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It is a graceful act which most of the recent LORD MAYORS of London, who are likewise Freemasons, have included in the programme of their official festivities, that of entertaining at a banquet at the Mansion House the members of their private lodges and the chief dignitaries of the Order, and the Masonic entertainment given by Bro. Lord Mayor STAPLES on Monday evening appears, from the report of the proceedings which we print elsewhere, to have been a conspicuous success. Bro. STAPLES has never allowed his many official cares to stand in the way of fulfilling most scrupulously and conscientiously the duties required of him as a Mason. During a portion of his tenure of the Lord Mayoralty of London, he has acted as W.M. (for the second time) of the St Botolph's Lodge and Z. of the Aldersgate Chapter, and his name figures in the list of Stewards at two out of three of our Anniversary Festivals. Such a record is most honourable, especially if we bear in mind that a Lord Mayor's time is rarely his own, and we have no doubt the presence of so many of the Present and Past Grand Officers at this week's Mansion House Festivity was as much a tribute to the Masonic as to the civic virtues of Bro. STAPLES.

EVERY one will most cordially endorse the resolutions passed by the House and General Committees of the Girls' School when accepting Bro. T. S. HOWELL's resignation of his office as one of the medical officers of that Institution. For the last 34 years Bro. HOWELL has given his services in that capacity without either fee or reward, and it is recognised that to his unwearied zeal, as well as to his great professional skill and ability, the School is mainly indebted for the healthy condition of its inmates, a condition which we believe we are justified in describing as above the average enjoyed by similar institutions. Moreover, Bro. HOWELL appears to have been the sanitary as well as the medical adviser of the authorities, and to his prudent counsels and wise suggestions it is due that the School during the period of his office has had complete immunity from diseases of a preventable nature. Thus the Committee have done well to show honour to one who has served them so long and faithfully, and with such eminent ability and success, and we are glad beyond measure to find that by placing at his disposal the honorary position of Consulting Medical Officer the Committee will be able to still further prolong Bro. HOWELL's association with the School. We trust our respected brother may for many years to come be able to discharge the lighter and less anxious duties of his new office.

It is gratifying, though not by any means surprising, to learn from the report delivered by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire that Freemasonry in that province is in so satisfactory a condition. The mere numerical increase from 4608 in the previous year to 4790 is of no great consequence, and may perhaps be accounted for in a measure by the consecration of three new lodges. Indeed, the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY was careful to impress upon the brethren that the character and status of candidates were matters of far greater moment to pay attention to than a mere increase in numerical strength. What Bro. GOODACRE so justly lays stress upon is the greater degree of proficiency shown throughout the province in lodge work, and the marked success which has characterised the proceedings during the year of the various West Lancashire Charities. The Provincial Educational Association had spent £1344 on the education of 168 boys and girls; the Hamer Fund had paid £32 in annuities to distressed brethren; and the Alpass Institution had on its foundation three annuitants, receiving among them annually £66. But besides this the Provincial Grand Lodge of Benevolence had dispensed £215 in grants to relieve the more pressing needs of distressed Masons, so that the total disbursed by the province during the past year in benevolence amounted—irrespective of the very modest expenses of management—to not very far short of £1700. Then over £500 was raised for the central Institutions, so that with all these

evidences before us, it must be admitted that there is a genuine ring about West Lancashire Freemasonry, which is in all respects creditable to the Province and must be as truly gratifying to its energetic and popular chief, the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M. of England, as it is to us and all lovers and admirers of the ancient Craft. There must be good seed sown in West Lancashire and a "Goodacre" or two that, without much fertilising, knows how to make it yield abundantly.

