to bear in mind. I am sure it has assured the stability of our lodges; and the fact that Masonry is with us, as I hope it will always be, a living institution, one which is felt to be a real power, a power for good, bringing a blessing wherever it permeates, that blessing which we all recognise when we, as brethren, put out our hand to a fellow brother and clasp that hand under the sacred protection of a Masonic lodge, and feel that we can place in each other that trust which our "mystic tie" alike justifies and alike requires, and in which, I trust, we shall never find the treacherous hand stretched out and never find the trust we give badly repaid. (Applause.) In this spirit, Right Worshipful Grand Master, I have ventured to say a word which, I trust, may not be unacceptable to the brethren. (Applause.) If it has been, I hope they will forgive me; but I know so well how it is in forming a new lodge or taking a new departure. I know what difficulties fall upon those who are called upon to bear office; to put the thing into train; to make the working go for the first time regularly; and I am sure we all wish those brethren who have been called to office to-day every success in their arduous undertaking. We wish the object of their solicitude may prosper under their hand, that the province, consecrated most fitly in the person of

its Right Worshipful Grand Master, may go on in its Masonic career, prospering and to prosper, carrying with it the best wishes of all who are true Masons at heart; and of all those who, like myself, have had the honour and pleasure of coming for the first time to the Isle of Man, and who appreciated the kindness with which we have been met, and the heartiness of your reception. I therefore trust that you will unite with me in drinking the toast of the Grand Officers of the province; and in wishing them every success and prosperity in carrying out their duties, in the success and prosperity of which, let me say, the success of the Provincial Grand Lodge will, I trust, be assured. (Applause.) Let me couple with the toast the name of the brother who fills here to-day the office to which he has been so worthily appointed—the name of our Bro. Heron, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER responded in suitable terms, and afterwards gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Pierpoint and A. N. Laughton, both of whom also responded.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON gave the toast of "The Insular Lodges," and in doing so said that the lodges of the Isle of Man had turned out many good and true Masons, and, no doubt, if they only continued in the way in which they had gone on so far, some of them would be numbered among the Grand Officers of England. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. T. H. Nesbitt, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and Master of the Athole Lodge. Bro. Nesbitt was most popular throughout the Island, and he was sure that that brother's zeal would add greatly to the success of the new province. (Cheers.)

The toast having been honoured, Bro. NESBITT, in responding, said: As the W.M. of the senior lodge in the Isle of Man under the English Constitution, and as the official representative of that lodge on the present occasion, I rise to return our thanks for the hearty and very enthusiastic reception accorded to the toast of the Insular lodges, which has just been submitted to you by our distinguished Bro. Richardson. I can assure you that we appreciate the compliment which has been paid to our Insular lodges, and I think I can safely say, on behalf of my colleagues, the W.M.'s of the other lodges, and also on behalf of the officers and members of the lodges which we represent, that no effort shall be wanting on our part to assist the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy in making this Provincial Grand Lodge a success and a power in Masonry. It is true that none of our Insular lodges can be traced to a very remote period of antiquity, but, during the time that has elapsed since the formation of the Athole Lodge, in 1864, some little good and useful work has been done, although I am fain to confess that that little might have been materially increased. Now, however, that we have been constituted into a province, it is anticipated that this inauguration meeting, and the proceedings of this day, interesting and eventful as they have been, will be stimulative of courage, faithfulness, and zeal, with a view to a more enlarged sphere of practical usefulness, particularly in connection with the great central Masonic Charities. I am not disposed to under-rate the difficulties consequent upon adopting this policy of local centralisation; but I believe that, in theory and practice, these difficulties, with tact and good management on the part of those placed in authority over us, will only be of a conventional nature and may be surmounted. A correspondent in *Science Gossip* mentioned some little time ago, finding a deserted bird's nest in which a little bee had taken up its abode and built a waxen cell therein. Some will, no doubt, consider this bee an ideal insect, but most of us will perceive that if the various hives broke up into such solitary workers, there would be no honey at all. Now, our Insular lodges have to some extent hitherto occupied a similar position. The individual lodge, especially in our contracted sphere in this Island, can do very little practical work, and its efforts, no matter how laudable they are, scarcely ever produce a commensurate result; it is only by effective union, combined organisation, and the best of government, that the lodge becomes an effective worker, and makes its power for good felt; and for this purpose, without aggregation and combined action, our lodges can do as little for the great Masonic Charities as the bee in its solitary cell. Now, however, to carry the simile a little further, with the formation of St. Germain's Lodge, of Peel, the hexagonal structure has been completed and the province constituted under most auspicious circumstances; and we fervently hope that our lodges will swarm successfully, that great good will result to the cause of Masonry, which we all have so much at heart, and that not only will individual brethren and individual lodges continue to work in their private capacity, but that they will concentrate their energies into a wider channel and become corporate patriotic workers in the province. Brethren, I again thank you most heartily for the kindly feeling manifested in the reception of the toast of the Insular Lodges. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. E. FERRIER: I rise as a good Mason always does, when he is ordered to do so, without a word, to propose the next toast, but before I proceed to that toast I should very much like, with your permission, to say a word or two with respect to the observations which have been made with respect to Freemasonry in the Isle of Man. I do not know that I am right in saying this, but I believe I am the oldest Manx Mason, or very nearly so, in this room. I can, therefore, go further back than some of those who have addressed you this evening. I can remember lodges at Peel and Castletown under the Irish Constitution, and I can also remember a lodge in Douglas under the Scotch Constitution. I frequently visited that lodge when I was a much younger man than I am at present, and I believe it was owing to the Irish Lodge at Castletown that we tidied through the great difficulties which arose in Douglas with respect to Freemasonry. I can assure you that, when I joined it, Masonry here had got to the very lowest ebb. We worked through difficulties and troubles, and then it came about that Douglas presented herself in the foremost rank, and at once Masonry seemed to gain a new and charmed life, and the Order at once commenced to blossom. No one was more delighted than I was to see that work carried on, and I am glad to say, with respect to the work which has been going on, that it has culminated in the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge to-day. And I can assure Bro. Philbrick, who has addressed us in such good and kind words to-day, that there is no danger, so far as I can see of Freemasonry being used for any other than good, useful and Masonic purposes in the Isle of Man on account of the proceedings of to-day. (Applause.) I assure him and the other Grand Officers that Masonry had assumed such proportions in the Isle of Man that it was absolutely necessary that there should be some addition made to the structure, in order that there might be free vent given to the energy which was pent up in the hearts of many Masons here. They felt, as you have so eloquently expressed it, that they should have an opportunity of distinguishing themselves amongst the Masons on the other side. I trust this will be the spirit which will animate the brethren here, so that

we shall have some of our number—I speak not for myself, years are coming upon me—but I do hope to see some of the younger brethren here officers of the Grand Lodge of England. (Applause.) They have shown themselves capable to work here. I thought it right to state this, because I wish the Grand Officers who have come from England, not to think this is merely an idea which is to have an ephemeral existence, but that it will last for many years. It will grow and extend itself, and the result will show that we are determined that the work shall proceed on pure Masonic grounds and principles, and we will have it that Freemasonry shall be respected and looked up to in the Isle of Man. (Applause.) Having said this much in respect to what has passed, I now turn to the toast I have to propose, and I can assure you that the principles of Masonic Charity are well-founded in our hearts. We know all the Charities of the Island; but what we wish the residents here to know is of the existence of, and the grand work done by, those Masonic Charities which are carried on throughout the world. I am not here to give any statistics with respect to those organisations. I have a brother here by my side who is well up in all that is necessary to state here, and he will tell you sufficient to let it be known that Masonry does not exist purely for the purpose of wearing vestments, and to meet together occasionally; but that there is real, honest, and true work going on which blesses those who take a share in it, and those also who share in the benefits of the Charities. I hope and trust that we will show that we are in earnest ourselves by contributing to those Charities, so that the work may become thoroughly known in our midst. We hear about certain things being the strongholds of Masonry, of Insular lodges and Grand Lodges, and grand speeches and toasts. Away with them, if we have not that which is the most essential portion of Masonry—I mean Charity. If we have not, in our working machinery, something whereby we can do good to others; more, if we have it not in all of us to determine that the work shall be carried on unitedly, "foot to foot, knee to knee, breast to breast," and back to back—if we do not have it in us to carry on the work which God blesses most earnestly with all His might and all His power, the work of doing good to the Institutions we have, in relieving those in poverty, and of winning that prize which we know is the greatest that can be given to any man, "Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me,"—(cheers)—if we do not do this we had better not exist. I give you the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and I couple with that the name of Bro. Matthews, who knows all about them.

The toast was duly honoured.

Bro. MATTHEWS: As this will be about the last speech of the evening, I will make it as brief as possible, though our brother who proposed the toast has so put it that I could go on for an hour before I could give you all the particulars. But I will not do anything of the kind. I will tell you, shortly, that the subscriptions to our three great Masonic Charities amount, roundly, to the sum of £51,000 per annum. (Applause.) We have the Old Men and Women's Charity, and many annuitants, I do not remember the number, receive something like £36 a year each. We have our Boys' School, consisting of about 220 or 230 boys, which will shortly be raised to 270; but as to the Girls' School, on the managing Committee of which Bro. Richardson and myself happen to be, I can speak more particularly. There are in that school 243 girls. In that and in the Boys' School all the children are the offspring of Freemasons who, from some reason or other have been reduced in circumstances, and I may tell you that I have known the daughters of three or four personal and intimate friends of my own who have passed from this world and left little or nothing behind, who have been in this School. So far as that School is concerned, I may tell you that it is one which gives the very best education that could possibly be given to any girl—(hear, hear)—and I can say the same of the Boys' School. Last year we passed 18 out of 20 girls through the Cambridge Local Examinations. We sent up four girls for the senior examination there, and three of them passed. The examination is a very stiff one, I can assure you. I should not like to attempt it myself, though I have been to school. (Laughter.) I do not think it necessary to give more particulars than these; but I may express the hope that we on the different Committees of these Schools may find the names of the lodges or brethren from the Isle of Man on our subscription lists, and that also, if necessary, and that I hope it will not be, that we shall receive some children from the Isle of Man into our Schools. I know that there they would receive a good education, and be properly looked after. I thank Bro. Ferrier for what he has said about the Charities, and I hope the good words that he has spoken will bear good fruit. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND SENIOR WARDEN: By a strange oversight we have passed over what I consider to be "the toast of the evening." That is rather a trite saying, and it has been used pretty often this evening; but I think I have the truth on my side. The toast I have to propose is that of "The Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke." (Loud cheers.) The worthy brother who has just spoken has given us some details as to the Masonic Charities, and in doing that he has afforded me a little text for the few words I shall trouble you with. When Bro. the Grand Secretary was here two years ago, I laid before him a case of Masonic distress of which I had intimate knowledge, owing to the death of an old friend. By the rules of the Order, the children of this brother were not entitled to any relief; but within a month of his conversation with me I received from the Grand Secretary a very handsome cheque towards the relief of the destitute children whose case I laid before him. (Applause.) I simply mention this fact to show that in this instance, as well as in many others which I will not now trouble you with, Bro. Clerke has acted in a worthy manner, and in a way which entitles him to the gratitude of Manx Freemasons—(applause)—and I am sure that in proposing his health I put before you a toast which will be the most popular of the evening. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk, and cheers given for the popular Grand Secretary, who thanked the brethren for the good feeling towards him which they had displayed.

The proceedings were shortly afterwards wound up, thus closing what will be a red-letter day in the annals of Manx Freemasonry.

We may here state that Bro. J. C. Bradshaw has taken a number of very successful portraits of some of the distinguished brethren who visited the Island last week. Amongst the pictures is a large group containing portraits of Bros. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Beach, Philbrick, Stanhope, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. There are also single portraits of Bros. Beach, Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Philbrick, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as well as of the following officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire: Bros. Forrester, P.P.G.D.; Foote, P.G.T.; Barrow, P.G.D.; Murray, P.G.D.C.; and Goodacre, P.G.S.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Kendal, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 129, and, properly speaking, the senior lodge, with perhaps a voting power double any lodge in the province. The attendance was not so large as former years, although, with the exception of three, all the lodges were represented. The Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., presided, and at 12.30 prompt Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers were in attendance, as well as members of private lodges:

Bros. W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W., as Dep. Prov. G.M.; John Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.S.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, as P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. J. Bateman, Chap. 371, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Anderson, Chap. 119, P.G.A. Chap.; R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Treas.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; G. Ryrie, P.M. 119, P.G.S.D.; G. Taylor, P.M. 1074, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Hogg, P.M. 129, as P.G.S. of W.; J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Townson, Org. 872, as P.G. Org.; W. L. Towerson, P.M. 1267, P.G. Purst.; W. Middleton, P.M. 129, P.G. A. Sec.; T. F. Braithwaite, 119, P.G. Stwd.; H. Burns, W.M. 872, P.G. Steward; J. C. Thompson, P.M. 962, P.G. Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler 1002, P.G. Tyler; George W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Senior Warden; H. Cook, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Pagen, W.M. 119; W. C. Johns, I.P.M. 119; J. W. Taylor; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; Wm. Tattersall, P.M. 129, P.P.G. Reg.; Wm. Cartnell, P.M. 129, P.P.G.D.C.; E. W. Brinstead, A. Wilson, A. W. Hardy, I.G.; J. R. Illingworth, C. Rishton, J. E. Thurnam, Henry Hoggarth, William Harrison, T. Wilson, F. Wilson, E. Winkill, R. Fisher, Robt. Wheenary, John Holme, P.M. 129, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Thompson, Tyler; H. Fawcett, G. F. Gent, Dr. Sturridge, T. A. Argles, P.M.; T. B. Arnison, P.M. 339, P.P.G.D.C.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; J. R. Banks, P.M. 371; Chas. Paget, 129; Jas. Copeland, 129; J. Watson, Sec. 129; Robert Remington, S.W. 129; F. Hodgson, P.M. 872; Edwin Rose, P.M.; Thos. Brakenridge, S.W. 872; J. A. Salkeld, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Lewthwaite, W.M. 962; H. Carruthers, W.M. 1002; J. Towers, 1002; H. Wearing, 1073; Dr. Chas. Gour Ring, P.M. 1073, P.P.G.S.D.; J. N. Hoare, 1073; J. Hall, P.M. 1073; E. Armitage, P.M. 1074; Rev. G. B. Armes, W.M. 1267, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Tyson, P.M. 1267; A. Moordaff, Sec.; W. Moordaff, P. Dukes, H. Hartley, F. Moordaff, Wm. Burnyeat, J. J. Wilson, I.P.M. 1267; Dr. Anderson, Wm. Atkinson, P.M. 1390; Geo. Hill, P.M.; John Atkinson, Sec.; H. J. Fox, S.D.; R. Walker, R. Lewthwaite, L. Ward, W.M. 1400; W. Carlyle, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Wynn, P.M.; A. Little, W.M. elect; J. Ruberry, Sec.; J. Hewison, 1532; Thomas Richardson, 1532; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1532; H. Ward, W.M. 1989; Chas. Gowan, I.P.M. 1989, Sec.; and others.

The roll of lodges and the actual Provincial Grand Officers was called over, when a few were found to be absent, and had tendered their apology, one brother enclosing a cheque, with expressions of regret for unavoidable absence.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Carlisle on the 6th April, were read and confirmed.

The PROV. G. TREASURER next read a statement of accounts, which showed a small balance on the right side, the province having made its voting power three-fold within the last five years. The accounts were passed as read.

