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THE autumn election to the Girls’ School took place at the Quarterly Court of the Governors and subscribers on Saturday last, when, as proposed, 16 out of the 33 approved candidates were elected, and will be received into the School at the appointed time. As regards the unsuccessful there is, of course, the inevitable disappointment at having failed to obtain admission, but it is some consolation to know that in the case of only one out of the 17 children who are thus placed will the disappointment be final and irretrievable, and considering how few votes were polled for her (No. 13), it seems almost a pity her name should have been entered on the list. There is also one other child (No. 7) who polled only 1288 votes, and whose name, therefore, would, in ordinary circumstances, be removed from the list, but, we believe, there is a possibility of her being received into the School, notwithstanding the fact of her occupying only the 18th place on the poll. The other two candidates (Nos. 17 and 32), with whom it was a case of being elected now or never, came out first and eighth respectively, so that only in the solitary instance of No. 13 aforesaid is all chance of securing the benefits conferred by the Institution destroyed. As regards the successful candidates, London, which sent up five candidates, carried two of them, who obtained the ninth and eleventh places, with 1795 votes and 1738 votes respectively. East Lancashire carried two out of its three candidates, who were placed No. 4 (with 1972 votes) and No. 5 (with 1923 votes). Sussex succeeded with both its candidates, W. C. HYNÉ standing No. 7, with 1820 votes, and B. J. Dean, No. 15, with 1545 votes. One of the two children hailing from Hants and Isle of Wight just managed to secure the sixteenth place on the poll, with 1408 votes, while, as to the remaining nine, the South Wales (East Division) candidate headed the poll with 2364 votes, the Cheshire and West Yorkshire girl being second with 2216 votes, and the Surrey girl third with 1974 votes. The Norfolk representative was sixth with 1843 votes, and Worcestershire seventh with 1820 votes. A child hailing from Warwickshire polled 1779 votes, and so won the tenth place; while FLORENCE G. CHAPMAN, who had interest both with the London and Hertfordshire voters, stands at No. 12 with 1630 votes. North and East Yorkshire followed close with 1624 votes, while the joint efforts of Worcestershire and Staffordshire obtained the fourteenth place for FLORENCE WILSON with a poll of 1578 votes. The two highest unsuccessful candidates hailed from London, No. 17 polling 1344 votes, and No. 18 1288 votes, while No. 19, from Middlesex, had 1123 votes. Of the remaining candidates, about one half obtained a fair share of votes; but only under very rare circumstances would even the highest of them have been able to obtain a place; while, as regards the other half, they did not secure 300 votes amongst them. As to the election generally, there were 1186 votes brought forward from April, and 39,737 votes issued, making together a total of 40,923 votes; but the total, including, of course, the votes brought forward, reached only 34,933 votes, or nearly 6000 votes less than might have been polled.

WITH reference to the remaining business that was transacted, we note that the motion, of which Bro. LE FEUVRE had given notice, was lost, that Bro. HUNT’S motion about the boundary wall was carried, and that Bro. H. B. MARSHALL was also successful in obtaining the consent of the Court to his motion, though in a modified form. His proposition was to the effect that the Executors of a deceased Life Governor or Life Subscriber should have the privilege of using, during the current financial year, such votes as the deceased would have been entitled to, and the Court acquiesced in the idea, but limited the privilege to the election next ensuing after the Subscriber’s death. For our part, we see no objection to the proposal. So long as the rights and privileges of a Subscriber to any one of our Institutions are clearly defined and reasonable, it cannot make much difference one way or the other, whether they cease and determine at his death, or their exercise is prolonged for a brief period after his decease. It happens unfortunately, however, that the rule of the Boys’ School is in the opposite direction. If a Life Governor or Subscriber dies after receiving and signing his voting paper, but before the day of election, the votes are *ipso facto*, null and void. There is no objection to this arrangement either, but it seems de-

sirable there should be the same rule in respect of a Subscriber’s rights and privileges in both Institutions, the said rights and privileges being accorded in return for a certain money payment, which is of the same value in the case of both. We do not mind how the rule is framed, whether in the direction of extending or contracting a Subscriber’s privileges, but the same money gift and the same amount of service in raising money should be rewarded equally by the two Institutions, or that which gives the fewer privileges will stand a chance of receiving fewer contributions, and being less generously assisted in raising funds than that which is more liberal.

THE Boys’ School election took place at the Quarterly Court of Governors and subscribers held at the Freemasons’ Tavern on Monday, when, as arranged, there were 32 out of an approved list of 44 candidates elected, of whom 22 occupy the vacancies that have occurred since the April election, and the other ten are an addition to the establishment. The result is so far satisfactory that only two out of the 44 candidates, namely, Nos. 2 and 3, are wholly deprived of their chances of admission, both of these being too old to stand another trial. As No. 2 at his five attempts scored only 204 votes, and No. 3 only 99 at four, it seems a very mistaken policy on the part of the boys’ friends to have allowed their names to be placed on the list. In other respects the polling needs little comment. London, which had 11 candidates, carried no less than 10 of them, who were placed at Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 18, 19, 22, 24, and 26 respectively. East Lancashire had four candidates, of whom three were successful, the one that failed being No. 2 aforesaid, whose name will disappear from the lists under law 52 as to age. Durham carried two of its three candidates, and the same measure of success attended West Lancashire, but Hants and the Isle of Wight, which also had three candidates, only succeeded in placing one of them, while as regards the other two, one carries forward 364 votes, and the other will have his name removed from the list. Norfolk and West Yorkshire both sent up two boys, and were fortunate in placing both, while Cornwall scored one out of its two chances, and Essex missed both. The boys hailing from Berks and Bucks, Bristol, Gloucestershire, Kent, Middlesex, North Wales, South Wales, East Warwickshire, and Wiltshire, obtained places, while those from Northumberland, King William’s Town, and Cape of Good Hope failed. The polling, as might have been expected, was very close, there not being a difference of 500 votes between No. 1, who scored 1984 votes, and No. 32, the last of the successful, who had 1499 votes. But there was a big drop of over 300 voters after No. 32, as the next on the poll had only 1194 votes, No. 34 obtaining only 974 votes, and No. 35 only 726 votes. Thence to the end of the list the votes grow beautifully fewer, No. 44 bringing up the rear with “nary a vote” to his credit. As regards the general poll there were 7935 votes brought forward from previous elections, and 56,153 votes issued for this election, but the total passed by the Scrutineers, and necessarily including the forward votes, was only 58,637 votes, so that, after allowing for spoilt papers, we find upwards of 5000 votes unrecorded. This is not quite so large a proportion as in the case of the Girls’ School, but it is a considerable one nevertheless, and represents not far short of one in every 11 votes issued.

THE balance sheet of the Supreme Council, 33°, is, as usual, of a most favourable character. The balance in the bank on July 1st, 1885, was £253 19s. 11d., but now it has increased to £612 15s. 9d. The Charity donations for the year amount to £473 2s. 9d. When some brethren urge as a reason for not supporting the *hautes grades* that their necessary expenses detract from the sums donated to Benevolence, it may be as well to direct attention to the important fact, that though a small and select Body, as compared with the Craft, the Supreme Council has since 1857, and exclusive of 1886, donated the large total of £2632 1s. to various charitable purposes.

THE present assets are estimated at some £17,000, so that financially, as well as generally, the “Ancient and Accepted Rite” in this country is on a very firm footing, and we are bound to say that its proceedings are conducted in a truly dignified, yet most courteous manner. The library and museum are two of the Masonic sights in England, and increase in value and importance as the days roll onward. We note that the accounts have been duly examined and certified by HARPER BROS., Chartered Accountants.

RECORDERS of Rose Croix Chapters will do well to particularly note the addition to the Laws in the “Red Book,” corrected to June 30th, 1886, which provides that the “date of raising” of every candidate, with the other necessary particulars on the summons, must be sent to the members prior to the ballot being taken. The Return to the Grand Secretary General, must also contain the same information.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Patron, J.P., P.G. Treas., in the chair, and a number of other brethren were present.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last Quarterly Court in July,

The CHAIRMAN said that before commencing the general business of the day it was his painful duty officially to inform the brethren that on the 28th August last, at a ripe old age, passed away, amid the lamentations and tears of the children she loved so well, the late esteemed and venerated matron of the School, Miss Jarwood. In undertaking the difficult task of filling up that onerous and responsible position, the Board of Management had been so fortunate as to secure the services of a lady who, like the late Miss Jarwood, was educated in the School, passed through the office of pupil teacher, and had during the last 18 months been responsible as acting matron of the Institution, and had carried out her duties so efficiently as to give entire satisfaction to the Committee, who felt assured that Miss Buck would spare no endeavours to continue to repay the love of the children, and to win the esteem and regard of the management, which should always exist in well-regulated establishments, which they reckoned theirs was, between the staff and the managers. To mention another sad event, words failed him to express in adequate language the great loss the Institution had sustained by the removal to another world during the past few weeks of Bros. Joshua Nunn and E. C. Mather, who, for a number of years, devoted great time, spared no labour, trouble, or money for the benefit of the Institution. In extolling the virtues of a colleague, it seemed to his mind to be something like sounding one's own praise. He would only therefore say of their departed brethren that they, like every individual member of the House Committee, ever had in the management of the Institution but one aim, object, and desire—to serve the interests and comfort, and to promote the welfare, of the fatherless children the subscribers had committed to their care. It now only remained for him to propose what, he was sure, they would carry with great unanimity of feeling, "That the Secretary be directed to write letters of condolence to Mrs. Nunn and Mrs. Mather, expressing the sincere and deep regret of this Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at the great and irreparable loss they had sustained."

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said that, arising out of this report he had just given, he had to declare that there was a vacancy in the Trusteeship of one of the funds of the Institution—the Sustentation Fund. According to the laws of the Institution, this vacancy must be filled up that day, and he had the privilege, as their Chairman, to propose a brother who was well worthy of the honour, senior member of the House Committee—Col. James Peters, P.G. Swd. Br.—who, during the last 11 years had given such great and assiduous attention to the duties and management of that Institution.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., seconded the motion. It had been his pleasure to serve nine years on the House Committee with Col. Peters, and he could testify to the very great attention of that brother to all matters connected with the welfare of the Institution during that time. He felt that the Governors of the Institution could not do better than adopt the proposal of the Chairman.

The motion was carried.

Col. PETERS, in thanking the brethren for his election, said he should endeavour to carry out the duties devolving upon him to the utmost of his ability. He was not at present aware what those duties consisted of, but when he got into work he hoped to do them to the satisfaction of the Craft. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the motion of which he had given notice, "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 be entitled to had he been still living, and that the laws of the Institution be altered accordingly." He thought this motion would at once commend itself to the brethren's acceptance, and at all events that it would meet with favourable consideration. It would be beneficial to so vast an Institution as this, and he could not divest his mind of the idea that when a benefactor passed away if the votes were sent to his executor, it, giving him a little patronage, might induce him to add to the funds of the Institution.

Controller BAKE wished to second the motion, but not in its entirety, but was stopped by the Chairman, who said he must either second it as a whole or not at all.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS seconded the motion as a whole.

Controller BAKE thought "Life Governor" should be struck out, but that the Life Subscriber should have his vote for the whole year.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL thought the words "during the current financial year" should be struck out, and substituted for them should be, "at the next ensuing election." He thought the privilege should be granted for only one election after the death of the subscriber.

The CHAIRMAN said his proposition was nothing more than was carried out by every voting Charity outside Masonry.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD said they already had a law validating voting papers signed by the subscriber while he was alive. He objected to making it a vote for life and one year afterwards.

Bro. TATTERSHALL moved his proposition as an amendment.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS seconded.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD, believing the whole thing was wrong, moved the previous question.

The CHAIRMAN begged the brethren not to vote for the previous question, as his motion could not then be put. He would accept the amendment of Bro. Tattershall rather than that his motion should be thrown out on the previous question. It had been his privilege for the last 35 years to be on many Finance Committees of Philanthropic Institutions, and the Secretaries had put before him the satisfaction which executors of deceased benefactors had expressed with receiving voting papers. It was on that ground, and that ground only, he made his proposition—for the benefit of the Institution. He could not divest his mind of the belief that when these voting papers got to executors and beneficiaries who were outside the Masonic body, those persons would say it was a compliment to them, and for that reason they would send a cheque for five or ten guineas. The cost of the extra printing and paper was nothing, and could be no detriment to any individual subscriber. If the voting papers were used, it must be for the benefit of some candidate,

The previous question was then put and lost, and the amended resolution was put and carried.

Bro. HENRY A. HUNT, Vice-President, moved, "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." Bro. Hunt said that the piece of land in question was of great advantage to the Institution, but it was absolutely necessary to build a wall round it. The children of the neighbourhood came up to the fence and climbed over it.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, D. Prov. G.M. West Yorks., seconded the motion, thinking the wall should be built as soon as possible.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., as a member of the Premises Committee, would like to say a few words on this subject. It was absolutely necessary now that the grounds should be properly guarded. It was a very low wall they had now, and from personal observation he should say that the Institution's premises were completely overrun by the children of the neighbourhood. They had been obliged to invoke the assistance of the police to keep the place quiet on Sundays. The first grant of £50 was for a short fence. Grand Lodge voted £1000 distinctly by fitting up this wall, and therefore if they got this grant of £500 from the Institution they would be well within what Grand Lodge had given.

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK agreed that the outlay would be well made.

The motion was carried.

Bro. JOHN E. LE FEUVRE, D. Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, V.P., moved, 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. In the event of the petitioner being unable to procure such recommendation and expression of opinion, the fact shall be stated in the petition, with the grounds for such inability, and, if deemed sufficient by the Committee, it may, at their discretion, be dispensed with." He thought that such a rule would bring information regarding candidates which would be most valuable. It did not affect London brethren, but was only limited to the provinces. It would afford the General Committee of the School an opportunity of receiving from the Prov. Grand Secretaries an impartial opinion or report on the merits of each case. It could do no harm and might do much good. There were cases within his personal knowledge which he was sure if reported upon by Prov. Grand Secretaries, would not now have been in our schools and encumbering the lists. On the Boys' School list was a boy who was born 13 years after his father had ceased to subscribe to a Masonic lodge. In the Girls' School some years ago for want of candidates all that were on the lists were admitted. One of those would not go out till 1887, and he was sure she would not have been favourably reported on by the Prov. Grand Secretary. Another was in the School whose mother was a widow at the time of the election, and was carrying on her late husband's business just as well and was as prosperous as when her husband died. She ultimately married a second husband, who had since been the Master of a lodge. That child would not leave till 1888. He did not think either of these cases would have been accepted if further enquiries had been made.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY seconded the motion.

In reply to Bro. HOGARD, Bro. LE FEUVRE said his motion did not deal with districts but only with provinces.

Bros. HOPEKIRK, S. G. BAKE, and HOGARD objected to the proposition.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON trusted the motion would not be carried. The whole body of subscribers had decided that they would adjudicate on the cases. If this was carried the Prov. Grand Secretaries would really be the electors. In a province where there was a Charity organisation that organisation took up the cases. If at any time they had two cases which they knew they could carry, and a third came forward, which would destroy the chances of the other two, the Prov. Grand Secretary would naturally say the third was not a case to be recommended. (Oh, oh.)

Another Brother thoroughly concurred in Bro. Richardson's remarks.

Bro. LE FEUVRE, in reply, said his proposal was only carrying out the new rule in the Constitutions that such a report was necessary for country cases coming before the Board of Benevolence, and it worked very happily indeed. Last month there was an occasion when a Prov. Grand Secretary said he had made enquiries into the case, and he did not recommend it for relief. That was very valuable information for the Board. The motion proposed to get information which the Committee might act on if they pleased.

The motion was lost.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the brethren proceeded to the election of 16 girls out of an approved list of 33 candidates.

At the close of the poll the following was the result:

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Vary Nicholson	2364	Madeline Beatrice Blyth	1795
Dora Ireson	2216	Grace Beatrice Timings	1779
Rose Gertrude Andrews	1974	Elizabeth Waspe	1738
Ethel Gothard	1972	Florence Grace Chapman	1630
Eliza Hamer	1923	Elizabeth Imeson Hornsby	1624
Emily Fison Clarke	1843	Florence Wilson	1578
Winifrid Cleveland Hyde	1820	Bertha Jane Dean	1545
Laura Johnson	1820	Eva Marian Lillywhite	1408
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Julia Elizabeth Clark	1344	Fanny Maria Harnden	196
Martha Pauline C. Steng	1288	Lilian Woods	71
Edith Grace Goodchild	1123	Hannah Maude Longshaw	62
Edith Melhuish	883	Maude Mary Marshall	44
Lilian Gertrude S. Rawlings	664	Aline Mary Norman	39
Eleanor Julia Sutton	373	Isabella Richardson	22
Edith Lilian Proudfoot	279	Ethel Ada Craft	10
Grace Lenore Harris	254	Gertrude Phenix	5
Amy Elizabeth C. Gurney	247		

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Monmouth, occupied the chair.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes (Secretary) informed the Court that Bro. Le Feuvre had withdrawn the motion of which he had given notice, it being similar to the motion he made at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, which was defeated on the previous Saturday.

Scrutineers of votes were then chosen, and the brethren proceeded to elect 32 boys into the School from an approved list of 44 candidates. The poll, which was very heavy, was not declared till long past six o'clock. It was then ascertained that the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Arthur Herbert Smithers ...	1984	Frank Bertie Stibbs... ..	1709
Bryan Hanby Holmes ...	1963	Walter Robert Walker ...	1682
Reginald Thomas George Biggs ...	1896	William Edwin John Watson ...	1666
Harry Freeman ...	1874	Frederick William Hayes ...	1646
Joseph Thomas Andrews ...	1861	Sidney Harold Purnell ...	1640
Lionel Cole Whiteford ...	1837	Horace Lewis... ..	1612
Meyrick George Bruton Good ...	1834	James Howes Haylett ...	1611
Henry Rennison ...	1775	Edward Stanley Milford ...	1605
Frank Augustus Moorcroft ...	1774	Adam Gothard ...	1603
Walter Ernest Wheeler ...	1762	Robert Alexander Fortune ...	1602
Harry Newton ...	1756	William Andsley Oakes ...	1599
Maurice Bibby Jones ...	1746	John Duval Davis ...	1589
John Bernard Murless ...	1743	Henry Lamb ...	1580
Alfred Vaughan Hayward ...	1731	George Frederick Johnston ...	1536
Wilfred Gay ...	1731	Fred Mason Jenkins... ..	1500
Frederick Ernest Carter ...	1716	Edwin Ralph Bingham ...	1499

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Harry Norman Angier ...	1194	Percy Gibbs	99
Percy Haslem Matthews ...	974	Charles William Green ...	59
Joseph Wood... ..	726	Frederick William John Scott ...	41
William Collinson ...	364	George Cannon	40
Harold Gray	235	Edgar Holmes Burgess ...	39
Albert Taylor... ..	204	John Crossman	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of votes, and to the Chairman of the day, Capt. Homfray, brought the proceedings to a termination.

THE INSTALLATION OF LORD HENNIKER AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR SUFFOLK.

This ceremony was performed on the 8th inst., at the Town Hall, Ipswich, by the R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, in the presence of some 300 brethren, mostly from Suffolk, but including also brethren from the adjoining counties of Norfolk and Essex, and also brethren from London. The following is a list of those who attended:—

Bros. Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. elect; Rev. C. J. Martyn, E.P.G.M.; Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., D.P.G.M. Essex; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts; N. Tracy, 376, P.G. Sec.; W. Armstrong, 1008, P.P.G.J.D.; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; H. Sidney, 376, P.P.G.D.C.; W. P. T. Phillips, 81, P.P.G.S.W.; W. B. Jeffries, 376, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Nunn, 1592, P.P.G.J.D.; C. H. Vincent, 1823, P.G. Reg.; W. Dods, 1631, P.P.G.J.W.; C. Cooke, 1823, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. P. L. Cautley, 1983, P.P.G.C.; J. M. Canova, 388, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Bush, S.D.; D. W. Bellamy, 114, P.G. 305; W. Clarke, D.C. 376; H. J. Wright, 936, P.G.A.S.; J. M. Harvey, 936, P.G.J.W.; B. Gall, 81, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Laughton, 1008, P.G.P.; A. E. Smith, 388, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Barber, 225, P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. Cooper, 71, P.P.G.R.; Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, 81, P.P.G.C.; Geo. Abbott, 225, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Bullard, 1500, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. W. Walesby, 925, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. H. Cooper, 71, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 114, P.G. Chap.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; G. J. Paine, 1008, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Boby, 114, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Maddison, 71, P.G.S.B.; Rev. S. Maude, 516, P.P.G. Chap.; E. J. Brown, 959, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Green, 107, P.G.J.W.; H. J. Barnes, 1663, P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. E. J. Griffiths, 1008, P.P.G. Chap.; J. K. Sidgwick, 516, P.P.G.R.; S. H. Wright, 516, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Sedgwick, Past G. Chap. Eng.; A. Barnes, 81, P.P.G.S.B.; S. R. Anness, 376, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, P.P.G.C.; S. C. Allerton, 71, P.G.S.; A. A. Bennett, 376, P.P.G.R.; J. B. Fraser, 376, P.P.G.J.D.; B. W. Syer, 376, P.G.T.; W. P. Mills, 376, P.P.G.S.W.; B. Seaman, 929, P.P.G.S.B.; W. T. Jeckells, 71, P.G.S.; G. H. Grimwood, 1224, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Staddon, 376, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Grimwood, 81, P.P.G.R.; C. Emmerson, 1224, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Aldis, P.G. Sec. Norfolk; J. Penrice, D.P.G.M. Norfolk; F. J. Horsey, 81, P.G.S.; A. Fleming, 114, P.P.G.S.W.; E. J. Robertson, 259, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Baxter, 213, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; F. Wheeler, 1224, P.P.G.R.; J. Shepherd, 1592, P.P.G.S.W.; A. J. Grimwade, 332, P.P.G.S.W.; B. P. Grimsey, 114, P.P.G.J.W.; H. C. Casley, 114, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Napier, 225, P.P.G.J.D.; H. W. H. Elwes, 1452, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. J. B. Blackmore, 1452, P.G.C.; E. P. Youell, 1631, P.G. Treas.; G. F. Crane, 1631, P.G.P.; W. Daking, 1008, P.P.G.R.; E. Buckham, 376, P.G.S. of W.; J. Hanly, 51, P.P.G.S. Essex; and J. H. Brockbank, 98, P.P.G.S. Norfolk.