WE have no doubt the Board of General Purposes of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland considered it an imperative duty to refer pointedly in their annual report to the practice, which is said to be increasingly prevalent in that district, of gentlemen applying for initiation to remote lodges, when there are lodges within easy reach of their own residences. In every such case it is, of course, the duty of the W.M. of the lodge so applied to to make the most careful enquiry into the motives of such application. But we trust the reference may not be taken to indicate any intention of legislating on the subject. What is chiefly needed in Freemasonry is to have as little legislation as possible. We have our Book of Constitutions and our lodge bye-laws, and when they are not found sufficient for the ordinary government of our Society, we fancy there must be something radically wrong—if not about the Society, at least, about the members composing it. They manage things differently under the Grand Lodges in America, where there is hardly a Grand Master's address delivered, or a report on correspondence compiled, which does not contain references to a mass of legislative enactments, all more or less unnecessary. We may be excused for feeling a natural preference for our own system, under which we manage to rub along very cosily from one year's end to the other, without giving a thought to anything beyond our Constitutions and by-laws, and we need scarcely add that we are in no hurry for any departure from the beautiful simplicity of that system.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, M.E. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Superintendent for Essex, Grand Registrar, occupied the chair of Grand Z.; M.E. Comp. Thomas W. Tew, Grand Superintendent for West Yorkshire, acted as Grand H.; and Comp. Thomas Fenn, Past President of the Committee of General Purposes, as Grand J. The other companions present were E. Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E.; Joseph Parkinson, as G. Scribe N.; Robert Grey, President of the Committee of General Purposes; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; Rev. J. Palmer, Prin. G. Soj.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, 1st Asst. G. Soj.; Ralph Clutton, 2nd Asst. G. Soj.; Frank Richardson, P. Asst. G. Soj.; G. Dir. of Cers.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P. Asst. G. Soj.; Major John Sampson Peirce, P. Asst. G. Soj.; Frederic Davison, P. Asst. G. Soj.; James Glaisher, P. Asst. G. Soj.; E. J. Barrow, P. Asst. G. Soj.; John Emilius Le Feuvre, G. Swd. Br.; Henry Maudslay, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G. Swd. Br.; James Smith Eastes, P.G. Swd. Br.; James Lewis Thomas, P.G. Swd. Br.; Dr. Woodman, P.G. Swd. Br.; George Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br.; Rudolph Glover, P.G. Swd. Br.; William Roebuck, 3rd G. Std. Br.; Edward Letchworth, P.G. Std. Br.; Butler Wilkins, P.G. Std. Br.; John Murch Case, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; Raphael Costa, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; James Henry Matthews, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; Edward Dean Davis, Dep. G. Dir. of Cers.; William Clarke, Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.; Dr. E. M. Lott, G. Org.; H. Trueman Wood; Robt. James Warren, H. 1472; Henry Mason, P.Z. 913; E. Mallett, J. 1623; Charles F. Hogard, Z. 205, P.Z. 10, 142; Thomas Keene, P.Z. 1194; H. C. Lambert, Z. 21; W. M. Bywater, P.Z. 19; Thomas Grammont, Z. 1275; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; Alfred A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; J. McLean, Z. 907; G. Haldane, P.Z. 329, 1615; C. Jackson, F.R.C.S., Z. 534; H. Massey, P.Z. 619, Z. 1928; J. Da Silva, J. 205; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D.; P.Z. 1881, J. 1642; W. Alfred Dawson, P.Z. 382; Rev. J. G. Gordon Robbins, Z. 10; H. Dehane, J. 890; W. Cowley, P.Z. 1275; George L. Wingate, M.E.Z. 1423; Bentley Haynes, H. 65; John Greenfield, M.E.Z. 1602; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 1611, P.P.G.J. N. and E. Yorkshire; E. Payne, J. 1602; A. J. Henochsberg, H. 205, P.Z. 188; Alex. Ridgway, 255, P.P.G.J. Devon; A. Penfold, Z. 1472; and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor.

After the minutes of the August Convocation had been read and confirmed, the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes—

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 Cochran, 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 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.

Charters were then granted for the Liberty of Havering Chapter, No. 1437; the Melbourne Chapter, No. 747; the Phoenix Chapter, No. 904; and the Lindsay Chapter, No. 1335.