On the motion of Bro. KENWORTHY, seconded by Bro. HOLME, Bro. R. J. Nelson was again elected, by a unanimous vote, P.G. Treasurer.

The following brethren were then invested as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. W. Cartmell, P.M. 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ T. B. Arnison, P.M. 339 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. James Anderson, Chap. 119 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129 ...	(elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. C. Thompson, I.P.M. 962 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ George J. McKay, P.M. 129 (re-appointed) ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ James Copeland, P.M. 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ J. Johnston, P.M. 1400 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ R. I. Court, P.M. 310 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ E. Armitage, P.M. 1074 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
„ Fletcher Hodgson, P.M. 872 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
„ Charles Gowan, I.P.M. 1989 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ J. R. Banks, P.M. 371 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1532 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ W. Atkinson, P.M. 1390 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ W. Middleton, P.M. 129 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
„ Henry Burns, W.M. 872 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ L. Ward, W.M. 1400 ...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
„ W. C. Johns, I.P.M. 119 ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
„ T. A. Argles, P.M. 129 ...	...	...
„ B. Waller, P.M. 1074 ...	...	...
„ J. Lewthwaite, W.M. 962 ...	...	...
„ J. Hall, P.M. 1073 ...	...	...
„ J. J. Wilson, I.P.M. 1267 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
„ W. Thompson, Tyler 129 ...	...	...

The report of the Charity Committee was read, and, on the motion of Bro. KENWORTHY, passed.

Bro. P. DE E. COLLIN'S notice of motion was moved for the sum of 10 guineas to erect a font in Nether-ton Church, Maryport, of which the corner stone was laid with Masonic honours two years ago, the same font to commemorate the same.

The motion was, on the recommendation of several brethren, withdrawn, and the collection made previous to closing Provincial Grand Lodge, which amounted to over £10, was devoted to that purpose.

The usual custom of falling into processional order, and marching with a band of music to church, was abandoned this year, and this was one of the reasons given for the small attendance. The generally expressed opinion was, that if a lodge desires to walk to church application should be made to the R.W. Prov. G.M. at the same time Provincial Grand Lodge is invited; if not, let it be specified on the day that the invitation is given.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER invited a free expression of opinion, when, with few exceptions, the majority of the brethren present appeared favourable to the marching to the sound of the drum.

The Prov. Grand Secretary was instructed to ascertain the views held by the lodges in the province, by signature, as early as possible.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. C. J. BATEMAN, delivered a very eloquent address, entitled "Masonic or Christian Benevolence." The universal Charity of Freemasonry was clearly set forth, and highly appreciated by all present.

With other general business appertaining for the good and welfare of the province, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where a banquet was served worthy of the host and hostess. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, worthy of Cumberland and Westmorland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICK.

On Tuesday, the 28th ult., the annual gathering of brethren in connection with this province took place at Warwick, representatives from all the lodges in the county being present. The proceedings commenced at the Shire Hall shortly after half-past two o'clock, upwards of 100 brethren attending the business meeting, which occupied an hour and a half. The following were among those who subscribed their names in the Tyler's books:

Bros. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M.; Col. Machen, D.P.G.M.; G. King-Patten, P.G.S.W.; G. F. Hough, P.G. Chap.; J. F. Collins, P.G. Treas.; E. J. Seymour, P.M. 301, P.G. Reg.; G. Beech, P.G. Sec.; D. Rose, P.G. Stwd.; R. H. Vertegan, 74, P.G.S.D.; J. Grinsell, G.J.D.; W. Cox, P.G.D. of C.; Stephen Cox and W. Price, P.G.S. Brs.; T. Troman, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; E. Green, P.G. Purst.; S. E. Howell, A. H. W. Ratcliff, M. Hooper, E. Mallard, P.G. Stwds.; J. Moffatt, P.M. 74, P.P.G.R.; J. Boddington, P.M. 567, P.P.G.A.C.; A. E. Fridlander, P.P.G.W.; J. M. Moulton, P.M. 567, P.P.G.A.P.; T. Vaughton, P.M. 1816 and 1246, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Smith, P.M. 567, P.P.G.D.; H. Stanley, P.M. 395, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Glover, P.M. 395; D. Lavenstein, P.M. 1474, P.P.G.S.B.; W. M. Boddington, P.M. 1216, P.P.G.A. Sec.; J. S. Kennedy, P.M. 1431, P.P.G.W.; E. T. Bourton, P.M. 1180, P.P.G.S.D.; S. W. Cooke, P.M. 204, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Vero, 1333; C. R. Garnett, W.M. 2133; J. Nugent, P.M. 432; W. Miller, P.M. 1266; T. Richard, P.M. 254; W. H. Wood, P.M. 1474; J. W. Martin, W.M. 587; E. Nolan, P.M. 587; C. F. Rowe, P.M. 587; J. S. Foster, W.M. 74; A. T. Warrilow, S.W. 739; S. Lyon, W.M. 43; J. Pritchett, W.M. 1614; M. Hooper, 587, P.G. Steward; C. Lee, P.M. 74, P.P.G.W.; B. J. Allsopp, P.M. 1431, P.G.A.D. of C.; D. Cole, P.M. 254; F. A. Lane, Sec. 2133; J. F. Bank, I.G. 2133; W. Brown, 2133; G. F. Loggin, 2133; T. Benham, 723; J. Smith, 2133; H. E. Mewis, 44; W. H. Palmer, 74; W. Green, 395; D. Archer, 74; G. Round, W.M. 473; W. T. Sumner, 473; J. Ricketts, 395; T. Astill, 1246; H. Simpson, W.M. 502; W. Inigo Jones; A. E. Davis, 567; J. W. Davis, S.W. 43; F. Glover, J.D. 395; W. T. Tollady, 1180; A. E. Hart, 1016; G. F. Rooker, 1016; W. Clarke, P.M. 725; Felix Jones, I.P.M. 74; J. C. Guy, 925; Thurston Rivington, 284; G. Rollason, W.M. 1246; T. Barnet, S.W. 395; H. D. Morin, Sec. 395; C. Baker, 1664; W. H. Brown, 284; H. V. Spence, 567; J. Hughes, W.M. 1180; E. J. Blake, 1246; J. W. Matthews, P.M. 925; C. G. Bloomer, S.W. 1016; W. Glover, W.M. 925; E. Jones, 74; Reg. Bird, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Oxon; T. Ball, W.M. 1550; W. J. Taylor, I.P.M. 1016; W. G. Hills, W.M. 238; P. Porter, Sec. 938; M. Fenton, W.M. 1610; I. Brooks, P.G.S.D. Rugby; W. Stacey, P.M. 1782; W. Day, P.M. 1782; R. Barber, J.W. 1783; W. Stroud, Sec. 1782; E. Burfield, W.M.; H. Maycock, Sec.; E. Hunt, J.D.; F. P. Trepp, I.G.; C. Wilson, P.M., P.G.S.; G. Hiorns, P.M., P.G.S.; Jas. Collins, S.W.; Jos. Boddington, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; H. Shepherd; J. W. Frankton, P.M.; T. Benham, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; H. W. Sprenger; Jno. Marsh; J. P. Beck, 395; A. B. A. Cunnew, 395; N. Burrows, Prov. G. Tyler; and James Chapman, Asst. P.G. Tyler.

Shortly after four o'clock the brethren, wearing their full regalia, marched in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a special service was held, and to which the general public were admitted. The officiating clergymen were the vicar (the Rev. A. C. Irvine), the Rev. W. Fawcett (Priest-Chaplain), and Bro. the Rev. Thurston Rivington. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Hough, P.G. Chaplain. Mr. W. H. Bellamy presided at the organ. A collection was made at the close of the service, and the lodge afterwards voted £5 5s. towards the Restoration Fund.

In the evening a banquet took place at the Woolpack Hotel, and the company numbered nearly 100. Lord Leigh, Prov. G. Master, presided. Subjoined is a copy of the toast list: "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M.," "The Right Hon. the Earl Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master," "The Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Lodge of England," "The R.W. Prov. G. Master of Warwick shire, Lord Leigh," "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Machen, and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Prov. Grand Lodge," "The W.M. of the Unity Lodge," "The Visitors," and the Tyler's toast.

The banquet was magnificently served by Miss Knapp, proprietress of the hotel, the decoration of the tables eliciting general admiration.

HAMBURG.—When Freemasonry was introduced really into Hamburg is not quite clear. The Monsieur de Thour, or Thuanus, or De Thou mentioned in our Constitution Books is not apparently verified in Germany; neither is there any precise evidence of the deputation granted to eleven German brethren, good brethren, by Lord Strathmore, in 1733, for constituting a lodge at Hamburg. The German writers rather lean to a French protocol of a meeting of Freemasons, December 6, 1737, as the formal foundation of Freemasonry in Hamburg, though we are inclined to think, knowing the irregularity of those early days, that the English account is substantially correct. Be this as it may, the "Handbuch" talks of a "Karl Sarry," English Prov. Grand Master of Prussia and Brandenburg; but we can find no trace of such a brother, and therefore rather lean to the theory that the practical development of Freemasonry in Hamburg dates from Matthias Albert Luttmann's P.G. Mastership in 1740. The lodge, which had been working, some say from 1737, others from 1733, without a name, in 1741 took the name of "Absalom," and in the same year, according to Findel, the P.G. Lodge of Hamburg and Saxony was formed. It is, however, quite clear that in 1738 Freemasonry was active in Hamburg. Soon after this the high grades appear on the scene, and bring in much of confusion and controversy, conflicting systems and opposing rites. In 1789, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was formed out of the old Prov. Grand Lodge of Lower Saxony, and revived in 1801, 1811,—and perhaps after the French occupation of Hamburg is still in existence. It has now three lodges under it, and 2629 brethren. There is also a Provincial Lodge of Lower Saxony at Hamburg, founded June 4, 1777. It has, apparently, six Johanneite lodges and one Andrew lodge under it, with a few hundred members. There is also the "Eclectic System," or Schroder's "Engbund," which is we believe, worked in only two lodges, "Zur Brudertue an der Elbe," and the "Bruderkette," which between them have about 300 members. The system of the Grand Lodge is Schroder's, that of Provincial Lodge, Zinnendori's.—*Kenning's Cyclopadia of Freemasonry.*

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

Of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this INSTITUTION will be held in the Hall of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER, 1886, at twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion, as under, and to elect 16 Girls into the School from a list of 33 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual Business is over).

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL, J.P., P.G. Treas., Patron:—

"That on the death of any Life Governor or Subscriber his executors shall, during the current financial year, be entitled to receive and sign the Voting Paper such deceased Life Governor or Subscriber would have been entitled to had he been still living. And that the laws of the Institution be amended accordingly."

Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. HENRY A. HUNT, Vice-President:—

"That the House Committee be authorised to expend the balance of the Grant of 9th January last, together with a sum not exceeding £500, in the erection of a boundary wall along two sides of the newly-acquired land."

By Bro. JOHN E. LE FEUVRE, D. Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Vice-President:—

To come after Article 6 of Law 54 as an additional clause:—

"Every petition on behalf of a Candidate whose father was initiated in a Province should, where possible, be accompanied by a recommendation from the Provincial Grand Secretary of such Province, who shall be invited to give his opinion on the circumstances of the case for the guidance of the General Committee.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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.]

FREEMASONRY IN BENGAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
With reference to the query made by Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, in the *Freemason* of the 11th ult., I beg to append below a true copy of the warrant of confirmation of Lodge Anchor and Hope, No. 234, under which it is now working:

Seal of WARRANT OF LODGE "ANCHOR AND HOPE,"
G. Lodge of England. ZETLAND, G.M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren, We, Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, Baron Dundas of Aske, in the County of York, &c., &c., &c. Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England. Send Greeting,

Whereas it appears by the records of our Grand Lodge that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three a Warrant of Constitution was granted authorizing certain Brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Calcutta, in the Presidency of Bengal, in the East Indies, which was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge, No. 452, and Whereas by the general alterations or closing up of Numbers which took place in the years 1781 and 1792 respectively, the said Lodge become successively Nos. 360 and 292, and by the alteration of Numbers consequent upon the union of the Two Fraternities of Freemasons on the 27th December 1813 it became No. 413, and again by the general alteration of Numbers in the year 1832 it became No. 284,* and is now holden at Calcutta in Bengal aforesaid, under the Title or Denomination of The "Anchor and Hope" Lodge, No. 284. And Whereas by a petition bearing date the 14th May 1840, it has been represented to us by our Right Trusty and well-beloved Brethren Alexander Grant, the Master of the said Lodge, Henry James Frederick, Senior Warden, John Cameron, Junior Warden, J. A. Guest, D. Monteith, John Cowing, and others, that the original Warrant hath been lost or destroyed, and have therefore prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. Now know ye We being satisfied of the reasonableness of the request and from the confidence reposed in the said Brethren DO HEREBY GRANT THIS OUR WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION authorizing and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Calcutta aforesaid, at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear requisite and necessary, and be regulated by their By-Laws in conformity with the General Laws of the Grand Lodge, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the Ancient Rites and Custom of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known World. And we do confirm the said Lodge in its original Rank, Station, and Priority, giving full power and authority to the Brethren to elect a Master from time to time in conformity with General Laws of the Craft and their own By-Laws, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge as Master shall be installed in Ancient form, and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the Dignities and Powers of his Office. And we require you the said Alexander Grant and your successors to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons. And that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitution, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Masters for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make

* By a subsequent alteration of Lodge numbers in the year 1863, it has become No. 234, the number which it now bears.

such By-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall, to the majority of the Members, appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in Books to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or to the Right Honorable Richard William Penn Curzon Howe, Earl Howe, Viscount and Baron Curzon of Penn, and Baron Howe, G. C. H., Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty Queen Adelaide, &c., &c., &c., Our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a List of the Members of your Lodge and the name and description of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this our Warrant shall be in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our said Grand Lodge. Given under Our Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at London, this 30th day of April, A.L. 5844, A.D. 1844.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Master.
WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S. HOWE, D.G.M.

The above warrant of confirmation bears the signature of V. Wor. Bro. W. H. White, jun., who at the time was the Grand Secretary, and whose connection with the Grand Lodge office commenced from the year 1801. From the year 1801 to 1809 he was an assistant in Grand Secretary's office, and in the year 1810 was appointed Grand Secretary jointly with his father (V. Wor. Bro. W. H. White, sen.), who also held the office of Grand Secretary. The testimony of a brother who was connected so long with the Grand Lodge of England, and who was quite conversant with the list of then existing lodges under the English Constitution, should, I think, be accepted as conclusive proof that the recital made in the present warrant of confirmation was founded in facts, and that Lodge Anchor and Hope, No. 234, is no other than the one opened and instituted in the year 1773.

A brief account of the past history of Lodge Anchor and Hope would, perhaps, throw more light on the subject.

The original number of this lodge, under the warrant of 1773, granted by the "Modern" Constitution, was 452, and in the course of 19 years—that is, up to 1792—there were two further changes, viz., No. 370 in 1781, and No. 292 in 1792.

In the year 1801 this lodge applied for a warrant under the "Ancient" Constitution, and No. 325 was assigned to it, but it never worked under this warrant. Other Calcutta lodges that got similar warrants—viz., Lodge Humility with Fortitude, and Lodge Marine—worked under them, and for so doing, when the union of the two Fraternities was established in the year 1813, the fresh warrants issued to them by the United Grand Lodge bore the same dates as those granted to them under the "Ancient" Constitution. Lodge True Friendship, another of the Calcutta lodges that threw off its allegiance to the "Modern" Constitution, still works under the "Ancient" warrant (copy herewith enclosed), owing to the United Grand Lodge of England declining to grant a fresh warrant with a date prior to that of the "Ancient" warrant.