In addition to the above the following were also present:—

Bros. T. Hodgson, P.M.; S. C. Allerton, P.M.; J. M. Russell, S.W.; F. S. Smith, J.D.; J. Wright, Tyler, and W. Cracknell, 71; Edward Smith, W.M.; G. Booth, S.D.; J. Parrett, Secretary, A. S. Gross, I.G.; G. Hall, Tyler, James Beck, H. Saunders, and R. Evans, 81; V. D. Colchester, W.M.; F. A. Cobbold, S.W.; S. Wright, J.W.; R. Tidbury, S.D.; C. Alexander, R. W. Beaumont, P.M.; T. Palmer, Org.; J. R. Geard, and T. Grimwood, 114; J. L. Brook, W.M.; T. J. Noble, S.W.; E. S. Scrivener, J.W.; S. J. Morley, S.D.; F. Bloomfield, J.D.; E. B. Price, I.G.; W. Leathers, Stwd.; Jos. Whitehead, P.M.; C. Byford, P.M.; R. Senton, W. T. Jobson, F. S. Spinks, J. D. Fraser, T. Turner, A. W. Cook, and R. O. Clutton, 225; J. T. Easterton, I.P.M.; and R. Norman, Tyler, 305; C. H. N. Haward, W.M.; J. C. Norman, I.P.M.; C. J. Grimwade, P.M.; J. Warren, S.W.; A. Taylor, J.D.; H. R. Taylor, S.B.; and Walter Brooke, Tyler, 332; J. M. Franks, W.M.; J. King, P.M.; F. A. Bales, J.W.; R. E. Younger, S.D.; F. C. Atkinson, J.D.; G. Turner, Stwd.; R. Anness, T. R. Elkington, T. Hooper, J. N. Vogan, A. Spalding, A. Hayward, and R. S. Scott, 376; C. H. White, W.M.; R. Barker, P.M.; A. Caton, P.M.; J. O. Green, J.W.; W. P. Gale, S.D.; R. Titlow, I.G.; James Miller, Tyler, Eaton W. Moore, Randall, and J. Ambrose, 388; C. G. Hayward, W.M.; C. C. Tuck, S.D.; and W. Bloomfield, Tyler, 516; S. G. Carley, W.M.; J. Majoram, P.M.; and W. Cocks, P.M.; J. Legge Currie, P.M.; and Robert Johnson, J.W.; 929; W. H. Berry, W.M.; W. Pearson, P.M.; J. Flintham, P.M.; G. F. Nunn, P.M.; W. H. Hall, S.W.; G. H. Beart, D.C.; and G. Roper, 936; E. J. Sherman, W.M.; J. White, I.P.M.; A. Raphael, P.M.; W. B. Hanson, S.W.; A. R. Trew, J.W.; C. Markwell, S.D.; W. G. Wells, J.D.; G. T. Pick, I.G.; G. Gould, Tyler, D. Slembeck, J. M. Pollard, W. O. White, and J. T. Gaul, 159; R. J. Symonds, W.M.; J. G. Oliver, P.M.; W. Pead, P.M.; G. Cornish, J.W.; and J. Hewitt, Tyler, 1008; W. J. Mason, J.W.; W. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P.; H. F. Martyn, and C. J. Row, 1224; B. Bradbeer, S.W.; H. Smith, J.D.; W. J. Roberts, I.G.; J. Symes, Tyler, and J. P. Smith, 1452; W. T. Comber, W.M.; T. B. Corfield, S.D.; and J. C. Smith, Stwd.; 1592; C. W. Laing, Tyler, S. R. Abbott, and W. H. George, 1631; E. Symonds, W.M.; H. W. Cullum, I.P.M.; H. Gedney, P.M.; C. Ship, Tyler; J. Beddingfield, and T. H. Tacon, 1663; T. Stokoe, W.M.; B. B. Syer, S.W.; and D. F. Glazin, Tyler, 1823; W. Porter, Tyler, W. H. Elmy, and W. G. Jackson, 1983. Other brethren present included Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; W. W. Morgan, P.M. 211; G. W. Cooper, 10; James A. Lees, J.D. 1629; W. Irving, 956; W. Hawes, James Whittle, and F. Quilter, J.W. 51; J. W. Goodwin, 955; and H. Parkin, 697.

The noble council chamber at the Town Hall was suitably upholstered and decorated for the occasion, the members of each lodge being arranged under their respective banners.

Shortly after one o'clock, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., accompanied by the R.W. Bro. Earl Amherst; the Grand Officers, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. for Essex; and the

Prov. Grand Officers entered the hall, and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge according to ancient custom.

The V.W. the Deputy Grand Master was then saluted in the usual form under the direction of Bro. W. Clarke, Prov. G.D.C.; Bro. W. Boby, P.P. G.S.W., acted as Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. J. M. Harvey took his chair as Prov. G.J.W.

The minutes of a Special Grand Lodge, held in consequence of the funeral of Lord Waveney, were taken as read, as were also those of another lodge at which it was reported that H.R.H. the Grand Master of England had appointed the Right Hon. Lord Henniker to succeed Lord Waveney.

Bro. N. TRACY, Prov. G. Secretary, then read the minutes, which were put by the brethren and confirmed. He afterwards announced that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance, through inability, from Bros. Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. of Norfolk; C. Dalrymple, M.P.; Lord Elcho, M.P.; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; A. H. Moyes, P.P.G.S.W. Cambs.; T. J. Rallings, P.G.S. Essex; A. Spencer, P.G.S. Kent; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. of the Girls' School; G. S. Johnson, Rev. Richard Peek, Rev. J. F. Wilkinson, P.G. Chap., and Major Hessey, P.G.S.W.

The Rev. C. J. MARTYN afterwards said the brethren were assembled that day under what he had previously called in Provincial Grand Lodge exceptional circumstances. Since the last regular meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge it had pleased the Most High to call to Himself their late beloved, respected, and esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney, and the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in the exercise of his prerogative, had appointed Lord Henniker to succeed their late brother as Provincial Grand Master. He was sure that the announcement had given the greatest pleasure to all the Masons of Suffolk. When the time was fixed for the installation of Lord Henniker, certain circumstances had delayed the ceremony up to the present time; but the M.W. G. Master, being unable himself to be present, had appointed one of the oldest of all the Provincial Grand Masters, in the person of Lord Amherst, to come down to Ipswich to install Lord Henniker in the place of the Provincial Grand Master, and Lord Amherst, with his usual kindness and with the spirit of true fraternal feeling, acceded to the request, and was with them that day to perform that important ceremony. He was sure, before asking Lord Amherst to take the chair which he (the Rev. C. J. Martyn) only temporarily occupied, he should be consulting not only his own feelings, but the feelings of every brother present, if, as their spokesman, he tendered all their deep and hearty thanks to Lord Amherst for coming among them—(cheers)—and assured him that they gave him a most hearty, fraternal, and, he hoped they would be able to say, most hospitable welcome. The rev. brother then requested Earl Amherst to take the chair and install the Provincial Grand Master.

The R.W. the INSTALLING MASTER, having taken the chair, was duly saluted. He then said the brethren had already heard from the D.P.G.M. the circumstances under which the Grand Lodge of Suffolk had assembled, but it might not be out of place for him, as the humble representative of H.R.H. the Grand Master, to express what all good Masons felt, sorrow at the occasion which had brought them together. The late Prov. Grand Master had for more than a quarter of a century, with great ability and great Masonic zeal, presided over this important province, which had made important strides under his rule. When at last it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take him to Himself, he departed with the respect and affection of all those over whom he had so long ruled. The Grand Master had chosen to appoint as his successor a brother, another good and worthy Mason. Bro. Lord Henniker had been well known to all the Masons in the province, where he had held high rank. In other branches of Masonry he held still higher rank. In all those offices he had discharged his duties in a manner which gave them every confidence that he would faithfully carry out the duties of the still more important office to which it had pleased his Royal Highness to call him. (Applause.)

It was then announced that the Provincial Grand Master designate, Lord Henniker, had arrived, whereupon the acting Grand Master demanded that Lord Henniker's patent of appointment should be sent in to him. The Director of Ceremonies having retired, shortly afterwards returned with the patent of appointment, and presented it to Lord Amherst, who examined it, and directed a deputation of seven Masters or Past Masters to accompany the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and escort Lord Henniker into the Grand Lodge and introduce him.

The deputation, consisting of Bros. S. Allerton, W.M. 71; E. Smith, W.M. 81; V. D. Colchester, W.M. 114; A. W. Cook, W.M. 225; C. H. U. Howard, W.M. 332; J. M. Franks, W.M. 376; C. H. White, W.M. 388; and Bro. William Clarke, in compliance with the commands of the acting Grand Master, retired, and returned with Lord Henniker, all the brethren honouring his lordship's arrival by standing.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, for the information of the brethren, read the patent of appointment, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

LORD HENNIKER, having, in reply to Lord AMHERST, stated that he could conscientiously accept the office of Provincial Grand Master, formally undertook to carry out the duties of his high office, and having been invested by Lord Amherst with the gorgeous insignia of the office, was placed in the chair, and received his first congratulations from Lord Amherst, who took his seat on the left of the Prov. Grand Master. The Rev. C. J. Martyn and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., were the next to congratulate his lordship, who was saluted by the lodge in conformity with the rules of the Order.

The newly-installed Prov. G. MASTER then announced that he had that day issued a patent under his hand appointing Bro. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the Province.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord HENNIKER, addressing the Rev. C. J. Martyn, said: Very Worshipful Bro. Martyn, I can assure you I have very great pleasure in appointing you Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Applause.) On the agenda it is said I am to address you on the duties of your office, but I beg leave on this occasion to do nothing of the kind. We all know how much Masonry owes to you, not only in this province, but throughout England. We all know how much our Masonic Charities owe to your zeal and generosity. (Applause.) I think you will agree with me that in the whole of this important province I could have made no better choice. (Applause.) Brethren, in taking upon me the responsibility of this high office, I can assure you it is more than a pleasure to me to appoint Bro. Martyn as my nearest adviser, and not only as my nearest adviser, but also as a well-trying friend of many years past—one, brethren, who is as deservedly respected outside as he is inside the lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Martyn knows quite well what I mean when I say I am heartily glad to appoint him to this office, and to continue to be connected with him as in the past—to be connected with him in more

important Masonic matters, and to establish another link, I hope, of friendship between us. (Applause.)

Bro. MARTYN, having complied with the requirements prescribed by the Ancient Craft, was invested by Lord Henniker with the apron and collar appertaining to the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and placed in his chair on the Grand Master's right. He was then proclaimed by the Director of Ceremonies as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and received the customary salute.

On the motion of acting PROV. G.S. WARDEN, seconded by the PROV. G.J. WARDEN, Bro. E. P. Youell, P.M. 1631, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Syer PROV. G. TYLER, on the motion of the PROV. G.M., seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER.

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

Bro. J. G. Oliver, 1008	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" S. G. Carley, 555	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. A. T. Mitton, 516	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. A. R. Abbott, 1631	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. P. Youell, 1631 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. H. Vincent, 1823	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy, 376	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" V. D. Colchester, 114	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. M. Franks, 376	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. White, 959	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Clarke, 114	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. Barker, 388	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" C. Byford, 225	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" H. W. Cullum, 1663	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" T. Palmer, 114	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Wright, 936	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" A. Langton, 1592	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" B. Smith, 81	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Cook, W.M. 225	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. J. Sherman, W.M. 959	...	...
" G. H. Beart, W.M. 936	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" S. B. Syer, 376	...	...

In placing the collar round the neck of Bro. Tracy as Prov. G. Secretary, the PROV. G. MASTER said: I need hardly tell you that I am more than pleased and delighted in appointing you as Prov. Grand Secretary, and I congratulate myself in having so excellent a Mason at my right hand for the arduous duties I am about to undertake. (Applause.)

The PROV. G. SECRETARY read the report of the Board of General Purposes, which he explained referred, in consequence of the alteration of the financial year, to nine months instead of twelve. The number of brethren in the province at the beginning of the year was 900. There had been 25 initiations, and 13 joining members had been admitted. They had lost seven by death, six by erasure, and 51 by withdrawal, leaving a total of 874, which showed a nett loss of 28. After meeting all liabilities, the province had a balance in hand of £32 11s. 8d. (Applause.) The Committee recommended that a grant should be made from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in aid of the Waveney Memorial Fund.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. said he agreed in the recommendation of the report that a suitable memorial should be raised to the memory of their late lamented chief, and that it should take the form of a presentation of votes for Masonic Charities. (Hear, hear.) They thought that would be the best way to commemorate his memory, and to render the subscription list as representative as possible to show the deep and general estimation in which their late chief was held. (Hear, hear.) He hoped those few words would commend themselves to the brethren generally, and that those who had not subscribed would be induced to do so. (Hear, hear.) With regard to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund, it had their warmest sympathy. (Hear, hear.) They hardly knew how much they were indebted to the work of that brother for the advance made in the Masonic Charities, and he should like to feel and to know that that fund received the support at the hands of the Province of Suffolk which he felt sure it would receive throughout England. (Applause.)

W. Bro. BOBY seconded the motion, and remarked, with regard to the memorial to Lord Waveney, that he did not think it could take a better form than that of votes for the Masonic Charities. If all gave their mite a handsome sum would be raised. (Hear, hear.)

The V.W.D.P.G.M., in moving the adoption of the report, said he was sure it would be the wish of all brethren in the province to establish a memorial in memory of their late lamented chief. That memorial would probably take the form of a presentation, or something of that kind, to the Masonic Charities. He asked all the brethren in the province to give their mite—he did not want more than a mite—and this would enable them to raise a fitting memorial to the late Lord Waveney.

Bro. ELVES thought that a question he wished to ask would, if answered, afford immense assistance to many brethren in the province. From what he had heard from numerous brethren in his own neighbourhood, it was not clearly understood whether the subscriptions to the Waveney memorial should come as a mite from each brother, or whether it was to be taken that if a lodge sent up a certain sum it would be considered as the proper subscription. His own opinion was that it was meant for each separate brother. But he thought if it was explained that if an offering came from a lodge it would be accepted in the same sense as if it came from a brother it would settle the doubt which was in the brethren's minds.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER said he imagined that any subscriptions would be most thankfully received and faithfully applied, and he was sure that, whether they came from individual members or from lodges, they would be equally valuable and equally well received. What he would like to see would be individual lodge subscriptions from each lodge sent up by the lodge, and supplemented, as far as possible, by subscriptions from the members of those lodges. Of course there would be no compulsion in the matter on any one. All that was wanted was to secure as large a sum as possible for this worthy object. (Hear, hear.)

Lord HENNIKER said he was informed that, although the Prov. Grand Secretary had said the funds of Grand Lodge were only £32, there was, in fact, a much larger sum. Under those circumstances he would ask Grand Lodge to vote ten guineas to each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, five guineas to the Waveney Memorial Fund, and five guineas to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund. He had great pleasure in proposing this, and especially the last, as he had been closely connected with Bro. Binckes in another Degree in Freemasonry, and could testify to his zeal on behalf of Masonry. (Applause.)

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER had the greatest pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion that the report be amended in these particulars was put and carried, and the report was afterwards adopted.

At the conclusion of this part of the inauguration ceremony the brethren walked in procession to St. Matthew's Church, where a special service was held. The weather had been very threatening, and rain began to fall as soon as the company left the Town Hall, but the worst part of the afternoon storm was fortunately escaped. A large congregation assembled at the church, and when the members of the Craft had taken their places, the edifice, spacious as it was, was well filled. The service was very impressive, the more so by the fearful storm that raged outside. The first part was taken by the Rev. A. H. Hayes, curate of St. Matthew's; the Prov. Grand Chap., the Rev. A. R. Abbott, vicar of Gorleston, read the lessons; and the concluding prayers and sentences were read by the Rev. A. M. Churchward, of Burstall. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were sung to an excellent setting by the Organist, Bro. T. Palmer, Mus. Bac., Prov. Grand Org., who had also composed an anthem specially for the occasion, "Behold how good and joyful" (from Psalm cxviii.). The latter includes a fine bass solo, which was taken by Mr. Brockbank, from Norwich Cathedral, and an attractive trio, sung by Masters Brown and Cook and Mr. Wigg. The voluntaries comprised Handel's March from "Scipio" and Mendelssohn's organ Sonata No. 2, 1st and 3rd movements. The Rev. A. R. Abbott preached from the first verse in the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In a cultured and thoughtful discourse he pointed out that the greatest philosophers of all ages had recognised in the universe around them the evidence of some great creative agency. To Plato they owed the well-known phrase, "the Great Architect of the Universe," and it was Aristotle who, seeking to explain the phenomenon of the earth's production, traced it to the first source of movement, and declared that there must be something not movable which was the principle of motion. All merely philosophic attempts to explain the mystery, however, failed in a thousand points when brought to the test, and for a true conception of the idea of creation they must turn to the revelation which God himself had made to the Hebrew race, and through them to the world. The Book of Job was a most touching and marvellous instance of solitary striving after God, but the triumph of definite belief was enunciated in the words of David—"By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made, and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth." The "I will" of mere humanity was sufficient, in a sense, to create a fugitive something; the "I will" of God was powerful to create something that should be permanent and everlasting. In all these works of His hands, too, the love and goodness of God were visible, and though life might, and must at times, seem full of sadness and sorrow, it was for them to have faith in the Divine attributes of the Almighty, and to hold the responsibilities of being, not lightly and carelessly, but in humble trust and confidence.

The offertory at the close of the service was in aid of the East Suffolk Hospital.

The lodge having been resumed,

Bro. A. J. GRIMWADE read the fifth annual report of the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, which gratefully acknowledged the unremitting and loyal support of the majority of the brethren in the province. After referring to the successful election of two candidates to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the report gave a list of the Stewards who represented the province at the Festivals of the Three Institutions, viz.: at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Tracy, whose list amounted to 100 guineas; Bros. H. J. Wright, 75 guineas; G. T. Crane, 75 guineas; and D. Gall, 25 guineas. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: Bros. W. P. T. Philips, 110½ guineas; and E. St. George Cobbold, 10 guineas. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Bros. T. P. Hardley, £100; and W. J. Nunn, £20. At the present time the province was receiving the following benefits from the Charities: three male annuitants (£40 each), £120; nine widows (£32 each), £288; seven girls (£36 each), £252; one boy, £45 per annum; total £705 per annum. During the past year the contributions had amounted to £536 5s. 6d., so that the province had received a much larger sum from the several Institutions than it had subscribed. The Committee hope that every possible effort would be made to increase the contributions during the ensuing year. (Applause.)

The by-laws, as revised, were then adopted and approved, the PROV. GRAND MASTER stating he thought there should be one by-law added, by which every lodge in the province should, by its Secretary, forward a summons of every meeting it held to the Prov. Grand Secretary, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and himself, in order that they might know exactly what was going on in the province.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said: I do not wish to detain you very long at this late hour, but I should not like to leave Provincial Grand Lodge without saying a few words. I can tell you that I am extremely pleased and proud to be placed in the position of your Provincial Grand Master. The position of itself is one of high honour and responsibility, and I can assure you that in any case it will be one of which I shall be very proud, but you are aware that I have lived in Suffolk all my life, and am fond of the county. I am very glad indeed to undertake this important office. (Applause.) You will allow me to thank you, my old friend, Lord Amherst, for coming here to-day. Perhaps there is no other Mason I would have preferred to perform this ceremony than his lordship. He is a man who has been distinguished in Masonry for many years, and I am quite sure you would feel as I do if you had known him the many years I have—that the more you saw of him the more you would like him. (Applause.) I wish to thank you for the kind reception you have given me in Provincial Grand Lodge, and I also acknowledge receiving an address from my mother lodge—Fidelity, of Framlingham—and I have had a great many kind letters from the provinces and all over England. All this encourages me very greatly in the task I have undertaken. I do not feel that task is a light one, but I do not fear the responsibility I have undertaken when I know that I have Bro. Martyn and our excellent Grand Secretary of the province, who can give me their advice and counsel. I feel I may also rely upon the intelligence of all the brethren in carrying out the duties of the position I now fill. You know I will spare no pains to promote all the best interests of Freemasonry within the province. I must ask you to be indulgent to me at first, and if you are I shall be able to maintain unimpaired the high position this province has attained under your late Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney. I entertain a warm regard for his memory, and I experience a deep regret at the loss that has been sustained, not only by this Provincial Grand Lodge, but by the county generally. (Hear, hear.) I am sure that this feeling will find a ready echo in the heart of every Freemason in the county. (Applause.) I was very much touched by the gift of the chain I

wear round my neck to your late Provincial Grand Master, and which he wore for so many years with honour to the province. It was the gift of Sir Hugh Adair. In wearing it, I must recollect that I must follow as well as I can the wise and beneficent rule which marked the career of the late Lord Waveney. During the time Lord Waveney ruled over you Masonry increased in prosperity enormously in this province. I should like to congratulate you on this. We have increased most enormously in our voting power in the province; that is an end we must heartily congratulate ourselves upon. (Hear, hear.) I should like to add a word to what has been said already with regard to the Waveney fund. I hope it will amount to a sufficient sum that we may be able to purchase sufficient votes. I should like myself to see the fund invested in that way. I agree with what Bro. Martyn has said, that we do not want to ask for a very large sum. If the present depressed times passed away, we could always add to this fund. I should like to see all lodges subscribe to it. I should like also to see a widespread expression of the feeling with regard to the late Lord Waveney. There could be no more fitting way to appreciate his memory than to associate this charitable fund with the name of Waveney. (Applause.) After some further remarks his lordship said he should like, in beginning to rule over this province, to visit all the lodges if he possibly could, and in doing so he should be very anxious not to put the lodges to any inconvenience, or trouble, or expense. He thanked them once more, and most heartily, for their kindness to him, and he trusted that by the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe he might fulfil the duties he had undertaken with satisfaction to himself and to the welfare of the province. (Much applause.)

