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It is officially announced that the list of contributions to the testimonial proposed to be given to Miss DAVIS, in recognition of her valuable services, as Head Governess, during the last twenty-five years, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be closed on the 15th prox. We have no doubt the results will be in all respects satisfactory, and that the testimonial, when complete, will be worthy alike of Miss DAVIS's acceptance, and the Craft's bestowal. But it is just as well to give prominence to this announcement, as there are, probably, brethren who would be much aggrieved if their amounts did not arrive in time to be included in the general total.

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THE Mark Grand Lodge appears bent on following the same line of conduct, in respect of its Grand Treasurership, as the Craft Grand Lodge, by annually electing a fresh man to the office, instead of, as heretofore, re-electing the same man annually. At all events, there are already two candidates in the field, who will be nominated at the winter half-yearly communication on Tuesday, the 30th November, namely, Bro. J. L. MATHER, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, a Past G. Std. Br. (Craft) of England. Both are good men, and both have had large experience in the conduct of Masonic affairs, Bro. MATHER being already a member of the General Board of the Mark Degree. It has been even whispered that Bro. CAMA, the present Craft Grand Treasurer of England, may allow his name to be put forward. But, be this as it may, we know there are the two candidates we have mentioned in the field, and if the contest lies between them ultimately, we have no doubt it will be a close one, for both these brethren are calculated to confer honour by their election to such an office, though it is, of course, impossible that both of them can be elected for service in one and the same year.

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BRO. BURDETT-COUTTS, M.P., spoke to very good purpose the other day at the meeting of the Abbey Lodge, Westminster, when he insisted on the importance of accurate working in our lodge ceremonies, and brethren who aspire to be lodge rulers will do well to take his advice to heart. A Master is paying a very poor compliment to the lodge which has elected him to its chair, when he performs his duties in a slovenly and perfunctory manner, or when, in absolute ignorance of the most important of those duties, he is obliged to call upon some brother to perform them for him. We are not all gifted with the same power of committing things to memory, and one man may succeed in knowing his part more perfectly than another, just as of two whose knowledge is about equal, one may be able to carry it out more impressively than the other. But it is well known there are many brethren among us who are incompetent to work either of the Three Degrees or even to open or close the lodge without some one being at hand to help them through the task. Yet they are elected W.M.'s, and at the close of their term of office are presented with the usual jewel in recognition of their valuable services. It is quite possible, of course, that they may have rendered such services, but they have also done the lodge the disservice of setting to the members an example of laxity in work which cannot be otherwise than prejudicial. If a brother intends offering himself as candidate for any office, let him follow the example of Bro. BURDETT-COUTTS, and obtain a knowledge of the duties that he will be called upon to perform. If he cannot make up his mind to undertake this small amount of trouble, then let him stand aside for others who, while they regard office as an honour that is worth aspiring to, are not unwilling to discharge its duties in a creditable or passable manner.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England,  
The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st July, to the 19th October, 1886, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£109 8 11	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter ...	£231 1 8
" " Account ...	191 3 4	" Balance ...	138 10 3
" Subsequent Receipts ...	263 8 0	" " Unappropriated	
		Account ...	194 8 4
	£564 0 3		£564 0 3

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Francis Alfred White, as Z.; Henry Mason, as H.; the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.G. Std. Br., as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, Romford, to be called the Liberty of Havering Chapter, and to meet at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, in the county of Essex.

2nd. From Comps. Sir William J. Clarke, Bart., District Grand Master of Victoria, as Z.; Thomas Henry Taaffe, as H.; William Frederick Dixon, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Melbourne Lodge, No. 747, Melbourne, to be called the Melbourne Chapter, and to meet at Melbourne, in the District of Victoria, Australia.

3rd. From Comps. John Edward Wordsworth, as Z.; Frederick Cleaves, as H.; James Jenkin, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham, to be called the Phoenix Chapter, and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Rotherham, in the County of York (Western Division.)

4th. From Comps. the Right Hon. James Ludovic, Earl of Crawford, as Z.; Maskell William Peace, as H.; Richard Atherton Flarington, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Lindsay Lodge, No. 1335, Wigan, to be called the Lindsay Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan, in the county of Lancashire (Western Division).

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, on removal of the undermentioned chapters:

The Volubian Chapter, No. 75, Falmouth, for permission to remove to the Masonic Hall, Falmouth.

The Abbey Chapter, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, for permission to remove to the Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President,  
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
20th October, 1886.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

### WEDDING GIFT TO LORD EBRINGTON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire held its annual meeting on the 20th inst., in the Town Hall, Devonport, under the banner of Friendship, the oldest lodge in the borough. The meeting was very largely attended, about 500 brethren from all parts of the province being present. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Viscount Ebrington, presided, and was supported by Bros. Rogers, D.P.G.M.; Brewer, Secretary; John Dodge, Treasurer; the Rev. W. Whittley, of London; Gover, Frederick Binckes, P.G. Stwd. of Eng.; and W. J. Hughs, of Torquay, Past G.S.D. Bro. W. Derry was in his place as P.G.S.W., and nearly all the other officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were present. Among the brethren signing the book were the following Past Provincial Officers:—

Bros. J. Moysey, 70 and 223, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. H. Rae, 189, P.P.G.D.; E. T. Fulford, 1254, P.P.G. Treas.; F. Palk, 1358, P.P.G.P.; J. Bradford, 1358 and 357, P.P.G.S.B. Oxon., and P.P.G.C. Berks and Bucks; J. Du Pre, 74, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Jew, 105, 1205, and 1847, P.P.G.C.; E. J. Knight, 202, P.P.G.P.; J. Lynn, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Foxwell, 1071, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Bradnee, 1402, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Brice, 202, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Rendle, 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; W. B. Maye, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Vicary, P.P.G.R.; A. Bodley, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Pengilly, 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Goodall, 954 and 1550, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Gillman, 1099, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. F. Smith, 954, P.P.G.S.W.; T. B. Patterson, 1125, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; F. T. Browning, 105, P.P.G. Treas.; G. Whittley, 156, P.P.G.O.; G. Townsend Warner, 138, P.P.G.C.; J. G. Bake, 372, P.P.G.S.D. Cornwall; W. E. Warren, 1358, P.P.G.O.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.P.G. Treas.; F. Hooper, 1212 and 2025, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Welch, 202, P.P.G.P.; J. Ripon, 1212, P.P.G.S.B.; T. S. Bayly, 189, P.P.G. Treas.; C. H. Cooper, 105, P.P.G.J.D.; J. P. Phillips, 223, P.P.G.D.C.; and H. J. Hearle, 156, P.P.G.A.D.C.

The SECRETARY reported the number of members in the province to be 2604, against 2564, showing an increase of 40 on the year. Lodges 70, 250, and 954 had each subscribed ten guineas, which, by the regulations, had to be supplemented by equal sums from the Prov. Grand Lodge Funds, in order to entitle those lodges to become Life Governors of the Charities. Lodges 70 and 250 were, by seniority, entitled to the grants, and 954 would have to wait for awhile.

The TREASURER reported a balance in hand of £84.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER presented the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which showed that during the past year £750 had been invested in Exeter Asylum Bonds, and £150 distributed in annuities. The balance in hand was £42 18s. 8d., and the capital account showed a total of £2432.

Bro. GOVER read the report of the Committee of Petitions, which stated that the province was now drawing from the Charities no less a sum than £1154 per annum, whilst its average donations and subscriptions only reached the sum of £376. The province had been for some time largely dependent on the assistance of other provinces in order to elect Devon candidates whose cases were urgent, and it was still largely indebted to them for valuable assistance. The Committee recorded their especial thanks to Bro. S. G. Homfrey, of Newport, Mon., for his ready assistance, and especially on a late occasion when there was urgent necessity for electing an esteemed member of the province. The Committee felt that they would be ungrateful if they did not put on record an expression of their deep sorrow and regret at the loss sustained by the death of Bro. Charles Godtschalk—(hear, hear)—who for so many years transacted their business in London so wisely and zealously. The fact of his having had 124 votes annually in his own right for the great London Charities will cause his memory to be revered. The report of Bro. Whitley, as the London representative of the province, pro tem., had been received and adopted. A vote of thanks was given to him, and he was appointed the representative in London, with power to arrange the votes of the province. (Applause.) The Committee referred with regret to the increasing number of applications for relief, constituting a heavy strain on the limited resources of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The various claims had been carefully considered, and they recommended the following sums be granted:—£5 to a brother of Lodge 106, Exmouth; £5 to a brother of 248; £10 to a member of Lodge 223, Plymouth; £5 to a brother of 1550, Plymouth; £5 to a widow of a late brother of 282, £10 to a brother of 39, Exeter; £5 to a widow of a late brother of 666, Princetown; £5 to a widow of a brother of 1099, Stoke; £5 to a daughter of a late brother of 1125, Tiverton; and £10 to a widow of a late brother of 710, Totnes.

On the motion of the Rev. W. WHITLEY, who met with a very cordial reception, the report was adopted.

Bro. E. T. FULFORD, of Exeter, proposed that the London representative be requested to inform the Prov. Grand Master the amount required to relieve the province of its liabilities in respect of 3000 votes owed to other provinces, and that when the amount was known an appeal should be issued to every lodge in the province to subscribe towards it.

This, seconded by Bro. ANDREWS, was carried unanimously, the feeling of the meeting being in favour of a special effort to relieve the province of its liability, rather than to postpone the election of its candidates to the great Masonic Charities for seven years.

A BROTHER having asked that information should be diffused respecting these Charities, the PROV. GRAND MASTER said it was all given in the admirable directory just published by Bro. Westcott. (Cheers.)

Bro. WHITLEY made an earnest appeal to lodges and to individual holders of votes for the Charities to place them at the service of the Provincial Grand Lodge, so that the most might be made of them.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having very heartily thanked Bro. Whitley for valuable assistance at a time of great need, remarked that he was determined to request the Grand Lodge to erase the name of a certain Mason from the roll. (Applause.)

A notice of motion, given by Bro. LYNN, to the effect that at Provincial Grand Lodge the W.M.'s of the several lodges should report the amount of its subscriptions, the sums devoted to Charity, &c., was commended to the serious attention of the brethren by the Prov. G.M.

Bro. Cross, proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Rev. W. WHITLEY, seconded by Bro. STOCKER, was unanimously elected Treasurer; and Bros. J. W. Cornish and E. T. Browning, P.P.G. Treasurer—were appointed Auditors.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. W. Rogers, 112	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" A. Kelso Hamilton, 112	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" A. Brickwood Hutchings, 203	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G.C. Eng.	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. T. King, 421	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" John Bradford, 1358	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Brewer, 251	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" D. Cross	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Ollis, 189	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. Lake, 1135	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" M. Emdon, 105	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. H. Webb, 1456	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. F. Burns, 202	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Kinton Bond, 1247	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. U. Valantine, 303	...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" Burrow	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Millet	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Sutherland, 710	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Saunders, 1284	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Constable, 797	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Ward, 847	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Lavers, 1091	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Bovey, 797	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" J. Y. Avery, 150	...	...	
" Tucker, 847	...	...	
" Ford, 1125	...	...	
" Powell, 1205	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Andrews, 1254	...	...	
" Hanley, 1855	...	...	
" Blanchard, 444	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The D. Prov. G.M. then presented the Prov. G.M. with a diamond pendant for Lady Ebrington, subscribed for at a cost of 150 guineas, by the brethren of the province as a wedding gift, and as a token of regard and affection for one who during the seven years he had ruled the province had well earned such recognition. The brethren hoped that her ladyship would live very many years to wear their gift, and then hand it on as an heirloom; that the wedded life of their Prov. G.M. would bring with it all the happiness he could desire, and that he would be blessed with fair daughters and stalwart sons to hand down the honoured name of Fortescue for many generations. (Loud applause.)

The PROV. G.M., accepting the gift, assured the brethren that he felt he had done very little to deserve so beautiful a present. The duties he had performed as Prov. G.M. during the last seven years had not been heavy, and he had always been assisted most readily by Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and by none more so than by Bros. Rogers and Brewer, whom he might call his permanent staff. His aim always had been to administer the province with impartiality and justice, and though conscious of many failings, he gladly regarded their handsome gift as an appreciation of his efforts, and as an expression of their opinion that the welfare of the Craft had not suffered at his hands. (Loud applause.) His marriage had brought him a great deal of happiness, much of it in consequence of the goodwill it had evoked from all classes with whom he had been brought into contact, and which had culminated in that present from an ancient and honourable Society, in which all classes and all interests were represented. (Applause.) This was not the first present his family had received from the Masons of Devonshire. Years ago his grandfather, who ruled over the province, was presented with a beautiful centre-piece, which had been bequeathed to the family as an heirloom of the Castle Hill estate. (Applause.) He (Lord Ebrington) hoped to do the same with their beautiful gift, and he was sure they would all join him in the hope that his wife, who was the daughter of the Provincial Grand Master of North Wales—(applause)—would be spared to wear it for many years, and that their friendship might be as bright and as durable as the gems of which it was composed. (Loud applause.)

In answer to a BROTHER the PROV. G.M. said he should be happy to do whatever the Craft in general, with the Devonshire Province in particular, thought was the best way of celebrating the jubilee of the Queen, to whose family Masonry owed so much. (Applause.)

The lodge was closed in due form.

In the evening about 120 brethren attended a banquet at Bro. Rogers's, Newmarket Hotel, Plymouth. Lord Ebrington presided, and was supported by Bros. A. Brickwood Hutchings, Mayor of Devonport; W. Derry, Rev. H. G. Morse, Rev. W. Whitley, and D. Cross. The gathering was the inauguration of the handsome new dining-room which Bro. Rogers has recently added to the hotel. It is 40 feet long and 26 feet wide, with a handsome covered ceiling and a spacious skylight. The walls of the room were draped with flags, and the effect was heightened by evergreen decorations. The approaches to the hall were also draped, and were lit with handsome coloured lanterns. A capital banquet of seven courses was served on elegantly laid tables.

After the banquet the PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Queen and Craft," referring to the approach of her Majesty's jubilee, and to the aid Masonry had received from the members of her family.

For "The Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge" Bro. the Rev. G. H. MORSE responded.

"The Prov. Grand Master of Devon and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge" was suitably proposed by Bro. BURNS, W.M. of Friendship Lodge.

Lord EBRINGTON, in responding, said he was rejoiced to know that as a whole the county was prosperous and in good health as regarded Masonry. The number of lodges and of members showed an increase, and he was greatly pleased at the working of the Masonic Educational Fund. The day's proceedings had been a source of deep satisfaction to him. Upwards of 400 brethren had attended, and the business had been characterised by an excellent tone and perfect harmony. He congratulated those who had arranged for the banquet, as its success could not be denied. His lordship then cordially proposed "The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall."

The MAYOR of DEVONPORT responded, thanking Lord Ebrington for honouring his civic office by appointing him that day to an important office in the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. BURNS responded for "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province."

Bro. DERRY, in giving "The Visitors," and coupling Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley's name with the toast, spoke of him in terms of the warmest eulogy. Bro. the Rev. W. WHITLEY, after acknowledging the compliment, gave "Freemasons' Wives and Sweethearts," coupling with it the name of Lady Ebrington.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER having replied for her ladyship, the Tyler's toast was given, and the company separated.