When the Union was established Lodge Anchor and Hope was erroneously reckoned as two separate lodges, that is, one as under the "Modern" and another as under the "Ancient" Constitutions, and consequently, at the re-numbering of the lodges, got two numbers allotted to it, viz., No. 371 in the place of 292, and No. 413 in the place of 325.

This mistake does not appear to have been detected until the year 1840, when Bro. Alexander Grant and others applied for a warrant of confirmation, and after a prolonged correspondence, extending over four years (warrant of confirmation applied for on 14th May, 1840, and granted on 30th April, 1844), it was proved to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge Officers that there was really only one Lodge Anchor and Hope, and not two, and hence the lodge got a confirmation of the original warrant of 1773, bearing the No. 452. In this warrant of confirmation, instead of No. 371 being cited (the number assigned to the lodge at the Union as under the "Modern" Constitution), No. 413 is cited. The reason of this is, that by the general alteration of numbers in the year 1832, No. 371, the real number of the lodge, was erroneously closed up, and there was no help for it but to cite No. 413.

I trust the above remarks will convince your readers, and especially Bro. John Lane, that the Lodge Anchor and Hope, now No. 234, is no other than the one constituted in the year 1773 as No. 450.—Yours fraternally,

14, Sectaram Ghose's-street, P. C. DUTT.
Calcutta, Sept. 7th.

NOTICES OF LODGE MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The complaint of Bro. Collison and his loss of "confidence" in the Book of Constitutions is another curious example of the common fallacy of generalising from too few instances. When the astonishment produced by the reading of Bro. Collison's letter had somewhat subsided, I took a bundle of the by-laws of ten different lodges distributed in four provinces:—

- No. 1. Specifies the place, date, and time of the regular lodge meetings, but no time is specified as to notices.
- No. 2. Two clear days notice required.
- No. 3. } Three clear days notice required.
- No. 4. }
- No. 5. }
- No. 6. Four clear days notice required.
- No. 7. Five clear days notice required.
- No. 8. "One week's notice required."
- No. 9. } Seven days notice required.
- No. 10. }

Bro. Collison will see these instances that "seven days' notice of regular lodges is far from 'universal,' and can only be the 'established usage and custom' of those lodges whose bye-laws require such notice, or, without such bye-law, may have adopted it."

It is very strange that any brother should have the notion that the Book of Constitutions required lodges to give seven days' notice of regular meetings, as none of the editions contain any rule as to this detail, which is now wisely left for each lodge to determine for itself.

In our first and several subsequent editions of "Grand Lodge Regulations," "the Master of a particular lodge has the right and authority of congregating the members of his lodge into a chapter at pleasure upon any emergency or occurrence, as well as to appoint the time and place of their usual forming." Since the Union of the Constitutions require that the "place and regular days of meeting shall be specified in the bye-laws," thus transferring to the lodge some of the power previously vested in the Master.

Grand Lodge very properly prescribes seven days' notice for making an "emergency" candidate at an emergency lodge, as it affords safeguard against precipitation.

In a 30 years' experience of active lodge work, I have only known two cases of emergency candidates; nor does the Craft, as far as I know it, much encourage emergency initiations.

Rules 165 and 185 seem clear and distinct, both in spirit and letter. It is perhaps my own fault; but Bro. Collison's mixture of them is rather confusing. Let me just remark that, if it be an omission not to order a seven days' notice for all lodges, this does not vitiate the 310 rules which are included in the Book of Constitutions.—Yours fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN.

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Although I am unable to follow the reasoning of your correspondent, Bro. Collison, in the last issue of the *Freemason*, I am glad to see the question of lodge notices ventilated, as it is a subject on which a good deal of ignorance and misconception exists—even amongst well-informed Masons. It is very clear that the Book of Constitutions does not enjoin that a printed or written notice is to be sent out at all except in cases of emergency, it being assumed that every brother is acquainted with the time of the regular meetings of his lodge, and is bound to be present unless prevented by the urgency of his public or private avocations or sickness. The sending of a notice is merely a reminder or an act of courtesy.—Yours fraternally,
I.P.M.

THE 1738 CONSTITUTIONS.

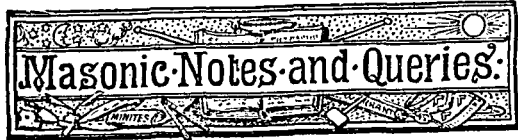
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Hughan, in his description of the Constitutions 1738, in the *Freemason*, page 520, says: "The frontispiece is similar to the one of 1723. I desire to supplement this by saying that it is the same identical plate."

There is a peculiarity, discovered the other day at Shanklin by Bro. Goldney and myself, which is interesting. The frontispiece of the 1723 Constitutions has the imprint: "Engrav'd by John Pine in Aldersgate Street, London." The Constitutions published 11 years later has the same plate with the imprint removed; but with a magnifying glass, or even without one, you can see the traces of the original inscription. The tool marks of the workman are also in both.—Yours fraternally,
J. E. LE FEUVRE.

Southampton, October 23rd.



680] MASONIC MEDALS.

Will some brother kindly tell me the names of the Degrees represented by the following medals:—(a)—Eight pointed star of silver, the centre being green. Legend, "Inde, Este, Longe." (b)—Cross of Calvary (Red Cross), serpent entwined. (No. 75, Shanklin.) Does it belong to the Priestly Order? Possibly, Bro. G. P. Brockbank can trace its origin. (c)—Cross of St. Andrew, with All-Seeing eye above. (d)—Eight pointed star (silver). Legend, "Este Large" (No. 198). Will Bro. Jerman kindly explain its reference?
CHISHOLM.

681] FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

Many of us would like to be favoured with particulars of the lodge which now uses the furniture which once belonged to one of the French lodges, about which Bro. Hughan and Speth have so interestingly written. I understood Bro. W. Kelly, the Masonic veteran of Leicester, has curious information on the subject. Has Bro. C. L. Mason, of Leeds, any more information, additional to that given by Bro. Hughan, respecting the French Masons at Leeds about 1760?
CHISHOLM.

BRO. HUGHAN AND DR. MORRIS.

Some of Bro. Hughan's admirers were recently speaking of his amazing labours, so creditable to himself and so useful to us. It was agreed that he should take more time for the lighter studies of the Craft, and being requested to embody the thought in an Acrostic; here it is!
ROB. MORRIS.

ACROSTIC.

Hughan! bright star of intellect and worth,
Untiring delver in Historic dust!
Give to yourself we pray, a time for mirth,
Humour and wit, to brush away life's rust!
"All labour, no refreshment," stints the powers,
Nor grants to joy its portion of the hours.

A great treat is in store for the members and visitors of the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, on Monday, the 18th inst., when Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G. Stwd., and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, has very kindly consented to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The lodge meets at the East Dulwich Hotel, and on this occasion a supper, at which the W.M. of the Selwyn Lodge will preside, will follow the meeting. The hour of assembly is 6.30 for 7 p.m., and the brethren are to appear in morning dress with Craft clothing.

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Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. Fromholtz, W.M.; Coop, S.W.; Hudson, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Hakim, S.D.; Steng, J.D.; Cursons, acting I.G.; Johnson, W.S.; Wetzler, A.D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Jordan, I.P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and many others. The visitors were Bros. Lue, late 141; Louesson, 188; Jones, 511; Purvis, 481; Burtoal, P.M. 929; White, 1107; and Langley, 1774.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Horton was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Coop was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Carter unanimously re-elected Treasurer (27th time); and Longstaffe, Tyler. The members of the Audit and Benevolent Committees having been elected, a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet; the usual toasts followed.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The first meeting after the vacation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Dewsnap, P.M., W.M.; Wall, S.W.; Lyon, J.W.; Jas. Lyon, Treas.; L. Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; Bottibol, S.D.; Gardner, J.D.; Serzberg, I.G.; Martin, I.P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; Dobson, P.M., D.C.; and Robins, P.M.

After the opening of the lodge, and confirmation of the minutes, Bros. J. Haarwood, H. Haarwood, and H. Green were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Van Praegh was next raised in a most efficient manner by the W.M. It may here be mentioned that the working of the W.M. during his year of office has been, to say the least of it, unsurpassing. A petition from the widow of a deceased brother was presented for support of this lodge, which the W.M. readily undertook to support at the Grand Lodge. A proposition was received from Bro. Spiegel, P.M., and also one from Bro. Alexander, P.M., to be considered at the next meeting.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, when 46 brethren joined. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Staley, P.M. 185; J. Van Praegh, 1668; J. Robinson, 76; G. Warner, 813; C. Read, 1613; J. Berg, 1613; L. Levy, 185; and J. Duch, 1349.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master, and heartily received by the brethren.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to in a very handsome manner by Bros. Staley, P.M., and J. Van Praegh. The latter, being only a young Mason, must be particularly commended for the high interest he takes in the Craft.

Bros. Robinson and Levy also expressed their thanks. The various officers responded to the toast given in their favour.

Bro. Van Noorden presided over the musical entertainment provided by the W.M.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. Burchan Cooper, W.M.; J. A. Taylor, S.W.; W. R. Shaw, J.W.; Knight Smith, P.M., Org.; Mattock, P.M., Treas.; George Skegg, P.M., Sec.; James, S.D.; F. J. Erdle, J.D.; G. Fitch, Stwd.; T. Cray, D.C.; C. Jones I.G.; Lee, Tyler; Foster, P.M.; Bowley, P.M.; Reynolds, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; Inwood, Allworthy, and others. The visitors present were Bros. Underwood, P.M.; Stewart, Manley, and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form, when, after the preliminary business, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. H. Brown, and being unanimously in his favour, he was initiated into Masonry by the W.M. The ceremony of raising Bro. T. G. Inwood was afterwards impressively gone through by the W.M., and after other business the lodge was closed.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).

—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. Simpson, W.M.; J. Lister, S.W.; Jas. Strugnell, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Schultz, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; J. Young, I.P.M.; Parkinson, Tyler; and others. Bros. Wildash, C.C., 742; Tuck, 901; Ross, 901; Matson, 902; and Shepcott, 1420, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dorling was ably raised by the I.P.M. to the Degree of a M.M. Two notices of motion to amend certain of the bye-laws having been given by Bros. Walls and Lardner, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.P., P.G. Treas., &c., Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., &c., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).

—The completion of the twelfth year of the existence of this lodge was celebrated on Friday, the 1st inst., in a manner which fully sustained the high character for correct working which it acquired under its first W.M., the late Bro. W. Stephens, P.G.P. The meeting, which was the installation meeting, was held at the old quarters, the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, where Bro. Edwin George, W.M., presided, and the lodge, true to its principles opened punctually at the time named on the summons, 3.45 p.m., at which hour there was a large attendance of brethren, including the W.M. elect, Bro. C. H. Fisher, S.W., Bro. W. Gray, P.M., Sec., and several visitors. The programme of business was heavy,

seeing that in addition to the ceremony of installation a raising and an initiation were on the card. To relieve the W.M., Bro. Gray, P.M., performed the raising, for which ceremony Bro. Archer was the candidate, and Bro. George, W.M., afterwards initiated Mr. Henry Lane, who had successfully passed the ballot after being proposed by Bro. George Haynes, and seconded by the Treasurer, Bro. J. E. Walford, C.C., P.M. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who at the request of the W.M. undertook the duties of Director of Ceremonies, next presented Bro. Charles H. Fisher for installation, and the W.M. then performed the ceremony in faultless style. Bro. Fisher immediately displayed his proficiency by investing his officers with a fluency which showed his complete mastery of the ritual, though he had not the opportunity of doing so in the case of the Senior and Junior Wardens whom he had arranged to appoint, as those two brethren were absent. The other officers were, however, in their places. The complete list of officers was as follows: Bros. Edwin George, I.P.M.; Henry Patient, S.W.; S. G. Patient, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, I.P.M., Sec.; B. G. Poulton, S.D.; R. J. Clack, J.D.; Thomas Dutton, I.G.; R. J. Campbell and J. H. Clare, Stwds.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. George then delivered the addresses, and the execution of the whole of the work was so superior that the brethren, on the motion of the Treasurer, directed a unanimous vote of thanks to Bro. George to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. This finished the business of the day, and the lodge was thereafter closed.

Banquet followed, and the brethren who sat down to it were Bros. E. George, W.M. and Installing Master; C. H. Fisher, S.W.; G. Pope, acting J.W.; J. E. Walford, Treas.; B. G. Poulton, J.D.; T. Dutton, acting I.G.; C. M. Gray, acting Org.; W. Gray, I.P.M., Sec.; J. Tovell, P.M.; R. H. Clack, M. J. Bromley, T. Blundell, R. Campbell, T. H. Clare, W. T. Gray, jun., E. Ashby, T. Glover, G. Haynes, H. Lane, W. Archer, S. A. Calderara, J. Tatlock, H. Youngs, and E. Cohen. Visitors: Bros. G. J. Pope, S.W. 1364; J. Smith, P.M. 193; J. Hughes, P.M. 1816; G. J. Westfield, J.D. 813; T. G. Harris, 1279; D. J. Bryden, 1432; J. Terry, P.M. 228, &c., acting D.C.; H. Forss, P.M. 917; G. Lambert, P.M. 720; F. Copstick, P.M. 869, P.P.G.S.B. Hants; W. Knell, P.M. 1471; J. Roberts, 599; J. Chambers, 34; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928.

As the hour was rather late when the toasts were commenced, the brethren who had to speak made their addresses brief, the W.M. setting the example by proposing "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge," in very few words.

Bro. Edwin George, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, said the brethren had in Bro. Fisher a very energetic brother, who would do the best he could for the welfare of the lodge, and who, as far as the working of the lodge was concerned, needed nothing to be said of him, as he had proved his ability to the brethren in the different positions he had occupied in the lodge. For himself, he (Bro. George) congratulated him on his having won his present position, and he congratulated the brethren on having obtained such a W.M.

Bro. Fisher, W.M., responding to an exceedingly warm reception of the toast, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which they had received the remarks of Bro. George. The brethren having entrusted him with the grave responsibility of governing the lodge for the ensuing 12 months, he should do the best he could for it. If he failed in his object it would be his misfortune; but he would endeavour to do his duty in the chair in which he had been installed.

After a brief interval, Bro. Fisher rose to propose "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. George," whom he could not but compliment on the example he had given to the brethren by the way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office. More particularly he had to compliment him upon the crowning act of his year of office—the installing of the new W.M., a ceremony which it must be admitted by all the brethren who witnessed it was, in its performance, a pattern of fluency and perfection. He had no doubt that all the brethren thoroughly appreciated it; but, speaking as an individual, and as far as regarded himself alone, he must say that to him it was an example which he should endeavour while following to equal. It was a great pleasure to him to have such a model, because it gave him confidence to have by his side a brother who he knew would assist him in every way possible. It must be a great satisfaction to Bro. George that the brethren had not been unmindful of his merits. Recognising to the full the abilities, the disposition, and the efficiency of Bro. George, they voted him at the last regular meeting a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, and it was now his duty, in the presence of all the brethren, to invest Bro. George with that jewel, accompanying that presentation with the expression of a wish and a hope, which was shared in by all the brethren of the lodge as well as by the visitors, that he might wear the jewel in the lodge for many years.