Again rising, his LORDSHIP moved a vote of thanks to Lord Amherst, to the R.W.D.P.G.M. of Essex, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., and others, for their attendance.

Bro. the V.W. DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded, and the vote was agreed to.

Thanks were also accorded to the Mayor of Ipswich for his great kindness in lending the lodge the Town Hall. Lord HENNIKER remarked that the Mayors of Ipswich were always most generous, and that Mayor Grimsey was not one whit less generous than his predecessors in receiving the Grand Lodge in the way he had done that day. (Applause.)

Bro. GRIMSEY, the Mayor of Ipswich, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, which had been carried with acclamation, said he had had great pleasure in seeing the brethren there that day. He was gratified in seeing such a large number present, and he was particularly gratified in seeing Lord Henniker occupying the chair of the Province of Suffolk.

The V.W. DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Matthew's, the Rev. F. Haslewood, for placing his church at the disposal of the province, and also for conducting the service that day.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form with prayer by the Prov. Grand Chaplain.

The banquet took place at half-past five at the Public Hall, the caterer being Mr. Hardwick, of Queen-street Restaurant, who provided a sumptuous repast, for which every seasonable delicacy found a place in an almost overstocked menu. The Provincial Grand Master presided, having on his right Bro. the Earl Amherst, and on his left Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The visitors and the Provincial Grand Officers for the year occupied seats on the Grand Master's dais. Altogether some 200 brethren sat down to the banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed. At the close of the dinner grace was said, and the toasts of the evening were proposed. These toasts were interspersed with some beautiful singing, in which Bros. Holden, Brookes, Thoulless, and Brockbank, of Norwich Cathedral, took part, the accompanist being Bro. T. Palmer, Mus. Bac., Prov. Grand Organist.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he did so with the greater pleasure because he knew the toast was always well received, but more particularly by that loyal body, the Freemasons.

"In proposing 'The Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master,' the PROV. GRAND MASTER said it had been his good fortune to be in friendship with his Royal Highness since they were boys together, and on more than one occasion he had been connected with him in Masonic matters. They were very fortunate in England in having members of the Royal family at the head of Masonry, and it was a great thing for Masonry that a brother who took so much interest in public affairs as the Prince of Wales did, should take a great interest in the Craft. If in any English assembly the Prince of Wales's name was heartily drunk, in this Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk they should drink it with extra heartiness, because the Prince of Wales always called the county of Norfolk the county to which he especially belonged, and the Suffolk brethren living in the next county might claim him as an Eastern Counties' Mason. Although it was not the rule of the Prince of Wales to go away from the Grand Lodge to the country, except in his own county (Norfolk), perhaps some day they might persuade him to visit the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk, like its predecessor, with the greatest enthusiasm.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." All who had been in Grand Lodge in London knew how well Lord Carnarvon presided over that great assembly, and some were aware how hard he had worked quietly for the Craft. (Applause.) Lord Lathom was well known in Suffolk, and was deservedly popular in the province. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to say that they had several Present and Past Grand Officers amongst them, and he was very glad to be able to couple with this toast the name of Bro. Philbrick, the Grand Registrar of England, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Essex. He regarded Bro. Philbrick's presence with very great pleasure, because he hoped that as long as he ruled over the province of Suffolk this Provincial Grand Lodge might be in complete harmony with the Provincial Grand Lodges of Essex, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire. (Applause.) He was glad also to couple with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G. Chap. (Applause.)

Bro. PHILBRICK, in reply, said in any assemblage of English Masons it was a distinguished honour to be privileged to return thanks for the toast with which the honoured names of Lord Carnarvon, Lord Lathom, and the Grand Officers of England were associated. But in this great gathering, on this auspicious occasion of the commencement of Lord Henniker's reign over the province, he felt it a peculiar compliment and a high honour to be called upon to respond for those names. Honoured they were in Freemasonry, honoured because in the position they held, the services they had performed to the Craft, and the estimation in which the brethren of the

mystic tie rated them. The Prov. Grand Master had been pleased to allude to the neighbouring province with which he had the honour to be connected. He could but express to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk the regret which the Prov. Grand Master of Essex, Lord Brooke, experienced in not being personally present, as he would have been but for unavoidable circumstances, on the occasion of Lord Henniker's installation. As Lord Brooke's Deputy he had it in charge from him to offer to Lord Henniker and the province the most hearty good wishes of the Province of Essex, and to assure him and it, that although it was sometimes said that the Eastern Counties Masons dwelt in Boeotia, yet they knew how to dwell together shoulder to shoulder, and they felt that between the Grand Lodge of Suffolk and the Grand Lodge of Essex there had even been ties of brotherly friendship, which had gone on deepening from the past to the present, which they were quite sure under his lordship's reign over the Province of Suffolk would go on deepening and increasing. (Applause.) In conclusion, on the part of the Grand Officers, he assured the brethren of the pleasure with which they had participated in the interesting ceremony of the day, and of the hope that Lord Henniker's reign over the province might be long, that the cause of Masonry might prosper and flourish in the country, to the advancement of the great body of Freemasonry in general, and to the individual happiness of the lodges, and of the brethren of the lodges, of the province. (Cheers.)

Bro. Dr. SEDGWICK also responded, and said he was sure Grand Lodge heartily welcomed the advent of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Suffolk, an office which he was confident Lord Henniker would most worthily fill. (Applause.)

Lord AMHERST, on rising to propose "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Henniker, P.G.S.W.," was received with loud cheers. Having had the honour of installing Lord Henniker in the chair that afternoon, it gave him very great pleasure to have the opportunity of completing his work by proposing his health that evening. (Applause.) Lord Henniker had for many years been intimately associated with the Freemasons of the Province of Suffolk. He passed through the chair in this, his native province, and he was also a Past Prov. Grand Officer. In each and every capacity he had won the esteem of every brother with whom he came in contact. (Applause.) Lord Henniker had also attained to the honourable position of Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and in that capacity he did credit to those who recommended him to that appointment. (Applause.) Going on step by step, Lord Henniker became Grand Mark Master Mason of England, and all of them who had attained to that Degree knew how thoroughly the Institution prospered during the three years of his genial rule, and how sorry they, as Mark Masons, were to lose him as their Grand Mark Master. (Applause.) Such a career as that would give ample anticipation of a successful career as Prov. Grand Master. In the outside world, they were aware that Lord Henniker had taken an important part in politics; but he had so conducted himself that, whether they were Whigs or Tories—which, happily, they did not recollect at that moment—(applause)—they had honoured and respected him. When a gentleman had passed through the various offices in Masonry with so much credit to himself, and had also passed through the more trying ordeal of public life with equal credit, they might safely assume that there was something in him which entitled him to be selected above his fellow men; therefore, he thought, H.R.H. the Grand Master made a most happy choice when, upon the death of the late Prov. Grand Master, he selected Lord Henniker to rule over the province. (Applause.) In conclusion his lordship impressed upon the brethren the importance of cordially co-operating with their new Prov. Grand Master. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was received with loud cheers on rising said, in responding to the toast, he was extremely grateful to Lord Amherst for the very kind words in which he had proposed that toast, and to the brethren for the very kind and warm reception that they not only gave him in Grand Lodge, but at the banquet. He felt that the kind words of Lord Amherst were hardly deserved at present. Still he trusted that some day, if he was allowed a short time to rule over that province, he might deserve to a certain extent all the kindness shown to him on that occasion. (Cheers.) It was the greatest encouragement to him at the outset of his Provincial Grand Mastership that he should receive from all his Masonic friends in the country their congratulation. As he had said in Grand Lodge, the task he had undertaken was not a light or irresponsible one, and in following his very kind and good friend, Lord Waveney, whose loss every one in the province deplored, he hoped they would follow the good advice of Earl Amherst, that they would give him not only the support of the lodges in the province in the work he hoped to do, but that every Mason in Suffolk would to the best of his ability give him his individual help, and let him add, his indulgence in his shortcomings. (Cheers.) It had been his good fortune to work very hard in Masonry in one sort and another, and it had been his good fortune to work very hard in public affairs. Lord Amherst touched a chord when he spoke of that county. Most of the brethren present knew he was devoted to the county in which he had lived all his life, and he hoped he should be spared to live in it a few years longer. (Cheers.) He had worked hard in that county—not that he mentioned it as a credit to himself, but it was a pleasure and an enjoyment, and he promised that if the brethren would give him their support—and he knew he should have the support of his good friend Bro. Martyn—(cheers)—that, however long the distance was, however long the days, however hard the work, however great the difficulties, in his humble capacity he would spare no pains to keep that province in the first position, and he hoped it might be his good fortune, with the help of the brethren to promote its welfare even to a time beyond his Mastership. (Applause.) His lordship concluded by again thanking the brethren for their reception of his name, and for the enthusiasm with which they had drunk his health.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Health of Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master for Kent, Installing Master." He was sure they would drink that toast as heartily as he had given it. As he had before said, Lord Amherst was one of his oldest friends. There was no Mason in England he would care more to associate with that important occasion in his life than his good and kind friend—(cheers)—not only for friendship's sake, but because it was a great honour to be placed in the chair of that province by a Mason who had done so much for the credit of Masonry, and who had ruled for so many years over one of the most important and largest provinces in the country. What Lord Amherst had said was impressed upon the minds of the brethren—they must support him in the good work he had before him, and he was sure he could do no better than follow his example to secure success for the province, the same as Lord Amherst had secured for the Province of Kent.

Earl AMHERST, in reply, said it would be very ungrateful in him if he did not rise with a great deal of pleasure to respond to a toast so kindly pro-

posed. What Lord Henniker had said was perfectly true—for many years he had been, he was happy to say, a recipient of the hospitality of Thornham Hall, and he confessed that when a chance was given him to come down there and act as Installing Master, he rather jumped at it, because he hoped he might be of some small service to his old friend Lord Henniker. He trusted that his lordship's rule over the province might be a long and prosperous one, and, as the Provincial Grand Master of Kent, he tendered him the hearty congratulations of the 53 lodges over which he presided. (Applause.)

The MAYOR of Ipswich proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said he was proud the toast had been entrusted to him. There were many present who could have proposed the toast much better than he; but the toast was one which would so heartily commend itself to all the hearts of all brethren, that they would not need from him any numerous observations to commend it to them. He alluded to the Masonic Charities—(cheers)—and when he asked himself what that meant, he was almost bewildered by the length and breadth in which it suggested itself to his mind, and probably to the minds of the brethren. When he thought it meant Institutions provided by the Masonic brethren of Suffolk and all the empire, to look after the welfare of the aged, and for those who had lost the aged—the young, who were to guide, they hoped, the destinies in some degree of this great country, he hoped they would feel with him that this was a toast which was almost too large to express; but looking at the brethren as being Masons, and knowing from his few years living among the Suffolk brethren, how large a Society it was in its intensity of heart, he felt that the Suffolk brethren appreciated the honour and advantage of belonging to the Craft, and to the Institutions which were the pride and glory of the Craft. He had not the advantage of being able to give the statistics of the Institutions' work; but when he looked round and saw many whose hairs were whiter than his, and still had their fathers and mothers living, he knew there were many whose years were equal to his who had lost both their father and mother many years ago, and they would feel with him the pride and pleasure it was to support Institutions which provided both for the old and young. His Worship concluded by proposing the toast.

Bro. A. J. GRIMWADE, Secretary to the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, responded, and impressed upon the brethren the necessity of redoubling their efforts on behalf of the Charities. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn." He felt he was very fortunate in having Bro. Martyn as his Deputy, and he hoped that they might rule over the province together for very many years. He asked them to drink with all the honours the health of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Martyn. (Applause.)

The R.W. DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, Bro. Martyn, in responding, said that it had been a great pleasure to him to perform his duty since some ten or eleven years ago he was first appointed to this office, and he was very pleased that he was able to hand over such a happy and united province to their new Master—a province that stood amongst the foremost in England. He had known Lord Henniker ever since he was a child, and he could assure them that the more they knew of him the better they would like him. (Applause.) The post of Prov. Grand Master was of little use unless he was supported by the province over which he ruled, and that assistance he was sure would be forthcoming. Lord Henniker's intention to visit every lodge in the province would be hailed with pleasure, and he (Bro. Martyn) hoped to be able to visit one or two lodges he had not visited in the past year. Whatever time was at his disposal was always given up to furthering Masonry. (Hear, hear.) He congratulated the lodge on the day's proceedings having gone off without the slightest hitch, except that which they had no control over—namely, the weather. However, their cheerfulness under the circumstances showed that no amount of wet could damp their ardour, and that a cloudy sky was a much more profitable one. Lord Amherst had told them that Lord Waveney had presided over the province a quarter of a century, but he did not tell them that he (Lord Amherst) had presided over his province a few months longer. Lord Amherst had also seen service for his country, having been to the Crimea, where he was wounded at Balaclava. He trusted that Freemasonry would flourish even more than it had done in the past, and that Masonic Charities would increase. Anything he could do would at all times be done cheerfully, and to the utmost of his power.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers," said that these brethren were always ready to perform their duties. One of the greatest difficulties connected with the office of the Prov. Grand Master, and of those he took into his immediate councils, was the appointment from year to year of brethren to fill Provincial Grand offices. (Hear, hear.) In this province there were more lodges than there were offices in Prov. Grand Lodge to bestow, and it must always be the feeling that, although the Provincial Grand Master chose the best and most deserving brethren for his appointments, yet he must be obliged, from the very nature of the circumstances, to pass over brethren he would like to have advanced to high honours. (Hear, hear.) Nevertheless, it was the wish and earnest desire of those who had presided over the province to try and select those who appeared to them to be the most deserving of honour, and he hoped and trusted the selections made that day would meet with the approval of the brethren generally.

Bros. J. G. OLIVER, P.G.S.W.; CARLEY, P.G.I.W.; and N. TRACY briefly responded.

Bro. W. P. T. PHILLIPS proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and spoke of the great importance of union between the different provinces, especially with regard to the Masonic Charities. He thought it would be a very good celebration of the installation of Lord Henniker, and of the jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty's reign if they could have a bumper collection for the Masonic Charities. He hoped it would be said that the first year of Lord Henniker's Grand Mastership and the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign was signalled by the largest collection that ever was made in the province for the Masonic Charities. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in replying to the toast, said that probably no body or society of men so thoroughly observed the sacred doctrine of hospitality, or practised it to so large an extent as the Masons in their lodges. He could safely say, as an old Mason who had been all over the world, that wherever Masonry existed hospitality was shown to its fullest extent. (Cheers.) This was a very important matter, because it brought together brethren who might never otherwise meet; it enabled them to interchange ideas and thoughts on Masonic matters; it did away with little narrow-minded ideas that isolated brethren might have that their own lodges were the best in the world; it extended the belief that Masonry was a large and extended whole. (Cheers.) Honoured as he

was by being invited to be present that day, he might say that he as well as the other visitors were deeply grateful for the hospitality they had received at the hands of the brethren of the Province of Suffolk. It was what they had expected, and they were very much gratified with it. The interesting events of the day had been dwelt upon by such eloquent tongues that he felt there was nothing left for him to say except, as the mouthpiece of the visitors, to express his hearty congratulations to the Prov. Grand Master, and to convey to him and to the Province his sincere wish and hope that under his (Lord Henniker's) genial sway the Province of Suffolk might long continue to prosper. (Applause.)

Bro. N. TRACY proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," coupled with the names of the Masters of the entertaining lodges, Bros. V. D. Colchester, British Union; A. W. Cook, St. Luke's; J. M. Franks, Perfect Friendship; and E. J. Sherman, Prince of Wales.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his personal thanks to the Ipswich lodges for the way in which they had entertained Provincial Grand Lodge, and also expressed his gratitude to the Mayor, Bro. B. P. Grimsey, for the efforts he had made to contribute to the success of the meeting. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTERS of the various lodges responded, and

The MAYOR said he should always look back with pleasure at the installation of Lord Henniker as Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk having taken place during his year of office.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then formally thanked the musical brethren for their services, and the proceedings terminated.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, was held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday last, the 13th inst., when the following brethren were advanced: to the 32°—Ill. Bro. Col. Charles Harding, F.R.G.S., 31°; to the 31°—Ill. Bros. Ralph Clutton, Grand Metropolitan Chapter; George Taylor, Vernon Chapter; Edmund Ashworth, Palatine Chapter; Edward Letchworth, Bard of Avon Chapter; to the 30°—Bros. Henry Charles Jepps, Invicta Chapter; George H. Perrett, William de Irwin Chapter; Frank Alexander Huet, Arthur H. Jefferis, and James D. Murray, St. Peter's Chapter; Wm. H. Kempster, M.D., and Joseph Steele, St. George's Chapter; and Captain R. F. Costellavi, Money Chapter.

The meeting was held under the presidency of M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, Lieut.-Gen. Com., who was supported by V. Ill. Bros. Gen. H. Clerke, I. M. P. Montagu, H. D. Sandeman, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Col. J. S. Brownrigg, and Col. Adair, members of the Supreme Council, 33°.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies,

The LIEUT. GRAND COMMANDER addressed the brethren. He alluded in feeling terms to the great loss recently sustained by their body in the death of Ill. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, 33°, at Kimberley, in South Africa, on the 6th inst. Bro. Giddy was well known in the Order, of which he had been a most useful and energetic member, and possessed the love and esteem of the many who had the privilege and pleasure of his acquaintance and friendship. He also feelingly alluded to the recent deaths of Ill. Bro. John Archer, 31°, and of Bros. E. C. Mather and Capt. H. S. Andrews, of the 30°. Referring to the position and progress of the Order, the Lieut. Grand Commander announced the resuscitation of Chapters Mount Calvary in the East, at Singapore, and Cattray, at Shanghai. Two new chapters were under formation—one in London under the auspices of Bro. Lord Henniker and others, to be called the "Adoniram" Chapter, and the other in Cumberland under the name of the "Buda" Chapter, for both of which warrants had been granted that day. The funds of the Order were in a very flourishing condition, the capital in hand, including value of leases, library, furniture, &c., amounting to nearly £17,000, of which £8700 were invested in public funds. There was, he added, a jealous anxiety on the part of the Supreme Council to nurse their funds, as with the extension of the Order it might become necessary at no far distant date to require larger premises, for which a great outlay might be necessary; at the same time, they did not forget their duty to the Masonic Charities, to which they made regular annual contributions, besides occasional donations to other charitable objects. These donations were now published in the annual editions of the rules and regulations, which could be purchased in the office. He regretted to announce the extinction of the Pelican Chapter at Aden; the European population at that station was very small and ever changing, and the few brethren remaining in the chapter had reported their inability to keep it going, and their consequent intention of returning the warrant.

The brethren dined together at the Café Royal, in Regent-street, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Lord Lathom is the subject of this week's "Celebrities at Home" in the *World*. The Masonic career of the Deputy Grand Master is well known to the Craft, but all are not so familiar with the other numerous and useful functions which his lordship so admirably performs. The following sketch will, we feel sure, be interesting and acceptable to our readers.

"Travellers on the Yorkshire and Lancashire Railway can hardly fail to notice the venerable church of Ormskirk, with its embattled tower and tapering spire standing side by side above the ancient burying-place of the Stanleys, in which sleep heroic Charlotte de la Tremouille and her loyal husband James, seventh Earl of Derby. The chimes of Burscough Abbey still ring merrily in the belfries of Ormskirk, but the stirring activity of the coaching days has departed; the quiet little town is now only known for the strength of its ropes and the orthodoxy of its Conservatism, and even the acknowledged excellence of its gingerbread is powerless to restore its pristine prosperity. The paved road which forms a continuation of its principal street soon loses itself amongst the leafy lanes and well-trimmed hedges of Lathom, and you will have forgotten alike the bustle of Liverpool and the vapours of Runcorn Gap before you come to the chestnut grove which overshadows the great gate of beaten ironwork crowned by the 'demi-lion regardant' of the Bootles, and the interlaced initials of some former possessor of the pleasant park beyond. On one side of the path, the weather-beaten turret and gables of an almonry chapel, overrun with

ivy and Virginia creeper, peep out amidst the oaks and elms; on the other, a thicket of thorn half hides the dairy-farm and the snug boxes of the much-cared-for shorthorns. An avenue of young limes brings you in view of the Italian palace built by Leoni in the reign of Charles II. on the site of the once 'bright bower of Lathom,' in which twenty years before, Charlotte Countess of Derby had twice bid defiance to Fairfax and his followers. There is nothing in the Lathom House of to-day which helps you to conjure up a vision of the great 'Eagles' tower, 'the lofty utter walls,' the moated court, or the inner circuit. They have vanished with the time when the men of Lancashire shouted, 'God save the Earl of Derby and the King!' and their place is occupied by an edifice in which the most striking features are a base of rustic work, a long line of hooded windows, massive cornices, and pillared colonnades. Mr. Wyatt has added of late years a curved staircase and a balustrade, which leads up to a front door which is rarely opened, underneath which you pass as you enter a vaulted crypt or sub-hall, where fires burn perpetually, Lancashire fashion, in the broad grates on either side, and there is just light enough to enable you to see the stuffed head of the once famous Duchess of Oneida facing that of Baron Oxford IV., for a time the patriarch of the Lathom herd.