With respect to the Liberty of Havering petition, Comp. GREY said it was not yet quite certain that the Comps. intended to adhere to this name. Another title had been suggested, but he thought the warrant might be granted subject to the style being changed.

In reply to Comp. Hogard, it was stated that both the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Superintendent of Essex, would have to approve of the name it was intended to adopt.

Comp. TEW highly recommended the petition of the Rotherham Comps. for the Phoenix Chapter.

Permission was then given for the removal of the Volubian Chapter, No. 75, Falmouth, to the Masonic Hall, Falmouth; and of the Abbey Chapter, No. 1225, Barrow-in-Furness, to the Masonic Hall, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness.

The Grand Chapter was thereupon closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE, No. 2157.

The consecration of this lodge took place at the Victoria Mansions' Restaurant, Westminster, on Friday, the 29th ult., under very favourable auspices. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R. as S.W.; Dr. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D.C., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, as Chaplain; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.

The following are the founders—all of whom were present—

Bros. Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., P.M. 279, P.P.G. Chap. Leicestershire and Rutland, W.M. designate; James Easterbrook, J.W. 1920, S.W. designate; J. O'Connell, Org. 1851, J.W. designate; T. Cross, P.M. 1194; W. R. Carter, 404, P.G.S.; J. Tidmarsh, 1612 and 2163; W. Goulden, 1566; A. G. Fleming, J.D. 382; J. R. Phillips, 1681; R. H. Catling, 1580; A. P. Lye, 309; Rev. W. Benham, 127; G. W. Stevens, S.W. 1815; and G. H. Heathcote, 1732.

Among the visitors were—

Bros. J. Trapp, P.M. 787; W. H. Wingfield, W.M. 1360; G. Bray, 1564; W. Tidmarsh, Sec. 1031; J. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; H. W. Weston, 1278; J. Perkins, P.M. 1672; J. L. Jennings, 1920; H. Grattan, 1604; J. Gilling, 813; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. E. Dawson, 404, D.P.G.M. Herts; W. Woodward, 1920; W. H. Baker, W.M. 1446; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1107; T. Bull, 145; H. Wright, W.M. 1827; W. Dodge, 1194; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

After the lodge had been formally opened,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in addressing the brethren on the object of the meeting, said they were assembled on a very important Masonic occasion, viz., to add one more to the roll of London lodges. They were probably aware that there were at the present time over 300 lodges in London, and it was therefore somewhat difficult to obtain a warrant for a new lodge. A number of Masons, who had been educated in St. Mark's College, approached the M.W.G.M., and represented to him that they were desirous of being constituted into a lodge for the purpose of Freemasonry. His Royal Highness took the facts into consideration, and was enabled to accede to their petition, and grant them a warrant. The brethren had selected a worthy and well-tried Mason to fill the position of Worshipful Master, in whose hands, he was certain, the future of the lodge was assured. He need scarcely tell them that they should be careful as to the gentlemen they admitted into the lodge, and should not be in too great a hurry to increase their numbers. By studying this they would be enabled to keep a select lodge, and work in harmony.

Bro. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., then delivered the following oration:—

We are consecrating to-day a new lodge whose name stamps it as connected with a particular institution. That institution is a practical illustration of many virtues taught and insisted upon by our Craft. Certainly our old Masonic guild, directly and indirectly teaches us the duty of improving our mental and bodily faculties, even asserts that knowledge is true so long, and so long only as it springs from God, constantly exhorts us to teach others what we have learnt ourselves. Are not these the principles upon which, for nearly half a century, St. Mark's College has been building, a superstructure perfect in its parts, and honourable to the builders? Let us consider these three points in detail. Man's mind and body, as designed by the G.A.O.T.U., are endowed by Him with the power of development, if they avail themselves of the means He places within their reach. "develop mind and body in accordance with His plan is to answer the end of our creation—to check the Divine life which is within us to mar and hinder His purposes. Education, therefore, is the building up of a spiritual edifice upon the lines, and in accordance with the plans designed from all eternity by the Wisdom of God. But no building, however good, is worth anything unless it rests upon a sound foundation. Our ancient brethren knew this. Look at one of those old structures which are the beauty and glory of architecture—the work of some operative lodge of Freemasons.