Bro. George, after his health had been drunk enthusiastically, said he felt very much indebted to the W.M. for his remarks, and to the brethren for their presentation and their heartiness. It was to him a source of very great pride that he should hear so many kind things said of him. The work of the year in the Marquess of Ripon Lodge had been a pleasure to him, though in some senses he rejoiced that that year had now come to an end, for his position was one of great responsibility. He now occupied a somewhat independent position. It had been to him a source of great encouragement during his year to have met with so much encouragement from the brethren. For this he had now to thank the brethren. He had also to thank them for the way in which they had received him on all occasions. For the Past Master's jewel he now had the honour to wear he must thank the brethren, but he could not allow the occasion to pass without saying that, while he could not help noticing what a handsome jewel it was, he should wear it in lodges with pride as long as he lived, as it would be to him a constant evidence of the many compliments the brethren had paid him while a member of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiate," Bro. Fisher said the way in which Bro. Lane had received his Degree that day was an evidence that he would be a true Mason all the way through. The brethren all wished him success in his endeavours to reach the higher degrees which he would aspire to.

Bro. Lane, in reply, said he was too little acquainted

with Freemasonry to be able to say much about it at present, but he would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of the Master and Past Masters of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given and responded to, and the toast of "The Masonic Charities" followed.

Bro. James Terry replied, and said that this toast was never forgotten in the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, and, what was more, it had never failed to be supported in its more practical sense. When he came to consider that Bro. Fisher was the fourteenth Master of the lodge, and that there were now only three Past Masters of the lodge present, it only showed what changes took place in the history of lodges. Bro. Terry then proceeded to show what strong support the Marquess of Ripon Lodge had given to the Masonic Charities, and mentioned that in the course of its career in the cause of Charity it had sent Stewards to the Festivals of the Institution with which he was more immediately connected. What had been done in the past he felt confident would be done in the future. The W.M. had said that he was willing to do all he could for the lodge. There was a splendid opportunity for him now to flash his maiden sword by standing as Steward on behalf of the old people. The Benevolent Institution was a most deserving one. At the coming election of the Girls' School, out of 32 candidates, 16 were to be elected. At the election for the Boys' School, out of 44 candidates, 32 were to be elected, so that out of 76 candidates for the two Schools, only 28 could be unsuccessful. Contrast this with the state of the Benevolent Institution at the last election, of which no less than 78 were unsuccessful, and had to stand over for a twelvemonth. These people were in great distress, and many of them had seen days of great prosperity. By the time the next election for the Benevolent Institution came there would probably be 120 or 130 candidates, and how many of them must be refused! Contrast this state of things with that of the Boys and the Girls—16 girls and 12 boys to be refused, who had somebody to take care of them, while the old people had not. He would commend the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign—a Royal event which had not taken place since 1810—as a fitting opportunity for doing everything in the brethren's power on behalf of their brothers who were in affliction.

Bro. W. Gray, P.M., in responding for the Past Masters, said there was nothing he had more at heart than the interest of this lodge, and if he could at any time render it any service he should do so.

Bro. Fisher, in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he could not say too many words in favour of Bro. Walford, for he deserved more than he could say. If he gave him (Bro. Fisher) the same favours he had given his predecessors, the brethren would all be delighted. Bro. Walford would take the money, and dispense in the best way he could. He would keep a check on everything and at the end he hoped would have a balance on the right side.

Bro. E. George, I.P.M. and Sec., said the brethren had for many years been indebted to Bro. Walford for his performance of the duties of Treasurer. It was not at all a nice office, as he had learned during the last week or so. Bro. Walford, however, went through it in a very happy way, and did everything very kindly, though he kept a sharp eye on everything.

Bro. J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas., said he was very anxious to see the prosperity of the lodge, and he was glad to know that for the last few years it had increased. His duties as Treasurer were pleasing to him. It was no use having a Treasurer unless that brother could provide for the comfort of the lodge, and he was prepared to do that, whether in funds or not, so long as he occupied the post of Treasurer.

The other toasts followed and the brethren separated.

ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE (No. 2020).—The first meeting after the summer vacation took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. P. Saillard, W.M.; the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Staples, I.P.M.; T. Benskin, S.W.; H. H. Wells, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Secretary; E. W. Stillwell, J.D.; E. J. Husey, D.C.; H. J. Staples, Stwd.; Janes, F. W. Harris, H. C. Cubitt, and H. P. Kelby. Visitors: Bros. A. E. Sydney, P.M. 155; Lieut.-Col. Edis, P.M. 10; Harris, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a brother was proposed as a joining member. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren dined together, presided over by the W.M. and supported by the I.P.M. and Visitors.

The toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The Officers of Grand Lodge," were given by the W.M.

Bro. the Lord Mayor then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on the position he held as W.M. of a lodge they were all so proud of, and wished him and the brethren all success and happiness in the future.

The W.M. responded, and in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," spoke in warm terms of the many good qualities possessed by his lordship; they were very proud, he said, of his connection with the lodge, and trusted it would long continue.

The Lord Mayor, in reply, thanked Bro. Saillard for his kind remarks. He had never looked on St. Botolph's Lodge as anything but a family party. They were not desirous of becoming a large lodge. He always enjoyed their meetings, they made short speeches, and, altogether, they were a very happy family.

The toasts of "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

Huddersfield.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street, when there were present Bros. W. E. Jowitt, W.M.; A. Graham, S.W.; J. Dawson, J.W.; J. Brierley, Treas.; Geo. Banks, Sec.; J. H. Sterry, S.D.; A. Armitage, D.C.; G. Jackson, I.G.; J. Swallow, Stwd.; G. Hardy, Tyler; J. W. Turner, P.M.; A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; G. Marshall, P.M., P.G.D.; G. Horsfall, P.M.; W. H. Jessop, P.M.; J. B. Matthewsman, P.M.; E. A. Beaumont, Jno. Davis, H. Field, S. Butterworth, S. Crossley, C. K. Hare, Bagshaw, Wray, Sissons, Greenwood, Sheard, and Thompson. Visitors: Bros. J. Craven, 275, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Crowther, 275, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Lee, 290, P.G.T.; G. H. Shaw, W.M. 652; A. H. Fletcher, 275 and 1506; R. Metcalf, 1783; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Thompson was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. P.M.'s A. Jackson and Geo. Marshall. Letters of apology were read from the W.D.P.G.M. and others, stating their inability to be present on account of important business pertaining to the province.

Business being concluded, the lodge was closed, when the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by the purveyors. After the Masonic toasts, the harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by music and songs.

Morpeth.—De Ogle Lodge (No. 636).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. W. Davidson, P.P.G.J.D., W.M., was in the chair, and there were about 40 P.M.'s and brethren present, including several from Hexham, Blyth, Durham, Alnwick, and Newcastle. Bro. John Watt, S.W., W.M. elect, was very ably installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. Davidson, P.P.G.J.D., and the newly-installed Masrer having been saluted and proclaimed, invested the following officers, in addition to the I.P.M., Bro. W. Davidson: Bros. J. Hann, S.W.; R. Crawford, J.W.; W. Storey, Sec.; J. C. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; W. H. Atkinson, S.D.; T. Hutchinson, J.D.; A. M. Loades, P.M., D.C.; T. Mace, I.G.; Moorhouse and T. Dick, Stwds.; and J. Thompson, Tyler. The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes, paid a visit to the lodge on the occasion.

The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Head (Mrs. Bowman's). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of "The Retiring P.G.M.," the Right Hon. Earl Percy," meeting with a most enthusiastic reception.

Riverhead.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The last meeting this year of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., and there was sufficient interest in the proceedings to attract a good number of the members, who are pretty much scattered as regards residence. The absence of some of the assistant officers gave an opportunity for others to show their proficiency, and there is no doubt that will be had in memory at the proper time. Bro. E. Strange, W.M., opened the lodge with commendable punctuality, supported by Bros. J. S. Birch, S.W.; W. Sparrowhawk, J.W.; F. P. Lee, I.G., acting S.D.; Hooker, acting J.D.; Pascoe, Asst. Org., acting I.G.; and Craig, I.P.M. The Past Masters present were Bros. Duret, Birch, and Baker; and the visitors: Bros. W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G.S. Middx., P.M. 975; C. H. Hogben, W.M. 1678; W. Drewett, J.W. 889, 1638; and Morgan, 1826.

After formal business Bro. Josiah Willmot was advanced to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. Thos. Potter was raised to the Sublime Degree, both ceremonies being ably performed by the W.M. his working of the Third Degree being specially praiseworthy, in fact, worthy of "Emulation." The true spirit of Masonry was exhibited by the unanimity with which the motion made by Bro. C. E. Birch, P.M., was received, the effect of which was the grant of ten guineas to the widow of a deceased brother. A goodly sum has also been subscribed by the members individually. Other business of interest to the lodge only was transacted, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered, lodge was closed. It should be mentioned though that the Secretary notified that the absence of one of the most respected of the P.M.'s, Bro. E. J. Dodd, was through an accident which befel him, by which he sustained somewhat serious injury to the shoulder and collar bone. Bro. H. Dodd was, however, able to report that satisfactory progress was being made, and that was most pleasing news to the members. Bro. H. Dodd was asked to convey to the sufferer the sympathy of the brethren, and their earnest desire that he might speedily be convalescent.

Refreshment came on in due course, and Bro. Waller, who is ever equal to the occasion, proved himself a host indeed. During the evening it was incidentally mentioned that there was a hope soon of an addition being made to the Amherst Arms Hotel. At present the lodge works in a schoolroom on the other side of the way, and the accommodation which Bro. Waller has is insufficient for "big" days, so that the erection of a large room, with convenient offices, will be not only a comfort to the brethren, but also a great acquisition to the present and future landlords of the house. The evening was most pleasantly spent. The W.M. sang a capital song, and the I.P.M. was well to the fore with "Father O'Flynn." The S.V. told of what was coming "Some Day," while the worthy Secretary proved himself a perfect "jewel" by the way in which he recited his difficulty in settling whether he was really Jacob or Hans.

Bro. W. Lloyd's office as Steward was no sinecure; but he did his work so well, that everyone was desirous of thanking him most cordially; while Bro. Waller's excellent catering called forth high praise from the W.M. When the parting hour came all were sorry, and it was rather vexing to find that a whole half-hour had to be spent at the railway station in waiting for the S.E. "9.30."

Liverpool.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which is one of the most influential lodges in the Province of West Lancashire, was held on the afternoon of the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and was attended by a very large proportion of the members of the lodge, who belong chiefly to the dramatic, musical, and literary professions. There was also a large attendance of visitors from other lodges. The chair was taken by Bro. J. M. Boyd, W.M., supported by Bros. J. S. Shrapnell, P.M.; R. Burgess, P.M.; W. Savage, P.M.; W. H. Sandbrook, P.M.; J. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; O. W. Sanderson, S.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Josef Cantor, Sec.; H. Round, S.D.; Dr. E. H. Allen, I.G.; L. Peake, P.M. 1035; G. H. Croxden-Powell, S. Mattison, P.P.G.S.; G. W. Harris, H. Bruce, A. Mascard, J. H. Light, T. L. Duncan, B. Hughes, Thos. Burnside, H. Heard, E. Graham, Wm. M. Annand, Isaac Knott, J. Bayliss, W. Addis, E. Watly, E. Edwards, S. Kirkham, J. Fineberg, A. E. Workman, Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Kenrick, W.M. 979; J. Sharples, W.M. 724; J. Humphrey, P.M. 724; H. Hatch, P.M. 220; D. Lloyd, P.M. 667; T. H. Hill, P.M. 667; H. H. Smith, P.G.A.D.C.; A. Bucknall, P.M. 220; Robert Johnson, P.M. 1013; R. A. Davies, P.M. 1380; Edwin A. Perry, 35, U.S.A.; R. Martin, P.P.G.J.; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. O. W. Sanderson, S.W., was presented by Bros. Sandbrook and Burgess, P.M.'s, for installation, the whole of the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. M. Boyd in an impressive and complete manner, which elicited the hearty encomiums of all the brethren present. After the installation, the newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. M. Boyd, I.P.M.; J. Cantor, S.W.; H. Round, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas. (re-elected); H. Heard, Sec.; Dr. E. H. Allen, S.D.; J. Fineberg, J.D.; G. W. Harris, I.G.; A. E. Workman, Org.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C.; T. L. Duncan, J. H. Light, T. W. O. Pughe, A. Mein, Stwds.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The business proceedings of the meeting having been completed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room upstairs, where an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., was served under the able personal superintendence of Bro. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C., Bro. Vines being unable to be present through illness. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk with the greatest cordiality. Before the lodge proceedings were closed the I.P.M., Bro. Boyd, was presented on behalf of the lodge with a handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Liverpool and London), in recognition of his very valuable and able services in the chair during the past 12 months.

Later on in the evening when "The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed at the banquet, Bro. Boyd received a further presentation of a magnificent gold watch, subscribed for by the members of the lodge.

The musical arrangements in connection with the Dramatic meeting were, as usual, of a very perfect character. They were carried out under the direction of Bro. A. E. Workman, Organist, who in the afternoon was assisted by a full choir, which sang in good style the anthem, "Behold how good" (Round). In the evening a capital musical entertainment, varied by recitations, was given by Bros. E. Batty, J. Cantor, W. Savage, Greenwood, G. W. Harris, Binks, S. Kirkham, J. A. Muir, Summers, and others, Bro. Workman accompanying on the pianoforte.

Teddington.—Sir John Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—The lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 29th ult., and was numerously attended. Among those present were Bros. E. W. Warner, W.M.; Chandler, acting S.W.; Piller, P.M., acting J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Sec.; Finch, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Simmonds, acting I.G.; Porter, Org.; Barns, Stwd.; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. J. E. Ruffell, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated by the W.M. Bros. Edmunds, Sage, and Plaford were ably passed to the Second Degree. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Henry Handel, Treasurer, was passed unanimously. Several candidates having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts were given by the W.M., and duly responded to, and a most agreeable evening spent.

Clacton-on-Sea.—St. Osyth Priory Lodge (No. 2063).—The second anniversary festival of the above lodge and installation of the W.M. elect was held at the Public Hall, by dispensation, on Friday, the 17th ult., when Bro. W. W. Foxcroft, S.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. W. J. Nunn, P.P.G.S.D. Suffolk. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. J. P. Allen, S.W.; T. H. Baker, J.W.; J. Mann, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S. Essex, Treas.; M. H. Page, Sec.; F. J. Nunn, S.D.; C. H. Grosvenor, J.D.; J. W. Aberdein, I.G.; F. W. Lewellen, Org. and D.C.; F. W. Reed and G. F. West, Stewards; and H. Hart, Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing W.M. and Installing Master, and a very handsome P.M.'s jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London) was also presented to Bro. Nunn by the lodge for his valuable services to the lodge during the past two years. The W.M. was appointed to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

The banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, to which a goodly number of brethren sat down, including several visitors, amongst them being the W.M.'s of Nos. 51, 697, 1799, and others.

Croydon.—George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 25th ult. Present: Bros. H. M. Hobbs, P.G.S.D. Surrey, W.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; E. Samuel, J.W.; J. S. Fraser, Sec.; W. G. Goode, J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, I.G.; W. G. Oates, D.C.; F. W. Leaver, Org.; W. Lane, Tyler; George Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey; E. C. Holden, E. C. Leaver, A. Matthey, D. Guedalla, and R. W. Wilson. Visitors: Bros. Maitland H. Dicker, W.M. 1470; T. R. Adams, I.P.M. 63; and A. Smith, J.D. 536.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. H. H. Aston, which proved unanimously in his favour, and he was initiated into Freemasonry, the W.M. subsequently giving the charge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

INSTRUCTION.