A noteworthy contribution to the pleasures of the evening was the excellent music given by Bros. Elford, 2025, and G. F. Miller, 1099. Bro. Elford gave an effective rendering of "The better land" on the cornet, and, being vociferously encored, responded most acceptably with "The lost chord." Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, the Solicitor General, had been invited to the banquet, but wrote regretting his inability to attend.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Drill Hall, Wigan, where there was a very large attendance of the members of the Craft from every part of the extensive province. There are now 85 lodges in the division, and the whole of these were represented at the meeting, at which there were about 600 present. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. Grand Master of England, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, presided, and he was supported by:—

Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, D.G.M. of Scotland, P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire West, acting D.G.M.; R. Wylie, P.G.S.W.; E. Pierpoint, P.G. J.W.; J. P. McArthur, P.P.G.W.; William Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lancashire; Rev. R. T. Leslie, P.G. Chaplain; R. Foote, P.G. Treas.; J. Edward Oglethorpe, P.G.R.; J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.D.; John Cobham, P.G.S.D.; George Morgan, P.G.J.D.; John Beesley, P.G.J.D.; John Hatch, P.G. S. of W.; J. D. Murray, P.G.D.C.; John Sutton, P.G.D.D.C.; H. H. Smith, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Williams, P.G.S.B.; Robert Cain, P.G. Std. Br.; B. P. Gee, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Greaves, P.G.O.; H. Wyatt, P.G.A. Sec.; C. B. Holmes, P.G.P.; Thomas Longmire, P.G.A.P.; Dr. Costine, P.G.S.; S. Wallhead, P.P.G.S.; T. Nevett, P.G.S.; James Lawrence, P.G.S.; Thomas Whitehead, P.G.S.; P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler; James Pickering, P.P.G.D.; W. Tye, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. Henry G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap.; John Case, P.P.G.D.; G. H. Ashurst, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire; W. Ripley, P.P.G.D.D.C.; James Andrew, P.P.G.D.C.; John Clayton, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; F. J. Pentin, P.P.G.D.D.C.; W. C. Erwin, P.P.G.A. Secretary; J. W. Burgess, P.P. G.P.; T. A. Hopewell, P.G.D.D.C. Bombay; R. W. Worrall, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; W. Greateorex, P.P.G.R. Cheshire; Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.P.G. Chap.; John Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; Robert Martin, P.P.G. Treas.; Thomas Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; C. B. Holmes, P.P.G.P.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.D.D.C.; R. Rowbottom, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Longmire, P.P.G.D.D.C.; John Preston, P.P.G.D.C.; Maurice

Hart, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wainman Cottam, P.P.G.S. of W.; B. Taylor, P.P.G.T. East Lancashire; T. Salter, P.P.G.D.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Longbottom, P.P.G.A.P.; John Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B.; W. F. Thomson, P.P.G.S.D.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Milligan, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Whiteside, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Bagat, P.P.G.S. of W.; Henry Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Crosby, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. S. Beauford, P.P.G.J.W.; Henry Firth, P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. Henry Pitts, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Evans, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Registrar; John Walley, P.P.G.D.D.C.; and others.

Prov. G. Lodge having been opened, the roll of lodges in the province was read, and the printed minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting were taken as read, and on being put for confirmation were unanimously agreed to.

The accounts of the Treasurer, Bro. R. Foote, which were also taken as read, were passed. The receipts for the year amounted to £3257 2s. 6d., including a balance from last year of £2506 2s. 9d. The fees received from Provincial Grand Officers amounted to £31 8s.; fees and contributions from lodges for the Charity Fund, £164 2s.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £245 15s. 3d.; and Fund of Benevolence, £245 15s. 3d.—total, £655 12s. 6d. The total expenditure of Prov. Grand Lodge for the year amounted to £1356 5s. 10d., leaving a balance to be carried over of £1900 16s. 8d. Of this £21 1s. 10d. stands to the credit of the Charity Fund, against £66 19s. 10d. last year; £115 19s. 6d. to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, against £510 4s. 4d. last year, and £1763 15s. 4d. to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, against £1928 18s. 7d. The expenditure during the year included grants of £105 each out of the Charity Fund to the Hamer Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and grants of £290 from the Fund of Benevolence to 15 widows of deceased Masons and four distressed brethren, whilst £210 was granted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the West Lancashire Educational Institution. The other items of expenditure comprised £100 salary of the Prov. Grand Secretary, and £84 8s. 11d., Prov. Grand Secretary's travelling expenses.

Bro. T. FORRESTER, P.P.G.D., having proposed, and Bro. BARROW, P.G.D., seconded, the re-election of Bro. R. Foote as Prov. G. Treasurer.

Bro. Dr. J. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G. Reg., said he rose, with some regret, to propose another brother, but he thought they had very good reasons for adopting his proposition. The Provincial Grand Treasurership was an honorary office, and the only one the brethren had in their power to confer. He (Bro. Smith) thought that the position of Treasurer should be changed every year, and as he had had the pleasure of proposing Bro. Toole last year, he begged to propose Bro. R. A. Davis, P.M. 1380—as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Bro. R. MARTIN, P.P.G. Treas., said he had great pleasure in seconding the amendment, which was put and carried by an overwhelming majority, and Bro. DAVIES acknowledged the compliment in a very appropriate speech.

The Prov. Grand Master invested as his officers for the year

Bro. S. G. Sinclair, 32	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" M. W. Peace, 178	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. W. H. Marsden, 1070	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. A. Davies, 1380	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" D. D. Costine, 216	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Goodacre, 155 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Charles Barry, 680	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. T. Smith	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" T. Whitehead, 241	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Spencer Wallshead, 1250	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" D. Greenall, 1250	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Thos. Nevett, 113	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. B. Andrew, 1558	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" S. D. McKellan, 1496	...	...	Prov. G.D.D. of C.
" C. C. Wilson, 897	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. Lawrence, 1032	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Wray, 1476	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. D. Hesketh, 1182	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. J. Greaves, 113	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Hall, 1061	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" J. Mossop, 1715	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" H. Catterall, 986	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" J. Worsley, 314	...	...	...
" Henry James, 203	...	...	...
" C. P. Richards, 1021	...	...	...
" J. C. Mathier, 1345	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. R. Bottomley, 1675	...	...	...
" E. Johnstone, 1756	...	...	...
" P. Ball	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. H. Ball	...	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

Bro. GOODACRE, P.G. Sec., in his usual annual report, stated that the condition of Freemasonry in the province was very satisfactory. During the past year three new lodges had been consecrated. The initiations during the same period numbered 573, against 506 in the previous year, and the number of subscribing members was now 4790, as compared with 4608. He would remind the brethren of the desirability of exercising the greatest care against the admission of unworthy men into the Order, as the character of the candidates conducted to the real welfare of Masonry much more than mere numbers. He further referred in terms of congratulation to the fact that proficiency in the working of the various lodges had been maintained, and, with the view of still further enhancing the value of their ritual, he, with the Prov. Grand Master's consent, would arrange to have meetings in different centres for instruction, thus assisting in bringing about uniformity in all essentials. Referring to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Benevolence, he said that a Committee, consisting of all the present Prov. Grand Officers and a representative from each lodge, was last year entrusted with the arrangement of that fund. As a result of the work of that Committee, 15 petitioners had been assisted since the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, involving an expenditure of £215. The local Masonic Charities were in a prosperous condition. The Educational Institution of the province and the Hamer Fund had both an income considerably in excess of former years, and the Alpass Benevolent Fund had been successful beyond the most sanguine anticipations. These Institutions were all engaged in the highest Masonic work—that of dispensing assistance to indigent brethren, bereaved widows, and helpless orphans. The Educational Institution had 168 boys and girls participating in its benefits, at a cost of £1344 per annum. The Hamer Fund had paid £32 in annuities to distressed brethren; whilst the Alpass Institution, at its first election on the 15th inst.,

had placed three annuitants on its foundation, at an annual cost of £66. The province had now on the foundation of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in London, five old men and four widows receiving annuities amounting to £328. In the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Woodgreen there were ten boys from the province, costing £450 a year, and eight girls at Croydon involving an expenditure of £208. The Stewards from the province at the Charity Festivals in London had contributed £509 during the year.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER said he was extremely pleased at the very satisfactory report which the P.G.S. had given as to the state of the province. From what he had seen, he was convinced that when he appointed Bro. Goodacre to the very important office of Grand Secretary of the province he did right. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Bro. Goodacre, in his report, had given some very interesting statistics, which had not, he thought, been brought before the province before, and he hoped that when the report came into the hands of the brethren they would study it and see what they were doing in the way of Charity. (Hear, hear.) They all knew pretty well what they were doing with their own local Charities; but he thought it was hidden from them that the amount they were receiving from the London Charities represented the large sum of £1058 per annum, expended on their old men and women and children in London. They had spent on their own local education £1344 during the past year; they paid £32 more in annuities to distressed brethren, and had placed three annuitants on the foundation of the Orphans' Institution. They were thus receiving a very near equivalent from the London Charities. (Hear, hear.) The report showed that they were doing their duty by themselves, and also by the other great Charities in London—supporting them as they helped the provinces. (Hear, hear.) There was only one other word he had to say with regard to the suggestions made by the P.G.S. about arranging meetings in different centres for the purpose of working Degrees and installation ceremonies, and in that way bringing about uniformity in all essentials. He only hoped it would be taken up, and that they would by degrees bring all the province into one uniform mode of work. (Hear, hear.) He was extremely obliged for the admirable report that had been read. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

On the motion of Bro. J. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. E. PIERPOINT, P.P.G.J.W., it was resolved "That the allowance to the P.G. Secretary be increased to £250 per annum, to include travelling expenses which may be incurred in visiting the lodges of the province."

It was proposed by Bro. T. FORRESTER, P.P.G.D., seconded by Bro. PIERPOINT, and unanimously resolved, "That the sum of 200 guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence in aid of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons of the Province."

It was also unanimously agreed, on the motion of Bro. J. HOULDING, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. T. H. W. WALKER, P.M. 1675, that 200 guineas should be voted in aid of the Hamer Benevolent Fund out of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity funds.

The sum of 200 guineas was also voted to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, on the motion of Bro. R. MARTIN; and a similar sum, on the proposition of Bro. R. WYLLIE, P.P.G.S.W., seconded by Bro. PIERPOINT, was granted to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Benevolent Institution in London.

Charity jewels having been given by the P.G.M. to Bros. E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.W.; T. H. W. Walker, P.M. 1675; J. P. M'Arthur, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Slyman, and H. Marshall, and the 13th annual report of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, submitted by Bro. H. H. SMITH and adopted, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTER SHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The annual meeting and general communication of Freemasons of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hallord-street, Leicester, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl Ferrers, R.W.P.G.M. The lodge under the auspices of which the meeting was held was the Golden Fleece, No. 2081. There was a very large attendance of brethren, and, on the roll being called, every lodge was found to be duly represented. Among those present were the following present and past Provincial Grand Officers:

Bros. W. Kelly, R.W.P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; F. J. Baines, P.G. S.W.; J. G. F. Richardson, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. R. Hurd, P.G.C.; R. Waite, P.G. Treas.; L. P. Chamberlain, P.G. Reg.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.G. Sec.; J. Hasall, P.G.D.; J. Fletcher, P.G.S. of W.; J. Young, P.G.D.C.; R. Rowley, P.G.A. D.C.; J. D. Harris, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; C. Oliver, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Marshall and W. J. Freer, P.G. Stwds.; T. Dunn, P.G. Tyler; Rev. J. Denton, P.P.G.W.; W. C. Crofts, P.P.G.W.; M. J. Walker, P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. Bird, P.P.G.C.; Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.P.G.C.; C. C. Woodcock, P.P.G.R.; C. S. Preston, P.P.G.R.; T. Wright, P.P.G.R.; D. Watson, P.P.G.S.D.; W. A. Musson, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Metcalfe, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Keep, P.P.G.S.B.; B. A. Smith, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. B. Saxton, P.P.G.O.; C. J. Wilkinson, P.P.G.P.; and R. L. Gibson, P.P.G.P.; also Bros. F. Wike, W.M. 279; E. Hewsone, W.M. 523; E. Simpkin, W.M. 779; J. H. Marshall, W.M. 1007; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 1265; C. F. Massie, W.M. 1330; J. E. Beazeley, W.M. 1391; W. J. Freer, W.M. 1560; F. B. Wilmer, W.M. 2023; E. P. Steeds, W.M. 2081; R. S. Clifford, S.W. 1007; W. H. Goodwin, S.W. 1265; Samuel Knight, S.W. 1391; W. H. Lead, S.W. 2081; J. B. Waring, J.W. 2081; Rev. Selwyn C. Freer, Chap. 1560; J. L. West, Sec. 2081; G. C. Oliver, Sec. 1007; and many others.

After the usual preliminaries the lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding annual meeting and of a lodge of emergency were confirmed.

Reports from the Provincial Committee of General Purposes and the Provincial Charity Committee were then read, submitted, and adopted. The former, after referring at some length to the revised code of bye-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge, which had been adopted during the past year, and which had been highly spoken of in various quarters, and in particular as being selected to form the basis of a proposed revision of the bye-laws of a District Grand Lodge in South Africa, called special attention to the practice of initiating candidates who do not reside in the place where the lodge is held, which appeared to be on the increase. The Committee pointed out that it was incumbent on the Masters of lodges in all such cases to exercise great caution and to cause minute enquiries to be made as to the reasons for a candidate thus presenting himself in a place where he does not reside, for which purpose Provincial Grand Lodge had provided printed forms of letters of enquiry for use in the province. The report, after speaking favourably of the position and progress of Freemasonry in the province, and also dealing with some topics of local interest, concluded with suitable notice of the losses sustained by the province by the deaths of several brethren who had held office in Provincial Grand Lodge. The Charity Com-



mittee reported that at the last April election of the Girls' School their candidate, Edith M. Hood, was elected eighth on the successful list of 24, this being her first application, and, on account of her age, her only chance. To ensure this success the Committee had to borrow votes to some extent, but with regard to the other Institutions there were still a considerable number of votes to the good. The Committee called attention to the successful efforts of Bro. Dr. T. Macaulay, P.P.G.S.W., who represented the province at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and whose list amounted to £267 15s. That brother was thanked for his services, as was also Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., who went up as Steward at the last Girls' Festival. In concluding their report the Committee stated that in the ensuing year it would be the turn of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to receive the support of the province, and they nominated Bro. John Metcalfe, P.M. 2028, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, for appointment as Charity Steward to represent the province at the festival of that Institution, supporting his Stewardship by a vote of ten guineas from the Provincial Charity Fund.

Bro. L. P. CHAMBERLAIN, Prov. G. Reg., submitted his annual statement compiled from the returns of the several lodges, and showing a nett increase of 27 in the number of subscribing members.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's account, a printed statement of which had been issued with the Prov. Grand Lodge summons, was received and passed, and a vote of thanks accorded to that officer for his valuable services. The account showed a considerably reduced balance to be carried forward, which was owing to sundry heavy printing and other expenses of an exceptional character; but in other respects the finances of Prov. Grand Lodge appeared to be in a satisfactory condition.

On the nomination of Bro. KELLY, seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, Bro. Robert Waite was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The next business was to consider the further publication of the Prov. Masonic Calendar, which for the past 14 years had been issued under the directorship of Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M., but which position that brother, on account of the pressure of his many engagements, was now compelled to resign.

It was resolved that the publication of the Calendar be continued, and that Bro. Partridge be authorised to make the necessary arrangements, with a view to the selection of a brother to succeed him in the editorship.

A cordial vote of thanks was at the same time given to Bro. Partridge for his past services in the compilation of the work.

The R.W.P.W.M. then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Wm. Carrick Crofts, 779...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. Young, 523	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. W. R. Hurd, A.K.C., 2081	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. Selwyn C. Freer, M.A., 1560	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Waite, 279	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. P. Steeds, 2081	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., 1560	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John H. Thompson, 1265...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. F. Wike, 279	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" F. B. Wilmer, 2028	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. J. Wilkinson, 1391	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Herbert Marshall, 1007	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. Jesse Freer, 1560	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" E. Simpkin, 779	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. J. Goodall, 1120	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. H. Barrow, Mus. Bac., F.C.O., 523	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. F. Massie, 1330	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Wm. Marchant, 50	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" W. Maurice Williams, 279	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. G. Murdin, 523	...	
" G. C. Oliver, 1007	...	
" W. J. Hew, 1130	...	
" C. K. Morris, 1265	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" Samuel Knight, 1391	...	
" Thos. Dunn, 523	...	
" Jas. Tanser, 279	...	