A door is opened, and you emerge from comparative gloom to find yourself in a room at the south-east angle of the house which Lord Lathom is pleased to describe as his 'den.' Cushioned seats are placed in the broad windows, through which the sunshine falls in floods on the soft blue carpet; the walls are stenciled in crimson-lake; a glass door in the further corner communicates directly with the garden; the skin of a silver-tipped bear from the Rocky Mountains is thrown over the deep sofa, and the dwarf bookcases at either end bear a heavy burden of literature and relics. In a case close to the door is a section of the White Moss Coal Pit, while above it hangs a series of water-colour sketches of the ancestors of the Lathom herd. The gun cupboard opposite is crowded with the best weapons of Purdey and Westley Richards; the tail of the great Duchess of Oneida, now converted into a fly-flapper, lies on its ledge. 'Cæsar,' an enormous German boar-hound, standing thirty-two inches at the shoulders, is stretched on the well-worn 'buffalo-robe,' at present used as a hearthrug, but which in its prime covered the stalwart form of its owner during the cold nights he once passed in the hunting-grounds of the Far West. Lord Lathom is seated just now in a capacious chair behind a mahogany writing-table of imposing proportions. He is clad in a suit of light gray tweed, a Tyrolean hat shares a neighbouring chair with the latest volume of the Badminton Library, and he smokes a cigarette as he attacks, with systematic deliberation, his daily correspondence. At one end of the table stands a pile of Lord Chamberlain's despatch-boxes duly lettered and numbered; the liqueur-case close by carries you back to the old rooms on the ground floor in the Tom Quad, and the time when Lord Skelmersdale was the strongest and handsomest man in the Christchurch boat. A heap of 'pairing-books' in one of the half-open drawers tells the tale of Lord Lathom's fifteen years' service as Tory Whip in the Lords, and a letter and 'doubtful' play which Mr. Pigott has just sent for perusal, as well as a pile of warrants for Masonic lodges awaiting signature, rest on the carefully noted Herd Book and Game Book of Lathom. The prospects of shooting before lunch have long since vanished; Lord Lathom has paid due attention to Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane's daily budget, and has gone carefully through the plans and drawings of 'Olympia' in Kensington; he has glanced at a couple of shorthorn catalogues and as many 'offers' of orchids. But he has still to deal with local Freemasonry, the Ormskirk dispensary, school trusts, and three pressing applications to open charitable bazaars—a form of entertainment in which Lancashire seems to take an especial pride and pleasure. There is everything in the Lord Chamberlain's study except the 'in portu quies' of his device.

As he once more turns cheerily to his task, you are able to make a further inspection of the details of the 'den.' There is the bust of Mr. Frederick Gye, to remind you of the fact that Lord Lathom was once deeply interested in the fortunes of Covent Garden; here a collection of mallets and addresses, which savour of Masonic ceremonial. The hoofs of a favourite cart-horse, and a silver-mounted chibouk, bought long ago in the bazaar at Damascus, lie above the *édition de luxe* of the works of Charles Dickens, and below a row of Mr. W. S. Coleman's pretty pictures. A large table is littered with the agricultural reports of the Privy Council, orchid albums, the wonderful illustrations of Sanders's 'Reichenbachia,' half a dozen histories of music and Freemasonry, while a packet of yellow-backed novels from Rolandi's atones for the sobriety of the political and theological pamphlets. Over the modest mantelpiece is Mr. Henry Graves's portrait of Lady Lathom, and a panorama of Lucerne, painted by her mother, Lady Clarendon; carefully-treasured game-cards are stored up behind the clock and a small contingent of tobacco jars; pictures of the great Yosemite Valley look down on a tall cigar cabinet and the results of a quarter of a century of pipe collecting. On the bookcase over your host's head are antlers from the Achnacarry Forest, and the great collars of 'Lion' and 'Tiger,' long since at rest in the dogs' cemetery below the fernery. At one side of the open door, almost within reach of his hand, is a bundle of axes (for Lord Lathom is, as a tree-feller, no mean rival of Mr. Gladstone), and on the other, croquet mallets, lawn-tennis bats, whips, and spurs, mingle in picturesque confusion. The Lord Chamberlain has by this time done his best to satisfy the legitimate requirements of the local Masons and the bazaar promoters; he reserves Mr. Pigott's play for more mature consideration, and, putting on his Tyrolean hat, steps out with you into the sunny garden, separated only by a sunken fence from the park, in which the fallow deer browse beneath the spreading oaks and beeches.

At one end of a broad walk a grove of sycamores shades a skating-rink; at the other, a lime-tree, which has attained a banyan-like form and growth, half buries a semicircular stone seat beneath its branches. The Lathom

gardener—a Hathaway of Shotton—is not a little proud of his 'carpet-beds,' in which he has surrounded his effective combinations of greens, blues, and rich browns with borders of echeveria, and the masses of geraniums and calceolaria he has fringed with variegated grass and the golden leaves of the beetroot. Lord Lathom is the most genial and entertaining of guides. From the conservatory, filled with palms, camellias, and ferns, he takes you to the sacred abodes of the *Odontoglossums* and the *Cattleya*. A talk about orchids is followed by a discussion on viticulture; the sight of the scarlet oak takes you away to the Yosemite Valley; you admire in succession the Japanese maples, the fern-leaved beeches, and the luxuriant rhododendrons; and by this time you have arrived at the farm, and are deep in questions of pedigree, 'shire' horses, ensilage, and paper roofing, while you pay your respects to their Graces the Duchesses of Ormskirk, great-granddaughters of the famous Duchess of Oneida. As you walk across to the bowling alley you may possibly hear the story of the New York Mill sale of 1873, at Utica, when Lord Lathom in person purchased that celebrated shorthorn at a cost of nearly £7000. Just by the clematis-covered door lie some pieces of ancient carving, which belong to the old time before the siege, and it is here that the guests of Lathom and Blythe delight to foregather for exercise and afternoon tea. Wickerwork-chairs surround the cosiest of firesides; Carlo Pellegrini's masterly sketches of the members of the Marlborough Club adorn the walls; and a march back to the house by lantern-light generally completes the programme.

From Lord Lathom's study you ascend by a broad stone staircase to the great central hall, from the windows of which you look across the Ribble towards Morecambe Bay and the Cumberland hills. Classical busts and urns fill the niches between the Corinthian columns; paintings in chiaroscuro, given by Frederick Prince of Wales to his Chancellor, Sir Thomas Bootle, are placed in the panels of the ponderous stone overmantels; Persian carpets are spread over the pavement of *rouge griotte* and white marble, while palms, flowers, Oriental porcelain, blue Staffordshire vases, Japanese screens, and Venetian chairs and chests give the necessary warmth of colour to the room in which the Ladies Maud, Florence, and Bertha Wilbraham are accustomed to play nearly every evening on the harmonium, violin, and piano. In the adjoining dining-room, with the carved and moulded ceiling, the placid features of courageous Charlotte de la Tremouille look down on the array of trowels which remind Lord Lathom of a score of foundation-layings and the offerings which commemorate last year's silver wedding. The delightful drawing-room, with its gray-green and gold decoration, and cream-coloured coffered ceiling, preserves all the characteristics of the epoch of Queen Anne. The portraits of the heiress of the Bootles and her husband, Richard Wilbraham, occupy the place of honour in the overmantels, and in a case in the corner you will see the silver staff carried by the first Lord Skelmersdale as Warden of the Cinque Ports at the coronation of William IV., the spurs and bullets of Cavaliers and Roundheads which are ever coming to light at Lathom, and one of the teeth of luckless 'Long Jan,' who was so tall that he could not hide behind the parapet, and was 'shotten' through the head in consequence. In the boudoir beyond—rich in silver, china, paintings, and flowers—Lady Lathom devotes much of her time to the affairs of the Girls' Friendly Society and the preparations for a future Lathom Habitation of the Primrose League. 'Mungo,' a splendid white German poodle, may possibly resent any prolonged invasion of these precincts; so you retreat to the library, where the Ladies Wilbraham work and practise music, where you admire Tantardini's statue of the Bathing Girl and D'Epinay's 'Innocence,' and where 'Corney,' a black rival and *confrere* of 'Mungo's' is permitted to rule supreme.

There is no room in Lathom which the Lord Chamberlain prefers to the comfortable southern study on the ground floor. The shades of twilight gather early over Rainford Moss; a bright fire is already blazing in the grate, and you appreciate its warmth as you enjoy an hour's pleasant chat with the master of the house. A Richard Wilbraham was Sheriff of Cheshire in the days of Henry III.; a second Richard was Master of the Rolls, Revels, and Jewel House to Queen Mary; and a third married in the reign of George II. the heiress of the Bootles of Lathom. The Wilbrahams were lords of many manors in Cheshire, and Lord Lathom's grandfather was in 1832 created Baron Skelmersdale. Edward Bootle-Wilbraham was born at Blythe in the year of the Queen's accession. At the age of twelve he was sent to Eton, where he spent five years of his life, during which he fagged for Algernon Swinburne and Mr. Kekewich, Q.C., succeeded to the Peerage, rowed in the Eton eight, and just missed the eleven. He then went to read with a private tutor, and prepared himself for Christchurch by hunting with the Southwold and Lord Henry Bentinck, and keeping a pack of harriers. At Oxford he would have rowed for the University if the doctors had not vetoed his doing so, but he did good service, nevertheless, in his College boat, and was made a Freemason in the Apollo Lodge when still a minor. After travelling in the East he took his seat in the House of Lords, and soon afterwards married the daughter of the late Lord Clarendon. Since then he has achieved a great many victories in politics and agriculture. As a Freemason he is Deputy Grand Master of England, and has attained the highest rank in every branch of the Craft. He is also a Colonel of the Lancashire Yeomanry Hussars. He has always been a consistent patron of music and the drama, and brings to the discharge of his delicate official functions an amount of special knowledge which has certainly not fallen to the lot of the great majority of his predecessors. He finds time to farm some five hundred acres, and to attend to his duties as a local magistrate. Your talk over the folk-lore of Lathom is now abruptly interrupted by a summons to tea in the alley, and in a few minutes the 'fifteen-pound ball' of the Lord Chamberlain is making havoc amidst the 'ten pins,' and you are profoundly interested in 'whole' and 'half spares' and the other mysteries of American bowling."



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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Insti-
tution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields,
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Horace Brooks Marshall, Esq., J.P., Treasurer, in the
chair. After the General Business was disposed of the
Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by
Ballot, of 16 Girls into the Institution from a list of 33
approved Candidates, when the following were declared
duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	17	Nicholson, Mary...	2364
2	21	Ireson, Dora ...	2216
3	20	Andrews, Rose G. ...	1974
4	31	Gothard, Ethel ...	1972
5	27	Hamer, Eliza ...	1923
6	28	Clarke, Emily F. ...	1843
7	9	Hyde, Winifred C. ...	1820
8	32	Johnson, Laura ...	1820
9	24	Blyth, Madeline B. ...	1796
10	26	Timings, Grace B. ...	1779
11	23	Waspe, Elizabeth ...	1738
12	18	Chapman, Florence G. ...	1630
13	29	Hornsby, Elizabeth J. ...	1624
14	15	Wilson, Florence ...	1578
15	12	Dean, Bertha J. ...	1545
16	1	Lillywhite, Eva M. ...	1408

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the chair. A Ballot took place for the Election of 32 Boys,
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No. on Poll.	No. on List.	SUCCESSFUL.	Votes.
1	37	Smithers, A. H. ...	1984
2	8	Holmes, B. A. ...	1963
3	19	Briggs, R. T. G. ...	1896
4	23	Freeman, H. ...	1874
5	4	Andrews, J. T. ...	1861
6	17	Whiteford, L. C. ...	1837
7	7	Good, M. G. B. ...	1834
8	38	Rennison, H. ...	1775
9	41	Moorcroft, F. A. ...	1774
10	29	Wheeler, W. G. ...	1762
11	36	Newton, H. ...	1756
12	10	Jones, M. B. ...	1746
13	39	Murless, J. B. ...	1743
14	9	Hayward, A. V. ...	1731
15	12	Gay, W. ...	1731
16	22	Carter, F. E. ...	1716
17	31	Stibbs, F. B. ...	1709
18	27	Walker, W. R. ...	1682
19	32	Watson, W. E. J. ...	1666
20	16	Hayes, F. W. ...	1646
21	43	Purnell, H. S. ...	1612
22	11	Lewis, H. ...	1612
23	18	Haylett, J. H. ...	1611
24	21	Milford, E. S. ...	1605
25	35	Gothard, A. ...	1603
26	20	Fortune, R. A. ...	1602
27	30	Oakes, W. A. ...	1599
28	42	Davis, J. D. ...	1589
29	40	Lamb, H. ...	1580
30	14	Johnston, G. F. ...	1536
31	28	Jenkins, F. M. ...	1500
32	34	Bingham, E. R. ...	1499

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The Constitutions of 1736.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemason" (Detroit); "Sunday Times" (New York); "Masonic News," "Casell's National Library," "Bath Herald," "St. John Globe," "Daily Sun," "Allen's Indian Mail," "New York Dispatch," "Jewish Chronicle," "St. Louis Globe Democrat," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Keystone," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Sunday Times" (London), "Court Circular," and "Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Market Harborough."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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,
Replying to the letter in the *Freemason* of October 9th, from W. Bro. P. C. Dutt, P.M. 234, P.D. G.D.C. Bengal, I regret being unable to agree with him that the "Lodge Anchor and Hope, now No. 234, is no other than the one constituted in the year 1773 as No. 452," on the evidence of the recital in the warrant of 1844, my experience having amply illustrated the want of strict accuracy in many warrants of confirmation in which recitals appear without any sufficient basis. It is unnecessary, also, to discuss the reliability or the extent of the information possessed by Bro. W. H. White, the G.S. in 1844, as I think it sufficient to rely on the original entry in the Grand Lodge Warrant Book, made in the year 1793, wherein it is conclusively shown that the 10th Lodge of Bengal at Muxadavad [now Moorshedabad] warranted in 1773 as No. 452, which became No. 359 in 1780, 360 in 1781, and 292 in 1792, and which was subsequently located at Cawnpore, was removed from the list in 1793.

From my "Masonic Records," p. 131, I extract the following:—"Mem: October, 1793. By the return of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bengal, dated 1st March, 1793, there appears the 'Lodge of the Anchor and Hope in Calcutta, 6th lodge of Bengal,' but of the constituting of which no account was sent home, and by the said return it appears that the Lodge No. 292, with the 3rd Brigade at Cawnpore, does not exist; it is therefore now taken out of the list, and the Lodge of the Anchor and Hope placed against No. 292, to make the general list of lodges correspond with the provincial list of Bengal."—Grand Lodge Warrant Book.

The "History of Freemasonry in Bengal," 1728-1840, compiled from provincial records, and published under

authority at Calcutta in 1866, distinctly affirms that this Lodge Anchor and Hope, which I distinguish as No. 292 (b), "applied for, and obtained, a warrant of the 'Ancient York Constitution'; but fell into abeyance shortly after." The warrant thus obtained was the Athol No. 325, of 1st October, 1801.

The "Modern" Anchor and Hope, No. 292 (b), was however retained on the roll, having the No. 371 assigned to it at the "Union," whilst the "Athol" Anchor and Hope, No. 325, became No. 413 at the same period. Thus the same lodge, being on the registers of both organisations, was twice represented on the "Union" list. No. 371, however, was erased in 1817, No. 413 becoming 284 in 1832, and 234 in 1863.

"At a communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held on the 27th December, 1800, at which the Lodges Star in the East, Industry and Perseverance, Unanimity, and Anchor and Hope were represented, the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Birch, expressed his forebodings of the fall of Masonry in the province." This appears to be the last reference to the Anchor and Hope, and the same History affirms that the lodge fell into abeyance about 1805; in further proof of which it is stated that "during the 10 or 11 years that intervened between the extinction of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and its resuscitation in 1813, Masonry in Calcutta was represented almost exclusively by the lodges that had seceded from the Grand Lodge of England, and had accepted warrants from the Grand Lodge of the Ancient York Constitution," and, in December, 1814, when "the fact of the union of the two Grand Lodges of England became known in India, addresses of congratulation poured in from all the lodges in Calcutta to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lodges Humility with Fortitude, True Friendship, and Marine, which had been working under Athol Constitutions, now came forward and tendered their allegiance, which was accepted."

Now, the list of the Calcutta lodges of 1814 does not include the "Anchor and Hope," which, it appears to me, under both its "Modern" and "Athol" Constitutions, was then evidently considered to be extinct.

Whilst, therefore, unable to accept the conclusion to which Bro. Dutt kindly invites me, I cordially thank him for his very interesting communication.—Yours fraternally,
JNO. LANE.

Torquay, October 9th.

MASONIC JUBILEE FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In common with many others, I was much interested in the suggestions made by you in the *Freemason* of the 25th ult., and I hope we in Scotland may also take the hint, and add something substantial to our Benevolent Fund in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee Year. But, while agreeing with you in this matter, so far as it goes, I have another suggestion to make—one well worthy the attention of those in Masonic authority and of all who love the Craft. It is the federation of all the Grand Bodies in the British Empire, Colonies, and Dependencies alike. Such a scheme would be a fitting and noble celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee, the more especially that her eldest son and successor already occupies the Masonic throne in England, and is also, Masonically, connected with other portions of the British Empire.

What a mighty increase to the status of Freemasonry would be given by such a scheme! It means the federation of all Masons (except the United States) speaking the English language, all working together for one great aim, and under one ruler, with one set of general laws and regulations. With the Prince of Wales, our future King, at the head of Masonic affairs, those of our brethren who have set themselves up independently would doubtless only be too glad to join in such a proposal, when it has been carefully considered in all its details, and its advantages realised.

Federation in Masonry would doubtless assist in one of the greatest questions of the day—federation of our Colonies with the mother country. Why need we have three Grand Lodges in the British Isles? No good purpose, but rather otherwise, is served by the present system. Scotland and Ireland especially would be raised in Masonic reputation, and England would not lose by this scheme. There is no more need for three Grand Lodges in Great Britain and Ireland than there is for three independent sovereigns.

"The British Empire Grand Lodge" would, of course, be an immense body, and would necessarily require divisions; but that, as well as many other points, is a matter of detail, and presents no insuperable difficulty.—Yours fraternally,

ALEX. INKSON McCONNOCHIE,
P.M., P.Z., P.G. Treas., &c.

Aberdeen, 11th October.

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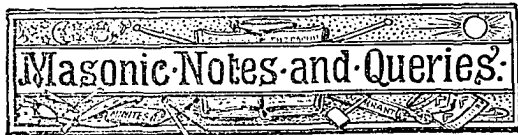
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reference to my letter to you of the 17th ult., and which you were good enough to insert in your newspaper, as to the certificate of the late Bro. Thomas Davis, I beg to inform you the same has been returned to Mrs. Davis.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
EDGAR GOBLE,

Prov. G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight.
Fareham, Hants, October 8th.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland is to assemble in the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 19th inst., under the wing of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2081, the junior of the five lodges held in that town, as well as the last warranted in that flourishing province. The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, is expected to preside. Leicester enjoys the privilege and distinction of having not only an active Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master, but also an energetic and zealous Past Prov. Grand Master in the person of the R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., &c. The number of members in the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association is now 184. Two drawings have taken place during the past financial year. The result has been that £126 has been added to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Secretary of this excellent and useful Society is Bro. Miles J. Walker, of Leicester.



682] CONSTITUTIONS, 1738.

I am glad to find that the "Book of Constitutions" of 1738 is considered by Bros. Le Feuvre and Goldney to have a frontispiece. This has been doubted, because several have been found without such adornments. I have, however, always supported the opinion that the second edition of our laws was issued with a frontispiece, and have accordingly been much interested in reading the result of the examination, made so carefully and critically by the two brethren named at the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition. It is quite clear to my mind, and all the more now that the view is confirmed by Bros. Le Feuvre and Goldney, that the Book of Constitutions of 1738 (as all the other editions issued last century by the sanction of the regular Grand Lodge of England) had a frontispiece. It is now also established that the plate of 1723 was used, only with the imprint removed, though for what purpose is not clear, as Pine, I believe, was living in 1738.

W. J. HUGHAN.

683] NOTICE FOR EMERGENCY.

I entirely agree with the view expressed by the Editor of the *Freemason*, October 2nd, and the opinion of my friend Bro. Budden on the 9th inst. Bro. Collison must distinguish between *regular* and *emergent* meetings, the latter being expressly singled out by Grand Lodge for special provision. Members, it is presumed, know the *regular* days of meeting of their own lodges, whether summoned early or late. At all events, there is really no excuse for brethren not being aware of the nights of meeting provided by their own by-laws. Still, I think that the Grand Lodge, at the time of Revision, would have done well to have fixed *three days at least*, for notices to be sent, beforehand, of business to be transacted at the *regular* meetings. As such was not agreed to, it is now for lodges to fix the time for themselves. My impression is, the majority will fix five clear days at least for the notices of meetings, but, of course, a shorter notice still would be legal. The difficulty is to say authoritatively what would be deemed *sufficient* notice, say for an initiation. Some would perhaps consider one clear day would do, or possibly less! My experience does not extend over quite so long a period as Bro. Budden's, but I have known very many "emergency" propositions, some scarcely justified, and I fear a few wholly unjustifiable. The seven days' notice, therefore, for such meetings is most desirable. I consider the statement by "I.P.M." requires considerable alteration before it can pass muster. Grand Lodge *does* require summonses to be sent to the members, even for a *regular* lodge meeting. See Laws 184, 189, and 210. Surely "I.P.M." has overlooked these rules.

W. J. HUGHAN.

684] LOYAL FREEMASONRY.

In a copy of the "Freemasons' Magazine" for March, 1794, I find the following: "A correspondent takes the liberty to hint to his Brethren the propriety of an attention to the political character of those persons who shall offer themselves candidates for our Order in their respective Lodges. Though, as Masons, we are citizens of the world, yet sheltered as we are under an impenetrable veil of secrecy, it behoves us to give a mild and generous legislature no room to suspect that any of our meetings are covert for disloyalty. This suspicion may, however, be naturally excited if we are observed to admit to our Society men whose sentiments are known to be adverse to the Constitution by which we are protected. A Masonic Assembly is profaned and polluted by the presence of an infidel or a disloyalist." It seems to me that these expressions should commend themselves to all Masons at the present day. It is an unfortunate fact that we rub shoulders nowadays with many men who speak slightly and disrespectfully of our Constitution and of our reigning family, and it is to be feared, from recent circumstances reported in the *Freemason*, that some men of this kidney have found their way within the portals of the Society of Freemasons. It is certain that such persons cannot find any reasonable pleasure in the Craft, or in the society of its loyal members; and it is lamentable that they should ever have found their way into a lodge, for one who is disloyal to his God or his King will certainly not prove faithful to our Order, which is based upon the sacred principles—"Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the King."