Fidelity Lodge (No. 3).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at Bro. Silvester's, the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury. In the absence of Bro. Guyer, W.M. elect, Bro. Dimsdale, Secretary, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Gregory, S.W.; Messer, J.W.; Silvester, Ross, Edmunds, Ament, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Ross being a candidate for raising, was examined, and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Ross acting as candidate. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Gregory was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and nothing further offering in the way of Masonic business, the lodge was closed.

Robert Burns Lodge (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Portland Hotel, Great Portland-street, when there were present Bros. Corbey, 957, W.M.; J. W. Harvey, 25, S.W.; Grove, 742, J.W.; G. Deaton, 25, Sec.; Gordon, 154,

S.D.; Maitland, 154, I.G.; Baker, P.M., Preceptor; C. Grove, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Gordon, candidate for the Third Degree, having answered the usual questions, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very able manner by the W.M. The Second and Third Sections were worked by the Preceptor. The lodge was then closed down, Bro. J. W. Harvey being duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, on Friday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. J. Block, W.M.; Strickland, S.W.; Percival, J.W.; Sanders, S.D.; Akehurst, J.D.; Borrett, I.G.; Cracknell, Milbourn, Preceptor; and Vellenoweth, Hon. Sec.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Akehurst being the candidate. The Second Section of the First Lecture was worked by the S.W., and the Third Section by the Secretary, assisted by the brethren. On the second rising, Bro. Strickland was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening. Nothing further offering at the third rising, the lodge was closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. Powell, W.M. 1425; W.M.; C. Coleman, S.W.; A. T. Hayes, J.W. 1425; J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543; Sec.; J. R. Allman, S.D.; E. C. Mulvey, J.D.; Jos. Bailey, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stvd.; H. Longhurst, P.M. 1425; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; W. R. Hutton, S. Bullen, J. Cruttenden, J. C. Conway, E. F. Ferris, A. S. de Firas, J. Laurence, and O. L. Haines. Visitors: Bros. A. T. Hayes, J.W. 1425; and John E. Lawrence, S.W. 788.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Haines being the candidate. The officers for next week having been elected, Bros. Hayes and Lawrence were elected members. A letter from Mr. Charles Andrews was read thanking the brethren for their condolence and sympathy on the occasion of his father's death—the late Bro. Capt. H. S. Andrews. A vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the officers of the Hyde Park Lodge for attending that evening. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting took place on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. V. H. Burgess, W.M.; J. H. Sharp, S.W.; Parker, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; E. Storr, Sec.; Saunders, Asst. Sec.; C. J. Scates, Treas.; G. W. Knight, S.D.; Spon, J.D.; Potter, I.G.; Hemming, J. C. Smith, Spencer, Webb, and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Webb candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair for Bro. J. C. Smith, W.M. 1744, who in a very impressive manner installed Bro. G. W. Knight, W.M. elect 1507, into the chair of K.S. Bro. Knight having invested the officers of the lodge, vacated the chair to Bro. Burgess. After the W.M. had risen for the first time, five brethren were proposed as joining members—Bros. Stubbing, Stevens, Travers, Freeman, and Ryder. On rising for the second time, Bro. Sharp, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. After rising for the third time, Bro. Stiles proposed, and Bro. Scates seconded, that a most cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the W.M. for his efficient work that evening. The W.M., in reply, said it was the first time he had occupied the chair in any lodge of instruction, and thanked them for their cordial vote of thanks. A hearty vote of thanks was then given to Bro. J. C. Smith for his efficient rendering of the installation ceremony. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A very well attended meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 4th inst. Bro. Sapsworth occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Cutbill, S.W.; Harling, J.W.; Taylor, P.M., Preceptor; and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The bye-laws of the lodge were then read as in them directed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. On resuming to the First Degree, the lodge proceeded to elect a Treasurer, Secretary, and three Auditors. Bro. Williams, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Taylor, P.M., Preceptor, seconded, that Bro. Bond be Treasurer, which was carried. Bro. Bond accepted the office, and suitably thanked the lodge for its confidence. Bro. Taylor, P.M., then proposed, and Bro. Williams, P.M., seconded, that Bro. Grundy, 1585, be Secretary of this lodge of instruction—this was carried. Bro. Grundy, in accepting it, expressed his sense of the honour and responsibility of that office. Bros. Custance, Cutbill, and Harling were then elected Auditors. It was proposed by Bro. Taylor, P.M., Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Williams, P.M., that a vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, be recorded to Bro. Bond for officiating as Secretary during the unavoidable absence of Bro. Radcliffe for some months past—carried unanimously. Bro. Bond having responded, and there not being sufficient time left, no rehearsal took place. Bro. Cutbill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 30th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Ham, W.M.; H. Sammons, S.W.; Frank Gulliford, J.W.; A. Gammell, S.D.; Henry Crookes, J.D.; C. Grassi, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Taylor; L. Gunzel, W. S. Hoyte, G. F. Swan, J. W. Tacon, James Rowe, Charles Lambert, James Watts, James Woodward, C. Taylor, W. Hancock, F. Kedg, W. Culverhouse, A. Clark, E. C. Mulvey, T. A. Dickson, and J. B. Docker.

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. L. Gunzel having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. J. Tacon offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction—Bros. W. S. Hoyte, 4, and C. Taylor, P.M. 1624, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, and seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. Howard Sammons be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed. In last week's report Bro. H. Crookes should have been named as I.G.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. Windsor, W.M.; R. H. Williams, S.W.; Keene, J.W.; Cochrane, S.D.; Lovett, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Read, Preceptor; Hubbard, Sec.; W. C. Williams, and Dresden.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The charge was given by the W.M. Lodge was called The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked. Bro. Dresden was elected a joining member. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Coleman, W.M.; Gilbert, S.W.; Wade, P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; A. Hayes, Sec.; J. Gibson, P.M., S.D.; Green, P.M., J.D.; Green, junr., I.G.; Wakeley, and Coughlan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Green, junr., was presented by Bro. P. Coughlan, and took the solemn obligation of Master elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. All below the rank of Installed Masters retired. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Green, junr., was installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The Board of Installed Masters was closed, and Bro. Green, junr., having taken the chair, the Master Masons were admitted, and saluted the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the Fellow Crafts were admitted, and saluted the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the Entered Apprentices were admitted, and saluted the W.M. The Installing Master having given the charges to Master, Wardens, and brethren, Bro. Green, junr., vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Coleman. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Green, junr., candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that Bro. Wade be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Austin, W.M.; Purdue, P.M., S.W.; Brietbart, J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Craggs, S.D.; Cavers, J.D.; Jennings, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Head, Burbrook, Stroud, W. Williams, and Dopson. Visitors: Bros. Cochrane, W.M. 1056; Daniel, S.W. 1694; and C. A. Bond, 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Davies, Preceptor, and the questions answered by Bro. Brietbart. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Daniel answered the questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 2nd Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, Preceptor, and the questions answered by Bro. Purdue, P.M. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section worked by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Bond, Cochrane, and Daniel were elected joining members. Bro. Purdue was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; J. Brown, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; Davies, acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; W. W. Williams, acting Sec.; Coombes, S.D.; V. Wing, J.D.; C. B. Corsten, P.M., I.G.; Purdue, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; Craggs, C. F. Dopson, and Steer.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. C. Dopson, offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The brethren then, with the assistance of Bro. J. Davies, worked the First and Second Sections of this lecture. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree, when the W.M. rose for the first and second time, and Bro. J. Brown was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. V. Wing presented the lodge with a handsome Bible for their use, for which the brethren expressed their thanks, through the W.M. The lodge was then closed in due form.

To-morrow (Saturday), being "officers' night," all the brethren holding office in the mother lodge, are cordially invited to be present and occupy their respective offices.

CROYDON.—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Katherine-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there was a good attendance, including Bros. Dr. Nicholls, W.M.; Cambridge, S.W.; Matthey, J.W.; Hawes, Hon. Sec.; Hobbs, Hon. Preceptor; Ranson, S.D.; Hawes, J.D.; Chamberlain, I.G.; and Fox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Smith having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the W.M. presented the working tools. The S.W. gave the charge. It was proposed by Bro. Hobbs, W.M. 2096, seconded by Bro. Dr. Smith, W.M. 463, and unanimously resolved—"That the members of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord (Instruction), No. 463, have heard with the greatest sorrow of the sudden death of Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Surrey; and they desire to express to Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec., and the family of their deceased brother their respectful and heartfelt condolences in their bereavement." It was further resolved that this be entered on the minutes, and that the Hon. Sec. forward a copy to Bro. Charles Greenwood. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After some other business, the W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Present: Comps. Dean, P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; Allen, H.; Gregory, J.; Slyman, S.E.; G. W. Knight, S.N.; Rose, P.S.; Edmonds, Preceptor; Bolton, Kaufman, Jacobs, and Ives.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ives candidate. After rising for the third time, "Hearty good wishes" were given by the several companions to the M.E.Z., and the chapter was closed.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).—This old and flourishing chapter commenced its session of 1886-7 on Tuesday last at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street. There were present Comps. Levey, Z.; E. C. Beedell, H.; A. W. Wells, J.; J. L. Payne, S.N.; F. Brown, S.E.; W. Simpson, P.S.; Perrin, J. Crowden, Bentley Haynes, J. S. Fraser, G. Jones, G. Powell, J. C. Frank, S. Brooks, C. H. Webb, G. Gillard, J. Roberts, C. Daniel, and others.

The ceremony of exaltation was admirably worked, Comp. Powell being the candidate. An unanimous vote of thanks was given to Comp. Levey for having had the officers' collars renovated and jewels regilt. We may here note that the chapter has had the whole of its regalia repaired and repainted, and looked very smart. It was determined by the companions to celebrate the opening session by a supper, to take place on the first Tuesday in November. This will be quite an innovation, as the chapter, certainly for the past 12 years, has never been so indulgent, and we think the members are fully entitled to make a little merry on this occasion. It will be quite an event, seeing that in all the years of its existence the sacrilegious hands of jeweller or painter has never before touched the worm-eaten furniture or regalia. It will also celebrate the tenth year of Comp. Brown's connection with the chapter, of whom the members are very proud, and we think properly so, as he is most assiduous in his attention to all. We wish them all a pleasant, happy evening.

Bro. Sir Charles Warren is announced as one of the lecturers at the Toynece Hall, Commercial-street, during the present session.

Knights Templar.

BRADFORD.—Faith Preceptory (No. 13).

The regular meeting of this preceptory was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when the following sir knights were present at the call of the muster roll: Sir Knights J. R. Welsman, E. Preceptor; F. Holland, Constable; J. W. Monckman, as Marshal; J. G. Hutchinson, Chap.; J. L. Atherton, Reg.; C. J. Schott, as Sub-Marshal; F. Smart, Capt. of the Guards; G. Althorp, Almoner; J. Dewhurst, Std. Br.; G. Beanland, Guard Without; Thomas Hill, Past Prov. Sub-Prior West Riding, Yorkshire, and Mayor of Bradford; J. Craven Taylor, Past Prov. Prelate West Yorkshire; John Davis, and J. P. Priestley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, also apologies from several members. The ordinary business having been gone through, the Eminent Preceptor remarked upon the sorrowful nature of the next duties, and called upon Sir Knight Monckman to make a proposition. Sir Knight Monckman said that he had a painful duty to perform—he had to propose that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of their late Sir Knight Andrews, who died on the 10th of June. He remarked that the preceptory had lost a good and worthy member, and one loved by all. Sir Knight Andrews and himself were installed as Knights Templar on the same evening in 1872. Since that period they had both laboured together in the working of the Degree, consequently he had been brought in contact very frequently with the departed. Sir Knight Andrews was much devoted to Templarism, and worked with a will in promoting its interests; he was always ready with his joke, and his humour was irresistible; they would miss him very much. Sir Knight Althorp, in seconding the proposition, said that he also was made a Knight Templar on the same evening with their late brother; he would bear testimony to all that had been said, and to the many happy hours that had been spent in the past with the departed sir knight. The motion was carried. Sir Knight Atherton, in response to the call of the Eminent Preceptor, alluded to the death of Sir Knight John Buckley Sharp. He said that it was painful to experience these recurring removals by death of those to whom through Masonic association they had become endeared, and in whom existed a zeal of steady growth in the interest of the Order. Sir Knight Sharp had given promise of great usefulness, and since his admission had discharged the duties of several offices with credit and honour. At the time of his death, being Marshal of the preceptory, they fairly anticipated, had his life been spared, that he would have occupied the position of E.P. at no very distant period. Sir Knight Atherton proposed that a letter be sent to Mrs. Sharp and family, expressing deep sympathy with them in the loss they had sustained. Sir Knight John Davis seconded the motion, which was carried. Sir Knight Althorp, in referring to the death of the late Sir Knight Beanland, said: "Although these painful events took place under circumstances over which we have no control, they were nevertheless intended as preparatory lessons to guide us for our own departure; they teach us to make the most of our opportunities in life. Let us, therefore, take courage and remember when our souls are depressed in mourning through the loss of our friends that an ever ruling Providence is watching over us. Our departed sir knight took an active, lively, and zealous interest in all preceptory matters, and was much attached to his Templar associations. His genial manner will long be remembered, and his kindly influences will be cherished by all. Sir Knight Althorp observed that it had been his privilege to know more of Sir Knight Beanland than perhaps some of the sir knights present, and he might say that he had known him perform many really good deeds in his lifetime. Sir Knight Beanland possessed a good heart and was of a sympathizing nature; his deeds of Charity were done modestly, and from him the distressed always received a consoling word. In his private and social life, as well as in the capacity of Councillor of the Borough of Bradford, he was highly esteemed for his manly character, and had won the affections of many. Taking into consideration the many trials and bereavements he had experienced, he (Sir Knight Althorp) looked upon him as an example of patience and fortitude. Now he had gone for ever from them, but had left happy memories behind. Sir Knight Althorp proposed that the condolences of the preceptory be forwarded to Mrs. Beanland and family.

Sir Knight Hutchinson, Past Prov. G. Registrar West Yorkshire, Coroner of the Borough of Bradford, in addressing the sir knights, remarked that there was something very startling in the fact that they were called upon to pass three resolutions of condolence on the same evening, and such a circumstance could not do otherwise than make a deep and lasting impression upon the minds of each one present. In the whole course of his Masonic career he had never witnessed the like—to think that three sir knights had gone to their three long homes since the last convocation of the preceptory. The contemplation of this unprecedented circumstance caused him to feel deeply and mournfully affected during the opening ceremony. The beautiful expressions conveyed in the various letters of sympathy he had listened to with a melancholy pleasure; such sentiments could not fail to touch the heart and elevate the mind. After all, the effect of a kind word was but transient—for true consolation they must look to a much higher source. They might ask themselves what was the reason of this mortality amongst them, but none could tell—no one knew, nor could any one know—yet he believed that ultimately they would know. When last met together they little thought that Sir Kt. Andrews would so soon have the dark valley before him, but death had removed him, and they would see his face no more on earth. Referring to his connection with this preceptory, he (Sir Knight Hutchinson) remarked that in earlier years a more energetic sir knight never entered its portals, and this was especially evinced during the year that he was eminent Preceptor. In regard to the late Sir Knight Sharp, who was not an old member, he had observed an amount of zeal and earnestness that was encouraging, and he fairly agreed that the prospects of his occupying the highest position in due time were before him. Of the late Sir Knight William Beanland he could truthfully say, that a more genial, true, and good frater never was adorned with the mantle of the Order, and he endorsed in the superlative degree all that had been said about him. He again wondered, "why these appalling events?" It was a mystery which could only be explained in the future—all they could do in the present was to ascertain how far

and to what extent these sudden removals applied to them. The Great Architect knocked at the door of the tabernacle of this frail habitation, and they were summoned hence. May they be ready to answer the call.