In pursuance of the recommendation of the Charity Committee, Bro. J. Metcalfe was appointed to represent the province as Charity Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution.

The presentation of the Grand Lodge Charity jewel to Bro. Macaulay, to which he was entitled under the bye-laws of Prov. Grand Lodge on the completion of his second Stewardship on behalf of the province was deferred through the inability of that brother to attend in consequence of a professional engagement of some importance.

Bros. Clement Stretton, P.P.G.S.W., and J. F. L. Rolleston, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, were re-elected to represent the lodge on the Leicester Masonic Hall Committee.

R.W. Bro. KELLY rose to propose "That the sum of two guineas be granted out of the Charity Fund, to which the brethren be solicited to add their contributions (as had been done at the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, last week), for the benefit of Mrs. Hinton, a widow lady over seventy years of age, towards furnishing her room in Trinity Hospital, in the Newwalk (to which, after anxiously waiting for five years, she has just been appointed for life through the kindness and sympathy of the Mayor, Bro. Israel Hart,) and for the expense of sending her for a few weeks to the salt baths at Moira, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, in the hope of curing, or at least ameliorating the crippled condition of her hands from gout." Bro. Kelly then related a romantic narrative respecting this poor lady and her parents, which will be found in another column.

The sum was unanimously voted, and was supplemented by some private donations by brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The sum of five guineas was voted to one of the Provincial Grand Tylers, who had recently suffered a domestic bereavement, and an expression of condolence with him in his loss was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Before closing the lodge the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master tendered his thanks to the brethren of the province for the kindness they had exhibited on the occasion of his marriage, and for the congratulatory address they had then presented. It had given both him and the Countess Ferrers intense gratification, and both fully recognised the good feeling that had prompted it.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered on behalf of the adjoining Province of Norths and Hunts, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVONSHIRE.

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the brethren who were Royal Arch Masons adjourned to the St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, where the annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the Province of Devon was opened. The M.E. Comp. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., G. Superintendent, presided, supported by E. Comps. W. J. Rogers, 112, P.G.H.; R. Brewin, P.G.J.; and the other officers of the chapter.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's report showed a disposable balance of £42 5s.

It was proposed that 30 guineas of this balance should be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of E. Comp. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, a Steward for that Charity for the year, but E. Comp. the Rev. W. WHITLEY urged that a portion of it should be voted to the fund which he was raising towards freeing the province from the liabilities for repayment of votes which had been incurred. One of the creditors of the province in Wiltshire, to whom was owing 358 women's votes and 27 men's votes, had offered to forego that claim on the payment of 20 guineas in the names of persons who lent those votes.

It was resolved to vote 20 guineas towards E. Comp. Lemon's list, and the other 20 guineas towards E. Comp. Whitley's fund.

E. Comp. the Rev. H. G. MORSE presented £5 towards E. Comp. Whitley's fund, and hoped his example might be followed by other companions.

The Bye-laws Revision Committee were re-appointed, and desired to bring up their report at the next annual meeting.

E. Comp. J. Kinton Bond was elected the Treasurer. E. Comps. T. S. Bayly and J. R. Lord were elected the Auditors.

The P.G. Supt. invested the following as officers for the year:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" The Rev. T. W. Lemon, 189, M.A.	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. Kinton Bond, 70	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. H. Wilton, 494	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Orchard, 847	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" T. Heath, 954	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. Harris, 1138	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Major Dawe, 282	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" T. B. Patterson, 1125	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Huxham, 328	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. S. Saunders, 710	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" H. L. Friend, 303	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" P. L. Blanchard	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The consecration of the new Chapter, Saint George, No. 2025, was then proceeded with, and at the close the Principals were installed—Comps. J. Griffin, as Z.; J. Gifford, H.; and W. Odam, J.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

Immediately after the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the annual meeting of Royal Arch Masons in the division took place, presided over by the Earl of Lathom, M.E.P.G.S., who appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Lord Stanley	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. S. Beauford	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Goodacre	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. J. Pentin...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" A. G. Collins	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" W. Longbottom	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" T. Milligan...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" H. G. Bell	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. G. Bromley	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Jno. Williams	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. W. Worrall	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. C. Wilson	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. J. Greaves	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. B. Wolstenholme	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.E.
" John Beesley	...	...	Prov. G.S.
" P. Ball	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" W. H. Ball	...	...	Prov. G.A. Janitor

A Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of Provincial Grand Chapter, to bring them into harmony with those of Grand Chapter.

Twenty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on the motion of Comp. R. WYLLIE, P.P.G.J., and the meeting closed.

The brethren and companions afterwards dined at the Public Hall, Bro. W. Burnet, the P.G.A. Organist, efficiently superintending the musical arrangements.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., under the auspices of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 294, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, and was well attended by the brethren of the Degree from most of the lodges in the province. The R.W. Bro. Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M., was in attendance early, and a procession of Present and Past Grand Officers having been formed, he was received and saluted with grand honours. The same honours were accorded Bro. C. F. Matier, Past G.S.W.

The minutes of the previous annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Canterbury, and of an emergency meeting at Gravesend, having been passed, the roll of Mark lodges was called, when it was found that every lodge in the province was represented. The Prov. G. Officers present having answered to their names, a very pleasing episode occurred in the presentation of a handsome sword to Provincial Grand Lodge by Bro. Horatio Ward, P.M. 262, G.S.W., and G.D. England.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that before they proceeded any further with the business he should take the opportunity of making an announcement that, he felt sure, would be very gratifying to the brethren. Some two months previously he received a letter from a very excellent brother, who occupied not only a distinguished position in Provincial Grand Lodge, but who had been honoured by receiving the purple in Grand Lodge, requesting him (Bro. Robinson) to receive a deputation, who desired to present to him a sword for Provincial Grand Lodge purposes. He was extremely pleased at receiving such a letter; but thought it would be better, instead of

receiving the sword so generously given by Bro. Ward in private, to receive it in open Prov. G. Lodge assembled. He felt that it would give that brother an opportunity of making the presentation himself, and so receive, as they must all agree that he deserved, the united thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge for his thoughtful and handsome present. (Cheers.)

Bro. WARD, in making the presentation, said that some time since he had noticed the want of a proper sword in Provincial Grand Lodge, one that, in his opinion, would enhance the dignity of its meetings; and having had the honour conferred upon him of a Grand Deacon by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.M. of England, he thought he would mark his appreciation of that honour by presenting the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent with a sword. He then formally handed the sword to Bro. Robinson, and wished that distinguished brother many years of life and health to preside over them as their Prov. G. Master. (Loud cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his pleasure at receiving the sword, and said he should anticipate what would be sure to follow later on, by at once moving-- "That a cordial vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Ward, and inscribed on the minutes of Prov. Grand Lodge," which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. the Rev. H. CUMMINGS, M.A., P.M. 322, D.P.G.M., and P.G.C. England, having briefly seconded the proposition, it was carried by acclaim, and the G.S.W. returned thanks suitably.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes and Treasurer's accounts having been passed,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER announced to his great regret that Bro. George Page had written him a letter declining re-election as Treasurer, in consequence of failing health; and Bro. JAMES S. EASTES, P.G.S.O. England, and P.P.G.S.W. Kent, proposed Bro. Briggs, P.G.I. of Works, Kent, as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the proposition having been seconded, Bro. Briggs was declared duly elected, but, owing to his absence, his collar was received by proxy.

The following were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Bro. Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., P.M. 322	...	D. Prov. G.M.
W. Masterman, W.M. 294	...	Prov. G.S.W.
C. V. Cotterell, P.M. 322...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
A. H. Bateman, W.M. 309	...	Prov. G.M.O.
J. E. Wiltshire, W.M. 262	...	Prov. G.S.O.
A. H. Holbein, M.O. 266	...	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. J. Pownall-Britton, P.M. 322	...	Prov. G. Chap.
L. B. Briggs, P.M. 237	...	Prov. G. Treas.
G. Kennedy, S.O. 226	...	Prov. G. Reg.
J. S. Podovin, P.M. 237, P.P.D.G.M.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
E. Denton, W.M. 44	...	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Bordeaux, W.M. elect 152	...	Prov. G.J.D.
H. Roberts, P.M. 332	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
James Taylor, S.O. 237	...	Prov. G.D.C.
G. S. Creswick, P.M. and Sec. 294	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
S. H. White, S.D. 266	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
B. Minness, M.D., 237	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
James Towers, J.W. 6	...	Prov. G. Org.
G. Hurn, R.M. 255	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
T. Cooper, S.D. 226	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Rev. Emile D'Anquir, M.A., M.O. 129	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
G. W. Parsons, M.O. 237	...	
J. Aillud, I.G. 226	...	
R. T. Rolfe, Tyler 129	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bros. Rev. J. B. Harrison, P.M. 129, P.G. Chap., and F. Hughes Hallett, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W., were re-elected Auditors; and the Prov. Grand Master nominated Bro. Eastes as his Auditor for the coming year. Bros. Eugene Sweny, P.M. 44 and P.P.G.S.W.; H. Penfold, P.M. 237, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Wood, P.M. 69, P.P.G.J.W.; and C. V. Cotterell, P.M. 322, P.G.J.W., were re-elected as a Board of General Purposes.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed that 30 guineas should be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and be placed on the list of Bro. Cotterell, as Steward for the province at the next festival, and the proposition having been carried, Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The GRAND MASTER having given the usual loyal and Grand Mark Lodge toasts, which were honoured with enthusiasm,

Bro. SWENY proposed that of "The D.G.M., Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," and having paid many and just compliments to those dignitaries, concluded by coupling with it the names of Bros. Miller and Ward, the two Grand Deacons of Grand Lodge.

Both Bros. MILLER and WARD responded, the former stating he considered the honour conferred upon him was a greater honour to his (the Naval) lodge; and the latter that he should always do all in his power to increase the prosperity and prestige of the Degree in the Province of Kent.

The DEP. PROV. G. MASTER then submitted the toast of "The R.W. the P.G.M. of the Province of Kent, Bro. Robinson," and in doing so Bro. CUMMINGS said it was a great honour to belong to such a province; it stood the highest upon the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, it had made great strides during the past few years; and to whom might they attribute its high position and its progress but to that eminent Mason and good brother under whose rule they were content, aye delighted, to be governed? It was the wise, fatherly, and kind ruling of their esteemed and beloved Prov. Grand Master that made them so united, and the work so harmonious. He reigned and ruled in their hearts as well as in their lodges, and they were pleased to see him with them that day, better in health, and stronger to carry on the work, and that T.G.O.O.T.U. might spare him to them for many years to come was the desire of all their hearts, so that he might receive at their hands the hearty, loving, fraternal good wishes of every brother in the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was received with prolonged applause, in response said he knew not how to answer such a toast so eloquently and kindly put, and so heartily and touchingly received. All that he could do was to say how much he felt their kindness, and how gratifying it was to him to receive such tokens of their good will and appreciation of his endeavours to promote the prosperity of the Mark Degree. When he took over the office of Prov. Grand Master, some seven years ago, there were six lodges in the province, now there were sixteen, and he thought there would be at least two more added to the roll during the coming year. It was a great pleasure to him to see so goodly a number assembled that day, and it was especially cheering to their hearts to hear what they had done in the cause of Charity, and before next year closed he hoped they should hear,

not only that the province had surpassed even its last year's contributions, and so kept at the top of the tree with its subscription as it had done for the last two years. Bro. Cotterell would at the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Festival represent the province, and in his hands the work would go on until his list surpassed that of his predecessor, Bro. Cummings, who took up the handsome sum of one hundred guineas. (Loud cheers.) As to the statistics of the province, he should leave that in the hands of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. They all knew what Bro. Cummings had done for Charity, and how assiduously he had visited the lodges in the province. Bro. Cummings threw his heart into the work, and went straight at it, and in so gentlemanly a manner that wherever he went he was heartily welcomed, and they felt sure that whatever he did he did right. After adverting in kindly terms to Bros. Podson and Snowdon, P.P.D.G. Masters, he asked them to drink Bro. Cummings's health with all the cordiality it deserved.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in response, said as their Prov. Grand Master had referred to him in urging the cause of Charity, he would take that matter first. That, he took it, was a representative meeting, and he felt that everything that was said there would be circulated among every one of the sixteen lodges in the province, and under the banner of their esteemed Prov. G. Master. He felt sure it would interest them, and that they would cordially assist in making Bro. Cotterell's list worthy of the province and the cause. With regard to the Mark Benevolent Fund, it would be a grand thing if every lodge in the province was represented at the next Festival. He knew that it was not always convenient to stand as Steward, but he thought that it might be possible for, say, two lodges to join together, and send up a Steward between them, so that, in fact, every lodge might be represented. There was no earthly reason why not only a representative from a lodge should go up, but also any and every brother who chose to do so. The Steward's fee was two guineas, for which not only a dinner was provided, but a jewel was presented, and if the brother who went chose to give five guineas he not only did good at the time, but laid up honour for himself in the future. There was another incentive, although he knew the brethren did not want other incentives than the sacred cause of Charity, yet he could tell them that upon the next Festival every Steward would receive a special jewel from H.R.H. the Grand Mark Master of England. He would further suggest that a Committee of Stewards should be formed, so that they might meet and discuss their progress or otherwise, and so keep themselves up to their work. With regard to the province, he regretted that he had not been able to visit every lodge in it, but he had most of them. He was glad to find that there was good progress made in most of them, and great improvement in all. Then, as to numbers, as their P.G.M. had told them, they had 16 lodges, and he, Bro. Cummings, could tell them, that notwithstanding withdrawals, deaths, and other causes, they had over 400 members good on the books of Prov. G. Lodge, showing an increase of over 63 members during the past year. There was not only strength in their numbers, but the calibre was good, and that, he was proud to say, was a characteristic of the Province of Kent. He asked the brethren of the lodge to send him invitations when there was work to be done, and concluded a lengthy and brilliant address by thanking them for the toast, and hoped that it might be long before they were severed, but that they might work together in the future, as they had in the past, with love and unity.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of the P.G.S.W., Bro. MASTERMAN, who cordially thanked the brethren, and assured the Prov. G.M. that the Prov. G. Officers highly prized the honour conferred upon them, and that they would do all they could for the prosperity of the Degree.

The toast of "The Visitors," was coupled with the name of Bro. PORTLETON, who returned thanks.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Entertaining Lodge," coupled with the names of the W.M., Bro. MASTERMAN, and Bro. MILLER, who both responded.

The D.P.G.M. proposed the toast of "Bro. Matier," in connection with the Mark Benevolent Fund, and

Bro. MATIER said he would, in the first place, thank Bro. Cummings and all the other Stewards for their valuable assistance, and then say a few words about the grand Charities of the Craft. They had been charged with taking away money that had better be given for the support of the aged and the education of the young. (No, no.) Now, they were not so doing; they were supplementing the good work carried on by the Craft, and he, as one of the Committee of the Aged Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, was exceedingly sorry to tell them that at the present moment there were no less than 130 candidates for the benefits of that Institution, and still more sorry to say that there was not a single vacancy for one of them, either as an inmate or as an annuitant. As they got on in years, their sympathies were drawn strongly to the aged and destitute, and therefore, he thought that a kind word on behalf of the poor old people, the good old Mason, who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and the lonely old widow, who had no help except such as they might give her, awoke their deepest sympathies, and he could not let the occasion pass without strongly recommending those excellent Institutions to their charitable consideration. Now with regard to their own Charities. Those who had done so well in that province would be pleased to know that the amount paid in Benevolence in 1885 was nearly £400. At the present time there were 21 children receiving education, at a cost of £200; and it had been determined to add the sum of five guineas to the cost of each child for the purchase of clothing, so that the child might attend the local grammar or high school in garments suitable to the class it joined with. Then, as to the annuities, they had had none hitherto, but it was decided to grant annuities of £20 each to two old Mark Masters, and £16 to the same number of old women; and if they went on in the future as well as they had lately, they intended to increase the number of annuitants to six. And now, how could he thank the Province of Kent for what it had done? For two years it had been at the head of the list for its contributions, and he felt sure that under the presidency of Earl Amherst (who was a P.G.M.M. of England) at the next Festival they would exceed anything done in the past, and win the thanks of every Mark Mason under the rule of Grand Lodge. When they remembered that under the presidency of Earl Amherst, the beloved P.G.M. of Craft Masonry in Kent, the Boys' School Festival, in 1883, produced the handsome sum of £23,500, a sum never before or since reached, it was an augury for the success of the next Mark Benevolent Festival, for the same noble earl and good brother would preside over that Festival. He earnestly urged them to work for its success, and concluded by trusting that next year they might meet under the banner of their esteemed P.G.M.M. as mutually pleased and delighted with one another as they were upon the present occasion.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

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**To Correspondents.**

**A QUERY.**  
Perhaps some one among our readers may be able to  
furnish the information asked for in the following query by  
"E. B."—"What is the name of the present W.M. of  
the Royal Victoria Lodge, of Nassau, Bahama Island,  
No. 443?"