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.



Craft Masonry.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE (No. 79).—The winter session of the above ancient and popular lodge commenced on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bro. W. T. Hunt, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. V. Orchard, S.W.; C. N. Syder, J.W.; J. R. Dussee, P.M.; Treas.; H. Roberts, P.M.; Sec.; G. W. Sly, J.D.; J. R. Berry, I.G.; G. H. Dowsett, Steward; C. Fowler, D.C.; W. Kippes, Org.; J. Ranks, Tyler (pro tem.); R. Bonsey, P.M.; W. Dupere, P.M.; H. W. Partridge, P.M.; J. Dawkins, P.M.; A. Meering, E. Earle, C. C. Featherstone, J. W. Griffiths, A. H. Overton, W. J. Nash, D. Edney, H. Earle, J. R. Garrod, R. Salter, F. Ingle, J. Justice, W. E. Ruddle, and R. W. Earle, all of the lodge; J. Hutchings, P.M. 147; S. W. Tewson, J.D. 781; E. J. Williams, J.W. 1539; F. J. Laughlin, Org. 1365; J. Dixon, 147; W. Rowley, 1924; L. Earnshaw, 959; G. Howard, 650; and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was

taken for Messrs. J. W. Clifford, E. Jerrard, and T. Scholey, and, proving unanimous, the last two, being present, were duly initiated into Masonry. In the absence of the S.D., Bro. Dussee filled the office admirably. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which, as is the custom at the Ship, was tastefully served. The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been duly honoured.

Bro. Dussee proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing said they had seen the able manner in which Bro. Hunt had carried out his duties in the lodge, and he was sure they would agree with him when he said that he always did so, both in the lodge and at the social board; in fact, whatever he took in hand he did well, and in a most satisfactory manner. He had very great pleasure, therefore, to propose his health, and ask them to drink it heartily.

Bro. Hunt, in response, said he was very much obliged to them for their kind reception of the toast. He was following many good and able Masters who had done honour to their good old lodge, and was proud to say he had some good and excellent officers to follow him. He had been a member of the lodge for many years, and had always endeavoured to do his best for it, and hoped to have the pleasure of being with them yet for many years, and hear the cry "Excelsior" responded to by many a good and true brother joining its ranks. He then proposed "The Initiates," one of whom (Bro. Jerrard) he said was the son of a good old Mason, and he trusted the son would turn out worthy of the sire, and as he felt sure he would, it gave him great pleasure to initiate him into the lodge that night. Bro. Scholey was also a good man, and would, he felt sure, do all he could for the prosperity of the lodge.

Bros. Gerard and Scholey having suitably returned thanks, the toast of "The Visitors" was proposed and drunk heartily. The W.M., in putting it, said nothing afforded the Pythagoreans so much pleasure as to see a goodly array of visitors at their lodge, if only to criticise their work. He paid a high compliment to Bro. Hutchings, who, he said, as Preceptor of a lodge of instruction in a neighbouring town, had worked hard to spread the duties of Masonry among aspirants to office and honours in the Craft. He was proud to see him at their working, and at their social board, and also the other visitors present, and he asked, in their honour, for a bumper.

Bros. Hutchings, Jolly, Earnshaw and Laughlin having responded, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," and in response

Bro. Partridge returned his hearty thanks, and hoped they might have as good a meeting as the present one, and as many good and true Masons with them, for many years to come. As a Past Master of some seven years' standing he was pleased to see the infusion of new blood in the Pythagorean; after an existence of over a hundred years, it showed they were progressing; and although the lodge had been, some years ago, in abeyance, yet there was a great difference between the number 79 and 2080 on the Grand Roll of England. Thanks to the good old Past Masters, the lodge had been reconstructed, and now they had much to be thankful for in its increased and still increasing vitality.

Bro. Dussee said they were indebted to the W.M. for his acknowledgment of their past services. It was true they had done their best to support the prestige of the lodge in the past, and in the future they might depend upon their loyalty for every effort they, the Past Masters, could make for its success and uninterrupted harmony.

Bro. Boney having briefly acknowledged the toast also, that of "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bros. Orchard and Syder, who severally returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasure of a very successful gathering, the pauses of which were filled by some capital music, both vocal and instrumental.

ST. JAMES LODGE (No. 765).—The installation of Bro. George Tilling as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when a large assembly of members and visitors testified to the high respect and esteem in which not only the newly-installed Master, but his several relatives holding offices in the lodge, are held by the Masonic Fraternity. It is not often in the history of our lodges that one natural brother is inducted into the chair of K.S. by another, who is his immediate predecessor, with the father and uncle of both present, and assisting in their respective capacities to give more than ordinary effect to the interesting character of the proceedings. The known Masonic ability of the several members of the Tilling family, and the deservedly high repute in which they are held, as well without as within the lodge, had the fullest recognition by the attendance of a large body of the Craft in the district with which they are more immediately associated, and it must have afforded much gratification to all concerned that the work of the evening was so ably and pleasantly carried through by the principal officers and their assistants. An interesting feature connected with this installation was the performance, so very seldom attempted in London lodges, though frequently adopted by those in the provinces, of the ceremonies of opening and closing the Board of Installed Masters with full and authorised ritual. Why this beautiful and instructive portion of Craft ceremonial is so generally neglected, even by lodges of the highest repute for "working," it is difficult to say, unless, indeed, it can be admitted that a slovenly desire to "hurry up" and neglect labour for the sake of early refreshment is at the root of the evil. It pains zealous Masons to hear old and respected members of the Craft say that in the course of many years' experience and long connection with numerous lodges, the proper opening of a Board of Installed Masters is unknown to them, but such observations reached our ears on this occasion, and it is creditable indeed to the St. James Lodge that it should make the attempt to restore to its proper place in Craft ritual so important a portion of its beautiful and perfect system. That this example may be followed by other lodges is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Amongst the large gathering of brethren—and we fear that this may not be a perfect list—were Bros. W. H. Tilling, W.M.; Geo. Tilling, S.W., W.M. elect; E. J. Rawle, J.W.; F. Child, P.M.; Treas.; R. Tilling, P.M.; Sec.; J. E. Costello, J.D.; E. J. Jones, I.G.; G. W. Rowe, Tyler; J. Cox, P.M.; H. W. Mitten, P.M.; G. Hyde, P.M.; L. C. Mollet, W. Roberts, G. Perkins, W. J. Stahlschmidt, A. Cavers, T. Prior, Geo. Carter, A. A. Travers, R. Hosie, A. Tilling, C. Slow, C. E. B. Rudd, J.

Mills, F. Carne, D. Samuel, R. Bower, C. A. Colwell, W. Brinkler, H. Burnell, T. Kent, D. Bradford, H. King, J. Spencer, T. Williams, T. H. Sparling, and C. H. Dent. The visitors were Bros. G. J. Tilling, P.M. 130, 394, and 1461, P.P.G.S. of W. Hants and Isle of Wight; W. S. Dunkley, P.M. 1777, P.G.A.P. Middx.; W. Burnell, P.M. 103, P.P.G.S.B. Bristol; S. R. Speight, P.M. and Sec. 147; J. J. Hutchings, P.M. 147; T. Poore, P.M. 720; J. R. Glanville, P.M. 134; W. T. P. Montgomery, W.M. 1475; W. E. Johnson, P.M. 134; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426; J. J. Davison, P.M. 21; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; T. H. Waterworth, P.M. 49; H. Taylor, P.M. 2000; F. Meen, P.M. 1707; E. Stimson, P.M. 15; H. J. Levett, W.M. 1982; W. Martin, W.M. 879; R. H. Brannon, W.M. 394; W. Thompson, P.M. 1426; A. Millar, late 25; J. W. Skinner, Sydney; E. C. Talbot, 65; G. J. Venables, I.G. 1539; R. Jarvis, 1987; W. G. Kent, 1178; W. Fountain, 879; F. W. Farmer, 25; J. Jones, I.G. 2004; W. Burgess, 2048; J. Hattersley, 1607; J. Read, 1391; A. Browning, 733; W. Poole, 1752; W. Williams, J.W. 147; G. Treves, P.M. 720; and others.

The previous minutes having been confirmed, and the Auditor's report and balance-sheet received and adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. George Tilling, was presented to his brother, the W.M., Bro. W. H. Tilling, and the preliminary introduction to his installation as Master was made. The brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, the Board of Installed Masters was opened with full ceremonial, not quite so perfectly perhaps as will be the case on future occasions in this lodge, but certainly in a manner deserving of favourable criticism, and evidently to the gratification and enlightenment and, we may fairly add, surprise of numerous Past Masters, to whom this part of Masonic ritual had been hitherto a dead letter. Bro. W. H. Tilling's performance of the installation of his brother was equal to his ceremonial work during the past year, and elicited many commendations. The Board of Installed Masters was closed in due order, as it had been opened, the Installed Master, Junior Warden, Bro. H. W. Mitten, upon whom the principal portion of this part of the ceremony devolved, ably discharging his duty. At the request of the newly-installed Master, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., officiated as D.C., and, on the re-admission of the brethren, and under his guidance, Bro. George Tilling received the customary salutes and greetings.

The officers were then invested in the following order:—Bros. E. J. Rawle, S.W.; J. E. Costello, J.W.; W. H. Tilling, I.P.M.; F. Child, P.M.; Treas.; R. Tilling, P.M.; Sec.; E. J. Jones, S.D.; R. W. Hosie, J.D.; G. Perkins, I.G.; G. Hyde, P.M., D.C.; A. Tilling, W.S.; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler. The addresses to W.M., Wardens, and brethren were effectively delivered by the I.P.M., and Bro. W. H. Tilling may certainly be congratulated on having terminated a year of earnest Masonic labour in a highly satisfactory and brilliant manner, and wear the handsome jewel which the lodge has presented to him, and which was attached to his I.P.M. collar (also a lodge presentation) by his brother, the present W.M., in laudatory and sympathetic terms, with just pride and full conviction that that honourable recognition of valued services has been well deserved.

The business which followed the installation was not of much general importance; but it may be incidentally mentioned that the readiness to afford relief to those distressed who had preferred their suit and to sympathise with bereavements was, as usual in this lodge, fully exemplified, and that the "Hearty good wishes" which were expressed by the visitors were more than usually earnest in their meaning. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, much pleased with the labours of the evening.

After the cloth had been cleared, an intimation was given by the W.M. that brevity in speech would be amply rewarded by the performance of a musical programme of far greater interest, and, the wishes of the Master being scrupulously observed, the post-prandial addresses of distinguished members and honoured guests had nothing out of the ordinary character to need special comment. The usual loyal and Masonic sentiments were given in due order, and, where required, met with response; but music became the prominent feature of the remainder of the evening.

Under the direction of Bro. Chaplin Henry, who, having a great personal regard for both W.M. and I.P.M., successfully endeavoured to outvie even his well known management of the musical accessory to a convivial meeting, a capital selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed by Miss Chaplin, Miss Kate Chaplin, Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Emmie Hoare, Bros. A. Lester, Henry Taylor, Fred. W. Farmer, and the veteran, Bro. Chaplin Henry, himself. With such an array of talent it goes without saying that a most delightful concert was the result, and that the Worshipful Master's command to "ware speeches" was the right thing in the right place and at the right time. If we may be permitted to make selections out of a grand programme, each number of which was admirably rendered, we would desire to refer to the violin solo by Miss Kate Chaplin, and the serenade by Miss Margaret Hoare, with violin obligato and pianoforte accompaniment by the Misses Chaplin, as charming performances, fully meriting the applause and encores the brethren so enthusiastically accorded. In every respect this meeting of the St. James Lodge was perfect, and we can offer our readers no better wish, as Masons, than that they may have opportunities in the future to be present at similar exemplifications of Masonic "labour and refreshment."

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).

Bro. James Stevens's Lecture.—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Ernest Edward Street, W.M., when advantage was taken of a clear agenda to welcome Bro. James Stevens, P.M., and hear his lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree. Under the title of "Knobs and Excrescences," this lecture is now becoming widely known and appreciated, both in London lodges and throughout the provinces, and the manner of its delivery being extempore, each succeeding delivery presents new features, and renders it more and more interesting and attractive, and divests it of that sameness and repetition which attend written addresses. We have had the satisfaction of hearing Bro. Stevens on more than one occasion, and note with much pleasure that the introduction of new points in Masonic working, and a varied choice of language give a enlivening influence to each successive delivery.

There was at this meeting a goodly attendance of members and visitors, and at the conclusion of the lecture, which occupied about two hours, the lecturer was highly complimented by the W.M. and several of the brethren. Bro. Conrad C. Dumas, P.G.A.D.C., spoke in warm terms of the services which Bro. Stevens is rendering to the Craft by his lucid exposition of the anomalies and innovations which have crept into Masonic ritual, to his personal knowledge, since his initiation in 1859. Bro. Dumas expressed the hope that Bro. Stevens would persevere in his exertions to point out these divergencies, notwithstanding the prejudices and somewhat unreasonable opposition on the part of many who either could not or would not understand how the purity of the ritual is being affected by unwarrantable introductions of senseless words and procedure. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, for which Bro. Stevens expressed his thanks, and stated his willingness to meet the wishes of any other lodges desirous of hearing him.

After the lodge had been closed the brethren partook of supper, and spent a very agreeable hour before final separation.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).

The fourteenth installation meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday last. The attendance was not so large as is customary on these occasions; but there was a large proportion of Installed Masters to form the Board to which the W.M. elect was in due course presented. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Robert Fendick, and there were present then and prior to the installation the following brethren, viz.: Bros. F. W. Potter, S.W.; H. Bertram, J.W.; H. A. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Smith, J.D.; W. Cook, D.C.; G. Jenkins, Org.; R. Greening, I.G.; H. F. Frost, Stwd.; R. Potter, Tyler; P.M.: W. Baber, J. Stevens, J. Seex, R. Stanway, J. W. Blackie, and W. Kibble; W. F. Bertram, J. K. Gregory, P. Lindner, P. Metz, G. W. Fraser, F. Bailey, R. Brookman, G. W. Robson, L. J. Hudd, B. Mozley, H. Keene, W. McNiven, H. Dottridge, J. Cooper, H. Thompson, J. L. Nissen, J. Archer, J. Hartley, Owen Bowen, G. F. Goodman, and A. V. Coleman. The visitors were Bros. T. Hawkins, W.M. 25; F. Jacob, P.M. 45; Geo. Hunt, P.M. 1009; A. Scott, P.M. 551; F. M. Harper, P.M. 1216; C. E. Wright, W.M. 1460; F. Le Rothgrol, W.M. 1672; J. G. Humphries, P.M. 167; W. Heseltine, P.M. 181; F. P. Baxter, W.M. 1216; W. W. Morgan, jun., late 1107; J. Nightingale, W.M. 1362; W. Middleton, 139; W. Tipson, 296; F. Wiggins, 1076; J. M. Bastone, W.M. 1861; S. Spooner, 1470; C. Smith, 1445; J. Chubb, 186; and F. H. Cozens, 907.

The previous minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. F. W. Potter, was presented to the W.M., and obligated in due form. A Board of Installed Masters was then constituted, and Bro. Potter duly installed into the chair of K.S., and received the salutations of his brethren as a ruler in the Craft. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., undertook the duties of D.C., and conducted the salutations and greetings of the brethren below the chair, and the full ceremony was completed by the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Baber, P.M.

The officers appointed and invested were Bros. H. J. Bertram, S.W.; J. R. Greening, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; W. Baber, P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; W. Cook, P.M., S.D.; C. T. Smith, J.D.; H. J. Frost, I.G.; E. Wesley, Org.; W. F. Bertram, D.C.; L. B. Mozeley and D. T. Keene, Stewards; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and it was agreed that consideration should be given to the same at the ensuing meeting, with a view to suggested alterations, which would probably affect the financial prospects of the lodge for its great advantage. A motion was carried for the presentation to the retiring W.M., Bro. R. Fendick, of a P.M.'s jewel, of the usual value; and in the course of the evening the presentation was duly made. A candidate for initiation at the November meeting was proposed and some charitable work performed on behalf of distressed brethren and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the members and their friends adjourned to an excellent banquet, prepared for them in the Pillar Room, and personally superintended by Bro. Kilby, the manager of the Cannon-street Hotel, in his customary courteous manner. The visitors generally expressed their satisfaction with the handsome provision made for their comfort and entertainment.

After grace had been sung, the usual routine speeches in delivery of loyal and Masonic toasts, and responses thereto were made, all brief, but to the point; interesting to the company present, but not offering need for general comment.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, assisted by Bros. Henry, G. T. Carter, and E. J. Bell; and, we need hardly say, were such as to add élan to a peculiarly happy meeting.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).

The first regular meeting of the season of this prosperous lodge took place on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the St. James's Hall, Regent-street, W., Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani, W.M., occupying the chair, supported by his Wardens, Bro. F. V. Green, W.M. elect, and Bro. Mole, and Bros. Docker, P.M.; F. Green, P.M.; W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; J. Butlin, Treas.; R. Shaw, S.D.; W. Adams, J.D.; H. Gros, I.G.; Potter, Tyler; Stevenson, H. Roberts, H. J. Roberts, W. J. Roberts, H. S. Roberts, Edwards, Colepepper, Martinne, Davis, Valeriani, jun., Bohers, Hesse, Barron, Ronchetti, Berrow, and other brethren. The visitors present were Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P., P.M.; Mason, P.M. 1557, R.M.B.I.; Berkeley, W.M. 108; Graves, W.M. 94; Cox, P.M. 60; Freeman, P.M. 1567; Maple, P.M. 657; Cowley, P.M. 1557; Lane, S.W. 1267; Johnson, J.D. 1608; Hill, 704; Holmes, 1608; Berther, 1563; Daly, 1475; Wells, 13; and Hawkins, 181.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes having been read, a ballot was successfully taken for Messrs. P. G. and F. Meutasti and Jno. Conning, who were regularly initiated into the Order, the ceremony being ably worked by the W.M. Bro. Green, P.M., then installed his son, Bro. F. V. Green, to the satisfaction of the brethren, who afterwards saluted him in the proper order, the addresses being given with good effect. The

W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Mole, S.W.; Shaw, J.W.; Butlin, Treas.; Parsons, P.M., Sec.; Adams, S.D.; Gros, J.D.; Colepper, I.G.; Docker, P.M.; W.S.; Stevenson, Asst. W.S.; Green, P.M., D. of C.; H. J. Roberts, Asst. D. of C.; and Berrow, Org. The brethren then considered a proposal of the W.M. that a ball should be given during the winter in connection with the lodge, the profits of which should be devoted to the Benevolent Fund, which proposal was cordially adopted. The W.M. then announced to the lodge his intention to stand as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when the lodge immediately voted a sum of ten guineas to be placed on his list.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by the Brothers Roberts. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," reminded the brethren that this was the 50th year of her Majesty's reign, and he felt it a great honour to preside over the Rotheray Lodge at such an eventful period.

After the toasts of "The M.W. Grand Master" and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been duly responded to, Bro. Valeriani, I.P.M., in an appropriate speech, proposed "The W.M.," and complimented him on his undertaking one of the first duties of a W.M. by going up as Steward to one of the most deserving Charities, namely, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked the brethren to well second his efforts. He wished him a pleasant and successful year of office, which he had so well begun.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his thanks, and stated he intended to do all in his power to further the interests of the lodge.

The toast of "The Charities" was given, when Bro. Mason, P.M. 1557, R.M.B.I., alluded to the good work this lodge had always done in the cause of Charity.

The I.P.M. then interposed, and wished to give the first intimation to the W.M. of the result of the appeal to the brethren, which had produced the most handsome list this lodge had hitherto given at one banquet, namely, 61 guineas.

The Worshipful Master expressed his grateful thanks at the desire of the brethren to honour himself and the lodge in so generous a way.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was enthusiastically received; the W.M., in proposing it, referred to the great prosperity of the lodge during his year of office, and presented him with a handsome jewel which had been voted by the lodge.

Bro. Valeriani, I.P.M., feelingly expressed his appreciation of the gift, and said that he should always continue to work for the good of the lodge.

The toasts of "The Initiates" and "The Visitors" were both well received, Bros. Cox, P.M. 60; Maple, P.M. 657; and Lane, S.W. 1267, returning thanks.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with that of "The Installing Master."

Bro. F. Green, P.M., responded, and expressed the great pleasure it had been to him to install his son in the chair, an event which did not often occur; and offered his thanks to the other Past Masters for allowing him to perform that ceremony.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed. Bro. Butlin, in responding, said how glad he was to know the lodge was in a good and sound position.

Bro. Parsons, P.M., also suitably responded, thanking the brethren for their continued appreciation of his services.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Officers," stated he had every confidence in their carrying out their duties efficiently.

Bro. Mole, S.W., in reply, said he would do all in his power to justify his selection to the position of Senior Warden.

Bro. Shaw, J.W., also responded, as did several other brethren.

The Tyler's toast was given, and a very pleasant evening brought to a conclusion.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., Bro. R. Poore, the W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Day, S.W.; C. J. Axford, W.M. 2048, J.W.; H. Baldwin, I.P.M.; W. Kirkland, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; A. E. Albert, J.D.; R. Evans, I.G.; A. Jones, D.C.; J. Read, P.M. 720, Org.; W. R. Palmer, Stwd.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; J. Poore, P.M.; J. White, J. Inglis, G. S. Dauntton, W. Lovey, H. J. Benson, C. G. Kipling, P.M.; J. Mills, J. Hicks, E. Watkins, and J. Bott. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Shaldreake, J. Hill, W.M. 1658; C. P. McKay, P.M. 720; W. H. S. Mayer; G. Moss, P.M. 1201; W. Lucas, P.M.; E. A. Francis, and W. Bagden. Bros. J. Hicks, H. J. Benson, and E. Watkins were unanimously elected joining members. Bros. Inglis, Dauntton, Newland, and Lovey were raised, the whole ceremony being twice gone through with great accuracy by the W.M., who gave the traditional history. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

At the close of a most successful meeting the brethren dined together, and with songs and recitations a pleasant evening was spent.