Sir Knight Hutchinson seconded the proposition of Sir Knight Althorp, and the resolution was adopted.

The Eminent Preceptor said that no one deplored the deaths of Sir Knights Andrews, Sharp, and Beanland more than himself. He had personally lost three of the best friends he ever had in his life. To the preceptory their loss was no less than a calamity, and it would require united effort to retrieve its position. He would, however, leave the painful subject, knowing that kind hearts had prompted the utterance of kind words, and with the various sentiments expressed he thoroughly agreed. It was often said that a dark cloud had its silver lining. The next item on the agenda paper was the presentation of an address to Sir Knight Taylor, and he had pleasure in calling upon Sir Knight Thomas Hill to discharge that duty.

Sir Knight Thomas Hill, Past Prov. Sub. Prior, said that before passing the mournful part of the proceedings, he desired to add his own testimony to the respect in which the three deceased sir knights were held, and to express his regret at the loss that had befallen the preceptory by their deaths. He sympathised deeply with their respective families. In regard to Sir Knight Taylor he would remark that his acquaintance first began with him in April 1848. At that time he (Sir Knight Hill) first saw the light of Masonry in the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, and Sir Knight Taylor, whom he was now pleased to congratulate on looking much better than for some time past, took a part in the initiation ceremony. He had known him take a part in many Masonic ceremonies since that period. He considered from 1848 to the present a long time to hold an acquaintance with a brother, and he believed that few brethren had such experience, which, he thought, was one of the benefits of entering Freemasonry when young. He entertained the highest opinion of Sir Knight Taylor, and when the request was made that he should present the address, he could assure the sir knights that the fulfilment of such a pleasing duty was to him a great gratification.

The address, which was as follows, was then read:—To Sir Knight John Craven Taylor, P.C., and Past Preceptor, Priory of West Yorkshire. Honoured Sir Knight, We, the Eminent Preceptor, Past Commanders, Past Preceptors, Officers, and other members of the Faith Preceptors, consider the present a fitting opportunity to mark your long connection with the Order, by offering to you our hearty congratulations upon having completed the fiftieth anniversary of your installation as a Knight Templar. This circumstance affords us no ordinary gratification, as it reflects honour alike upon yourself and the illustrious Order with which you have been so long identified. During that period, and especially when Knight Templarism had lapsed into great inactivity, you were indefatigable in your exertions to accelerate its progress, you manifested a consistent devotion to the cause, and by your integrity and uprightness you have won the esteem of all your brethren. Now that failing health will not permit you to attend the preceptory meetings so regularly as formerly, and seeing that we must be deprived, to some extent, of your friendly counsel, let us hope that the declining portion of your life may be sustained by a firm faith in the truth revealed to us, and so beautifully symbolised in our ceremonies. And when the muster roll shall be called in the Grand Preceptory above, may you be ready to answer and to dwell for evermore with our Great Emanuel. Faith Preceptory, No. 13, Bradford, 14th September, 1886. John R. Welsman, E.P.; J. L. Atherton, Prov. Marshal, Registrar; Thomas W. Tew, Prov. Great Prior of West Yorkshire; Thomas Hill, Past Prov. Sub. Prior; Henry Smith, Past Prov. Chancellor; C. J. Bannister, Past G. Captain of England, Prov. Great Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed; J. W. Monckman, Prov. Chancellor; John Gaunt, Past Prov. Dir. of Cers.; Samuel White, Past Prov. Sub. Prior West Lancs.; Charles Crabtree, Past Prov. Vice Chancellor; W. C. Lupton, Past Prov. Swd. Br.; J. G. Hutchinson, Past Prov. Registrar; George Althorp, Past Prov. Constable; T. W. Holmes, Past Prov. Organist; John Davis, Past Prov. Std. Br.; Frank Holland, Past Prov. Swd. Br.; William Johnson, C. J. Schott, Fred. Smart, and James Dewhurst.

Sir Knight Hill had pleasure in handing over the presentation to Sir Knight Taylor, as a mark of the high esteem and regard in which he was held by the preceptory, and he trusted that for many years to come the preceptory would continue to have the benefit of his friendly counsel.

Sir Knight Taylor thanked the Sir Knights for that evidence of their regard, and for the uniform kindness that had invariably been shown towards him during his connection with the Preceptory of Faith; he felt devotedly attached to the Degree, and had realised in a great measure the attainment of that success, which, in former years, he had most humbly hoped for.

There being no other business, the preceptory was closed.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—A meeting of this council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. Capt. J. E. Anderson, T.I.M.; T. Poore, P.D.M.; Alfred Williams, P.D.M.; Thomas Cubitt, D.M.; G. Graveley, P.C.W.; T. C. Walls, D.G.M., Recorder; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Grand Chap., Chap.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Marshal; C. H. Driver, P.G. C.W., S.S.; George Powell, Warden; H. H. Shirley, Sentinel; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.I.M.; Sir Love-Jones Parry, Bart., L. Steele, T. G. Robinson, T. Clark, J. Hay, N. Prower, M.A., C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., Grand Recorder; and R. Berridge, G.D.C. (Hon. Members.) Bros. Thomas Piper, T.I.M. Hiram Council (U.S.), was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Jones, Chapter, 1686, and Mark 239, was duly admitted, received, and greeted as a M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., by Bro. T. Poore. Bro. C. M. Challenger, Chapter 1004, and Mark 323, at the request of the T.I.M. of the Constantine Council, was also admitted, received, and greeted. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.T.I.M., &c., was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Walls, D.G.M., in the name of the brethren of the English Grand Council, then welcomed Bro. Piper as a distinguished visitor from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Bro. Piper

having acknowledged the compliment, the council was closed in the Degree of Select Master.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. A few toasts were subsequently given and honoured.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. S. Cumberland, George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer; Walter Ballard, Rev. R. Morriss, M.A., LL.D. (Head Master), C. F. Hogard, G. P. Britten, F. Walters, A. Williams, William Roebuck, G.S.B.; H. Webb, C. H. Webb, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D.; A. E. Gladwell, George Gardner, G. P. Gillard, George Motion, J. Glass, S. Richardson, Geo. Cooper, and F. Binckes, P.G. Std. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee having been read for information, three petitions were considered and accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the April election. Two applications for grants towards outfit by ex-pupils were entertained, and the following notice of motion for the Quarterly Court on Monday by Bro. J. Le Feuvre, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Hants and I. of Wight, for which see our advertisement columns, was accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

BRO. JOHN LANE'S "MASONIC RECORDS."

We drew attention to Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records" in the *Freemason* for August 28th, at which period the painstaking author had exhausted the 1781 numeration, and was then engaged in "proofing" the early sheets of the 1792 alterations and additions, many of which were of considerable importance and even difficulty, not only because it was the basis of the "Union" list, but also because of the impossibility to decide even, as to one or two lodges, the numbers that distinguished them in 1813-4.

Since then, Bro. Lane and his printers have gone on quite rapidly, considering the character of the great undertaking, and have not only concluded the "Union" numeration, but also that of the eventful period 1832 to 1863. It will be seen, therefore, that considerable progress has been made since we last wrote on the subject, and that all being well, the great work will be in the hands of the subscribers early in November. The numeration known as "1832" was ended at page 230, the last lodge being dated 16 June, 1863 (now 974, "Pentalpha," Bradford), the first of the present numeration of "1863" being No. 975, "Rose of Denmark" Lodge, Richmond, of 3 July, in that year. Down to Monday last, no less than 584 lodges have been polished off since No. 975, thus arriving at No. 1559 at the end of page 264. There will be over 300 pages.

We take this opportunity of drawing the attention of intending subscribers to the desirability of forwarding their names at once to either Bro. Lane or Bro. Hughan (Torquay), not only because the work will not be sold at a guinea after publication, but probably two guineas (as it costs more than the first price named); but the list of subscribers, to be issued with the Masonic Records, is now being prepared for the press, and will shortly be printed. We hope that the list of patrons of this great historical Masonic work will be both numerous and influential, and as it has obtained the official support of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (being dedicated to the M.W.G.M. by gracious permission), we have every reason to suppose that the indefatigable author and diligent Masonic Student will receive the warm and unstinted appreciation he so thoroughly deserves. We beg to refer our readers to the advertisement at another page, and trust that Bro. Lane will be encouraged by a goodly list of subscribers.

Obituary.

BRO. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, whose lamented death we were only able to refer to in brief terms last week, had played his part in Freemasonry with a success which is rarely equalled and still more rarely surpassed. There are many brethren whose career has extended over a longer period of time, but it is only now and again that we meet with one who has compressed so much valuable work into the comparatively short term of 29 years. He was initiated in the Caledonian Lodge, No. 134—then No. 156—in November, 1857, and was chosen W.M. in 1863, having in the interim had a hand in founding the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820—then No. 1102—in 1860, and occupied its chair as W.M. the year following. He was also a founder and first W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, in 1867, a member and W.M. in 1884 of the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 1312, Bocking, and as recently as the 7th August last, presided at the consecration banquet of the Joshua Nunn Lodge, No. 2154, Halstead, of which he was a founder and had been installed its first W.M. He was also at different times a founder of the following lodges, viz., the Albert Edward, No. 1362, Redhill; the Prince Leopold, No. 1445, the Abercorn, No. 1549, Great Stanmore; the Beaconsfield, No. 1662, the Guelph, No. 1685, the Suburban, No. 1702, Great Stanmore; and the Richmond, No. 2032, Richmond; nor is it surprising that in 1869 in the course of the services he was thus rendering and in recognition of what he had done already towards promoting the welfare of the Craft, the then Grand Master, the late Earl of Zetland, should have conferred upon him the collar of G. Swd. Br. of England. In Royal Arch Masonry, though the field of labour is more circumscribed, his services were equally valuable. He was exalted in Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19—at the time No. 49—in 1859, and in 1866 was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Lily Chapter of Richmond, No. 820, while six years later he played precisely the same dual rôle of founder and first Z. of the Caledonian Chapter, No. 134. The Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, also claims him as one of its founders, while in Supreme Grand Chapter he was G.D. of C. in 1869, and had like-

wise served on the Grand Chapter Committee. In the Mark and Ark Degrees he also won distinction, being a P.M. of the Thistle Mark Lodge, No. 8, and P.G.D. of Mark Grand Lodge, and a P.G.J. in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner. In the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine he ranked as a P.G.S. United States of America, and P.G. Viceroy and member of the Premier Conclave of England, and had taken all the Degrees, including the highest of all, of the Ancient and Primitive Rite. But, after all, it is not so much the services he rendered in lodge and chapter which will perpetuate his fame, as the help he gave to our different institutions, and the prominent position he had occupied during the last 16 years in connection with the Board of Benevolence. He was for two years a member of the Board of General Purposes, and had likewise served on the Colonial Board; but from 1862, when he was first chosen on the Board—or, as it was then designated, the Lodge—of Benevolence, till his death as President, there had not been a single year's interruption to his connection with that body. For the first eight years he was only a member, either by election or appointment; but in 1870 he was chosen Senior Vice-President, and so remained till the year 1881, when, on the retirement of Bro. J. M. Clabon, Bro. Nunn was appointed President in his stead. During all these years his attendance was most punctual, and no member of the Board exhibited greater kindness and liberality, tempered always, however, by a sound discretion, in the administration of our Fund of Charity. His loss on this account will be all the more severely felt, as an experience extending over so lengthened a period of time, when suddenly determined as in this instance, is not easily replaced. Our Girls' School, too, will have great reason to lament his death. He had sat on its Audit Committee for two years, and on its House Committee for sixteen years, till 1885, when he was appointed one of the Trustees. He was also a Vice-President, and had acted as Steward at seven or eight of its Festivals. He had likewise qualified as a Life-Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, had served two Stewardships for each, and had been member of the Audit Committee of the Boys' School, as well as one of the Committee of Management of the R.M.B.I. We must add that Bro. Nunn was a Steward at the opening of the new buildings at Freemasons' Hall in 1869, and a Special Steward at the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master, and that for 25 years he had been first Vice, and afterwards, Deputy Consul General for the United States of North America to the United Kingdom. A career like this is most honourable, and as we said at the beginning, is rarely equalled, and still more rarely surpassed.

The mortal remains of the late Bro. Joshua Nunn were interred on Monday in Tolleshunt D'Arcy churchyard. The funeral, which was conducted by Mr. Wilding, of Bocking, left Bocking soon after noon, and arrived at Tolleshunt about three o'clock, the distance being nearly 20 miles. At the village the cortege was met by some 200 persons of both sexes, mostly dressed in mourning. Bro. Nunn, as a native of Tolleshunt, and having kept up his connection with it ever since, being well-known and highly-respected in the district.

Among those present were the Rev. V. O. Greaves, vicar of Tolleshunt, Dr. Harrison, of Baintree, the Rev. J. Emery, Episcopalian Methodist Minister, of Ghicago, the deceased's niece, his adopted daughter, Mrs. George Payne, and Mr. George Payne; while among the Freemasons who attended were the Prov. Grand Secretary of Essex, Bro. J. Ralling, Bro. J. J. Cavill, P.M. 1312, Senior Warden of the Joshua Nunn Lodge (who, in consequence of the death of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Nunn, will now have to act as Master for the remainder of the year), Bro. E. H. Inman, P.M. 1312, Sec. 2154; Bro. W. Johnson, P.M. 134 (of which the deceased was a member); Bro. Richard Collett, 1201; Bro. J. Hudson, 1024, Bro. W. Rudrum, S.D. 1977; Bro. R. Clowes, P.M. and Sec. 650, P. Prov. G.S.W. Essex; and Bro. J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P. Prov. G. Org. The Lodge of St. Mary, 1312, Bocking, was represented by, in addition to Bro. Cavill, Bros. James Fuller, T. Malyn, P.M. and Sec.; Isaac Claydon, J. Rankin, H. Suckling, and J. Bradbury. The Richmond Lodge, N. 2032, Richmond Surrey, the Sacred Law of which was presented to it by Bro. Nunn, was represented by Bros. W. R. Phillips, W.M.; B. E. Blasby, P.M.; and W. F. Reynolds, Treas. St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024, Blackwater, was likewise represented. The American Consulate was represented by Bro. Francis William Frigout, Chief Clerk of the Consulate, who also represented Amity Lodge, 171, Greenwich, as its Senior Deacon, and the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, 2041, Wilmington, in which he holds the same office. Bro. Henry Massey, Past Master and Treasurer of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, as an old admirer and friend of Bro. Joshua Nunn, was also among the mourners; and the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, had its representative in Bro. W. F. Reynolds. The Richmond Lodge sent a splendid wreath, the most handsome of all the wreaths deposited on the coffin.

Arrived at the church, the coffin, which was of polished oak, bearing on the plate the inscription: "Joshua Nunn, born 29th Jan., 1820, died 29th Sep., 1886, was carried into the church, the principal stained-glass window over the communion table of which has underneath it the words: "Erected by Joshua Nunn, in memory of his mother, Mary Nunn, and the Perry Family, late of this parish, 1880."