THE FOLLOWING UNAVOIDABLY STAND OVER—  
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Review—History of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, by  
Bro. W. Logan.

The Devon Masonic Calendar.  
Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663.  
Lodge Star in the East, No. 650.  
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**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**  
"Western Daily Mercury," "New York Dispatch," "Lancaster  
Daily Examiner," "Keystone," "Citizen," "Sunday Times"  
(London), "Court Circular," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Masonic  
News," "Newcastle Weekly Chronicle," "Loomis' Musical and  
Masonic Journal," "Yorkshire Post," "Natal Witness," "St.  
John Globe" (N.B.), "The Journalist," "Allen's Indian Mail,"  
"Cassell's National Library," "Life Boat Journal," and "Sunday  
Times" (New York).



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1886.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**FRENCH LODGES IN ENGLAND: A ROMANTIC  
STORY.**

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of  
Leicestershire and Rutland (reported elsewhere in our  
columns) the R.W. Bro. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M., in moving  
that a sum of £2 2s. be granted towards furnishing a room  
in Trinity Hospital, &c., for Mrs. Hinton, a widow lady  
over 70 years of age, related the following romantic par-



particulars respecting herself and her parents:—In his (Bro. Kelly's) "Sketch of the History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire," printed in 1870, but which had been out of print for some time, particulars were given of a Craft lodge and a Rose Croix chapter being opened by the French officers, prisoners of war on parole, at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, about the year 1810, "under the immediate protection of Lord Moira (afterwards 'the great' Marquis of Hastings) the acting Grand Master of England. A little traditional incident strikingly illustrative of the gallantry of the French towards the fair sex, had been told him a few days ago by this poor lady, namely, that when the new lodge (called the "Vrais Amis de L'ordre") was opened, the French officers celebrated it by a ball, and presented to each of their fair guests two pairs of white kid gloves—one pair long and the other short, and that those worn on the occasion by her mother were years afterwards given to her. Among the French officers initiated (for none but their own countrymen were admitted) was a "Sous Lieutenant," named Louis Jean, a native of Rouen, as appears from his Craft and Rose Croix certificates—still in his daughter's possession—which are printed at length in the "Sketch" before mentioned, and have also been photographed by Messrs. J. and T. Spencer, of the Market-place. Louis Jean, who, it appears, was a member of a respectable family of landed proprietors at Rouen, fell passionately in love with, and married at the parish church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, a young lady of that town. He was one of the first of the prisoners to be exchanged, and went with his young wife to his native city, where they lived until peace was declared, when his wife strongly importuned him to go back with her to Ashby, which at length he consented to do, greatly, as it proved, to their pecuniary loss. He converted the proceeds of his property into diamonds, on the sale of which, at London, he had to make a heavy sacrifice, thus greatly injuring their position. At Ashby they lived for some years, Louis Jean being greatly esteemed, and being treated on terms of friendship by our late chief, Lord Howe, and the Marquis of Hastings, as well as by Messrs. John and Edward Mammatt, and others. There a daughter was born—the poor lady in question, in whom, and in her mother, the Lady Edith Hastings (the late Marchioness of Loudoun), took a warm personal interest. Later on they returned to Rouen, where, after twenty-two years, Louis Jean died, leaving his widow and daughter in greatly reduced circumstances, owing to his mother, during his absence as a prisoner of war, believing he was dead, having left the whole of her family property to her daughter, who, dying young, bequeathed the whole to her affianced lover! Louis Jean's daughter not long before her father's death had married a young man named Hinton, an Englishman by birth, but brought up in France. He soon died leaving his widow with three young children. The two widows and the children leaving France took up their abode in Leicester, where Mrs. Hinton did her best to keep them all by teaching French and by fine needle-work. He (Bro. Kelly) had only just learned that on the death of Mrs. Jean in 1867, she had been childish and helpless for seven years, having had three apoplectic fits; yet so sensitive and retiring has been the nature of this poor lady that she never sought for assistance in her sad condition, but struggled on, toiling day by day to maintain the family. Had she but sought the aid of the brethren of St. John's Lodge, it would have been readily granted to her. Now, however, through the kindness of the Mayor, she is provided with, at least, a roof to cover her for the rest of her days, together with the not very extravagant pension of five shillings a week."

WM. KELLY, P.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland.

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#### AN HISTORIC RELIC.

A fine specimen of Leeds ware has come into my possession which may interest some of your readers. As I purchased it in order to secure, rather than keep it myself (having no collection of this class of Masonic curios) it is for sale price £2. The article referred to is a jug, formerly the Master's "loving-cup" of the Alfred Lodge, No. 433, Wetherby. It bears the name of the first W.M., Bro. George Walker, of No. 4, York, MS. celebrity, and the date 1778, at which period the lodge had already been contemplated. Meetings were held at Bro. Walker's house by a number of Masons, without any warrant; some, like himself, no doubt, initiated in a lodge under the All England Grand Lodge. No doubt Bro. Walker purchased the jug in the first instance for use at these meetings; but it is certain that it was kept at the Swan and Talbot with scrupulous care for years after the Alfred Lodge was warranted to meet there under the Moderns, in 1780. I may add that apart from its Masonic associations and value, it is the finest specimen of old Leeds ware I have ever seen, which, of course, is an additional recommendation. Besides this, it is perfect—quite an uncommon thing in Leeds ware of any age. This relic ought to be kept in Yorkshire. I heard of it first in 1880, but all my efforts to secure it were in vain; since then I have followed it into Lancashire and back into Yorkshire. In both counties it was purchased as fine old Leeds ware, and it is supposed I did the same. I desire, of course, that this historic relic of 18th century Masonic customs should remain in the county with which it was connected. Failing that I shall offer it to Grand Lodge if it be willing to preserve it.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



#### Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF CONFIDENCE (No. 193).**—The first meeting of this old and flourishing lodge, after the recess, was held on Monday last at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a goodly attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. W. Saint, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. F. Silvester, S.W.; G. P. Nightingale, J.W.; S. Smither, S.D.; Egan, Stwd., acting J.D.; B. D. Kushar, P.M.; Treas.; J. Shackell, P.M.; Sec.; J. Gildersleeve, I.G.; and W. A. Cubitt, I.P.M. Past Masters Bros. S. Webb, Bedford Lemere, J. Smith, and Walter Wood, with about forty other brethren, Bro. L. C. Reinhart, as Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. A. G. Watkinson, 1728; S. M. Pipe, 1306; C. J. Woodward, 1305; Alfred Love, 1791; J. Roberts, jun., 569; R. J.

Willden, 1473; H. W. Robinson, 363; T. Blundell, 1505; C. G. Eastman, 179; H. J. Amphlett, H. Friedlander, 1446; and H. Jacks, 1439.

The lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, when Bros. Frederick Hemings and Alfred Mignott were raised, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.M., who has evidently allowed no grass to grow under his feet during the vacation. Bro. Saint has evidently made the most of the respite from ordinary work, and has so far mastered the duties of his position that his efforts on Monday surpassed the anticipations of his most earnest friends, and elicited the unqualified approbation of all present. The ballot was taken for Mr. Sidney Herbert Clarke, who had been proposed by Bro. J. H. Bayley, and seconded by Bro. Masters; Mr. George Griggs, nominated by Bro. Hewlett, and seconded by Bro. Little; Mr. John Lyons, whose sponsors were the same; and Mr. George Barron, proposed by Bro. Little, seconded by the W.M. In each case the voting was unanimously in favour, and Messrs. Lyons and Clarke being in attendance, were duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the ceremony being worked in admirable manner by the W.M., who, in this, as in the former rites, showed the utmost confidence and ability. On the motion of Bro. Silvester, S.W., Bro. Bush was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge; and some routine business having been transacted, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Pillar Room for the banquet, which was served in a style for which Bro. Clemow, the proprietor of this famous old Fleet-street hotel is celebrated.

**LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).**—The first meeting of this lodge after the recess was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, the 26th inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, W.M.; S. Jacobs, S.W.; R. J. Paton, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M.; Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; Sec.; De Mesquita, S.D.; Hunter, J.D.; Rev. M. Haines, Chap.; Tress Hart, I.G.; J. Da Silva, P.M., D.C.; and there were also to other P.M.s of the lodge present, only one being absent; and amongst the visitors were Bros. T. Mount Humphries, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire, and C. H. Webb, P.M. 174.

In consequence of the absence of the candidates for initiation and raising, the only ceremony was that of passing Bros. S. Schumann and Solomon. Bro. Hamis was elected a joining member, and the sum of 20 guineas was voted as a testimonial for the indefatigable services of the Secretary, Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., during a period of just upon 10 years. Five guineas were voted to the St. George's Hospital as a slight recognition of the great care and skill shown to a member of the lodge—Bro. M. Fischer—who unfortunately did not survive the injuries our readers will remember he received while travelling on the Underground Railway. The balance-sheet of the last ball—showing a balance to the good of £57 18s. 3d.—was read, the balance going to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, which now amounts to over £1000, and notice was given to have another ball early next year; also notice to propose a grant of two guineas from the lodge funds to the Frederick Binckes' Presentation Fund, and the brethren present subscribed the sum of £9 15s. 6d. amongst themselves for the same purpose. The names of three candidates were proposed for initiation, and the brethren partook of a banquet.

**BAYARD LODGE (No. 1615).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present Bros. Capt. Graham Moon, W.M.; E. Sauerbrey, S.W.; E. Bamber, J.W.; Rev. D. Wilson, Chap.; F. Richardson, Treas.; Col. Haldane, Sec.; S. T. Fisher, S.D.; Major Scott, J.D.; Col. Somerville Burney, P.M., D.C.; Mecey, I.G.; Goodhall, Stwd.; Austin, Tyler; Col. Blunt, P.M.; S. H. d'Avigdor, P.M.; Rev. W. Smale, Rev. T. Robinson, Reynolds, Major Bailey, Morice, and Dallmeyer. Visitor: Bro. Sandeman. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Pearce was duly raised to the Sublime Degree, the ceremony being ably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Col. Blunt. A testimonial of the value of 20 guineas was unanimously voted to Bro. F. Richardson for his long and valuable services as Treasurer, and Bro. Col. Blunt was elected to that office. A candidate and a joining member were proposed, and the Secretary announced to the lodge that he had conducted the case of L. C. Whiteford, son of the late Bro. Dr. Whiteford, at the recent election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the candidate had been successful, having polled 1837 votes.

The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren dined together at the Café Royal, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).**—The first meeting after the season of recess took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. R. Kimpton, W.M.; A. R. Carter, S.W.; J. Rexworthy, J.W.; C. Butcher, P.M.; Treas.; G. S. Recknell, I.P.M.; Sec.; H. J. Rolls, S.D.; G. J. Garland, J.D.; R. J. Pitt, Org.; A. G. Watkinson, W.S.; R. Park, G. Adamson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C. Kent; W. W. Codd, F. Cleak, J. J. Stedman, B. T. Kimpton, A. T. Porter, C. A. Mackrell, D. E. Leman, and C. Gooding. Visitors: Bros. E. W. Adamson, P.M. 1110; A. B. Reynolds, 169; T. Bolton, 15; J. Kimpton, 1601; and S. W. Bowen, 1851.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pitt, who was appointed Organist on the evening of his initiation, was raised to the Third Degree. Bros. B. T. Kimpton (the W.M.'s brother) and J. J. Stedman were passed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. D. E. Leman, initiate, likewise for Bro. Chas. Gooding, 1329, as a joining member, which proved unanimous, and Mr. Leman was then initiated. The whole of the ceremonies being perfectly performed by the W.M. in his usual eloquent style.

The business being concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were accordingly honoured (which the W.M. prefaced by remarking that he hoped there would be as much harmony during the evening as possible, and that the replies would, in consequence, be brief), "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," being given, and received with every enthusiasm.

The W.M. cordially thanked the brethren for the hearty response the toast of his health had received, expressing satisfaction at the amount that had been contributed to his list as Steward for the Boys' School, £54 12s., and assuring them while there was such unity amongst them he should not fail to maintain and study the prosperity of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiate," said in his opinion it was the most important toast of the evening. Everyone was aware of the recommendation Bro. Leman held, that he believed him to be a good man, and earnestly hoped that he would become a true Mason.

The Initiate returned thanks, and added there was one feature in the evening's proceedings he sincerely regretted, viz., the absence of his esteemed friend, Bro. Treuherz, who had introduced him, he had been most seriously ill, but he (Bro. Leman) was happy to announce that he was now out of danger.

Bro. E. W. Adamson responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and highly complimented the W.M. upon the efficient way in which he had carried out the work that evening, and stated that he (Bro. Adamson) happened to be a Sussex Mason, and had the good fortune of being present when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales installed his brother as P.G.M. of Sussex, and was much struck with the interest H.R.H. exhibited on that occasion, adding that next to his own installation at the Albert Hall, he thought that at Brighton was one of the grandest sights ever witnessed in Freemasonry. He thanked the W.M. for his hospitality.

Bro. Reynolds and others also replied.

Bro. G. Adamson responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s," and, in returning thanks, stated he had much pleasure in meeting the brethren of the Temple Bar Lodge once more, and would have gladly given the W.M. any assistance if he required it, but was gratified to find the ceremonies so clearly and ably rendered. The S. and J. W.'s responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Some excellent music was interspersed under Bro. Pitt's direction, to which the W.M. applied the following lines:—

Music the fiercest grief can charm,  
And fate severest rage disarm,  
Music can soften pain to ease,  
And make despair and madness please,  
Our joys below it can improve,  
And antedate the bliss above.

**COBORN LODGE (No. 1804).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Vestry Hall, Bow, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. C. J. R. Tijou, W.M.; A. Souch, S.W.; E. S. Johnson, J.W.; R. Logan, P.M.; Treas.; F. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec.; H. L. Wheatley, S.D.; H. Johns, I.G. 1805, acting J.D.; R. R. Green, D.C.; J. A. Ellerton, Org.; G. Balme, I.G.; A. Patterson, Stwd.; G. Harrison, Tyler; C. Brown, P.M.; T. J. Robey, P.M.; Sulley, Gibbs, Wiseman, Annan, jun., Holland, Smithers, Webster, Sutton, Self, Eclan, Witherby, Mills, Baird, and Bohli. Visitors: Bros. J. Taylor, P.M. 753; J. L. Kennett, P.M. 1716; C. Hamilton, 83; J. H. Brown, J.D. 933; W. Pettigrew, 624; J. W. Neave, J.W. 1228; C. Raymond, 1716; F. Marsland, S.D. 1805; H. B. Forbes, S.W. 1805; and J. Willson, 861.

The minutes of the previous meetings having been duly read and confirmed, and other matters of business disposed of, Bros. Gibbs and Sulley were raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. In consequence of an accident, a brother for passing, being unable to be present, the W.M. requested the ballot be taken as initiates for Messrs. Baird, Bohli, and A. A. Mills, which proving unanimous, those gentlemen, after having been properly prepared, were duly initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a pleasant hour wound up the evening's work with speech and song.

**ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).**—The audit meeting of this lodge was held last week under the presidency of Bro. Henry Wright, W.M. There were also present Bros. L. F. Littell, P.M., P.G.A.P.; G. N. Johnson, C.C., P.M., P.G.S., P.M. 1; J. Perkins, C.C., Past Master Shipwrights' Company, P.M. 1672, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Squire, C.C., J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; Henry Clarke, C.C., S.D.; Rev. J. H. Smith, W.M. designate St. Mark's College Lodge, P.P. G. Officer Leicester and Rutland, Chaplain to Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs and to the Loriners' and Spectacle Makers' Company; W. Roberts, and J. Pugh. We understand the accounts show most satisfactorily.

The Worshipful Master said they would only drink two toasts, and he gave them that of "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft," together with "The M.W. the Grand Master." The other toast he proposed was "The Health of the W.M. Elect." He said he was sure the brethren had made an excellent choice when they chose the S.W. to preside over them for the next year. He (the W.M.) made the acquaintance of Bro. Perkins at the foundation of the lodge, and had now become a close friend. Bro. Perkins in every office he filled had done so with great dignity and credit to the lodge and himself. He was not like himself (the W.M.) new to the office of Master, for he had presided over another lodge some years since. He congratulated the lodge on having such an excellent Master to reign during the next eventful year, for he took it for granted that the Masonic body would signalise the Queen's Jubilee in some befitting manner. Already the *Freemason* had thrown out the suggestion. Bro. Wright felt that as he and Bro. Perkins entered the lodge at the same time, it was only by a slice of luck that he (Bro. Wright) occupied the chair in advance of Bro. Perkins, whom he knew was so much better qualified for the office. The W.M. elect, he knew, would maintain the prestige which the lodge had gained from every Master, from Sir John Monckton down to his (Bro. Wright's) immediate predecessor. The W.M. was sure that the Master elect could say "Amicus Plato, amicus Socrates, sed magis amica Veritas."

Bro. Perkins, in replying, thanked the W.M. for all the kind things he had said about him, and would endeavour to realise some of the prognostications. He was sure he started with the full support of the lodge, and it would be his utmost endeavour to carry out the system which Bro. Wright had so ably upheld and so beautifully worked. He wished to mention in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master" that Bro. Wright had informed him he had

asked Sir John Monckton to perform the ceremony of installation on the 3rd November. They all knew from the way Bro. Wright had given the lectures and charges during his year of office that he was quite competent to install him; nevertheless he had spontaneously requested Sir John on account of his having installed every Master of the lodge, to do so again, and he (Bro. Perkins) felt it was a greater honour to be installed by a brother holding such high office in the Craft.

The Worshipful Master replied in a few words to the toast of his health.

Most of the brethren then left to attend the Lady Mayoress's Ball at the Mansion House.

**STRAND LODGE (No. 1987).**—The installation meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., who, in the unavoidable absence of the candidates for initiation, at once proceeded to install Bro. W. Harris, P.M. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. This ceremony being concluded, the collars of the lodge were conferred on the following brethren: Bros. J. R. Stacey, I.P.M.; J. Douglass, P.M., S.W.; W. T. Madge, J.W.; J. Willing, P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; A. Leon, S.D.; E. N. Dale, J.D.; J. H. Batty, I.G.; H. S. Foster, D. of C.; F. Jackson, A.D. of C.; J. N. Hare and C. J. Taylor, Stwds.; R. Mackway, Org.; C. H. Cutbush, Asst. Sec.; and R. Whiting, Tyler.

Before closing the business of the day, the new W.M., in name of the lodge, presented to Bro. R. Stacey a P.M.'s jewel, manufactured according to the Strand Lodge pattern, and Bro. Stacey, in thanking the W.M. and the brethren for their generous gift, would not deny that he appreciated the jewel for its own value, and for the testimony it bore to the esteem of the brethren; but, at the same time, he assured them that his love of Freemasonry went beyond that mere bauble, and that under the care and guidance of the esteemed W.M. it would be his pleasure to assist in conducting its future progress.

The brethren then assisted the W.M. to close the lodge, and adjourned to the banquetting room.

After the repast had been disposed of, and grace sung, the customary toasts were submitted for the acceptance of the brethren. "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured.

That of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was associated with the name of Bro. Col. Harding, to whom a hearty welcome was accorded.

Col. Harding, in reply, said he could not be other than sensible of the very high honour just paid to the Grand Officers of England by the W.M., in proposing and by the brethren in welcoming the toast with amiable enthusiasm. With the long programme before the brethren it would not be right to occupy much of their time, but he need hardly say the Grand Officers were all animated by a sincere desire to serve their brethren, and forward the cause of the Institutions to which they all so heartily subscribed. He could not resume his seat without thanking the W.M. very cordially for the remarks which he had applied to him in a personal sense, and Bro. Mackway for the very considerable pleasure he had afforded him by being his host.

Bro. Stacey, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that having had the honour and pleasure of installing the W.M., he was thoroughly convinced that he would never discredit the chair. He had shown that evening what he intended to do, that he was equal to the work, and that he intended the brethren should be happy. He was an excellent worker, and they would not find him wanting—in one sentence, in fact, they would find Bro. Harris one of the best Masters they had had.

The Worshipful Master having acknowledged the toast, next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," wishing him health and strength to assist the Strand Lodge in the future. There was no more worthy brother in the lodge than Bro. Stacey, who was actuated by the kindest feelings to every member, and who was so devoted to Masonry that he would go any distance, or rise at any time, to assist any brother with his work.

Bro. Stacey, I.P.M., said the Strand Lodge was started under very excellent auspices indeed, and their Master for the first two years was Bro. Willing. In those early days they had an extraordinary amount of work to do, and it was done faithfully and well. He sincerely thought they had got a similar man in the present W.M. In the office he (Bro. Stacey) had filled in the lodge he had used all the Masonic care he possibly could, and he would be well repaid by the compliment he had received. Successful as the lodge had been, he still expected to see it more successful. They did not particularly want great numbers, though numbers were desirable, but it was a great thing to see a lodge founded under such auspices as this attain the success it had.

Bro. Dyson, W.M. 65, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said he felt very highly the honour conferred upon him, while Bro. Larkin congratulated the W.M. on his occupancy of the chair of a lodge which, though not one of the oldest, was one of the foremost in London.

Bros. Butt, Major Heaton, and Bridgewater also responded, the last brother observing, in the course of his remarks, that he had always felt that, however good they might be, and however highly esteemed they might think themselves as men of the world, they could not but be better if they acted up to the sentiments which were instilled in them in a Masonic lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he felt he could not do justice to it, and to the qualifications of the Treasurer and the very industrious Secretary. The Strand Lodge owed its future to the devoted services of P.M. Willing, who had performed the duties of his office in such an admirable way that they found on entering a new Masonic year the lodge was in a very prosperous condition and with a balance in hand. Last year there was a deficiency. This year the Treasurer had so husbanded the funds that he was able to congratulate himself that he held a very substantial balance, which he (the W.M.) should during his year endeavour to increase. Bro. Willing was so indomitable in his exertions that he would give every assistance he possibly could. As to the Secretary, Bro. Stiles's name would be received with acclamation, because there was no lodge in London which possessed a more worthy brother, or a more indefatigable Secretary.

Bro. Willing, P.M., Treasurer, said that when they commenced the lodge, they commenced as a worthy band of

brothers, and he hoped that feeling would exist in spite of any eccentricities, though the number of the brethren should be doubled. The W.M. might be trusted to know what was best for the interests of the lodge. No Master attempted to force his own feelings and wishes on his lodge without believing that that was best for the lodge. He always thought the brethren made a great mistake in electing him as Treasurer, be he was happy to say that Bro. Stacey had gone out of the chair with a balance, which, considering what had been given to the Charities, and how the brethren had enjoyed themselves, was a good one.

Bro. Stiles, P.M., Secretary, had very little to add, but that little was of a complimentary character.

"The Press," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast concluded the evening, which was enlivened by some excellent singing, under the direction of Bro. Mackway, Organist of the lodge, by the Criterion choir boys.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—The regular monthly meeting of this old established lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when Bro. F. H. Hallett, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. Plowman, I.P.M.; T. H. Markwick, S.W.; S. Chandler, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treasurer; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, P.G.D. of C., P.M., Secretary; E. C. Edwards, acting S.D.; J. B. Foord, J.D.; W. Woodcock, Org.; W. S. Allen, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; W. Glemister, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M.; R. J. Reed, George Roddis, J. Stace, W. Cooper, G. Randall, Rev. G. H. Frewer, J. T. Edmed, G. H. Gaze, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. G. H. Gaze was duly passed, and Bro. Edmed raised to the Degree of M.M., both ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. After two candidates had been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed.

**GUERNSEY.—Mariner's Lodge (No. 168).**—The usual monthly meeting of this old lodge, which dates from 1784, was held at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, St. Peter Port, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. Sparrow, W.M.; Coombes, R.A., I.P.M.; Courtenay, P.M., acting S.W.; Thorne, P.M., acting J.W.; R. Smythson, P.M., Sec.; De Jersey, P.M., Treas.; Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; and others. There were several visitors from Jersey and from the other lodges in the Island. Bro. the Rev. H. Millican, who had been previously initiated and passed in this lodge, was raised to the Third Degree, the grave and impressive ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Part of the business of the evening, as stated on the lodge summons was, "To consider a communication received from the W.M. of Doyle's Lodge, No. 84, suggesting that the lodges should consolidate their Masonic Charity votes. If the same be adopted it is proposed that Bro. Pengeley, P.M., be elected to represent this lodge on a Committee to be formed for dealing with the said votes." The matter having been brought before the lodge by the W.M., after considerable discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Emra Holmes, who said he would support anything which would promote harmony between Doyle's Lodge and the other sister lodges in the Island, that the suggestion be adopted, and that Bro. Pengeley should represent Mariner's Lodge on the proposed Committee. A communication was received from a brother in distressed circumstances in Canada. Assistance was directed to be sent out, together with a letter of thanks to the Master of the lodge who had generously succoured the brother, who, it appeared, was very ill.

The other business of the evening having been disposed of, the brethren retired for refreshment, a cordial welcome being given to all visitors.

After the usual loyal toasts, the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Emra Holmes.

Bro. Holmes, in responding, took the opportunity of urging the brethren to unite with the whole of the other lodges in the Bailiwick of Guernsey (which includes Alderney) in petitioning the Grand Master to form Guernsey into a province, and to appoint a Provincial Grand Master, as had recently been done in the Isle of Man. He assured the brethren that Masonry would never take its proper position in the Island until a Provincial Grand Lodge was formed.

Bro. P. Le Page, P.M., Sec. 243, also responded, and explained the scheme of consolidation of votes for the Masonic Charities in the Island.

Bro. Milligan delivered an able, we had almost said an eloquent, speech on his health being proposed. Having testified to the impressiveness of the ceremony through which he had gone, and the admirable way in which the W.M. had performed the same, he said he should never rest content until, in the course of time, he filled the chair himself, and became Worshipful Master of Mariner's Lodge.

Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and the brethren separated, after the Tyler's toast had been given, in customary form.

**BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. Chas. Crompton, W.M.; Peter Bradburn, I.P.M.; James Walker, S.W.; W. F. Chambers, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. W. Draycott, Sec.; W. Siddons, S.D.; R. Cuerden, J.D.; W. Forrest, I.G.; E. Halliwell, Stwd.; Thos. Hyson, Tyler; J. M. Rutter, P.M.; Thos. Morris, P.M.; W. H. Brown, H. Critchley, H. Marginson, D. M. Stevenson, C. Howarth, J. W. Entwistle, H. B. Truman, and J. C. Bentley. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Skelton, 146; Chas. Holgate, 348; John Wolstenholme, 148; I. Milner, 146; Rob. Johnson, 146; and J. R. Woolmer, 678.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved to contribute £2 2s. to the Binckes Presentation Fund. Bro. James Walker, S.W., was appointed to represent the lodge on a Committee to be formed for the purpose of presenting a portrait of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Starkie, to that worthy brother, in recognition of his services to the province during his tenure of office. Bro. Phillips, P.M. 348, rehearsed the lecture on the tracing board in the First Degree, in discharging which duty he acquitted himself in a most creditable manner and

received a very creditable vote of thanks from the lodge, which he briefly acknowledged, expressing his desire at all times to be of any possible service to the Craft. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and "Rearty good wishes" tendered from the representatives of Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and other visiting brethren.

A portion of the ancient rules and charges having been read by the S.W., the lodge was closed.

**BRIGHTLINGSEA.—Lodge of Hope (No. 433).**—The installation meeting of this Essex lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., when Bro. the Rev. J. P. Britton, P.P.G.C., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by W. Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings, P.P.G.C. Cornwall, and the officers for the year were appointed and invested as under: Bros. Joseph S. French, I.P.M.; E. Frost, S.W.; G. Angler, J.W.; W. Clarey, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; W. Martin, S.D.; F. Cross, J.D.; J. E. Wiseman, D.C.; Herbert, I.G.; Pitt and Martin, Stewards; and Wilson, Tyler. In investing the Treasurer, the W.M. announced, amidst much applause, that this was the thirty-third year that Bro. Clarey had been elected to that office. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. the Rev. Hayman Cummings for his kindness in acting as Installing Master, at a few minutes' notice, in the absence of W. Bro. Tisley, the lodge was closed.

About 40 brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, a capital repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Harmer.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some vocal music added to the harmony of the evening.

Among the visitors present were Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; Richard Clowes, P.M. and Sec. 650, P.P.G.S.W.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; Fred. J. Wiseman, P.M. 1734, P.P.G.J.W.; Maurice H. Page, Sec. 2063; and E. Butler Bootes, 51; and the following members of No. 433: Bros. C. Blyth, P.P.G.P.; J. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Henry York; Geo. Riches, P.M., P.G.A.P.; W. S. Ling, P.M.; R. C. Athill, P.M.; John Dean, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. D. Poppleton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Adam Smith, P.M.; and Bros. F. Martin, Bacon, Downs, Lord, Gentry and others.

**HULME.—Blair Lodge (No. 815).**—The installation of Bro. J. L. Priestnall took place, and the St. John's festival was celebrated, on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall, and we feel sure that all who have the pleasure of Bro. Priestnall's acquaintance will congratulate him most heartily upon his accession to the chair of K.S., an honour which he thoroughly deserves and which he will at the expiration of his year of office prove to have been worthily bestowed. There were present Bros. Dr. J. St. Patrick Riley, W.M.; J. F. Anderson, I.P.M.; J. L. Priestnall, S.W.; Bryce Blair, J.W.; H. W. Riley, Sec.; W. J. Herring, J.D.; William Towle, P.M.; J. Sheldrick, P.M.; H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. H. Wrigley, M. Davies, C. W. Jones, J. W. White, D. Foulkes, J. Wray, W. Peel, J. McEwen, J. Parker, W. R. F. C. Williams, J. Summersfield, S. C. Lowe, G. Rowlands, and J. Sly. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Aspland, P.M. 633, P.G. Reg.; J. Beard, P.G.J.W.; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.G.D.C.; J. Barker, P.M. 1134, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Davies, P.M. 1387, P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire; S. Jew, P.M. 105, 1205, 1547, P.P.G.T. Devon; R. Dottie, P.M. 1161; E. Barlow, J.W. 300; Geo. Board, W.M. 1798; J. W. Clough, 1144; H. Cardwell, 1387; T. R. Langtry, 163; Watmough, W.M. 1126; D. Donbavand, late of 317; and R. R. Lisenden, W.M. 317, 2156.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. McEwen and John Parker were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. McEwen was subsequently passed to the Second Degree by Bro. J. Sheldrick, P.M. Bro. W. Peel was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. J. F. Anderson, P.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Priestnall, was duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. H. C. Rocca, P.P.G.D., and with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Bryce Blair, S.W.; H. W. Riley, J.W.; W. J. Herring, S.D.; W. Waine, J.D.; M. Davies, I.G.; W. R. Sowter, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Wrigley, Secretary; J. F. Anderson, P.M., Org.; C. W. Jones and J. W. White, Stwds.; and James Sly, Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John at a banquet prepared by Bro. Perry, which gave every satisfaction. After the banquet, the W.M., Bro. Priestnall, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, prefacing each with a few appropriate remarks.