DRURY LANE LODGE (No. 2127).

The members of this young but immensely popular lodge, re-assembled, after the summer recess, extending over four months, on Tuesday afternoon. It will be recollected that this lodge, which was consecrated in January last under brilliant auspices (reported fully in the columns of the *Freemason* at that time), was especially designed by Bro. Augustus Harris, of the Drury Lane Theatre, and many other distinguished brethren who were co-operating with him, for the purpose of affording more frequent opportunities for social amenity and Masonic intercourse to prominent members of the higher professions of the drama, music, literature, and art; and the success which has attended it finds no parallel in the records of the Craft. The roll of membership now includes many brilliant and distinguished names in the legislature, the municipality of London, and the various higher grades of professional life, and the lodge is destined, beyond doubt, abundantly to realise the objects and intentions of its founders. A special and

elaborately appointed temple has been fitted up within the precincts of the "National" Theatre, and here on Tuesday the winter session was inaugurated, under the most gratifying auspices. There was a very large attendance of officers and members, Grand Lodge being well represented, while the assembly was graced by a numerous company of distinguished visitors. In the absence of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., who invariably officiates as the deputy of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Londesborough, P.G.W., the first W.M. of the lodge, the chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Pres. of the Board of General Purposes, who was supported by Bro. Augustus Harris, S.W.; Bro. Sir John Gorst, O.C., M.P., J.W.; and other officers.

The minutes of the last regular meeting in June and of the lodge of emergency in July having been read and confirmed, Bros. Frederick Leslie, Major Berkeley Pigott, and F. Hanbury Tracy were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremonies being rendered in the most perfect manner by the acting W.M. and his officers. Two propositions were made for joining membership, and the ballot was opened for the following candidates as joining members, proposed and seconded at the last regular meeting: Bros. Alderman H. J. Waterlow, 1; the Right Hon. W. Thackeray Marriott, O.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G.S., P.M. 6; G. F. Bashford (of the Haymarket Theatre), 5 (I.C.); Meyer Lutz (of the Gaiety Theatre), Professor of Music, P.M. 1319; and Joseph Snell Wood (general manager of "Olympia," Kensington), 193; all of whom were unanimously accepted.

Some routine business having been transacted, lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. In consequence of the date of the next regular meeting falling on Lord Mayor's Day, it has been deemed desirable to postpone the assembly until the day following, so as to meet the convenience of many of the members, who, in their various official capacities, will be called upon to take part in the civic pageant and the subsequent banquet at the Guildhall.

HOWDEN.—St. Cuthbert's Lodge (No. 630).

On Thursday, the 7th inst., the Festival of St. John was celebrated by this North-east Yorkshire lodge. The occasion was rendered one of more importance than usual through the presence of R.W. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M., who has been recently appointed in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Dr. Bell, of Hull. There was a large attendance of brethren from the provinces of North and East Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, and Lincolnshire. Bro. H. Green, P.P.G.R., having opened the lodge, Bro. W. Baldwin was installed W.M. by Bro. Gardiner, P.G.A.D.C. West York, of the Aire and Calder Lodge, Goole, and then, according to ancient custom, the new W.M. invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. Briggs, S.W.; Turton, J.W.; Rev. Wm. Hutchinson, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Anderson, P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; W. L. Rowntree, Sec.; Rev. G. L. M. Rees, S.D.; Stannard, J.D.; Major Story, P.M., I.G.; and Akitt, Tyler.

The installation banquet was subsequently held at Bowman's Hotel.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).

The opening night of the session of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 30th ult., under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Winter, P.P.G. Stwd. He was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Browne, P.P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. N. Cooper, S.W.; A. King, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; J. H. Gington, S.D., and acting I.G.; W. F. Straford, J.D.; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P. Org.; and W. Murrell, Tyler. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. J. Hunt, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; B. L. Nockalls, P.M.; George Hammond, G. E. Theobald, A. G. Holmes, H. C. Dunn, W. J. Harvey, and H. Newhouse. Among the visitors were Bros. J. B. Aldis, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Prov. G. Sec., 52; T. G. R. King, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., 213; Cabel Rush, 213; G. S. C. Smith, W.M. 1500; Frederick Crowe, 1500; Edwin J. Seymour, 1425; J. L. N. Barnard, 93; and others.

After the lodge had been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Robert Webster, which was unanimous, but who was unavoidably absent. The W.M., in an able and impressive manner, performed the ceremony of raising Bro. Holmes to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. A circular was read soliciting subscriptions to a well earned testimonial to Bro. Binckes, the able Secretary of the Boys Masonic Institution. "Hearty good wishes" were then given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to a recherché supper, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged. Several excellent songs were rendered by the brethren and visitors, notably by Bro. Dunn, whose comic songs created much amusement.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

An emergency meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, it being the second "emergency" since the installation of the new W.M. in July last, and, like its predecessor, was well attended. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. R. Richardson, W.M., and the business before it being to ballot for a candidate, Mr. J. T. Taylor, that was proceeded with at once, and proved unanimous in that gentleman's favour. He was subsequently initiated in due form. Bro. Lacey Mills was passed, and Bros. H. Coombes and H. Carlisle were raised, the whole of the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. without a hitch; while Bro. Tyler, the lodge Organist, and his choir, by their fine rendering of the occasional chants, &c., added materially to the impressiveness of the work. After several propositions for joining members and initiates had been received, the brethren partook of refreshments, and passed an hour or two in harmony.

The other brethren present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M., P.C.S.D. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; W. Rees, P.M.; E. Palmer, P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G. J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, Secretary; W. D. Keeble, J.W.; W. Busbridge, J.D.; W. G. Lloyd, I.G.; W. Saunders, D.C.; W. C. Taylor, Stwd.; W. J. Larder, Tyler; J. Widgery, A. Lock, J. O. Cook, G. W. Campbell, E. Morris, E. Lewis, R. Saunders, D. C. Capon, R. Courtman, H. Shaw, W. Newton,

H. Timms, W. B. Ledger, A. Moore, C. W. Scantlebury, A. Capon, A. Wallis, H. Stewart, G. Hoar, J. Collins, D. K. Somers, W. G. Newton, and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472; all of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Abbott, P.M. 1926, P.P.G.J.W. Malta; F. Burruss, P.M. 472, P.P.G.P. Dorset; F. G. Nichols, 706; A. Smith, 829; G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615; and G. Smith, 13.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. R. Dawson, P.G.S., W.M.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., S.W.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P., J.W.; Rev. C. Marriott, P.G. Chap., Chap.; A. Lucking, P.M., G.P., Secretary; L. Warren, jun., S.D.; C. F. Woosman, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar, D.C.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, I.G.; T. Hood, acting Org.; W. E. Bridgland, I.P.M. 933, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.G. A.D.C.; E. Cant, C. J. Dobson, Rev. J. Hutchons, W. Trigg, W. M. Peacey, A. Vandewood, P. T. Little, C. W. Cooke, H. Luker, W. Tyler, B. Thomas, A. G. Rennison, and R. G. Dempster. Visitor: Bro. Henry George, P.M. 884, P.G.D.C. Notts.

Bros. Rev. James Hutchons and W. Trigg were raised to the Third Degree. Bros. E. Cant and C. J. Dobson were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. E. J. Bowmaker and W. H. Jones were balloted for, and elected, and duly initiated. A joining member was proposed, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

BARROW.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1225).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, when Bro. Dr. Thomas, P.M., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren of the lodge were present: Bros. W. Turvey, W.M.; D. M. Ross, S.W.; George Cornfield, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.Z. 995; T. Hunter, J.D.; J. Pollitt and J. B. Tonge, Stwds.; E. Richards, I.G.; James Artis, Tyler; D. Smyth, P.M.; J. Settle, P.M.; J. C. Hunter, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; F. Bell, P.M. 1393, P.Z. 995; J. Warbrick, James Forgan, T. Morgan, P.M.; W. Podmore, J. S. Parkinson, A. J. P. Smyth, W. Wilson, W. Hutton, Thomas L. Phillips, E. C. Caton, J. Harrison, H. Smith, E. Kendall, R. N. Woodend, William Whittaker, Robert Wilkinson, A. Hickman, T. W. Blaxell, J. Young, and S. Lord. The following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. H. Bagot, P.M. 1021, P.P.G. S. of W.; R. W. Worrall, 1021, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; Rev. J. P. Morgan, P.P.G. Chap.; John Case, P.M. 995, P.P.G. S.D.; W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; R. Pearson, P.M. 995, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Murray, W.M. 1021; Myles Haslam, P.M. 1021; C. P. Richards, P.M. 1021; Geo. Nelson, P.M. 1021; Dr. Booth, P.M. 1021; R. Bowker, I.P.M. 1021; T. Sutton, S.W. 1021; G. H. Parke, J.W. 1021; Thomas Grieve, 1021 and P.M. 1398; J. Walch, 995, Treas.; John Waddington, 1021; H. J. Rigby, P.M. 1032; J. W. Jobson, 1715; W. Stewart, 1715; A. Crankshaw, 1715; R. Townley, W.M. 1398; Joseph Dixon, P.M. 1011; George Harrison, 57; and John Morgan, 1180. Bro. Dr. Settle, P.M., acted with efficiency as Installing Officer. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Turvey, I.P.M.; D. M. Ross, S.W.; A. Naylor, J.W.; G. Cornfield, Treas.; Thomas Pollitt, Sec.; Dr. J. Settle, M.C.; Tom Hunter, S.D.; E. Richards, J.D.; Thomas L. Phillips, I.G.; J. Warbrick, Org.; J. B. Tonge and E. C. Caton, Stwds.; and James Artis, Tyler. After the lodge was closed an excellent banquet took place at the Strawberry Hotel, provided by Bro. F. Bell, P.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the evening was enlivened with several songs.

HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, when there were present Bros. H. Pritchard, W.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, M.D., S.W.; Rev. W. S. Moses, M.A., Chap.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; F. W. Leander, F.R.A.S., Sec.; J. Hutchison, S.D.; W. Hicklin, J.D.; G. Sawyer, D.C.; A. Hicklin, I.G.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.M., Org.; R. M. Jones, P.M.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M.; R. C. Sudlow, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; A. J. Brown, A. J. Martin, W. J. Morris, and C. Sargent.

A ballot was taken for Mr. J. T. Wright, which proved unanimously favourable, and he was initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being most impressively and faultlessly performed and the charge delivered by the W.M. A successful ballot was also taken for Bro. C. E. Cassal, F.C.S., as a joining member.

After other business, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with some excellent singing, were given from the chair, and duly honoured.

Bro. Thrupp, in responding to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working, and the lodge on having so good a Master and such able officers, and said he hoped the members generally would strive to imitate their good example.

Similar testimony was borne by Bros. Sudlow and Walls, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," as well as by Bro. Cassal, who said that if he had never attended a lodge before, and never should be present again, the W.M.'s rendering of the ritual would be amply sufficient to impress him with the great value of Freemasonry.

The other toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—On Saturday, the 9th inst., the brethren of this lodge held its election meeting at the Albany Hotel, when there were present Bros. George S. Elliott, W.M.; George L. Wingate, P.M., acting S.W.; Dr. Wm. Faulkner, J.W.; John Faulkner, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middx., Treas.; E. Wm. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; James Baker, acting I.G.; Hart Davies, F. W. Tallack, F. Tallack, and H. F. Tallack. The visitors were Bros. E. Woodman, W.M. 1897; F. Osborn, P.M. 1602 and 1897, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; J. Tickle, P.M. 1702, P.P.G.R. Middx.; and Alex. J. Bellis, P.M. 1901.

After opening the lodge, and confirmation of the minutes of the 14th August last, the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and Bro. W. M. Matthews, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. J. Faulkner was also re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Gilbert, Tyler. The members of the Audit Committee having been elected, a Past Master's jewel, of the value of twelve guineas, was voted to the W.M. The candidate for raising, from an unavoidable cause, was prevented being present. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening spent.

WOOLSTON.—Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Clausentum Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. R. Bell, W.M.; J. Methven, P.M., acting S.W.; E. T. Wise, acting J.W.; Rev. Geoffrey Hughes, Chaplain; George J. Tilling, P.M., Treas.; Walter Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; J. Martin, S.D.; R. H. Weekes, J.D.; W. H. Mitchell, I.G.; W. H. Smith, Stwd.; C. Henley, Tyler; A. J. Brown, P.M.; W. H. Chapman, P.M.; R. W. Evans, P.M.; D. O. Hobbs, P.M.; J. Winter, H. Esterford, T. O. Spencer, F. J. Gooding, E. A. Edwards, and J. Morten. The visitors were Bros. Le Feuvre, G.D. of England, and D.P.G.M. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; W. Stopher, W.M. Economy, Winchester; J. Marks, I.P.M. 76; T. J. Carter, S.D. 76; A. J. Aslatt, P.M. 394, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.G.S.D.; S. Dacombe, I.G. 394; S. Clarke, W.M. 130, P.G.S.; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Cole, P.M. 130, P.P.G.R.; R. W. Lees, S.W. 130; J. Robertson, P.M. 130, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Osborne, J.W. 130; and H. Abraham, I.G. 130.

A vote of congratulation was passed to the D.P.G.M. on his election as J.G.D. of E., and Bro. Le Feuvre replied, pointing out that the province had been honoured with the gift of three collars at the hands of the Grand Master: Lord Charles Beresford, P.M. of the Saxe Weimar Lodge at Portsmouth; the Rev. S. N. Palmer, who lived in the Island; and himself.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Three Crowns, under the presidency of Bro. C. Jolly, W.M., assisted by the following officers and others: Bros. A. T. Ives, I.P.M.; C. T. Lewis, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M., Secretary; W. J. Vance, P.M., Treasurer; A. J. Elder, P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts; J. Paul, S.W.; C. H. Canning, S.D.; J. Gaskell, P.M., Tyler; S. Woodland, J. Glading, H. Vallum, G. Richardson, C. J. Powling, W. Turvey, and others.

The ballot having been taken for Mr. W. Harris, and proving unanimous, he was initiated. Bro. Brown was passed, and Bros. Harris, Burns, Gill, and McArthur were raised. Ten guineas were voted to Bro. Jolly's list for the Aged Freemasons, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, and on re-assembling round the social board, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

A word of praise is due to Bro. W. Maule, W.M. 1536, for the admirable manner in which he carried out the duties of J.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Savage.

There were several visitors, and the whole affair was most enjoyable.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The annual meeting for the election of Master took place in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate, on Monday last. Bro. A. T. B. Turner, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M. and Treasurer; W. Brown, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; J. Kay, Secretary; S. J. Dalton, S.D.; W. Story, as J.D.; W. Stephenson, I.G.; P. Pearson and J. D. Irving, Stewards; W. Routledge, J. Starkey, Wm. Wreglesworth, J. S. Spetch, J. Thorpe, G. Lamb, W. G. Penty; and visitors Bros. Captain Marshall (9th Lancers); R. S. Robinson, 123; and others.

The gavel was assumed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., and Bro. Halliwell was made a M.M. Bro. Whythead presented to the lodge a framed engraved portrait of Elias Ashmole, together with a copy of the diary of that ancient brother. He also presented to the library, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughs, a series of American Grand Lodge reports. Votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts, a candidate was proposed, and the lodge was closed.

EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Lyric Hall. The chair was taken by Bro. E. J. Acworth, P.M. 133, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. W. Fisher, S.W.; G. S. Wright, S.D.; E. C. Porter, J.D.; G. Coop, D.C.; J. L. Hamilton, I.G.; W. Meadows, Asst. Org.; J. Wells, Stwd.; H. Kasner, P.M., Treasurer; A. J. Burr, P.M., Secretary; A. Beasley, P.M.; S. Dyer, P.M.; F. Sladden, P.M.; W. Seward, jun., P.M.; S. Meech, A. Pooley, E. Gasson, J. R. Fernée, J. J. Clarke, E. T. Brown, C. W. Cunningham, J. W. Gay, J. Fryers, J. G. Eden, S. C. Quinion, H. A. Sawyer, J. Evans, and many other members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. W. J. London, J.W. 2077; W. Willey, W.M. 749; J. Fleck, 172; W. H. Chappell, 1245; C. Spagnioletti, 771, P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; W. Bellerby, 2021; J. Salmon, W.M. 2077, P.G. Registrar Essex; H. Youens, J.W. 185; A. C. Toy, 172; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; M. Rickwood, 192; A. Strong, W.M. 2022; F. A. Underwater, D. H. Harrison, P.M. 1681; York, 516; W. Chudleigh, 1803; H. Rutland, 1506; J. H. Lock, S.W. 511; S. Santon, and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was next received and adopted, showing the finances of the lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, there being also a substantial balance to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Wills, of 780, having been successfully balloted for as a joining member, Bro. Josiah William Fisher, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Fisher was regularly installed into the chair, after which he proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. G. S. Wright, S.W.; E. C. Por-

ter, J.W.; H. Kasner, P.M., Treasurer; A. J. Burr, P.M., Secretary; J. L. Hamilton, S.D.; G. Coop, J.D.; J. Wells, I.G.; A. Pooley, D.C.; J. R. Fernée and E. T. Brown, Stwds.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The usual addresses were then impressively rendered by the Installing Officer, Bro. Kasner, P.M., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for his kindness in performing the ceremony. The names of the several gentlemen for initiation having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial and excellent banquet.

"The Queen and the Craft" was, as usual, the first toast, Bro. Fisher, W.M., remarking that he esteemed it an honour to have the privilege of proposing that toast at the commencement of the jubilee year of her Majesty's reign. He alluded to some of the beneficial changes that had taken place during the past 50 years, and said he was convinced that her health would be received that night with the usual hearty welcome, for her Majesty had grown in the esteem and love of her people, who revered her more than ever.

"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," having been duly honoured, Bro. Acworth, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and observed that the gavel had been entrusted to him to perform one of the most pleasant duties of an I.P.M., that of asking the brethren to drink to the health of the brother who presided over them. His words were inadequate to satisfactorily perform the task, but he was sure, from what they had already seen of Bro. Fisher, that they would have a very efficient W.M. during the forthcoming year. They would remember the time with pleasure when their present W.M. gained the first rung of the ladder, but their pleasure would be three-fold now that he had attained to the dignity of the chair. They all heartily wished him a prosperous and happy year of office, and were convinced that the lodge would continue to progress under his able guidance.

Bro. J. W. Fisher, W.M., in reply, said he could not express as he would wish his feelings of gratitude for the manner in which his health had been proposed, and so cordially received by the brethren. The warmth of his reception had done him good, and given him fresh courage. Years ago he had looked forward to the position he now held as the pinnacle of his hopes and desires. He had looked upon the office of Master of the lodge as a position surrounded with a halo of bright beauty and almost of glory; but he now found that "hope told a flattering tale," and that it was more arduous than he had anticipated. To some extent that feeling had remained with him now that he found how ably he was being supported by the brethren, from whom, he was sure, he should receive every comfort and support during his year of office. It was necessary that he should have their help and sympathy, in order to promote a feeling of unanimity in the lodge. He begged them to accept his best thanks, and assured them he would, to the utmost of his ability, promote the welfare of Freemasonry in general, and of that lodge in particular.

The Worshipful Master next said he had a toast to propose that would at once commend itself to their hearty approval. It was "The Health of Bro. Acworth, the I.P.M." There had been many distinguished Past Masters in the lodge; but there was none to whom they were more indebted than Bro. Acworth. The prosperous condition of the lodge was principally owing to the exertions made by that brother during his term of office. It afforded him sincere pleasure to now present Bro. Acworth with the jewel voted by the lodge. By reference to their programmes, they would find the Shakespearian quotation attached to that toast was "Degrees and offices purchased by the merits of the wearer." That was true of every P.M. of the lodge; but was specially applicable to the present instance. He was sure they would all join with him in wishing Bro. Acworth health and strength to enjoy his well earned repose, and trusted the jewel would be handed down as a heirloom to his children as a memento of his pleasant connection with the lodge.

Bro. E. J. Acworth, I.P.M., replied, and said that when he was installed he looked upon that day as one of the happiest in his life; but he thought that the present occasion was an equally happy one. He thought when he undertook the duties of the chair that he had undertaken a very responsible task; but he now considered it a very great pleasure to have presided over them, and the pleasure had been considerably enhanced by their approval. It was a recompense to him to think he had performed his duties to their satisfaction, and he was more than satisfied. He trusted now that he was I.P.M. that the future would be as pleasurable as the past. He rejoiced that they were in such a prosperous condition, for it was a great satisfaction to a W.M. to preside over a lodge that was prospering. He sincerely thanked them for the hearty support accorded him during the past year, and also for the jewel, which he knew carried with it their kind regards and affection.

"The P.M.'s" was next given by Bro. Fisher, W.M., who testified to the good work done by the P.M.'s. There was, first, the father of the lodge, Bro. Beasley, whom the brethren were always happy to see present, and he was assured they would join with him in saying "God bless him." There were several others present that evening, including Bros. Kasner, Burr, Seward, and Dyer; and he could safely say that the lodge was proud of its P.M.'s. It was necessary for the proper working of the lodge that the W.M. should receive the support and guidance of the brethren who had passed through the chair; and he should look to those brethren who now sat on his left at the table to assist him with their counsel and advice.

Bro. Beasley, P.M., returned his sincere thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received. He congratulated the W. Master on attaining the chair, and also the lodge in having elected a brother second to none in the possession of those qualifications which at all times characterise Freemasonry.