The church was crowded. The Rev. V. O. Greaves, vicar, performed the service most impressively. The chief mourners were Bro. Nunn's adopted daughter and his niece, who followed next immediately to the coffin, and took their places at the head of the grave.

At the conclusion of the ceremony all the company filed past the grave into which the coffin had been lowered, and took a last view of the narrow house which contained the fleshy embodiment of one of the best and most hardworking practical Freemasons on whom had been conferred Grand Lodge honours.

The regular October meeting of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, was held on Tuesday, at the Railway Hotel, Richmond. The summonses for the meeting were issued two days before Bro. Nunn's death, and in ignorance of the likelihood that so mournful an event would happen. A list of the members of the lodge was printed on the fly sheet, and Bro. Nunn's name appeared along with the names of the other members. Bro. Nunn was present at

the former meeting, and dined with the brethren afterwards. These circumstances combined to give a peculiarly melancholy interest to the meeting of Tuesday, when the lodge was deeply draped, and all the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Bro. W. R. Phillips, W.M., presided, and there were also present among other brethren Bros. Benj. E. Blasby, P.M.; John P. Houghton, S.W.; Edmund Dare, J.W.; Forster Reynolds, Treas.; George C. Rowlands, Sec.; Hy. Sapsworth, S.D.; J. D. Marjason, J.D.; Albert Crew, I.G.; A. Aldin, Stwd.; and T. Covill, Stwd. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Alf. Tucker, S.W. 1733; W. Blackburn, W.M. 1733; H. C. Lumsden, 1541; and Frederick C. Irwin, 780. After the W.M. had passed Bros. Taylor, Walker, and Marsh, and initiated W. Nathaniel John Payze, in admirable style, assisted by equally efficient officers, Bro. Phillips said it was with a great deal of sorrow that he rose to mention to the lodge the loss the brethren had sustained by the death of their brother Joshua Nunn, one of the founders of their lodge. As most of the brethren remembered, Bro. Joshua Nunn was present at the last meeting of the lodge, when he was to all appearance in the best of health and spirits. But in the space of one short recess that worthy and distinguished brother had been snatched from their midst by the hand of death. All the brethren deplored his loss, but there was one whom he wished to mention more particularly who would feel it most acutely and to whom it would be a source of pain and trouble to a degree they would all appreciate; that one was Bro. Nunn's widow, and he thought this meeting should not pass by without the brethren passing a sincere vote of condolence to be sent to Mrs. Nunn by the Secretary of the lodge, with the expression of the hope of the brethren that the Great Architect of the Universe would give her strength to bear up with the utmost fortitude against her loss. He might have something to say on this subject later in the evening. Bro. Nunn was a brother whom to know was to love and respect. He was placed in the highest position in the Craft by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and nothing that could be said of Bro. Nunn in bringing this motion before the brethren could enhance his worth. He concluded by formally making the motion.—Bro. Blasby, P.M., said it was with equal sorrow that he seconded the motion. The brethren knew that Bro. Nunn was present at the last meeting and joined the brethren at the banquet table. The W.M., himself (Bro. Blasby) and Bro. Reynolds, on Monday took the opportunity of showing their respect and the respect of the lodge for the memory of Bro. Nunn by attending the funeral and placing a wreath on his coffin, knowing that it would meet with the approbation of the brethren, one and all. They were pleased to know they could go on such an occasion to represent the lodge, Bro. Nunn having been the mediator between the founders and the Prince of Wales in getting the warrant of the lodge. He cordially seconded the motion of the W.M. The motion was carried unanimously.—At a later period of the day, the W.M. proposed "The Memory of Bro. Joshua Nunn," to be received and recognised in solemn silence. Bro. Nunn, he said, was one of the founders of the lodge and was well known to all the brethren. He wished he had the power of speech to eulogise Bro. Nunn sufficiently, because, in all honesty he could assure the brethren, there was nothing he could say that could do adequate justice to his character. His philanthropy, his love of Masonry, his practical pursuit of it were well known; he was a brother in the truest sense of the term, and by his death Masonry had lost one of the brethren who might be called its right hand. The day before, he, with Bro. Blasby, P.M., and Bro. Reynolds, the Treasurer, took upon himself the duty of paying the last sad tribute of respect for Bro. Nunn. They went to the little village of Tolleshurst D'Arcy, in the churchyard of which they saw all that remained that was mortal of Bro. Nunn consigned to the grave. They took with them a beautiful wreath, bearing the name and number of the Richmond Lodge, which they deposited reverentially on the grave. In all this they felt assured they would receive the approbation of the lodge, and it was a pleasing memory to them that they had not allowed their departed brother's remains to be hidden for ever from mortal sight without taking part in the solemn ceremony.—Bro. Blasby, P.M., afterwards alluding to the same subject, said that at the last meeting of the lodge Bro. Nunn attended, when most of the brethren were present who were there then, and Bro. Nunn sat on his (Bro. Blasby's) right and on the W.M.'s left. But now he had gone to that Grand Lodge above, to which he trusted they would all go when the Great Architect of the Universe thought fit to take them. The W.M. represented them on Monday with him (Bro. Blasby) and Bro. Reynolds, and all the brethren would have been pleased if they had been there to see the sorrow that was exhibited at their loss. On that occasion the W.M. carried out his duties as their representative in the same admirable manner as he had performed the other duties which had devolved upon him,

BRO. E. C. MATHER, M.M. No. 23, AND GRAND STEWARD.

We gave expression last week to the wide and deep feeling of regret with which the loss sustained by the Craft through the death of Bro. E. C. Mather has been received everywhere. Bro. Mather was very popular, and had done excellent service for all our Charitable Institutions, but particularly on behalf of the Girls' School, on the House Committee of which he had served for several years, and in whose Festival celebrations he had constantly taken a principal and very energetic part. Bro. Mather was initiated in the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, on the 26th June, 1860, at the same meeting as his surviving brother, Bro. J. L. Mather, and, in 1872, was chosen to fill the chair of W.M., and subsequently occupying the post of Treas. for several years. He joined the Globe Lodge in 1875, and at the time of his death was its W. Master, as well as its representative on the Board of Grand Stewards for the current year. Deceased was also a distinguished member of the Arch and Mark Degrees, and had taken the 30° in the A. and A. Rite, while, as regards his efforts in aid of the Institutions, our readers will be able to form some idea—albeit a most imperfect one—if we state that he was a Vice-President of and had served some five or six Stewardships each for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and was a Vice-Patron of and had served about twelve Stewardships for as well as for several years past being on the House Committee of the Girls' School. His funeral took place last week at Norwood Cemetery, and

was attended by his son, Mr. C. Mather, his brother, Bro. J. L. Mather, and a large muster of personal and Masonic friends, among the latter being several members of the House Committee.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. J. PEARSON BELL, M.D., P.G.D., P.D.G.M. N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.

The mortal remains of our late respected brother were laid in their last resting place in Spring Bank Cemetery, Hull, on Thursday, the 30th ult. The scene was a most impressive one. Not only was Trinity Church, where the first portion of the service was held, and the cemetery crowded with people, gathered together for the purpose of offering their last tribute of respect to the memory of one who, for many years, had played so prominent a part in, and rendered such valuable professional services to, the town of Hull and its neighbourhood, but the streets along which the mournful cortege passed were lined with spectators, all equally anxious to show that a like feeling of respect actuated them. The usual ensigns of mourning were to be seen everywhere, and where the window blinds were not down, it was because the windows themselves were tenanted by those who wished to see, if they could not take part in, the sad procession. But probably the most marked feature of the funeral was the large attendance of the brethren not only belonging to the Hull lodges, but from all parts of the Province of North and East Yorkshire. All were clad in strict Masonic mourning costume, and as will be seen from the order of procession, by far the greater number in it were fellow Craftsmen of the deceased. It was, in fact in all respects worthy of the high rank and eminent abilities of our late brother, and must have deeply impressed all who witnessed it with the greatness of the loss which our Society had sustained through Dr. Bell's death. The order of the procession was as follows: Tyler of the Humber Lodge; Visiting brethren—two and two; the W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, De la Pole Lodge, No. 1603, Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Minerva Lodge, No. 250, and Humber Lodge, No. 57; three Prov. Grand Stewards; the Hearse; with three Prov. Grand Stewards on either side; the chief mourners; and members of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the number of brethren who took part in it being exceptionally large.

BRO. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. SURREY.

The loss sustained by the Province of Surrey through the death of Bro. Charles Greenwood is almost incalculable. Bro. Greenwood had been a central figure in its administration for the greater part of his Masonic career. As far back as the 8th July, 1863, he was presented in open Prov. Grand Lodge at Kingston-on-Thames with a handsome testimonial in the shape of a silver salver and cup in recognition of his services as the Grand Secretary of the province, and during the 23 years that have elapsed Surrey, as regards the number of its lodges, has about multiplied itself fourfold. Bro. Greenwood was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 255—now No. 211—in February, 1851, and later in the same year joined the Grove Lodge, No. 410, then held at Ewell, but now at Kingston. He was a Past Master of both these lodges, having occupied the chair of the latter in 1853 and of the former in 1855, while as regards St. Michael's he had an additional claim on the respect of its members from the fact of his having held its Treasurership during the last quarter of a century. He was exalted in the Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, and was numbered among its P.Z.'s, and was a joining member of the Grove Chapter, No. 410, and other chapters. He was installed a Knight Templar in the Harcourt Encampment, and as well in that as in the Grove Encampment, of which he was a joining sir knight, had held office, the service he had rendered both in Surrey and generally to Templar Masonry being recognised by his appointment to office in the Prov. G. Conclave of Surrey and the Grand Conclave of England. In 1880 the Prince of Wales recognised these many and varied services by conferring on Bro. Greenwood the collar of Grand Sword Bearer of England, while last year, on the retirement of Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M., his Surrey chief, R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, appointed him to the vacant position, and only as recently as July last formally installed him in that important office in the hope and belief that he would receive his valuable co-operation and support in the Masonic Province of Surrey for many years to come. Unhappily this not unreasonable expectation has not been fulfilled. In the early spring of this year Bro. Greenwood sustained a grievous calamity through the death of Mrs. Greenwood, a blow that had seriously affected his health and deprived him of the opportunity of taking that active part in Masonic work, and especially in helping General Brownrigg as President at the Festival in May of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which had been his wont for so many years. He had rallied, however, sufficiently to be presented at the annual meeting in July of his Prov. G. Lodge, and to receive, as we have said already, from the hands of his respected chief, the insignia of his office of Deputy. But the blow had been too serious for Bro. Greenwood's powers, and he died, as reported in our columns last week, on the 28th ult., quite suddenly, his funeral, which took place at St. Pancras Cemetery, Finchley, on Tuesday, being numerously attended by the brethren—of whom Bro. General Brownrigg was one—who flocked from all parts of Surrey and the Metropolis in order to show their respect for one who had done such signal services in promoting the best interests of Freemasonry. We must not forget to state that Bro. Greenwood always showed great zeal for our Institutions, and on several occasions, but notably on those, at which Bro. General Brownrigg presided as chairman, in the first instance at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival, and more recently at that of the Girls, had rendered very material help in swelling the totals received. He had not, as we have just explained, been able to take a very active part in the duties of the latter celebration, but in spite of his mental and physical suffering he managed to raise what, under the circumstances, was a very considerable amount, though it was nothing like what he would, no doubt, have raised, had he been in his usual health and vigour. Bro. Greenwood was a Life-Governor of all three Institutions, and had acted as Festival Steward twice for the Girls, and once, in each case, for the Boys' School and Benevolent Fund.

CAPTAIN HENRY S. ANDREWS.

The funeral of Bro. Capt. Henry S. Andrews, B.A. Cambs., late 74th Regiment, took place at Kensal Green Cemetery

on Thursday, the 30th ult., and was attended by most of the relatives and friends of the deceased, and also by brethren of the lodges and chapters to which he belonged. The funeral cortege started from the late Bro. Andrews' residence in Palace Gardens-terrace, and halted at St. Paul's Church, Kensington, where the first part of the burial service was read by the Rev. E. G. Wood, M.A. The mournful procession then proceeded to the cemetery, where it was met by brethren with sprigs of acacia, who followed it to the family vault, headed by the W.M. and Secretary of 1974 and the Second and Third Principals of Chapter 890. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths of lovely flowers. Bro. Andrews was initiated in the Wellington Lodge, 1086, at Deal, 8th March, 1860; was exalted in the Wellington Chapter, 784, 3rd April, 1866, at the Europa Chapter, Gibraltar; was admitted a member of the 18°, Rose Croix, of H.R.D.M., 14th November, 1870, in the Bayard Chapter, and had passed the chair of M.W.S.; advanced to the Mark Degree, February, 1871, in the Gibraltar Lodge, 43; registered Knight of Malta, 28th June, 1871; knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, 1871; was District Grand Steward Gibraltar, 1872; became Knight Templar in the Calpe Encampment, 31st March, 1875; Preceptor Kemeys Tynte, 1884; and 30°, 8th May, 1878; was one of the founders and first S.W. of the St. Mary Abbots Lodge, 1974, Kensington, which benefited by his generosity to a considerable extent; and only last year he presented the lodge with its magnificent banner (a marvellous piece of applique work, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning). He joined the Hornsey Chapter, No. 890, and was one of its most regular attendants, and presented the Chapter of Improvement attached to it with much of its furniture and a handsome silver salver. He was particularly generous to the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, having only a few months ago presented a silver snuff box and salver in appreciation of the sympathy evinced by the brethren on the occasion of his having met with a serious accident. His generosity was by no means confined to the lodges and chapters. He served the office of Steward several times, and was Life Governor of each of our three noble Charitable Institutions. Outside Freemasonry his numerous good qualifications and universal kindness to others were characteristic of the good man and Mason; no one ever pleaded his cause to him and went away empty handed. Our late Bro. Andrews leaves a young family to mourn his loss. Charles, his only son, who is destined for the army, has expressed his determination to join the fraternity upon attaining the necessary age and should he under the guidance of his uncle, Bro. Capt. Caesar Hawkins, R.N., follow in the Masonic footsteps of his father, he will eventually prove an ornament to the Order.

BRO. G. W. LATHAM, P.G.D. & P. PROV. G. SCRIBE E. CHESHIRE.

Bro. G. W. Latham, who was returned to the last Parliament for the Crewe Division of Cheshire, but prevented by conditions of health from taking his seat in the House, died on Monday at his seat, Bradwall House, near Sandbach, in the 60th year of his age. Bro. Latham had been an active member of our Society for close on 40 years, having been initiated while a student at B.N.C., Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in 1847. The following year he was appointed Prov. G. Steward, and in 1849, Prov. G.S.B. Having joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, he was elected W.M. in 1851, and in 1852 received the Collar of Prov. G. Registrar. Subsequently he took a prominent part in Masonic work in Cheshire. He was W.M. of the Samaritan Lodge, No. 368, Sandbach, in 1871, and had received Provincial honours both in the Craft and Royal Arch; but he will be chiefly remembered as Prov. Grand Scribe E. of Cheshire, to which office he was unfortunately compelled to decline re-appointment at the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter, owing to the same circumstances which had debarred him from attending to his duties in the House of Commons. The deceased brother was a P.G.J. Deacon of England, and a contributor to, and had served the office of Festival Steward for, the Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

BRO. REAR-ADMIRAL BEDFORD PIM.