Bro. H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities," a toast which, he said, was usually brought forward late in the evening, and consequently not as much attention paid to it as should be. In his opinion it was the toast of the evening, and should thus be considered. Bro. Rocca dwelt upon the excellences of the three London Institutions, and also of the East Lancashire Systematic, all of which were thoroughly deserving of the individual support of every member of the lodge. Bro. Rocca also strongly commented upon the Charity that should exist amongst the brethren one to another in bearing and forbearing with each other's faults and failings. All his remarks were well received, and the toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and was heartily drunk by the brethren, after which Bro. William Dumville sang "The Master's Toast," which is a departure from the usual "Here's to his health," and one which, to our thinking, is not a change for the better, as it seems still to leave something wanting.

Bro. Priestnall thanked Bro. Riley for the encomiums passed on him, and the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast, assuring them nothing should be wanting on his part to merit the confidence they had reposed in him, and he would do all in his power to keep up the prestige the Blair Lodge had so long enjoyed.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," which was well received, and responded to.

Several other toasts were honoured, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The musical portion of the entertainment was well carried out by those popular executants, Bros. Charles Turner, H. Miller, A. Lewtas, and W. and H. Dumville.



**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—This lodge assembled at the Griffin Hotel, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., the only business being to pass Bros. Edgell, Moscrop, and Loxley to the Degree of F.C. The working was correctly and impressively done by the W.M., Bro. Weaver. Owing to the death of the D.P.G.M. the brethren appeared in mourning, and the lodge banner was draped with black.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 21st inst. The W.M., Bro. Henry Kimm, presided, supported by Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; Robert Hughes, S.W.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., as J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.A.P., P.M., Treas.; W. A. Raper, Sec.; T. J. Walder, S.D.; W. T. Jordain, J.D.; R. T. Davison, M.D., I.G.; Leary, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G. S.D., P.M.; A. D. Womersley, P.M.; W. C. Till, Charles Martin, J. B. Foster, W. E. Skinner, Pepper, R. Avis, Victor Baumann, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. J. Allinson, W.M. 1842.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and communications read (in the absence of Bro. Sargent, P.M.), Bro. the Very Rev. Currie, I.P.M., proposed, seconded by Bro. Hughes, S.W., and carried unanimously, that a sum of five guineas be voted towards the testimonial to Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary. There being no further business lodge was closed in due form.

**GREAT DUNMOW.**—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W., W.M.; Walter Rowe, S.W.; Edward F. Ferris, J.W.; F. J. Snell, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; R. C. Lyle, J.D.; H. E. Dehane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., D.C.; J. L. Franklin, I.G.; F. W. Warner, Tyler; A. Rattray, P.M., P.G.A.S.; R. Brazier, W. S. Sams, R. Marsh, R. F. Scars, Wm. Hall, C. Bint, T. Wright, and D. Millbank. Visitors: Bros. F. R. Adams, 2136; W. R. Willcox, 51 and 2136; John Miller, 2136; and John Collis, 2136.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rattray then assumed the chair, and, after the usual preliminaries, installed Bro. Rowe into the chair of K.S., giving the addresses in a very able manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. Ferris, S.W.; (Bro. de Vins Wade, absent, J.W.); Snell, Treas.; Clapham, Sec.; Lyle, S.D.; Franklin, J.D.; Dehane, D.C.; Millbank, I.G.; and F. W. Warner, Tyler. The following gentlemen were initiated by Bro. Lewin, the I.P.M., at the request of the W.M.: Messrs. Walter Rivers and John Wright. The W.M., Bro. Rowe, was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and a hearty vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was given to Bro. Rattray for the able manner he had performed the duties of Installing Master; and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the usual Royal, Grand, and Provincial Masonic toasts in flowery and eloquent language, and all were received with enthusiasm.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Lewin, I.P.M., who said he could only speak in terms of high appreciation of the work already done by him in the various offices of the lodge, and from the manner he had performed the duties of the chair so far. He congratulated the brethren on having such a brother to guide them during the ensuing 12 months.

The toast was received as has been usual in the Rosslyn Lodge.

The Worshipful Master replied in suitable terms for the great compliment which had just been paid to him, and thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had received it.

"The Installing Master's Health" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who thanked him for many kindnesses and Masonic attentions he had received from him since the time he proposed him for initiation in No. 1543, and also spoke in high terms of the work done by him in the province, and congratulated him upon the merited honour conferred upon him at Prov. Grand Lodge at Chelmsford by their beloved P.G.M., Lord Brooke, who appointed him P.G.A. Sec., an office which the W.M. said, Bro. Rattray, from his great abilities, would be able to perform with credit to himself, the Provincial Grand Lodge, and his mother lodge.

The Installing Master replied, briefly remarking that when he was personally alluded to, and flattered as he had been, he was at a loss to express what he felt at such a moment. He could only return his sincere thanks.

Bro. Lewin returned thanks for the toast of "The I.P.M."

The toasts of "The Visitors" and "The Initiates" were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master said, owing to the early hours kept at Dunmow, he was obliged to defer the usual compliments paid to the officers of the lodge till next meeting.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening, which was enlivened by songs from Bros. Lewin, Adams, and Dr. Lyle.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—On Saturday, the 23rd inst., Bro. H. B. Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas., was installed W.M. of this lodge at the Town Hall. There were present Bros. W. Ramsey, the retiring W.M.; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. B.; George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. S. Dunkley, Rush-ton Odell, W. W. Morgan, J. Holliday, R. B. Johnstone, Leonard, Leach Lewis, T. Minstrell, H. Ballams, G. B. Seaton, J. Battams, G. Clark, G. J. Dunkley, C. C. Cruikshanks, Hon. Sec. of the lodge, J. B. Clark, W. J. Lee, and many others.

The first duty that devolved on Bro. H. B. Marshall, after his installation and the appointment and investiture of his officers, was that of initiating his son, Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall, jun., an undergraduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and this he performed in a manner which reflected the highest credit on our worthy Past G. Treasurer. In fact, though our experience in these matters is unusually large, we confess that we have seldom seen the ceremony of the First Degree more accurately and more impressively carried out. The apron

with which the newly-admitted brother was invested bore the scriptural text, "The greatest of these is charity," inscribed on the lining, together with the date (1878) of the respected Master's initiation into Masonry, and also that of his son.

Other regular Masonic business having been transacted, the members and their guests adjourned to the Albany Hotel, where they sat down to a sumptuous and substantial banquet, prepared and served under the personal direction of the worthy host, Mr. Knight.

In proposing the loyal and Masonic toasts, the newly-installed Master, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, remarked that since he was initiated in the lodge in 1878, no less than six Provincial Grand Lodge collars had been given to the members of the lodge. They warmly thanked the Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., for the honour which he had thus conferred upon their lodge.

With "The Provincial Grand Offices of Middlesex, Present and Past," the W. Master coupled the name of Bro. George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx., whom he heartily thanked for the generous support he had given him on many occasions.

Bro. George Kenning replied. Bro. Wm. Ramsey gave "The Health of the Master," whom he had very great pleasure in seeing in the chair of that Lodge. The Master's position was most exceptional in that on the night of his installation as W.M. of the Royal Hanover Lodge he had his son as an initiate by his side. No doubt this would be one of the principal episodes of their lives, and one which would be borne in mind by them for many years to come. Their Master had performed the initiation ceremony in a manner the most impressive, and in a way which had appealed most effectually to the heart.

The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm and with full Masonic honours.

The Master, in responding, thanked the brethren sincerely for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. It was with some hesitation that he accepted the position of Master of the lodge, to which he was elected by favour of the brethren in July last, owing to the multiplicity of his engagements, and the claims on his time in connection with the philanthropic works with which he was associated. About the time of his election he was invited to lay the foundation-stone of a middle-class college in the Cathedral city of Canterbury, and the brethren, with that generosity which was characteristic of the members of the Craft, presented him with the tools with which to perform the ceremony. Upon the magnificent silver trowel was engraved the words, "labor omnia vincit," and he resolved upon reading it, to apply that motto to his own case, and determined that if by perseverance and labour it was possible to properly perform the splendid ritual of the Order, they should not be wanting on his part. He only hoped that at the end of his year of office they might be in a position to say that he had performed the duties of his important position to their entire satisfaction.

"The Health of the Visitors" and "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. Ramsey," "The Installing Officer," and other toasts were given, including "The Initiate," which was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. H. B. Marshall, jun.

During a most enjoyable evening's proceedings, vocal music was performed by Bros. G. J. Dunkley, J. Holliday, S.W., and others.

**KIDSGROVE.**—St. Thomas's Lodge (No. 1914).—The installation of Bro. J. Foster, as W.M. of this lodge, took place at the lodge room, Harecastle Hotel, on Tuesday afternoon, the 12th inst., in the presence of a fair attendance of brethren, including visitors from other towns. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Warburton, P.M., who was assisted by Bros. Woodcock, the retiring W.M.; Storey, P.M. and P.P.G.A.D.C.; and T. K. Pedley, P.M. P.P.G.S. of W. The following officers were appointed: Bros. J. Evans, S.W.; Brokley, J.W.; Storey, Treas.; Wildig, Sec.; D. Hancock, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Pedley, D.C.; Dobson, I.G.; Buckley, Stwd.; and Isom, Tyler.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room of the above hotel, where an excellent repast was provided by Bro. Bushbridge. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. F. Mountford, P.M. 460, P.P.G.O.; F. W. Tomkinson, P.M. 451, P.P.G.S.D.; Warwick Savage, S.W. 451; Samuel Morley, S.D. 451; W. Bates, W.M. 451; John J. Savage, P.M. 1086; R. Benbow, P.M. 451; James Norris, I.P.M. 451; and S. Watson, S.W. 2164.

During the evening vocal and instrumental music was supplied, and the proceedings were of an enjoyable character.

**READING.**—Kendrick Lodge (No. 2043).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. G. W. Webb, W.M.; C. H. Tench, S.W.; J. E. Sydenham, J.W.; T. Cooke, jun., Treas.; G. H. Stubington, Sec.; C. B. Tubbs, S.D.; B. W. Bennett, J.D.; F. J. Ferguson, D.C.; C. E. Hewett, I.G.; J. T. Brown, Stwd.; J. F. Stevens, Tyler; W. G. Flanagan, P.M.; Edward Margrett, P.M.; J. H. Millard, and Henry Creed. Visitors: Bros. H. W. Schartau, Org. 1549; H. W. O. Smith, W.M. 1566; F. Marsh, W.M. 1895; Henry Perks, W.M. 209; Doran Webb, W.M. 1894; F. Blackwell, W.M. 414; C. Slaughter, 1101; H. G. Sherwin, 1101; F. J. Brown, 1101; J. J. Thomas, 1171; J. Sparrow, 1101; W. Ravenscroft, 1101; J. Greenaway, 1101; and W. Bonny, 414.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and a lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. C. H. Tench, who was elected W. Master of the lodge for the ensuing year in March last, was duly installed, the ceremony was performed by Bro. W. G. Flanagan in a most impressive manner. The W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. E. Sydenham, S.W.; C. B. Tubbs, J.W.; T. Cooke, jun., Treas.; G. H. Stubington, Sec.; B. W. Bennett, S.D.; C. E. Hewett, J.D.; J. T. Brown, I.G.; T. E. Hill, J. H. Millard, and F. J. Lawes, Stwds.; and J. Stevens, Tyler. Mr. Richmond Lockley Reed was proposed as a candidate for initiation by Bro. B. W. Bennett, and seconded by W. Bro. W. G. Flanagan.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren to the number of about 35 adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. W. G. Flanagan, at which the W.M. presided.

In the course of the evening Bro. G. W. Webb, I.P.M., presented the lodge with a very beautiful "broken column," in token of the pleasure he had derived from his year of office.

Bro. G. W. Webb was presented by the W.M. with a very elegant Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him at a previous meeting. In receiving the medal Bro. Webb assured the brethren it would be valued and preserved by him so long as his life might be spared.

**CROYDON.**—George Price Lodge (No. 2096). An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday the 23rd inst. Present: Bros. H. M. Hobbs, P.G.S.D. Surrey, W.M.; F. T. Ridpath, S.W.; A. Matthey, acting J.W.; J. S. Fraser, Sec.; M. L. Levey, S.D.; W. G. Goode, J.D.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, I.G.; W. G. Oates, D.C.; J. C. Leaver, Stwd.; F. W. Leaver, Org.; W. Lane, Tyler; Geo. Price, P.G. Treas. Surrey; Holdsworth, Holden, Wilson, Guddalla, Rev. Lennox Harvey, Astoro, and Herschhorn. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Ranson, W.M. 1790; C. Daniel, P.M. 65; J. Newton, P.M. 174; C. H. Woodward, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey; W. Fox Hawes, J.D. 463; E. Cawdler, 890; Col. M. L. Elliot, 1215; A. O. Morice, 1615; and F. Laughlin, Org. 1365.

The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning in consequence of the death of the D.P.G. Master of Surrey. The lodge was duly opened and a ballot taken for Mr. Frederick Herschhorn, and who was afterwards initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. the Rev. Lennox Harvey and H. H. Aston were passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. then proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Geo. Price, supported by Bro. C. H. Woodward, and carried unanimously, the same to be entered in the minutes, and a copy sent to Bro. C. Greenwood: "The brethren of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, have heard with deep regret of the sudden death of the V.W. Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B., D.P.G. Master Surrey, and an hon. member of this lodge, which has received so much kindness at his hands. The brethren further wish to express to Bro. Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sec. Surrey, and the other members of the family, their sincerest sympathy in their great and irreparable loss."