Bros. Kasner, Burr, and Seward also responded, and expressed their willingness to render every assistance to the W.M. during his year of office.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and said they were always pleased to welcome brethren from other lodges, for they strove to carry out the biblical injunction and "let brotherly love continue." He was pleased to see so many brethren present, and he could say no more than repeat another of the quotations from the immortal bard, and say, "All our friends are welcome."

Bro. A. Strong, W.M. 2022, in response, returned thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren for their magnificent reception. The only reason he could assign for his

name being coupled with the toast was that he was the W.M. of a sister lodge in Ealing, but his presence that evening would be an assurance of the friendly and brotherly feeling existing between the two lodges, whose sole aim was to work in harmony and further the progress of benevolence and charity.

Bros. Spagnioletti and Salmon also responded.

Bro. Kasner, P.M., Treas., in returning thanks for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he should endeavour during his term of office to follow the excellent advice given by the W.M., when investing him with the collar, and "collect all he could, give all he could, and save all he could."

Bro. Burr, P.M., Secretary, also replied, and said he was satisfied that they had a bright future before them, for there was a harmonious and united feeling among them, and that was one of the greatest triumphs of Freemasonry.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next honoured.

Bro. Wright, S.W., responded, and assured the W.M. he could rely upon the co-operation of all the officers.

The Tyler's toast then closed a successful meeting.

During the evening some excellent music was rendered by Miss Madeline Hardy, Miss Florence Venning, Bro. Sidney Santon, and Mr. James Rudd.

HARROW.—Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—This lodge, which meets at the Railway Hotel, held its installation meeting on Saturday last, when Bro. Chas. Webster, the Senior Warden of the past year, who had been unanimously elected to the office of Master for the ensuing 12 months, was solemnly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. H. J. Slyman, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and an imposing array of Installed Masters formed the Board, in whose presence the installation ceremony was performed. Unfortunately, both the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, and his Deputy, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, were prevented, by prior engagements, from being present.

Among the visitors there were Bros. R. T. Whitley, P.P. G.D.C. Middx.; E. M. Lander, P.M. 1642; T. Archer, 1589; E. W. Scattergood, W.M. 753; C. T. Fox, P.M. 201; G. J. Baker, 869; J. Bindon, W.M. 704; J. Ellwood, W.M. 179; E. Rogers, S.W. 1238; E. C. Milvey, S.D. 179; John Salmon, I.G. 2045; J. C. Conway, W.S. 1891; S. G. Langdon, P.M. 538; James New, P.M. 179; Arthur Thomas, J. Kift, and E. C. Massey.

After the newly-installed W.M. had been duly proclaimed and saluted by the brethren in open lodge, Bro. Slyman, in an easy and impressive manner, delivered the customary orations, first to the W.M., next to the Wardens, and, lastly, to the minor officers and lay brethren; and the W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. John Woodmason, I.P.M.; Charles Parsons, S.W.; J. M. Jefferson, J.W.; T. W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Treas.; S. A. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; D. Stroud, S.D.; N. Goodchild, P.M., J.D.; Sondheim, I.G.; G. Dickens, D.C.; J. Crook, W.S.; and J. Middleton, Tyler.

The Secretary then read various communications, among which was an application from Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution for Stewards for the next Festival, upon hearing which, Bro. Webster, W.M., said that he should have much pleasure in representing the lodge on that occasion, and trusted that the members of the lodge would do their best to enable him to take up with him a respectable list of contributions.

There being no further business, the lodge was then closed and adjourned until April. The brethren and their guests afterwards dined together, and did full justice to an excellent banquet, well cooked and admirably served, which reflected great credit on Bro. Hamlin, the proprietor of the Railway Hotel.

After dinner, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and were all most cordially received and honoured by the company. The intervals between the toasts and the replies were agreeably filled up with some very good songs from Bros. Arthur Thomas and J. Kift, which were pleasantly supplemented by others contributed by members of the lodge.

In proposing the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—Bro. Webster said that the subjects of the toasts in the list were so generally well known, that no words were required from the proposer to recommend them to the company; he should therefore not delay the proceedings of the evening by making long speeches.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," Bro. Webster said that they all knew how keen an interest the Prince of Wales took in the proceedings and welfare of the Craft, and what admirable arrangements were made for carrying on the work devolving upon Grand Officers; the Earl of Carnarvon, their most able Pro Grand Master was well known to the brethren for the interest he took in Freemasonry, and for the time and the pains he devoted to the duties of his position, and the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, who were included in the toast, all took great interest, and gave up much of their time to Freemasonry, not only to the performance of the bare duties of Grand Lodge, but also in carrying out the many social, as well as official, duties that hung upon their offices. He hoped that they would in the future take the same interest in Freemasonry as they had done in the past.

In proposing "The Health of Col. Burdett, the Prov. Grand Master," Bro. Webster said that he had hoped to have had the pleasure of his company on that occasion; but he had reason to believe that at some future time within his year of office they would have the pleasure of welcoming the Provincial Grand Master among them. He trusted that Sir Francis would long be spared to rule over the province.

In proposing "The Health of Bro. Thrupp, the Deputy P.G.M.," Bro. Webster said that they had a great many Provincial Grand Officers, both Present and Past, in the lodge, Bro. Thrupp was an honorary member and used to come frequently and he hoped, would come soon again. Bro. Slyman, P.P.G.D.C., was present and he would ask him to respond, but he must also associate with this toast Bro. Adkins, Bro. Whitley, P.G.D. of C., and their P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. Cooper, P.P.G.D.

Bro. Slyman said, in reply, that he felt he had a very important duty to perform in replying for this toast and returning thanks for the Prov. Grand Officers. During the term of his office his services as an officer of the province had been called into requisition at the consecration of the lodge at South Hornsey. It was not for him to

speaking as to the proficiency of the Grand Officers generally, but he might say that the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Thrupp, discharged the duties of consecrating officer and subsequently the duties of Installing Officer in a most admirable manner; and the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Spencer Buller, gave as nice an oration as it had ever been his good fortune to listen to. He might, perhaps, without vanity add that he had heard that the Deputy P.G.M. had said how pleased he was with the way in which the affair had gone off and with the way in which his officers had discharged their duties. He was very pleased to have had the opportunity of performing the little service he had done in the lodge in installing their W.M., and it would always afford him pleasure to do what he could for the good of the lodge. He thanked them heartily on behalf of the Grand Officers for the cordial manner in which they had received this toast.

Bro. T. W. Cooper, Treas., also returned thanks.

Bro. John Woodmason, I.P.M., said that the next toast was "The Health of the W.M." He was sure that the brethren of the Unity Lodge could not have made a better choice than they had made in electing Bro. Webster. He had himself acted with Bro. Webster for a good many years, and the more he saw of him the better he liked him. From what he knew of Bro. Webster he was sure he would make a good Master, and if he received the same kindness and consideration from the brethren that had been shown to him (Bro. Woodmason) they would get on remarkably well. He concluded by asking the brethren to be upstanding and drink this toast.

Bro. Webster, in reply, thanked them very much for the unanimity with which the toast had been drunk. He was pleased to hear Bro. Woodmason speak in the way he had spoken. They had been fast friends for a long time. Since his connection with the lodge he (Bro. Webster) had met with friendliness and kindness on all sides; and it gave him great pleasure to be placed in his present position after striving to do his duty in the lower offices in the lodge, because it showed that the brethren had been pleased with his endeavours.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," on whose behalf Bros. Binder, Scattergood, and Ellwood returned thanks.

Bro. Webster said the next toast was that of "The I.P.M." It was a toast that afforded him great pleasure to propose, not only as Master of the lodge, but as a friend of the I.P.M. Bro. Woodmason had had a very successful year of office, he had been hearty and good to every member of the lodge, and to every visitor, and he had done the ceremonies in a very creditable manner. He trusted that Bro. Woodmason might live many years to be a Past Master of the Unity Lodge. At the same time he had great pleasure in presenting the I.P.M. with a jewel, which was presented as a token of appreciation by the members of the lodge at the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties as Master during the past twelve months.

In replying, Bro. Woodmason said that it afforded him a very great amount of pleasure to have had that jewel placed upon his left breast, and he begged to assure the brethren of the Unity Lodge that he thanked them for it, for he was sure that if they had thought him underserving they would not have given it to him. He hoped that he should be spared to be with them many years. The longer he belonged to the Unity Lodge the better he liked it, because the brethren all acted up to the name they had adopted for their lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," which was very ably replied to by Bro. New, P.M. 179.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was then proposed, Bros. Cooper and Adkins returning thanks.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Officers," which was replied to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

Bro. Adkins proposed "The Health of the Secretary," to which Bro. Stephen A. Cooper replied briefly, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of the evening to a close.

THORNTON HEATH.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Ranson, W.M.; C. Tarry, S.W.; F. T. Ridpath, J.W.; W. Foulsham, P.M.; Treas.; H. M. Hobbs, Sec.; J. Kilvington, S.D.; E. Samuel, J.D.; R. G. Fleming, I.G.; W. Lane, Tyler; H. Baber, I.P.M.; Griffin, Horton, Best, Haskins, Chamberlain, Blogg, Davies, Greenfield, Philips, Blockey, and J. Clarke. Visitors: Bros. W. Staley, S.D. 1597; W. G. Oates, D. of C. 2096; A. R. Jones, Org. 804; D. Guedalla, 2096; J. Browning, 1320; W. Burn, 358; A. Matthey, 2096; and A. W. Smith, 1044.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for three gentlemen, and proved unanimous in their favour, one of whom—Mr. Wm. Francis Blockey—being present, was initiated into Freemasonry, and the charge given. After two gentlemen had been proposed and seconded and other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of Bro. H. Baldwin, P.P.G.Std. Br. Middx., W.M. 1632, as W.M., supported by Bros. C. H. Wiltshire, W.M. 507, as S.W.; J. J. Newland as J.W.; James Letchford, the energetic Secretary, as S.D.; J. F. Andrews as J.D.; G. H. Lewis, I.G.; J. N. Hate, P.M., the able and talented Preceptor; Binks, R. Poore, W.M. 1949; C. J. Axford, W.M. 2048; Inglis, Davis, Chapman, White, Burridge, Todman, and others.

The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very able manner, Bro. Binks acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed, with Bro. Poore as candidate. By the unanimous desire of the brethren, the W.M. then called off for the purpose of Bro. Poore's instructions in entry drill, which evolutions were gone through by the brethren with very commendable precision—we should like to see this practised often, as it was in days of yore at this school of instruction under former talented Preceptors; we can recommend this to the newly-initiated, and, indeed, to a great number of those brethren more experienced in the Craft who do not always enter and retire from our lodges with that grace and ease and correctness of deportment which is so very desirable. The lodge was again called on, and Bro. H. Wiltshire, S.W., was unanimously elected

W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Brethren are cordially invited to join, or attend as visitors, this old and useful class of instruction, which is held every Friday evening in the commodious Temple at the above-named hall, and we are desired to state that the hour is now 7.30 instead of 8, which was thought more suitable during the summer months.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Eagle Tavern Clifton-road, Maida-hill. Present: Bros. J. Miller, W.M. 173; W.M.; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, S.W.; S. J. Humfress, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas., and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; R. Dillon, S.D.; M. J. Green, J.D.; W. J. Stratton, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Stwd.; J. W. Cull, P.M. 1068; C. R. Wickens, W.M. 733; Moore, C. Coleman, and J. Round.

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. Coleman candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Coleman having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Coleman candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, Bros. Moore and Round were elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. The S.W., Bro. Stephens, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction—held at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham—was rendered more than usually interesting on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., by the presence of W. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., who rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation in a manner which was simply faultless.

At the latter ceremony, Bro. J. D. Birkin, W.M. 754, was installed into the chair of K.S., and appointed his officers as follows, giving the usual address in each case: Bros. J. Driscoll, P.M. 30, Sec. 1579, P.P.G.P. Middx., S.W.; A. Bryant, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.J.D. Middx., J.W.; W. Binnie, P.M. 209, W.M. 1237, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Berks and Bucks, Sec.; G. Tegg, W.M. 1237, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., J.D.; A. G. Fidler, P.M. 754, 1237, P.P.G.S.D. Middx., J.D.; C. G. H. Jennings, Org. 1237, Org.; and F. W. Wheelhouse, 1237, I.G. There were also present Bros. J. Robinson, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.W. Herts.; W. Lewis, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.S. Herts.; W. Sproat, W.M. 1327, P.P.G.S. Herts.; W. Bickel, 1327; W. Metcalf, 1327; H. Trask, 1327; J. Mark, 1327; E. J. Everdell, P.M. 1579; J. Marshall, 1237; J. J. Jones; Southwell; J. Ellister; W. Oaff, P.M. 765; E. Holt, 754; W. H. Fisher, 1489; T. M. M. George; F. M. Noakes, 2148; D. De Rees, 1237; H. Woodley, 1237; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237, 1707, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. Wells, P.M. 754; A. Reeves, 754; A. Patterson, 754; J. T. Clark, 754; M. Barnes, 754; J. Stephens, P.M. 754 and 1579; E. C. Oldiss, 1579; F. J. Brent, 879; G. Richards, 1237 and 1707; H. Murrell, 30; and J. Very, Tyler.

On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bros. Jas. Garrod, P.M. 754, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., who acted as D.C., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to W. Bro. James Terry for his impressive rendering of the beautiful ceremonies they had just witnessed, and that the same be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. The motion having been seconded, was carried with acclamation. W. Bro. James Terry thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his work, and said it always gave him great pleasure to rehearse this most beautiful part of our ritual; his thanks were due to Bro. W. Binnie, their indefatigable Secretary, and Bro. J. Garrod, who performed his duties as D.C. in a manner which left nothing to be desired. On rising for the second time, a number of brethren were unanimously elected joining members.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington. W. Present: Bros. E. F. Ferris, W.M.; E. C. Mulvey, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. R. Allman, S.D.; Jos. Bailey, J.D.; J. H. Wood, I.G.; O. L. Haines, Stwd.; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 188; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; F. Chandler, E. M. Daniel, J. Crutenden, W. Matthews, W. C. Williams, S. Bullen, W. Seaman, W. G. Parnell, and A. W. Thompson.

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. Williams being the candidate. Bro. Read worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the S.W. answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Mulvey was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 11th inst. Present: Bros. Cutbill, W.M.; Harling, S.W.; Featherstone, J.W.; Taylor, P.M., Preceptor; Bond, S.D.; Gompertz, J.D.; Langley, I.G.; Williams, P.M.; Carter, P.M.; and A. Grundy.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Bond and Grundy, the Treasurer and Secretary elect, were, by the W.M., very gracefully invested with the collars of their respective offices. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Taylor, P.M., Preceptor, who proposed rehearsing the ceremony of passing to the Second Degree. Bro. Williams, P.M., offering himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony very impressively carried out. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. A discussion took place on the subject of audit and finance, the Auditors promising to have their report ready by next meeting. Bro. Harling was elected W.M. for next meeting, 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 7th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Sammons, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; A. Gammell, J.W.; Henry Crookes, S.D.; Charles Lambert, J.D.; L. Gunzel, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas., and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; F. Kedge, J. D. Graham, B. Holeyman, W. Brindley, J. S. Henry, E. C. Mulvey, Frank Gulliford, C. Ralph, W. Culverhouse, B. Solomon, H. W. Larkin, J. H. Meyer, W. S. Hoyte, J. Rayner, C. Grassi, A. Clark, C. Iter, F. M. Noakes, R. J. Harnell, T. A. Dickson, S. B. Serg, W. Hancock, G. P. Bertini, and James Watts.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. E. C. Mulvey worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the Second Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. kindly vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. P. Bertini, and Bro. G. Reynolds acted as S.D., by permission of the W.M. Bro. R. J. Harnell having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the Degree of F.C. Bro. H. Sammons resumed the chair as W.M., and Bro. Henry Crookes that of S.D. 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. J. B. Serg, 509, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. Solomon; and Bro. H. W. Larkin, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, seconded by Bro. F. M. Noakes. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. On rising for the third time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes

of this lodge of instruction to Bro. H. Sammons, W.M., for the very excellent and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time that evening. Although he had kindly given up the chair to Bro. G. P. Bertini for the working of the Second Degree—which he would do in his mother lodge tomorrow evening—the W.M. had proved to them he could do his work well, and would no doubt, in a short space of time, become a good Master; seconded by the J.W. The W.M. made a suitable reply. Bro. A. Clark said that, having heard with much satisfaction that their Preceptor had been elected W.M. of his lodge, it is hereby agreed by the members of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction to present him with a W.M.'s apron and collar, &c., as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services to that lodge of instruction; seconded by Bro. F. Kedge, and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Reynolds proposed that the presentation take place on the evening of Thursday, the 15th November next, and that Bro. Farwig, P.M., be asked to work the ceremony of installation on that evening; seconded by Bro. Frank Gulliford. Bro. F. Kedge then proposed that the Secretary send a circular to that effect to the members of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction; seconded by Bro. A. Clark. Bro. G. Reynolds read the draft of a circular, which was unanimously approved of. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. R. H. Williams, W.M.; Keene, S.W.; Cochrane, J.W.; Hubbard, S.D.; Locke, J.D.; Holland, I.G.; Read, P.M.; 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, Bro. Dresden being candidate. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Locke having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor and Bro. Cochrane. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Keene was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Wade, P.M.; W.M.; Green, junr., S.W.; Gibson, P.M.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; Gibson, P.M.; Treas.; Coughlan, P.M.; Sec.; Mann, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Wombell, I.G.; Green, P.M.; Edwards, Clarkson, Roberts, Newby, Swingle, Hayes, and Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Swingle, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Swingle being the candidate. Bro. Roberts, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. Green, junr., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, and three ballots were taken, which proved favourable to Bros. Green, junr., Roberts, and Baker.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Purdew, P.M.; W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; Cavers, J.W.; Austin, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Stonehill, I.G.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Speigel, P.M.; Burton, P.M.; Josey, P.M.; Curtis, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; W. Williams, Gilbert, Head, Bonham, Marsh, and Whittel.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of this Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Speigel, P.M., worked the 4th Section of this Lecture. The lodge then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Bonham, 1305, was elected a joining member. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1812).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M. and Treas.; J. Davies, S.W.; W. Gomm, J.W.; Ayling, Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; C. Coombes, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; W. W. Williams, I.G.; F. Craggs, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M.; H. Purdew, P.M.; H. Jackson, W. H. Wilson, J. Wood, C. Dopson, Thornton, and C. Hopkins. Visitors: Bros. A. Skinner and Osborne.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thornton, E.A., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Skinner, F.C., being examined, answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Wood offering himself as a candidate for passing, the W.M. ably rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. J. Sims, P.M., 834, 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, Bro. Sims candidate. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Skinner and Osborne were elected members of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER (No. 548).—The installation meeting of the above excellent chapter was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when Comp. W. G. Batchelor, M.E.Z. elect, was installed as Z. for the ensuing 12 months. As Comp. Bro. Batchelor is at the present time M.E.Z. of the Pythagorean Chapter, it was necessary to apply to Grand Chapter for a dispensation to enable him to take the chair here, which dispensation we need hardly say was cheerfully granted. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. J. Hutchings, and Bro. W. Beavis, P.M. 879, who had been previously ballotted for and approved, was, with the usual ceremony, exalted to the Supreme Degree. Comp. E. J. B. Bumstead, P.Z., then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in grand style inducted Comps. Batchelor, as Z.; W. P. Catterson, as H.; and R. Tilling, as J., into their respective chairs. The following junior officers were then invested: Comps. Bumstead, P.Z., Treas.; H. Carman, S.E.; J. Youldon, S.N.; W. Martin, P.S.; H. Youngman, 1st Asst. S.; W. J. Newell, 2nd Asst. S.; A. Holmes, D. of C.; and W. Kipps, Organist. Comp. Bumstead then gave the usual addresses with rare eloquence and impressiveness, and so concluded a brilliant ceremony. The first duty of the M.E.Z. was to present a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Hutchings, I.P.Z., for services rendered to the chapter, and further to mark the high estimation in which he is held by the companions of the chapter, and in so doing the M.E.Z. spoke highly of the ability with which the worthy recipient had carried out his duties, and also of his courteous and genial presidency during his year of office, and trusted Comp. Hutchings might long be spared to wear it as a token of the good will and esteem of the companions, one and all.

Comp. Hutchings having briefly acknowledged the compliment, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Comp.

Bumstead for the admirable manner in which he had carried out his duties as Installing Officer, and he also returned thanks.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a handsomely served banquet, which reflected the highest credit on Comp. Morgan, the worthy host.

Among the companions present were J. West, P.Z.; S. P. Catterson, P.Z.; E. W. Nightingale, T. Prior, F. Morgan, E. Lepper, J. Penny, C. Churchill, W. Jones, A. Holmes, and J. Vandenhead, all of the chapter; H. Bartlett, P.Z. 169; W. Youldon, 452; S. R. Speight, 169; A. Price, 192; J. Warcup, 140; G. Burney, 169; and C. Jolly, S.N. 1472, and 913.

The cloth having been cleared, the usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Hutchings rose to propose the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and also that of "The Second and Third Principals." He said the toast was one that required more eloquence than he was possessed of to do credit to it, and certainly nothing he could say would, or could, do justice to the many excellent and truly Masonic qualities possessed by their M.E.Z.; but he felt sure that under his rule the chapter would still continue its prosperous career. With regard to their excellent companions H. and J., they had proved themselves worthy of their exalted positions, and he asked the companions to drink the toast most heartily.

M. E. Comp. Batchelor, who was received with cheers, said he thanked them very much for their kind reception of the toast. As one of the founders of the chapter he rejoiced to see its progress, and, although the First Principal of another chapter, he should do all in his power to keep up the prestige of the Wellington Chapter. He had two good officers in companions H. and J., and as their healths had been joined with his, he should leave them to return thanks for themselves.

Comp. Catterson said, as H., he should, in the future, as he had hitherto done, endeavour to do his duty in such a way as to prove worthy of the honour bestowed upon him; in fact, even better if it laid in his power to do so. He cordially thanked them for their good wishes.