Bro. Bedford Pim, who died at Deal, on Thursday, the 30th ult., was born in 1826, and had seen a great deal of hard service in connection with Arctic Exploration, and also in China, in 1857, where he was so severely wounded that he had to be invalided home. During the latter years of his life, however, his chief attention had been directed to politics and the law. He represented Gravesend in the Conservative interest from 1875 to 1880, while as regards his legal career, having entered as a Student at the Inner Temple he was called to the Bar in 1873. After the retirement of Mr. Robartes from the City Remembrancership, our deceased brother offered himself as a candidate for the vacant office, but the claims of Bro. Goldney, who was elected, were preferred. Bro. Pim does not appear to have taken an active part in Masonry, his heavy and varied duties prevented that. But he was a most genial brother and was highly respected in the various circles in which he moved and in the two professions which at different periods of his life he had followed. His funeral, which took place in Kensal Green Cemetery, was attended by a large gathering of friends and acquaintances as well as representatives from the British Association, the Army and Navy Club, the Society of Naval Architects, the Trinity House, and the various learned and scientific societies with which he had been associated. But above all there were delegates from the vast bodies of working men engaged in the various shipping industries, the deceased having been so popular among them as to have been known at the shipping ports in the United Kingdom as "The British Seamen's Friend."

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon is to be held at Devonport, on the 20th inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M. As Lord Ebrington is to be presented with a Masonic wedding present on the occasion, considerable interest will be manifested in the proceedings, both inside and outside the Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren are to assemble at 2.30 p.m. in the Guildhall.

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The Temperance Lodge of Instruction, No. 169, meeting at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, recommenced its meetings on Friday evening, the 1st inst.

The Hospital Sunday Fund had reached £40,000 on Monday, this being the largest sum collected in any year for this purpose since the Fund was started.

Bro. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., the Judge-Advocate General, left Paris for Buda Pesh, en route for Constantinople via Belgrade and Sofia, on Thursday, the 30th ult.

Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn and the Earl of Zetland were among the members who attended the meeting of the Jockey Club at Newmarket last week during the first October meeting.

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

Comp. W. G. Batchelor was on Tuesday, the 28th ult., installed as Z. of the Wellington Chapter, No. 548, at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford. A full report will appear in our next issue.

There is every probability that Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt., P.G.A.D.C., who entered on his 71st year on Saturday last, will be the Master of the Shipwrights' Company during her Majesty's Jubilee year.

Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.W. and P.G.H. East Lancashire, we regret to say, has been compelled to abandon his Masonic work for a short time on account of ill health. He leaves England for a short sea voyage this week.

Bro. Alderman and Ex-Sheriff Evans has been presented by his employés with a handsome centrepiece, suitably inscribed, in commemoration of his services rendered as Sheriff of London and Middlesex during the past year.

Bro. Lord Brassey, K.C.B., has arranged for the delivery, at his own expense, of a series of lectures in connection with the Hastings School of Science and Art, and has sent a donation of £10 to the St. Paul's Working Men's Club.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, and Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., attended the athletic meeting of the 5th Surrey Rifle Volunteers at the Woodbines, Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday last.

Bro. Lord Wantage occupied the chair at a meeting of Volunteer Commanding Officers, held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Royal United Service Institution, for the purpose of considering the new regulations for shooting by the Volunteers.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* for the first week in September contains a short but well-written paper by Bro. Rob. Morris, Past G. Master of Kentucky, on the poet Burns, who for the last few years of his brief life was the Laureate of Scottish Freemasonry.

Owing to the death of Comp. Henry Smith Andrews, Treasurer of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, 890, which meets at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., the usual weekly meeting was postponed until this evening (Friday), at 8 p.m.

At the meeting of the Grand Master's Mark Lodge on Wednesday evening, Lord Egerton of Tatton was elected W.M. for the year, and, on the motion of Bro. R. Berridge, Deputy Master, seconded by Bro. Roebuck, the sum of £5 5s. was voted to the "Binckes' Presentation Fund."

Bro. the Earl of Fife gave a grand entertainment on Thursday, the 30th ult., in the shape of a dinner, ball, and torchlight dance about the stags killed in Mar Forest by the Prince of Wales, the dinner and ball party including the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Albert Victor, and Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, Bro. the Earl of Fife, the Duchess of Manchester, the Viscountess Mandeville, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, and others.

Bro. W. Holland has this week largely increased the attractions at the Albert Palace, Battersea, a grand circus performance having been inaugurated on Monday, in which a hundred horses and ponies and the performing elephant Poonah take part. There has also been a cat show, while as regards the future, we are promised a resumption by Bro. Sims Reeves of his concerts in the Connaught Hall, the date of the concerts already fixed being the 6th and 20th November and the 4th and 18th December.

The action of magistrates sitting as a licensing board has been so often and so justly the subject of censure, that it is pleasant to be able to single out for praise the sensible conduct of a bench in Wales. For six years past the magistrates at Glandovey, in Montgomeryshire, have persistently refused to grant any further licences, holding apparently that there were quite sufficient of the existing class of public-houses. This prohibition extended to the granting of a licence to the refreshment rooms at Glandovey Station; but at the last Brewster Sessions Messrs. Spiers and Pond succeeded in obtaining a licence, the magistrates very sensibly discriminating between a respectable refreshment room, as conducted by that firm, and an ordinary establishment.

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Bro. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., and Mrs. Dixon-Hartland have left England for a short tour in the South of Spain.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, will shortly visit Sunderland and deliver a political address to a meeting of working men.

Bro. J. C. Moor, P.P.G.J.D., is at present I.P.M. of No. 97, and I.P.M. of No. 2039, one of the oldest and the youngest lodges in the town of Sunderland.

Bro. Egerton Hubbard, M.P., son of the member for the City of London, distributed the prizes to the Buckingham Volunteers on Thursday, the 30th ult.

Bro. Randolph Churchill, M.P., left Victoria Station on Monday evening for Berlin, his intention being to be absent on the continent for about a fortnight.

A new Masonic journal, entitled *Humanitas*, has recently been commenced at Milan, the first number having made its appearance on the 15th August last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction.

During a grand deer drive on Friday, the 1st inst., in the sanctuary of Mar Forest, the Prince of Wales killed two splendid stags, and his host, Bro. the Earl of Fife, one.

We are sorry to record the death of Bro. Walter Millen, of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, who departed this life at 5 a.m., on Monday last, at his residence at Herne Hill, Dulwich.

Bro. the Duke of Manchester is expected to leave England for Bombay at the end of the present month, the Duchess and Lady Alice Montagu accompanying his grace from Brindisi.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia will commence his annual grand visitation to the lodges in his jurisdiction on Tuesday, the 26th inst., and will complete his task by the 8th November prox.

Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper returned from Panshanger Park to St. James's-square on Monday, and the day following his lordship left for Dublin in order to attend the Royal Commission of inquiry into the land question.

A new lodge is to be consecrated to-day (Friday), at the Victoria Restaurant, in Victoria-street, by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The lodge is to be named the St. Mark's Lodge, and will consist for the most part of former students of St. Mark's College, Chelsea.

Among the week's attractions at the Crystal Palace have been the Great Autumnal Flower Show, which will remain open to the public till to-morrow (Saturday), while on Thursday there was to be the final firework display of the season.

Bro. Earl and Countess Granville, with the Lady Victoria Leveson-Gower, on concluding their visit to the Earl and Countess of Roseberry, at Dalmeny Park, proceeded to the Dowager Marchioness of Lansdowne, Mickelour House, Perth.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Invercauld on Wednesday, on a visit to Colonel Farquharson, and during his stay, there will be a succession of deer drives in Invercauld Forest. Prince Albert Victor of Wales and Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., are of the party.

Bro. Charles Du-Val will be "At Home" to the musical profession at the Princes' Hall, on Monday afternoon next. A special matinee will be given, when the latest novelty—the "Thought Transference" of Mr. and Miss Morrill will be introduced. Bro. Du-Val has secured the Princes' Hall for the whole of the month of October.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon returned to Highclere Castle, near Newbury, on Saturday last after a somewhat prolonged absence in Wales and Nottinghamshire. His lordship has just had a handsome memorial brass, bearing a suitable inscription, placed in Highclere Church over the remains of Charles Herbert, who was buried in Italy in 1635, and whose body, sacrilegiously torn from its grave during the revolution, has just been recovered by the noble earl.

The *New York Dispatch* contains a neat little history of St. Elmo Commandery, of Brooklyn, No. 57, Grand Commandery of New York. Its first meeting under dispensation was held on the 19th November, 1873, with Sir Knights George C. Bradley, William Bridge, and Hy. Rudolph, as E.C., General, and Captain General respectively. On this occasion 23 propositions for membership were received. On the 14th October, 1874, a regular warrant was granted. Its present E.C., is Sir Knight Valentine Hammann, who is extremely popular, and the roll of members includes several who have achieved considerable distinction in Craft and Arch Masonry.

According to the same authority the Copstone Lodge, No. 641, New York, held its annual picnic on Washington Park, on the 7th ult. There was a numerous gathering, including many ladies, and the event proved a great success.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.—We understand, on good authority, that the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will be held in Newcastle on Tuesday, the 16th proximo, on which occasion Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., will be installed as the Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, the duties of which has, for some years, been so ably and thoroughly discharged by the Right Hon. the Earl Percy.

Many of our readers will be glad to hear that the "Saddle Paste" invented by Captain Roch, and manufactured and sold by the "Saddle Paste Company," of 24, Stockbridge-terrace, S.W., is recognised by experts as invaluable in the harness room. It has been tried again and again both on new and old saddlery and on brown harness, and in all cases it has given the greatest satisfaction. This is more particularly the case with old saddlery, which, after a few applications of the Paste, has become quite soft and pliable and to all appearances capable of almost any amount of further wear and tear. We have no hesitation in recommending a specific which has won on all sides such unqualified encomiums.

Bro. F. D. Hilton, P.M. 1475, was on Saturday last installed W.M. of Rose Lodge, No. 1622.

Bro. Sir J. Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., is about to leave England for India, and will not return till the beginning of the new year.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Edis is architect of the new Constitutional Club premises in Northumberland-avenue, which was opened for the use of the members on Monday.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress were entertained at a banquet at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday, by the Masters and Wardens of the Plasterers' Company.

Those of the New York Knights Templar who intended taking part in the Triennial Grand Encampment of the U.S.A. at St. Louis, left on Saturday, the 10th ult. Sir Knight Charles Roome, acting Grand Master, being of the party.

The Lady Mayoress held her first reception at the Mansion House since the holidays on Tuesday, when among those present were Bro. Sir W. A. and Lady Ogg, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Evans, Bro. Alderman and Mrs. De Keyser, and Bro. Major Josephs.

We regret to hear that Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough is lying ill in Dublin. His condition last week had been causing much anxiety to his friends, but an improvement in his health, which it is to be hoped will continue, took place on Sunday night.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs presided on Saturday evening last at the first of a series of three popular lectures at the Finsbury Technical College. Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was to have been in the chair, being unable to fulfil his engagement.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales will arrive in Burnley on Tuesday next, the 12th inst., and the following day, after receiving a number of addresses at the Mechanics' Institution, will proceed to open the Victoria Hospital. Great preparations are being made for the event.

The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge for the United States of the Royal Order of Scotland will be held in Washington on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Sanctuary in that city, of the A. and A. Rite, and the annual dinner will take place on the Wednesday following.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, was the principal speaker at a great political gathering held in Oakfield Park, Dartford, on Saturday last. Among those who also took a leading part in the proceedings were Bros. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, M.P., and A. Akers-Douglas, M.P.

Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chaplain of England, presided at a vestry meeting of the parish of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, held in the vestry room on Tuesday, for the purpose of taking into consideration the measures to be adopted with a view to the restoration of the church. A vote of thanks to our reverend brother brought the proceedings to a close.

According to the statistics furnished by Bro. Drummond, of Maine, the Knights Templar in North America for the current year number 79,154, as against 596,464 Master Masons. These figures show an increase on the last year both in respect of the K.T. and M.M.'s, and also in the percentage of the former to the latter, which stands at 11'76½ as against 11'50 in 1885. The actual increase in the United States is 1928 members, or 3 per cent., while the increase in 1885 was 4½ per cent.

About a year since Bro. Lord Londesborough was accidentally struck by a ricochet shot in one of his eyes, the result being the loss of sight in the case of the eye affected, and latterly signs of considerable weakness in the other. With a view to arresting this weakness, the ball of the injured eye has recently been removed, and the shot which was found imbedded in the flesh behind the cheek removed, so that there is a good prospect now that his lordship's undamaged eye will be saved.

At the annual festival of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, which is the mother lodge of Derbyshire, Bro. Silver Hall was duly installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a number of influential brethren. The following officers were appointed:—Bros. H. A. Bemrose, I.P.M.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, S.W.; R. L. Mole, J.W.; Rev. H. Price, Chap.; W. Naylor, Treas.; J. Wright, Sec.; Col. John Evans, S.D.; T. H. Boam, J.D.; J. H. Clarke, D.C.; Montague Smith, Org.; H. V. Edwards, I.G.; H. Woodiwiss, and E. M'Innes, Stewards; and W. Stone, Tyler.

Bro. G. S. Graham's 21st annual grand evening concert will take place at St. Andrew's Hall, Balham, on Thursday next, the 14th inst. Bro. Graham has had his usual good fortune in securing a host of distinguished patrons, among whom may be mentioned the Princess Mary of Cambridge (Duchess of Teck), and Bro. Lord Mayor Staples. He has also engaged the services of many well known and popular artistes, whose efforts will no doubt prove worthy of the occasion. We trust Bro. Graham will have all the success he desires and deserves.

The M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has granted a warrant for a new London lodge, to be the Derby Allcroft, after Bro. John Derby Allcroft, of Stokesay Castle, P.M., and Past Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, who is to be the first Master. Bro. Thomas Ecclestone Gibb, who was M.P. for East St. Pancras until the last General Election, is to be the first S.W., and Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, of Kentish Town, London, P.M. and M.E.Z., is to be the first J.W. Amongst the founders of the new lodge are Bros. H. L. W. Lawson, senior M.P. for St. Pancras; the Rev. Richard Adams, P.P.G. Chap. Sussex; W. J. Wetenhall, member of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and other well-known Masons, who are very anxious to make the lodge a great success, as, from all appearance, it promises to be. The consecration will take place at the Athenaeum, Camden Town, on Tuesday, November 2nd, when the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, will consecrate the lodge.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, October 16, 1886.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12 o'clock.
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
" 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1207, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS 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.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington.
" 2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tav., Highgate.
Mark 44, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich.
" 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 22, Golden-sq., W.

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-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
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, OCTOBER 12.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Café Royal, Regent-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
" 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2127, Drury Lane, M. Tem., Theatre Royal, Drury-lane.

Chap. 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.

K.H. 30, M.H., 33, Golden-sq., W.

S.C. 33, M.H., 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, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.

General Committee Benevolent Institution at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-road, Limehouse.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1228, Beacontree, Pri. Ro., Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-street.
" 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-street, Chelsea.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
S.C. 33, M.H., 33, Golden-square, W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. 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 Tolérance, 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.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Kavensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yl., Fleet-st., at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 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, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall (worked in German language).
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London-bridge.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1937, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham, Kent.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge.
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.

Chap. 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-st.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-square.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), 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, 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, E.C., 6.30.
Fredegar, 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 Tavern, St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1539, Surrey Mascnic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
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.
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.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, 7.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, Kings Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1807, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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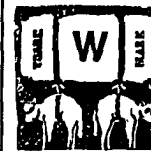
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