Compare it with the showy, superficial work of some modern edifice. In both cases the future of the building is shadowed by the foundation. In the one case it is massive, solid, and in every detail carefully designed and honestly executed; in the other it is feeble and superficial, and the whole work is scamped. In the one case the building is meant to stand, and does stand for ages, in the other it is meant only to obtain the architect's certificate and the customer's money. Brethren, no education, either of the soul or body, is worth anything unless it rests upon a sound foundation. There is only one foundation upon which it can rest if it is to be lasting, beautiful, and good, and that foundation is God. Distinct, definite, and careful religious teaching is the first stone we must lay in a child's education. We may erect a building fair to the eye upon other foundations. The world is ever trying to do so, but when the practical tests of life's trials and temptations is applied it is only the building which rests upon God, which stands against those storms and tempests from which none can escape. But further, the true Mason, be he Operative or Speculative, never forgets that he must do something more than develop his own faculties, and something more than secure a good foundation for himself. He must be willing to teach others. A short time ago, the Clerk of the Works, who was restoring one of the noblest fabrics of the old Operative Masons in this country, taught me this lesson from the stones. He pointed out how each stone had two marks—the master's mark and the apprentice's mark. Both had laboured on the same stone—the one as teacher, the other as learner. Presently in the same fabric we notice other stones—but now the apprentice has become a craftsman, and his mark—the same old mark he had as an apprentice—occupies the place of the master, and it is followed by another mark—the mark of a new apprentice, to whom he is giving the same care and the same patience that his old master used to give him. He had recognised the fact that he had learned not merely in order that he might do good and true work himself, but in order that he might teach others as he had been taught himself. And so the work never lacked able workers, because each worker recognised the duty of teaching his fellow. Brethren, we must recognise this great fact in our work, whatever it is. In some degree we must all be teachers. The man whose life is teaching nothing to others is failing in one of the greatest purposes of this existence; is neglecting to carry out the Divine commission. He who teaches most of what is good and true to his brother, is copying most truly the Divine example. So, brethren, let us sum up the whole lesson—let our work be done truly; let it rest on the one true foundation; and let it be full of brotherly love for others. So shall it be worthy of the acceptance of the G.A.O.T.U.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and on its completion Bro. Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., was installed as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. Jas. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; J. O'Connell, J.W.; Rev. W. Benham, B.D., Treas.; T. Cross, Sec.; W. R. Carter, S.D.; J. Tidmarsh, J.D.; W. Goulden, I.G.; A. F. Fleming, D.C.; J. R. Phillips and R. H. Catling, Stewards; and Weeks, Tyler.

After the delivery of the addresses,

Bro. SMITH, W.M., proposed, and Bro. EASTERBROOK, S.W., seconded, a vote of thanks to the Grand Officers for acting at the consecration, and also that the honorary membership of the lodge be conferred upon them.

The motion having been unanimously carried, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE acknowledged the compliment.

A Committee having been elected to frame the bye-laws, and propositions received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet.