Comp. Tilling, in response, said he was untried at present, but hoped that when tried he should not be found wanting, but worthy of their confidence. He should do as their M.E.Z. had said he should do, all in his power to further the interests of the chapter, and to keep up its prestige.

"The Exalte" having been honoured, and returned thanks, Comps. Bartlett, Youldon, Price, Warcup, Burney, and Jolly severally responded for "The Visitors."

Comp. Catterson responded for "The P.Z.'s," and Comp. Bumstead for the "Installing Officer."

Comp. Martin's name was coupled with the toast of "The Officers," and then the Janitor's toast concluded a memorable and happy meeting.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 8th inst., when there was a fair number of companions present. Comp. J. G. Smith was installed as Z.; Comp. J. Moul, H.; and Comp. J. Duckett, J. The following companions were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. R. Whitfield, S.E.; James McCulloch, S.N.; A. Simpson, P.S.; William Brown, 1st A.S.; H. F. Dryden, 2nd A.S.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor.

The companions afterwards dined together in the refreshment room.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Present: Comps. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z.; G. Gregory, H.; Jacobs, J.; Slyman, S.E.; Ives, S.N.; Roache, P.S.; T. Edmonds, Preceptor; Cotton, Medwin, and Archer.

Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Archer candidate. The excellent manner in which the several companions fulfilled their duties shows the interest Comp. T. Edmonds takes in this chapter of improvement to perfect those who attend, and companions are cordially invited. Chapter opens at 8 o'clock p.m.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; J. R. Lovegrove (visitor), St. James' Union, H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J. H. Dehane, J. 890, 862, S.E.; J. T. Mickelburgh, Z. 733, Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, 975, P.S.; and W. C. Williams.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Williams candidate. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. Capt. H. S. Andrews was passed. Comp. J. T. Mickelburgh, Z. 733, was elected (pro tem.) Treasurer. Votes of thanks to Comp. Lovegrove, H., and Comp. Cruttenden, J., for the able manner in which they had rehearsed the duties of Second and Third Principals (Comp. Cruttenden for the first time) were passed. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

Scotland.

MASONIC CEREMONY IN DUNDEE.

On Friday, the 24th ult., a portrait of Bro. Sir John Ogilvy, Bart., of Inverquhar and Baldovan, was unveiled in the Operative Lodge, of which Sir John was the Right Worshipful Master in 1842-3-4, afterwards in 1849-50, and again in 1853. Bro. D. HENDERSON, R.W.M., who presided, trusted Sir John would not regard the picture on the score of its intrinsic worth, but rather in the light of the spirit which prompted its production. He trusted that it would long adorn the walls of the lodge, and prove an incentive to industry, perseverance, and good conduct.

Bro. MORRIS, in unveiling the portrait, said that in his daily life Sir John had carried out the principles of Freemasonry. A man of large heart and broad sympathies, his life had been an exemplification of brotherly love and charity, two conspicuous Masonic graces, which served to bind the Brotherhood firmly together by their golden chains.

Bro. Sir JOHN, in reply, thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid to him, and said it was gratifying to him to find that the same kind, generous, and forbearing spirit which he experienced when performing his Masonic duties still prevailed, and he hoped those feelings would continue to prevail.

"SOLOMON'S TEMPLE."

Some interesting particulars are given in the *Boston Herald* respecting the author of the famous work on "Solomon's Temple," recently reviewed in the *Freemason*.

It appears that Dr. Timothy Otis Paine is not a pedantic professor in some knowledge-saturated German University, neither has he been a traveller in Palestine—"a digger among historic ruins in historic lands"—but proves to be the pastor of a little church in a tiny New-England village (not far from Plymouth Rock) called Elmwood, where, for three decades, he has married the lads and lassies, christened their children, and buried their fathers and mothers. He is, in fact, "the presiding genius of the place, its mentor guide and friend." Men and women of all creeds, and those of no creed, fill the Swedenborgian Church out of pure love for the gentle minister. His is the only church in Elmwood, and so long as he lives no other will be required. "As Professor of Hebrew in the Swedenborgian Theological School of Boston he has made his mark," yet, with all his learning, the minister of Elmwood is the most unassuming of men, as he is the most faithful of friends and the most delightful of companions."

His extraordinary precision and accuracy enable him to think out his sentences before committing them to paper, and in his written sermons, extending over thirty-three years, and even in his friendly letters, scarcely a correction or interlineation is to be found. The retort of the "enfant terrible" to his clerical parent would be quite lost on him:

"Pa, when oo writes a sermon, does Dod

Tell oo what to say?"

"Yes, my child."

"What for oo scratch it out, then?"

"The accomplishment of his colossal work on Solomon's Temple involved the study of architecture and draughtmanship, the mastery of the French, German, Italian, Swedish, Persian, Hebrew, Syriac, Coptic, Chaldaic, Arabic, and Sanscrit languages, the Itala of North Africa, the cuneiform characters of Egypt, and a number of other tongues." The result is a noble volume, much of which sets aside the preconceived notions on the subject, and all the details are given so exactly that one can now construct a "Solomon's Temple" for themselves, so far as the mere structure is concerned. Our only regret is that the work has been issued in such a large size, and at so great an expense, that it will be practically read by the few only, unless a cheap edition is issued. Five guineas for a single volume is not suggestive of numerous subscribers, and is, in reality, simply prohibitive. We shall be surprised to hear that many are sold in this country at such a figure, though we are bound to acknowledge that even at the present price it is well worth buying.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management took place at Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Patron and Trustee, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and among the members present were Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Samuel Brooks, John Bulmer, J. Newton, R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; C. Lacey, C. H. Webb, Joseph Freeman, W. T. Daniell, A. Forsyth, C. J. Perceval, W. J. Murlis, C. F. Hogard, T. Griffith, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Joseph Clever, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. Belton, W. H. Perryman, G.A.P.; Albert Fish, Hugh Cohu, J. J. Berry, J. Tickle, and J. Terry (Sec.)

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of three male and one female annuitants.

The Warden's report was read, and that of the Financial Committee read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A widow's application for the half of her late husband's annuity was granted. Letters from Bros. Cama, Grand Treas.; and J. D. Allcroft, Past Grand Treas., were read.

The petitions of two male candidates having been rejected, and those of three female candidates accepted, and their names ordered to be placed on the list for next year's election, the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT BRIXHAM.

The new Masonic Hall at Brixham, the foundation-stone of which was laid in the early part of the present year, has just been completed. It was intended to have opened it a short time since with an imposing ceremony, but as it was not then convenient for Lord Ebrington, P.G.M. of Devon, to be present to consecrate the lodge, the event was postponed to a later date. Arrangements are in progress for his lordship or his deputy to perform that ceremony at an early date, and failing that, the hall will be opened with the usual formalities without any public ceremony. On account of the lease of the old hall having fallen in it has been necessary to remove the furniture and fittings to the new premises. It is anticipated that the brethren will hold their first meeting in about three weeks' time, when the members of various neighbouring lodges will be invited to be present.

The new hall has been erected on a piece of land purchased for the purpose, adjoining Station-road, and immediately contiguous to All Saints' Church, Lower Brixham. In the arrangement of the building, which presented many difficulties on account of the awkwardness of the site, which is triangle in shape, a great improvement has been effected in the entrance to All Saints' Church, as well as in the approach to the new hall itself. The building contains an entrance hall leading into a reception and robing room, measuring 25 feet by 12 feet. There is also besides convenient offices, a Tyler's and candidates' room, communicating with the large hall. This, which is the Masonic Hall proper, is of large dimensions, measuring 35 feet in length, 19 feet in width, and being 18 feet high. It has an opened timbered roof with diagonal boarding, and the general fittings and entablature over the Master's seat, are of varnished pitchpine. There is a raised dais around the room four inches higher than the ordinary floor, which is laid with black walnut and white sycamore in blocks of six inches square. Externally the building is of bunch-faced limestone with Bath stone dressings, and is in the Gothic style of architecture.



The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent will be held at Gravesend, on Wednesday the 20th inst.

The election meeting of the Quadratic Chapter, No. 1691, will be held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Monday next.

Bro. J. Judd, J.P., C.C., presided on Thursday last at the third smoking concert of the Bohemian Musical Society at the Crystal Palace.

The arrangements of Aeolian Club, of which Bro. the Lord Mayor elect is President, have been made for the ensuing season.

The consecration of the St. Mark's Lodge, which was announced last week for the 8th inst., has been postponed till 29th inst., in consequence of the absence from town of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.

The Pimlico Lodge, No. 1773, met at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, on Thursday, the 7th inst., and the Abbey Lodge, No. 2030, held their first meeting this season at the Town Hall, Westminster, on Monday last.

The Provincial Grand Mastership for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire will shortly become vacant through the resignation of Bro. the Duke of Manchester, who was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland in 1863, and has held the appointment ever since.

Bro. H. E. Coffin was on Monday last installed W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 167. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. E. Storr. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Lady Halsbury, wife of Bro. the Lord Chancellor, will open a bazaar, which will be held on the 11th, 12th, and 13th November prox., in Woodside Hall, Woodside Park, in aid of various purposes connected with the Church of St. John, Whetstone.

Comp. Richard P. Brown is Grand High Priest, and Comp. J. L. Power Grand Secretary, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi. The financial statement shows a slight advantage as between revenue and expenditure in favour of the former.

Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, 1632, asks us to state that the next meeting of this lodge will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Monday, the 25th inst., at 6 o'clock. There are several important business items on the agenda.

Comp. G. Gregory was very impressively installed as First Principal of St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, 1538, for the second time on Tuesday, the 5th inst., an honour of which he may be justly proud, and showing the highest esteem entertained for him by the Principals and companions of this distinguished chapter, who wished him a successful and prosperous year.

Prince Albert Victor performed the ceremony of opening the new Victoria Hospital, at Burnley, on Wednesday. An address was presented by the Freemasons, to which the Prince handed a written reply. The members of the Order afterwards joined the procession through the streets of the town.

The installation of Bro. W. Ashenden as the Worshipful Master of the Canterbury Lodge, No. 31, was held at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Thursday, the 7th inst. There was a large attendance of brethren from the lodges in neighbouring towns. The Dover lodges were represented by Bros. W. O. Kennett, W.M. 1208; Smeth, P.M.; and J. W. Wright, J.W.

Owing to the large attendance of the musical profession at the Prince's Hall, on Monday, in response to Bro. Charles Du-Val's "At Home" invitation, many persons were disappointed, and unable to obtain seats. Bro. Du-Val has determined to give another special matinee on Monday afternoon next to musical artistes. The Morretts will be introduced again with their mysterious Thought Transferences, and a full programme from Bro. Du-Val's repertoire will be also given.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, has announced his intention of holding a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when it is hoped there will be a large attendance of brethren to give his lordship a hearty greeting. A service will be held in the Cathedral, after which a banquet will be held at the Masonic Club, at which no doubt there will be a large attendance to enjoy a few hours pleasure under the genial presidency of his lordship, who is a great favourite and held in high respect among the Masons of the province.

In our report of the funeral of the late Bro. Joshua Nunn last week, we gave a list of those present representing the Masonic and other bodies, and we have since been furnished with the names of those who followed the remains of our deceased brother as mourners, walking two abreast, as follows: Mr. John Bunting (father-in-law), Mr. Collett (brother-in-law), Mrs. Payne (neice) and her husband, Mr. John Bunting, jun. (brother-in-law, exr.), Mrs. Conrath, Mr. Henry Bunting (brother-in-law, exr.), Mr. Thomas Bunting (brother-in-law), Mr. John Seabrook, Dr. Harrison (medical attendant), Mr. Johnson (solicitor), Mr. Frigout (Chief Clerk U.S. Consulate), Bro. W. A. Baskcomb (Chief Clerk to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales), Bro. Atkinson, deputation from the Richmond Lodge, 2032, of which deceased was a founder, viz., Bros. W. R. Phillips, W.M., bearing a handsome floral wreath, R. E. Blasby, P.M., and W. F. Reynolds, Treas.; Mr. H. W. Mason and Mr. T. Beddingfield, personal friends—each bearing a floral wreath.

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The Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire will be held at Wigan on Wednesday next.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire, has been fixed to take place at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, Blackpool, on the 30th inst.

The translation in verse of the first twelve books of Homer's "Odyssey" by Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon will be published at an early date by Messrs. Macmillan and Co.

Bro. J. M. Klenck presided on Wednesday at a public meeting, at the Cannon-street Hotel, convened to form the Institute of Auctioneers and Surveyors of Great Britain.

Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Lord Mayor elect of London, has appointed Dr. Baker, Head Master of Merchant Taylors' School, to be his Chaplain, and Bro. W. J. Soulsby as his private secretary.

There were in attendance at the Court of Aldermen at the Guildhall on Tuesday, among others, Bros. the Lord Mayor (in the Chair), and Aldermen Sir B. S. Phillips, Stone, Sir H. E. Knight, Waterlow, Savory, and Cowan.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will hold its Annual General Communication by invitation of the Beverlac Lodge, No. 281, at the Norwood Rooms, Beverley, on Thursday, the 28th inst.

At the dinner given by the Livery of the Clock-makers' Company at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday evening, there were present, among others, Bros. Major Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., Colonel Cook, Hyde Clarke, and R. Paget.

The lecture delivered by Bro. Henry Irving at Oxford, in June last, "On English Actors; their Characteristics and their Methods," is on the eve of being published by the Clarendon Press as a shilling brochure. The advance orders are unusually heavy.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, on Friday last, the newly-installed Grand Master, Lord Henniker, proposed a vote of five guineas from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Binckes' Presentation Fund.

Complimentary banquets to the ex-Sheriffs will be given by the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, of which Bro. Major Joseph, C.C., is the Master, and to Bro. Alderman Evans by the Ward of Cordwainer, of which he is a leading inhabitant.

There will be an officers' night at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, at The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, on Monday next, the 18th inst., when Bro. G. W. Knight, W.M. elect of the parent lodge, will be installed into the chair of K.S. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Northumberland and Durham has been fixed for Friday, the 5th prox., at Gateshead, and will be held under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Provincial Grand Master Master Mason.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday. In the absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D. of England, and Dep. Prov. G. Master, presided. There was a full attendance of the brethren.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has it in contemplation to give a Masonic banquet at the Mansion House to the Grand Officers of the year and the members of the lodges of which his lordship is a member. The date is not yet fixed. Another and larger banquet will conclude the brilliant series of festivities of the present Mayoralty.

BRO. FREDERICK BINCKES PRESENTATION FUND.—The following names have been added to the Executive since we printed the former list: Bros. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., R.W.P.G.M. Worcestershire; Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Dist. G.M. Victoria, Australia; E. Baldwin, J. Brook-Smith, M.A., D.P.G.M. Gloucester; W. Cooke, J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; R. B. Evans, A. T. Layton, Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; G. F. Newmarch, D.P.G.M. Gloucester; Dick Radclyffe, Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Henry Stone, Charles Truscott, T. B. Whytehead, John M. Wike, and W. B. Williamson.

We learn from a correspondent of *La Chaine d'Union*, who writes from Guatemala, that the Lodge of Constance no longer exists, but in its place have been established four new lodges under the auspices of the Grand Orient of Central America at Costa Rica, namely, Igualdad (Equality), No. 21; Libertad (Liberty), No. 22; Fraternidad (Fraternity), No. 23; all of which were constituted on the 22nd May, and work according to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the Lodge Union, which works the York Rite. There are 200 Freemasons in the Republic of Guatemala, of whom one half reside in the capital, and the other half is scattered throughout the departments. In San Salvador, there is a symbolic lodge, the Excelsior, No. 17, which works under the Supreme Council of Central America, having been established at the capital of the State. To Bros. Juan R. Carazo, 32°, who was till lately its Venerable (W.M.), Juan Padilla, his successor, Rafael Anpune, Colombian minister resident in San Salvador and Marcelin Quinzada is due the establishment of this lodge, which has enjoyed an unbroken career of prosperity. The Central American Supreme Council has 23 lodges in its jurisdictions.

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Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, who has arrived at Dunraven Castle, Glamorganshire, assisted at the opening of a club at Penarth, near Cardiff, on Monday evening.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey have returned to town from their continental trip, while Bro. Lord and Lady Lonsborough have left town on a visit to Brighton.

It appears that the New Jersey brethren are negotiating for the purchase of a valuable site in Jersey City, on which they propose to erect a large Masonic Hall, at a cost of 200,000 dollars (£40,000).

The annual festival of the St. Peters Lodge, No. 1330, Market Harborough, will be held at the Three Swans Hotel this evening (Friday), when Bro. Charles F. Massie, Prov. G.P. designate, will be installed W.M. Bro. Massie will present a very elegant banner to the lodge (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning).

We are informed that Bro. Henry I. Parker, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, has presented to that body a register of the brethren known to have been connected with the Craft in Boston and its vicinity between 1733 and 1800. The compilation of this register has entailed an immense amount of work during a long term of years.

We understand that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland will take place in Newcastle, on Tuesday, the 16th prox., when Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart, M.P., will be installed as the Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, in place of Bro. Earl Percy, who has resigned.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey will in January of next year celebrate its centenary in the city of Trenton, the day selected being the 25th of that month. An historical sketch, by Bro. H. R. Cannon, Past G. Master, and an oration by Bro. Hamilton Wallis, Past G. Master, will constitute the most interesting portion of the programme appointed for the occasion.

The audit meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, was held on Monday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., and the Auditors and officers afterwards dined together, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. Lovegrove, who was supported by the W.M. elect, Bro. G. W. Knight, and Past Master's Bros. J. Willing, jun., C. J. Seales, W. M. Stiles, G. Clack, jun., G. Edwards, and F. J. Perks. The installation is on the 20th, when a jewel of elegant design (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) will be presented to the outgoing W.M.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Creton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1791, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, W., on Thursday, the 28th instant. First Lecture—1st Section—Bro. Dopson, W.M. 834; 2nd—Bro. Josey, P.M. 1828; 3rd—Bro. Rogers, W.M. 1791; 4th—Bro. Brietbart, 1828; 5th—Bro. Child, P.M. 538; 6th—Bro. Cuff, P.M. 511; 7th—Bro. Sims, P.M. 834. Second Lecture—1st Section—Bro. Cochrane, W.M. 1056; 2nd—Bro. Reynolds, P.M. 1444; 3rd—Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585; 4th—Bro. Speigel, P.M. 188; 5th—Bro. Craggs, 835. Third Lecture—1st Section—Bro. E. Austin, 1791; 2nd—Bro. Purdue, P.M. 834; 3rd—Bro. Davies (Preceptor), 169. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock. Bro. J. Davies, Preceptor, W.M.; Bro. Jesse Collings, P.M. 1585, S.W.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. J. J. BERRY, P.M. AND TREAS. 554, P.Z. 554. P.M. 1278, P.Z. 933, &c.

On Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., at a dinner provided to the complete satisfaction of the company at the George Peabody, Shadwell, Bro. J. J. Berry was presented with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome silver salver weighing 28 ounces, and also a "tantalus," indicative of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow parishioners. Bro. Berry has taken an active part in parochial matters for many years past, and served in the position of church warden for several years. He is now leaving the parish in consequence of his business premises having been absorbed for the fish market, but is not going very far away, as he has obtained other water-side premises in Narrow-street, Limehouse. The Rev. E. Bray presided, supported in the vice-chair by Bro. Churchwarden Arliss, and there were present Bros. Dr. Sargent, Page, Starnes, Verry, Warman, Mellish, Keith, and Waters, also Capt. Taylor, and Messrs. Davis, Hankin, S. Starnes, and others. The inscription on the salver and tantalus reads as follows:—"Presented to J. J. Berry as a token of esteem by his friends in Shadwell, who deeply regret his departure from the parish. October, 1886."

After dinner the Rector, in a few well chosen words, expressed his delight in presenting Bro. Berry with the testimonial, saying that when he first had the pleasure of being appointed rector of the parish of Shadwell, his then churchwarden was Bro. Berry, who, with his usual tact and kindness, made him, the rector, at once feel at home, and ever since that time, some five years since, Bro. Berry had been one of his principal supporters in charitable and other parochial matters, and although he was leaving the parish it was a pleasure to know that he had so many staunch friends who regretted his leaving, and they felt sure that Bro. Berry's heart was still, and always would remain with them.

Bro. BERRY, on rising to thank his many friends for the very handsome present, said how surprised, but highly pleased, he was at this manifestation of kindness. Words would not express his feelings on this occasion, especially when so many around the table had known him all his life. He should always regard the present with feelings of satisfaction and pleasure, and although he had no children to follow him, he could assure them that it would be always highly prized by some member of his family, by whom it would remain as evidence of the goodwill with which he had been appreciated in Shadwell. He wished to thank them from the bottom of his heart.

Several toasts were given and duly acknowledged, and a most pleasant evening spent, enlivened by songs and recitations.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, October 23, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, 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.

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 18.

- Lodge 21, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarbrook, 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 20.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London
 Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender Hill.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Hot., Highbury.
 " 2021, Queen's Westminster, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 " 2045, Wharton, White Hart Hot., Willesden.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 171, Amity, City Terminus Hot., Cannon-st.
 " 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 829, High Cross, Bull Hot., Dartford.
 Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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 Bds., at 7.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.

- Fiars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newing-
 ton Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
 E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
 Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
 Board of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 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.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., 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, Poppi's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.
 " 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1512, Hemming, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1681, Londesboro', S. Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Mark 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Bon Accord, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett Courts, 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.
 Creton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
 Bush, W., at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
 well, 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.
 Eccleston Chapter, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-st., 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 22.

- House Committee Boys' School at 4.
 Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd. Qrs. Hon. Artillery Company,
 City-rd., E.C.
 " 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 Chap. 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Cock Tav., Highbury.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 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.
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
 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 23.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 " 1541, Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hot., Holborn
 Viaduct.
 " 1777, Royal Hanover, Town Hall, Twickenham.
 Chap. 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 Red Cross 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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