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

## INSTRUCTION.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, W.M.; Jos. Bailey, S.W.; J. Crutenden, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; A. Hardy, S.D.; J. R. Allman, J.D.; O. L. Haines, I.G.; W. J. Mason, Stwd.; W. H. Wadham, J. F. Cliburn, Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; J. H. Wood, W.M. elect 1642; C. S. Mote, J. Potter, R. P. J. Laundry, S. Bullen, A. W. Thompson, A. J. Barradale, W. Chapple, C. Coleman, W. J. Potts, O. W. Battley, W. C. Williams, W. J. Mason, W. Death, A. S. de Fivas, and S. Barrow. Bro. A. T. Forman, 1201, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Mulvey, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was called off and on. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Potter and Coleman candidates respectively. Bro. Jos. Bailey was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. Bro. Forman was elected a member—who expressed himself highly gratified at the manner the duties were carried out, as being the means of imparting instruction to those requiring it. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE** (No. 1489).—A regular meeting was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at Bro. M. Hart's, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park-road. Present: Bros. Walker, W.M.; Hughes, P.M., S.W.; Dutton, J.W.; H. Forss, P.M., Preceptor; Lowe, Sec.; Job, P.M., S.D.; Hart, J.D.; Youngs, I.G.; Beaton, Draper, Saint, W.M. 193; Stephens, P.M.; Archer, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the evening was devoted to working the Third Degree, Bro. Hughes, P.M., occupying the chair, and Bro. Archer as candidate. Bro. Stephens worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture. On the lodge being lowered, Bro. H. Forss, P.M., was elected Preceptor, W. Gray, P.M., Treasurer, H. Lowe, Secretary, and Beaton and Draper, Auditors. Bro. Hughes was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Walker received the thanks of the lodge for his conduct in the chair. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE** (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 25th inst. Present: Bros. Featherstone, W.M.; Bugler, S.W.; Langley, J.W.; Taylor, Preceptor; Williams, S.D.; Collick, J.D.; Grundy, Sec.; Webb, I.G.; and Carter, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Benjamin, P.M. 1366, and Burrows, 129.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The installation ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Taylor, P.M., Preceptor, the chair having been vacated by Bro. Featherstone in the meantime. Bro. Featherstone, having been duly installed, nominated and invested his officers. Bro. Webb, I.G., proposed, Bro. Williams, S.D., seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Bros. Benjamin, P.M., and Burrows were elected members of this lodge of instruction. The newly-elected brethren thanked the lodge and paid the customary dues. Bro. Bugler, S.W., proposed, and Bro. Taylor, P.M., seconded, a resolution to the following effect: "That the entry of Bro. Featherstone's name in the address book as a honorary member of this lodge of instruction, and this resolution be entered on the minutes." This was carried unanimously. Bro. Featherstone thanked the lodge, which was then closed, and adjourned to Monday next. Bro. Bugler will be in the chair, and the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. A. Gammell, W.M.; F. Kedge, S.W.; L. Gunzel, J.W.; H. G. Marsden, S.D.; Charles Lambert, J.D.; H. Sammons, I.G.; G. Coleman and H. S. Hunter, acting as Preceptors; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Frank Gulliford, W. B. McQueen, Henry Crookes, T. R. Beaufort Hinks, C. Iiter, A. Clark, J. B. Godwin, J. D. Graham, E. Chamberlain, J. Davis, J. W. Tacon, F. M. Noakes, Alfred Weil, C. J. Fox, John Mitchell, G. H. Reynolds, Carlo Grassi, Cecil Howard, H. Matthews, W. Hancock, Thos. W. Tyler, G. P. Bertini, T. A. Dickson, C. Parsons, and William Hain. Bro. S. H. Cole was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. D. Graham having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. W. Tacon. Bro. J. Greaves offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. A. Gammell resumed the chair. Lodge resumed

to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction:—Bros. Alfred Weil, Secretary 1540, proposed by Bro. G. Lambert, seconded by the J.W.; and Charles Spenser, S.W. 1637, proposed by Bro. H. G. Marsden, and seconded by Bro. G. P. Bertini. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. Coleman proposed that Bro. F. Kedge be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the Courthill Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; Cochrane, S.W.; Hubbard, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Dresden, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Woods, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M.; R. H. Williams, Heath, Craggs, Gardner, Rayner, Simms, and W. B. Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Craggs answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Rayner answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cochrane 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 22nd inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Brindley, P.M., W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Mason, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Wade, P.M., S.D.; Arnold, J.D.; Wombell, I.G.; Green, P.M.; Wakley, Musson, Coleman, Abbott, Forscutt, Green, junr., Roberts, and Clarkson.

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. Roberts being the candidate. Bro. Abbott, a F.C., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Coleman, 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. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen for the first time, Bro. Abbott was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, Bro. Coughlan gave notice of motion to the effect that the last meeting in the month be at the disposal of the W.M. and officers of the mother lodge. Bro. Wade also gave notice of motion to the effect that a day be named for the annual supper, and that a Committee be appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Cochrane, W.M.; Austin, S.W.; Josey, P.M., J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Allman, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; Whittle, I.G.; Davies, Preceptor; Purdue, P.M.; Child, P.M.; Speigel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Wood, Cross, Marsh, Ridgby, Cavers, Stroud, Head, Love, Craggs, Breitbart, and W. Williams. Bro. Thompson, 1425, was a visitor.

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. Ridgby candidate. The W.M. gave the charge after initiation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section was worked by Bro. Speigel, P.M., and answered by Bro. Cochrane. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section was worked by Bro. Davies, answered by Bro. Austin. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Austin was elected W.M. for next meeting, when the Fifteen Sections will be worked. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1812).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Present: Bros. D. Stroud, W.M.; J. Wood, S.W.; V. Wing, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; W. Williams, acting Sec.; Purdue, P.M., S.D.; Corston, P.M., J.D.; E. Dodson, I.G.; A. Craggs, Stwd.; Walters, P.M., P.G.D.; Steer, and Osborne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Osborn offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very efficient manner. The 2nd Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Purdue, P.M., under the direction of the worthy Preceptor. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, when it was proposed by Bro. Ayling, P.M., and seconded by the J.W., that Bro. Wood be W.M. for the ensuing week.

**CROYDON.—EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD (No. 463).**—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Katherine-street, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., when there was a good attendance, including Bros. Sudlow, W.M.; Redpath, S.W.; Oates, J.W.; Shakespeare, S.D.; Tite, J.D.; Kilvington, I.G.; Hawes, Sec.; and Hobbs, Preceptor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the Second. Bro. Hobbs acting as Master elect, and Bro. Sudlow as I.P.M. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and Bro. Hobbs was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed in the Second, and closed in the Second, and resumed in the First, and the W.M. appointed and invested his several officers. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Sudlow was elected an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Hobbs, W.M. 2096, proposed, and Bro. Ranson, W.M. 1799, seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be given Bro. Sudlow for his kindness in coming to Croydon, and for the very able manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony, and that this be recorded on the minutes. After other business, the W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Comp. H. Cuff, M.E.Z., presided, and there were present likewise Comps. W. Medwin, H.; T. Cohu, P.Z.; J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; John Taylor, S.N.; T. S. Holland, P.S.; H. Hughes, 1st A.S.; W. P. Dixon, 2nd A.S.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, A. W. Price, John Kent, Alfred Cotton, and W. Hawes. Visitor: Comp. G. Ward Verry, P.Z. 554.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comps. W. Medwin, T. Cohu, and John Taylor were elected Z., H., and J. respectively for the ensuing year, and Comp. George Kenning, P.Z., was re-elected Treasurer. The first Tuesday in December was chosen as the day, and the Cannon-street Hotel as the place, for the meeting of the Audit Committee, and a sum of £5 5s. having been voted to a distressed companion, chapter was closed, and the banquet followed.

The companions wore the usual emblem of mourning on

this occasion out of respect to the memory of Comps. C. B. Cheese, P.Z., and Chapman, P.Z., whose deaths were announced with regret in the summons.

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).**—The first convocation of the above chapter since the installation in July last took place on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill-road, when there were present Comps. W. Rees, M.E.Z.; E. B. Hobson, H.; R. J. Cook, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P. G. J. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Kent, Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent, S.E.; T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S. Kent; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z.; Eugene Sweny, P.Z.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. Kent; R. Edmonds, P.Z.; W. Musto, P.Z.; J. H. Roberts, S.N.; E. Palmer, P.S.; T. R. Richardson, 2nd A.S.; Dr. Bernays, H. Ough, E. Morris, W. C. Taylor, G. J. Taylor, W. G. Lloyd, G. H. Porter, J. Farrier, J. Topp, G. Nichols, J. Hooton, and C. Jolly, S.N. 1472, all of the chapter; and H. De Gray, 13.

The business before the chapter consisted of the exaltation of Bro. R. S. Courtman, 913, and that was admirably done. Comp. Penfold then stated that out of the 1500 shares required to be taken up before the new Masonic Temple at Plumstead is begun, over 1200 had been so taken; and, as the chapter was in a prosperous condition, he moved that it take up 25 £1 shares in the Temple. The Pattison Lodge had taken up a hundred shares, and the chapter ought to follow so excellent an example. This was seconded, and carried unanimously.

The chapter was then closed in due form, refreshment and some excellent harmony helping to pass a few happy hours away.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 22nd 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.; D. Stroud, S.N. 157, H.; J. Crutenden, 779, J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 800, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, S.N.; A. Rudall, 890, P.S.; W. H. Chalfont, 975, 1st A.S.; and W. C. Williams, 733.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Williams being candidate. A vote of thanks to Comp. Stroud was unanimously carried, to be entered on the minutes, for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of Second Principal for the first time. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

On Friday, the 10th December, companions are cordially invited to attend, to hear a discourse upon Royal Arch Masonry, which Comp. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.P.G. Soj., has kindly consented to deliver on that evening. The Principals and Past Principals of the Whittington Chapter, 862, have been invited to attend and rehearse the ceremony of installation on Friday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m.; Principals are requested to attend. The officers of the Hornsey Chapter will attend on Friday, the 19th November. No visiting fee.

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).**—A convocation was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street. There were present Comps. Smart, Z.; Beedell, H.; G. Jones, J.; M. L. Levey, S.N.; J. C. Franks, P.S.; and a large number of other companions.

The exaltation ceremony was very ably worked by the above officers, Comp. B. Haines being the candidate. Comp. M. Brown, of the Faith Chapter, was elected a member. The Committee appointed to carry out the arrangements for the supper announced that it would take place on the 2nd November at the above tavern, that the number was limited, and that all seats were taken, the companions to assemble at six o'clock for half-past sharp; whereon Comp. Daniel moved that the chapter should not meet for work until the 9th November; this was unanimously assented to. The chapter was then closed, and the convocation adjourned to that date.

## Mark Masonry.

**PRINCE OF WALES LODGE (No. 4).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at 8A, Red Lion-square, on Monday last. Bro. G. Edwards, G. Stwd., presided, and there were present Bros. W. Heath, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; C. J. Axford, Prov. G.J.D., M.O.; H. Marsh, S.O.; W. F. Bates, J.O.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.I. of W., P.M., Treas.; C. Pulman, P.G.I.G., P.M., Sec.; and a large number of members and visitors.

Bro. C. Everett was duly advanced to the Mark Degree. At the conclusion of the lodge business, a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held, when nine brethren were elevated by Bro. C. F. Matier. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

**YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).**—The regular quarterly meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-street, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Smith, W.M.; A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; W. B. Dyson, M.O.; W. Lackenby, S.O.; H. C. Pickersgill, J.O.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; George Lamb, S.D.; Major McGachen, J.D.; A. M. White, R. Ware, E. W. Purnell, S. J. Dalton, S. G. Cumack, W. Sharp, W. Brown, and T. Watkinson. Visitors: Bros. D. Grant (Ark I.C.); W. Fraser, P.M. 95; and W. H. Cowper, P.M. 276.

Bro. Geo. Chapman, 1611, was accepted on the ballot and advanced to the Degree. Bro. Geo. Simpson, J.W. (absent through illness), was elected to the chair. Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; Bros. W. B. Dyson and Wm. Brown were elected Auditors. Two guineas were voted towards the education of a child of a deceased brother. One guinea was voted to the Binckes Testamental Fund.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren entertained their visitors at supper, after which toasts and songs were the order of the evening.

Bro. Grantham Dodd took part in the discussion of papers upon University Education, Custody of Infants, and Registration of Deeds, at the recent annual provincial meeting of the Incorporated Law Society, at York.

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

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**GLOUCESTER.—St. Thomas Chapter (No. 49).**—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Bell Hotel on Friday, the 22nd inst., at which the following brethren were admitted to the 30°: Bros. Gilbert W. P. Harris, W. H. Clarke, Alfred G. Hayman, John W. James, and Wm. Purnell, of the Baldwin Chapter; W. Nott, of the SS. Peter and Paul Chapter; John Gill, of the Alfred Chapter; G. Norman, J. Brook-Smith, E. Kimber, R. W. Northcott, and John Weston, of the St. Thomas Chapter; W. H. Richards, and J. Jones, of the Morganwg Chapter.

The meeting was presided over by Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, Lieut.-Grand Commander of the Order, who was supported by Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, Hugh D. Sandeman, Col. A. W. Adair, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, members of the Supreme Council; Bros. C. Fendelow and Col. H. S. Burney, of the 33°, and several brethren of the 30° residing in the neighbourhood.

Brethren attached to this Rite will be interested to know that the Supreme Council, 33°, are to-morrow (Saturday) engaged at Keswick, in Cumberland, in consecrating a new Rose Croix Chapter, to meet in the Lake District, under the title of the Border Chapter; No. 102.

## BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

### THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. W. H. Perryman, A.G.P., was called to the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren who attended were Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, and others.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations at the September meeting, amounting to £180. There were 32 cases on the new list. A very large majority of these were London cases. The others came from Leytonstone, Stokesley, Keswick, Sidcup, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Llanelli, Wakefield, Whitehaven, Feltham, and Teddington.

After the opening of the Board, Bro. James Brett said, before proceeding with the business of the evening, he would claim the indulgence of the brethren for a few moments while he referred to the loss this Board had sustained by the death of its President, the late Bro. Joshua Nunn, for he was sure they would all agree with him that it was a loss. Perhaps he (Bro. James Brett) was more licensed than anyone else to speak concerning their late brother, because he (Bro. Brett) was his Senior Vice-President, and, he might say, his oldest companion, for they had been associated together for very many years. They were made Grand Officers on the same night many years ago (1869) by the late Earl of Zetland; they were the first Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents appointed to the Board of Benevolence when it was newly constituted and altered, and they were the two oldest members of the Board. He (Bro. Brett) had been a member since 1857—29 years ago this month—and Bro. Nunn had been a member six and twenty years—and from that time to the time of his death Bro. Nunn had been a constant attendant at the Board. The brethren all knew how well and worthily the late President performed the duties of his office. He (Bro. Brett) had hoped that Bro. Nunn would have remained President of the Board at any rate as long as he (Bro. Brett) had the honour of a seat at it; but, as it happened, that was not to be, and the Great Architect of the Universe had called him away. Bro. Nunn was always a gentleman, and although somewhat considerate that in the office of Senior Vice-President he might have been more liberal than he was as President, they would agree that on his appointment as President he seemed more to feel his responsibility—a responsibility which was very great, not only upon the President but upon every member of the Board, because they were entrusted with the disposal of thousands of pounds belonging to the Craft. It was of the more importance on account of the money belonging to others that they should dispense it jealously and carefully than it were their own. There had been cases, as the brethren knew, where the applicants had been able to secure the service of some eminent or eloquent brother, who could act upon the feelings of members of the Board, more especially upon young Masters appearing for the first time at the Board, and not knowing the working of the Board, and so larger sums were obtained than was the case where the applicants had not the advantage of such support. That ought not to be. Bro. Nunn was a man who always acted fairly, impartially and justly, and guarded, as was his duty, the funds at the disposal of the Board to the best of his ability. The brethren would all admit that he did it to their satisfaction and to the satisfaction of the Craft. There now remained a duty which the Board ought to perform—to pass a vote of condolence with the widow of Bro. Joshua Nunn, and it was this which he was about to propose for the brethren's acceptance. It was a great loss the Board had suffered by his death, and he would ask in proposing that vote that the Grand Secretary, with his usual kindness and great ability, would express in that vote the extreme regret the Board felt at their loss together with the widow in her still greater loss.

Bro. G. P. BRITTON, in seconding the motion, said he did not think anything could be added to the observation of the Acting President. All the brethren agreed with him.

On Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, Junior Vice-President, putting the motion, Bro. JAMES STEVENS thought there should be another vote expressing the feelings of the Craft generally, and of Grand Lodge on the subject, but it was stated by Bro. BRETT, after some other brethren had spoken, that next meeting of the Board would be the meeting at which notices of motion for Grand Lodge would be given, and notice of such a motion as that suggested could then be handed in.

Bro. BRETT's motion was then carried unanimously.

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master made at the September meeting to the amount of £180.

The new list was disposed of as follows:—Three cases were deferred, being incomplete; one case relieved with £100, and one with £75; four cases were relieved with £50 each; five with £40 each; seven with £30 each; five with £20 each; and five with £10 each. One case was relieved with £5. The total voted was £940.

The Board sat four hours and a quarter.

## Obituary.

## BRO. F. W. W. BOOTH, P.M. 387, AND P.P.G.D.C. WEST YORKSHIRE.

The remains of Bro. F.W.W. Booth were deposited in their last resting place in the family vault at St. Paul's Church, Shipley, on Saturday the 9th inst., in the presence of many sympathetic friends and a large number of brethren. Amongst those present were Bros. S. Minakin, W.M., J. W. Taylor, I.P.M., Wm. Oddy, S.W., John Symonds, J.W., John Tillotson, S.D., Luke Broughton, J.D., C. W. Curran, I.G., John Hey, P.M. and Treas., Fred. Ives, Sec., Elias Heaton, P.M., Wm. Turner, P.M., Chas. Howroyd, P.M., Henry Mitchell, P.M., E. Bottomley, P.M., Thos. Renton, P.M., Joseph Denby, P.M., H. Telford, Geo. Mitchell, B. Thompson, A. Marshall, F. Lister, and E. L. Baumann, of Lodge 387; Bros. F. Holmes, W.M., T. M. Holmes, P.M., and W. Metcalfe, P.M., of Lodge 1545; Bros. W. B. Woodhead and John Ackroyd. The mourners were Mr. Isaac Booth and Mr. Edward Booth (brothers of the deceased), Bro. Thos. Denby, P.M., 387, Mr. George Aspinall, Mr. F. Thomas, Mr. John Wilcock, and Mr. John Beck. We also noticed amongst those present Mr. C. B. Shaw, Mr. W. Pullan, Mr. H. Crowther, Mr. W. Booth, Mr. Wm. Spencer (Mr. Booth's former manager), Mrs. Buckley, and the Rev. E. A. Olive, curate of Windhill. Messrs. W. Goldsborough, E. Smith, Ernest Mortimer, and J. W. Roberts attended as a deputation from the Windhill Church Schools, of which Bro. Booth was formerly a teacher. Our late brother was also for six years an active member of the Windhill Local Board, and his Masonic life was distinguished by an enthusiasm and zeal rarely surpassed. He was highly esteemed in his mother lodge, No. 387, and for the past twenty years identified himself with every movement connected with that lodge. He was seldom, if ever, absent from the regular lodge meetings, and up to the time of his death displayed an energy and zeal that knew no bounds. Bro. Booth was unmarried. Personally he possessed a most amiable disposition, and his kindly nature won for him a large circle of friends, and the respect of all who knew him. He was initiated in 1866, W.M. in 1872, and for many years was Charity Steward of the lodge, an office he really loved.

## BRO. CHARLES SANDERS, M.D., P.M., P.Z.

The news of the death of Bro. C. Sanders, M.D., will be received generally with regret. Bro. Sanders was only 54 years of age, but had taken an active part in Masonic pursuits for some years past. He was a P.M. of the Chigwell Lodge 453, Chingford, a P.Z. of the Prudence Chapter, No. 12, and had taken the 30<sup>th</sup> in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He had been a member of the House Committee of the Boys' School since 1880, and it was in this capacity more particularly that he had been able to render his most important services. He was also a Life Governor of, and had served sundry Stewardships for, all our Institutions, and had his life been spared, he would no doubt have continued to render that valuable aid which had been so generously rendered in the case of the Boys' School. The cause of death was heart disease.

## BRO. T. C. CHAPMAN, P.M., P.Z., &amp;c.

We regret to record the decease of Bro. T. C. Chapman, who was initiated in the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, on the 18th February, 1871, and filled the chair in 1879. He was the first S.W. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, in January 1875, and was W.M. of that lodge in 1876; P. Prov. G. Supt. of Wks. Herts; P.Z. 192 and 1524. Bro. Chapman died on the 15th inst., after a long illness, and only a few days after the election of one of his children to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He was interred at Abney Park Cemetery on the 21st inst., and was followed to the grave by a large number of brethren and friends, including Bros. G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554, &c.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec. 1524; E. Dignam, P.M. 1524; C. W. Smyth, P.M. 1524; R. Polak, S.W. 1524; George Ferrar, J.W. 1524; J. J. Marsh, P.M. 1326; Tomson, French, Oakley, and others. Bro. Chapman was highly respected by a large circle of friends by whom his loss is much regretted.

## BRO. GEORGE GWYN PARKER.

A sad calamity has lately added to the already long list of Freemasons who have passed away during the last few weeks. The brother whose sudden death we have now sorrowfully to record had given great promise of usefulness to our ancient institution since his initiation in the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, some eight or nine years ago. But it has been ordered otherwise, and deep regret must be mingled with a sincere hope and belief that our loss is his gain. Bro. Parker had ridden from Staines on Sunday, the 17th inst., his groom being in attendance, and had reached within a few yards of his residence, when, from some unaccountable cause, he was thrown from his horse, and within a very few moments had ceased to exist. At the early age of 42 our deceased brother was thus called away, and a sorrowing widow and six children have been bereft of their natural protector. Bro. Parker was an Australian and New Zealand merchant, carrying on business in Palmerston-buildings, Old Broad-street, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of a large number of City and Colonial traders, by whom his untimely decease is greatly deplored. To those members of our Order with whom he had close association he was much endeared for his many good qualities, and the Great City Lodge and Prudent Brethren Chapter will doubtless miss him for some years to come. His funeral took place at Teddington Cemetery on Friday, the 22nd inst., amidst a large concourse of friends, neighbours, and members of the Craft, all of whom evinced great sorrow and regret. The floral offerings from each section of Society were very numerous, and amongst them a chaste Masonic wreath testified to the regard in which the Great City Lodge held their deceased brother. Another tie, Masonically, bound them to him, his relative, Bro. John K. Gwyn, a member of the lodge, being one of the mourners. The lodge was represented by its originator, Bro. N. B. Headon, its first W.M., Bro. James Stevens, Bros. G. W. Blackie, T. Hamer, and W. Baber, P.M.'s; Bros. T. Headon, J. R. Hartley, T. Lawes, J. E. Randall, and several other brethren. These, with a deputation from the Prudent Brethren Chapter and many brethren and companions from other lodges and chapters, paid the "last sad tribute of respect" to their departed friend and deposited their "sprigs of acacia" at the close of the impressive burial service.

## BRO. T. AXON, P.M.

The remains of the late Bro. Thomas Axon, senior partner of the firm of Axon, Grundey, and Rowbotham, of Hazel Grove, near Stockport, Cheshire, were recently interred in the Borough Cemetery, Stockport, amid general manifestations of sorrow at the untimely end of our brother, who died on the 12th inst., at the early age of 44, from the effects of an accident received when crossing the road in front of a tramcar. There was a large muster of the family, friends, and employees present in the mournful procession, and between 50 and 60 brethren, members of the Grove Lodge, No. 1957, Hazel Grove, and the different Stockport lodges, all wearing the usual dress and emblems of Masonic mourning, took part in the ceremony. Bro. Axon, who was a founder and I.P.M. of the Grove Lodge, was much loved and respected, and the deepest sympathy is felt towards the widow and members of his family.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## MARRIAGE.

BERESFORD—BROWNE.—On the 23rd inst., at St. Mary-lebone Church, Marylebone-road, by the Rev. Canon Barker, Captain Randal Beresford, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, to Florence Marion, daughter of Lord Ulick Browne.

## DEATH.

BERRY.—On the 20th inst., at 37, Stainsby-road, Poplar, Emily Harriet, the beloved wife of Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. and Treasurer 554, 1278, P.Z. and Treasurer 554 and 933.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lancashire will be held to-morrow (Saturday), the 30th inst., at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Blackpool, at 2.30 p.m.

Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180, P.Z. 180, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., in the Masonic Temple (entrance in Jermyn-street by the lift), on Thursday evening, the 18th November, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp.

At the Nicholson Chapter, No. 371, Maryport, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Comps. Col. F. R. Sewell, P.G.H.; G. W. Thompson, and J. R. Banks were invested for the second time as the Principals of the chapter, and one candidate was exalted to the Supreme Degree.

The Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, met at the Masonic Hall in that town on Tuesday, the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. G. Simpkin, W.M. The chief business was to receive the report of the Committee for the revision of the bye-laws. A banquet at the Queen's Head Hotel followed.

To the great regret of the brethren in Kingston-on-Thames, Bro. F. Buckland, a P.M. of both lodges held in that town, has taken up his residence at Southsea, in the hope of enjoying better health there than he has of late by the side of the Thames. Bro. Buckland has done much for Masonry in Kingston, both Craft and Arch, having for the last 12 years been regular in attendance, both at the Dobie and Brownrigg.

The testimonial to Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary for Sussex, is being warmly taken up throughout the province. No brother has worked harder, or is more deservedly popular. Already about £250 has been subscribed, but it is expected to double this at least. Bro. Kidd, Cannon Brewery, Brighton, and Bro. Daniel, Pavilion Hotel, Brighton, are the Honorary Secretaries to the fund.

At a meeting of the Coborn Lodge of Instruction, held at the Eagle, Snaresbrook, on the 4th inst., a handsome album was presented by Bro. H. Johnson, I.G. 1895, as W.M. of the evening, in the name of the brethren of the lodge, to Bro. W. G. Broad, 1364, on the occasion of his leaving England for New Zealand. The album contained the following inscription engrossed thereon: "Presented to Bro. W. G. Broad, of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, by the brethren of the Coborn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1804, on his leaving the mother country, as a mark of their esteem and regard, with best wishes for his future welfare. 4th October, 1886."

We regret to have to record the death of the wife of Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., P.Z., which sad event took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Stainsby-road, Poplar, after a happy wedded life of 33 years. It is only a fortnight since we had the pleasure of reporting the proceedings at a dinner when our esteemed Bro. Berry was presented with a silver salver by the Vestry of Shadwell. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Tower Hamlets Cemetery, a large number of brethren of the Yarborough, Doric, and Burdett-Coutts Lodges being present. We sympathize with Bro. Berry in his sad bereavement.

The Alliance Lodge will hold its installation meeting next Wednesday at the Guildhall Tavern. After a passing, Bro. Henry Wright will request Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.J.W., the first Master of the lodge, to preserve the unbroken traditions of the lodge, and act as installing Master. Bro. James Perkins, C.C., the Senior Warden, will then be installed in the chair of King Solomon. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have been invited, the latter have definitely accepted. It is expected that a large gathering of the brethren will be present. Bro. Perkins is well known in the Corporation, where he is very popular, as also in the Alliance Lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Sir Francis and Lady Burdett and family have taken up their residence at Foremark Hall, Repton, Derbyshire, for the winter season.

Bro. H. Lovegrove will resume his course of lectures on "Construction" at the Architectural Association this (Friday) evening.

We are asked to state that the usual meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will not take place on Tuesday next, in consequence of the dinner which is fixed for that evening.

The Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction now meets on Thursday night in each week, at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, and hitherto there has been a good attendance of brethren anxious to learn of the Preceptor, Bro. Lawrence.

The Royal Jubilee Lodge of Instruction, No. 72, holds its meetings every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., at the Shakespeare's Head, Wych-street, Strand. Bro. G. W. Lewcock is Honorary Secretary of the lodge.

A very fine portrait bust in bronze of the late Mr. Christopher Pond, standing on a handsome pedestal of red scagliola, has just been put up on the grand staircase of the Criterion. It is the work of Mr. Boehm, R.A., and as well as being a capital likeness, is an admirable work of art.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. E. Storr, P.M. 167, at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, at the Alfred Hotel, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., on Wednesday, the 24th prox. The lodge to be opened at 7 p.m. Hon. Secretary, Bro. F. W. Dimsdale, S.D. 1507.

On Tuesday, the 19th inst., Bro. the Rev. T. C. Beasley, M.A., was duly installed Master of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, 1764, for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. George Ellard. A banquet was afterwards held in the Masonic Hall, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master. The usual toasts were honoured, and a pleasant evening spent.

Bro. Alderman Farncombe, P.P.G. Swd. Br. of Sussex, has been re-elected Mayor of Lewes for the ensuing year. The choice was not only unanimous, but he is the first Mayor of the county town of Sussex who has had the honour of re-election. A warm tribute of praise was paid to him at the closing meeting of the municipal year for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office latterly.

We have to acknowledge, with thanks, from Bro. F. Osborn, No. 1287, the receipt of a card, just published by him, of "English Plate Marks." It has been compiled with great care from the best authorities, and exhibits at a glance in the small compass of an ordinary post-card the shapes of the different shields, lions, leopards' heads, of the different epochs, as well as the reigns and dates at which they were used. This Card of Marks will be found of very great service by connoisseurs and collectors of old plate.

The Border Chapter Rose Croix will be consecrated at the Keswick Hotel, Keswick to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 2.30 p.m., and at the conclusion of that ceremony Bro. George J. McKay, 31<sup>st</sup>, the worthy Prov. G. Secretary of Cumberland and Westmoreland, will be duly installed M.W.S. A number of candidates for perfection will be previously balloted for, and if elected will be able to witness the ceremonies of consecration and installation.

We have been requested to state that the list of Bro. John Pullman, who acted as Steward for the British Lodge, No. 8, at the anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, on the 30th June last, amounted to £26 5s., and not, as stated at the time, to only £11 11s. We would also state that the East Lancashire Lodge, for which Bro. G. Board and others acted as Stewards, was No. 1798, not 1789, and that in Sussex Bro. J. Belcher represented No. 315, not No. 215.

The first meeting of the Committee charged with the arrangements for the ball annually held in aid of the West Lancashire Educational Fund took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 22nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. R. Foote, P.P.G.R. The following were appointed officers of the Committee, namely, Bros. Councillor Houlding, P.P.G.R., Chairman; Simon Jude, Deputy Chairman; W. E. Coxon, Hon. Treasurer; and J. H. Tyson, Hon. Sec. It was arranged that, subject to the convenience of the Mayor, and the approval of the Finance Committee of the City Council, the ball should take place on the second Tuesday in January next.

Bro. St. John Caws, of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 416 (S.C.), of Melbourne, and Past District Grand Organist under the Scottish Constitutions of Victoria, has, since his arrival in England, been the recipient of sundry compliments, which must have given him a great deal of pleasure, and will be read of by his friends, especially by his brother Masons of Melbourne and Geelong, with a considerable amount of pride and satisfaction. His "Hida Valse" has been applauded whenever it has been performed in public and one day, in the early part of this month, Bro. Caws had the gratification of being present in the Western Kiosk, at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, South Kensington, when it was played by the band of the Grenadier Guards under Bro. Dan Godfrey, and the visitors very heartily applauded it and him as its composer. On another occasion it was played by the same band, and under the same leadership, during the ceremony of mounting guard in St. James's Palace. On Thursday, the 21st inst., Bro. Caws was present as a visitor at a meeting of the Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, Sandown, Isle of Wight, when, by permission of the W.M., Bro. Woolridge proposed "The Health of Bro. Caws," and in the course of his speech, paid him many well-merited compliments for his great musical abilities, Bro. Caws replying in suitable terms, and expressing thanks very heartily for the kindness he had experienced everywhere during his visit to the old country. Such slight episodes as this in our current history will go a long way towards strengthening the bonds of fraternal feeling and good fellowship between Australia and the United Kingdom.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, November 6, 1886.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire, Prince of Wales Theatre, Blackpool, at 2.30.  
Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.

## 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, NOVEMBER 1.

Masonic Banquet at the Mansion House.  
Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern.  
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham-park, Brockley.

" 1996, Priory of Acton, Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton.  
" 2024, Raymond Thrupp, Hampton Court.  
" 2098, Harlesden, National School, Harlesden.  
Chap. 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
Mark 139, Panmure, SA, Red Lion-sq.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.  
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, still 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, NOVEMBER 2.

Consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.W.  
Colonial Board at 4.

Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon Street Hotel.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-road.

" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.

" 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.

" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.

" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

" 1693, Kingsland, Railway Hot., Highbury.

" 2054, Wilson Iles, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.

Mark 1, St. Mark's, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.

Kennington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.

Mount Edgumbe, 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, Waltham Green, 7.30.

St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.

Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.

Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.

Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.

" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.

" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.

" 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

" 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.

Chap. 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

## 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-pl., at 8.

Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.

Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.

" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 231, St. Andrews, Freemasons' Hall.

" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.

" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead.

" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.

" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand.

" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.

" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., Paddington.

" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.

" 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.

" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, 8, Air-street, Regent-st.

" 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.

" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.

Chap. 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.

Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.

Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.

City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.

Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Creton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.

Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.

Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton, 8.

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.

Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-rd., Bow-rd., 7.30.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.

West Middlesex, Bell Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.

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, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.

" 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.

" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav.

" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 1489, Ezra, Metropolitan Asylum, Ball's Pond-rd.

## 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 Park, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.

Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltbam.

" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

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