After dessert, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said they were always glad to welcome a new lodge, especially when it brought forward such men as the founders present. He hoped the members of that lodge would take every opportunity of attending Grand Lodge, where they would be enabled to consider the points of precedence and other matters that are brought forward there, and, by their help and guidance, assist to make the Craft more valuable.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., also responded, and after returning thanks, remarked that Freemasonry was not an institution that was unknown or untried. It numbered among its ranks those who had made a name outside the Craft, and those who had proved themselves worthy of the principles taught by the Order. That good work would be carried out by the St. Mark's College Lodge he was thoroughly assured, for the reason that had brought that college into existence would be an incentive to Masonic work.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, who said that it was an honour and privilege for any Mason to take part in a consecration of a new lodge. But when among that lodge there was a brother who stood out from the others and who had been selected to preside as W.M., that brother was to be heartily congratulated on the position he had attained. Their W.M. had done good suit and service in other parts of England, and always performed his work in an excellent manner, and the lodge was to be congratulated on possessing such a brother to occupy the position of W.M.

Bro. Rev. J. HENRY SMITH, W.M., in reply, after returning thanks for the heartiness of his reception, thanked them for the compliment they had paid him in electing him the first Master. There was a peculiarity of that lodge which was, that they had all started from one common mother, and were tied together by associations of which they were proud. He was pleased to see present his old tutor, and also some who had been pupils of his own. He believed they were all animated with the true Masonic feeling and they would endeavour to make the lodge a credit to the Craft.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., in reply for the toast of "The Consecrating and Installing Officer," expressed the pleasure it afforded him to assist on such an occasion. He was naturally interested in the progress of the Order, and therefore hailed with pleasure such an addition. He could not refrain from thanking those brethren who had assisted him and without whose aid it would be impossible to carry out the work, and sincerely regretted they were about to lose Bro. Frank Richardson for about six months to recruit his health. He wished the lodge every prosperity in its future career.

Bro. HENRY WRIGHT, W.M. 1827, in responding for "The Visitors," expressed his obligations for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and accepted. He did not look upon himself as one of the distinguished visitors of whom the Senior Warden in proposing had made mention, and he thought the only reason he had been selected to reply was on account of the fact that he as Master of a lodge of which their W.M. was a member, had signed the petition to the Grand Master recommending the formation of St. Mark's College Lodge. After explaining the motives which had led him with so much pleasure to recommend the petition for the St. Mark's Lodge, Bro. Wright concluded by expressing his belief that the members had made a wise selection in nominating Bro. Smith as their Master, he not only knew the ritual thoroughly, but he was a genial host, and, above all, a genial man, and carried out the principles of Masonry outside of the lodge as well as inside. They would find their W.M. would give as much attention to the newest initiate as to his senior officer, and treat all alike with the same unwavering kindness.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

CONSECRATION OF THE DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

A new lodge, named after the late Grand Treasurer, Bro. Derby Allcroft, was consecrated on Tuesday last, at the Athenæum, Camden-road, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary. Col. Clerke was assisted in his duties by Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, as S.W.; Bro. Edgar Bower, P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., D.C.; and Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., as I.G.

The musical arrangements were by Bros. Dr. Haskins and James Kift, who were assisted by Bros. H. Schartau, Arthur Thompson, Arthur Thomas, and Franklin Clive.

The other brethren present were:

Bros. James Fitzgerald, P.M. 1364; R. D. Cummings, P.M. 1677; T. Eccleston Gibb, 34; J. Corbett, W.M. 22; E. F. Storr, Treas., P.M. 22; Harold Halliday, J. Smith, John D. Allcroft, W. J. Wetherhall, E. Y. Jolliffe, W. Cook, P.M. 22; John Paul, J.D. 1287; A. Prince, I.G. 901; G. Lyell Walker, 429; W. Maclin, P.M. 1677; W. Brown, 1599; J. C. Learn, 1194; W. Harding, W.M. 169; W. Kirkland, 1949; L. V. Walker, S.W. 22; Joseph Edgar, J.W. 1287; Henry Percy, P.M. 22; J. W. Dixon, J.W. 27; F. Johnson, J.W. 95; E. R. Smith, 1044, A.D.C.; H. Palmer, 1044; A. H. Cornfoot, 1044; S. Johnson, 1319; W. J. Charles, 22; Ernest Wrigley, 1364; G. P. Britten, P.M. 183; G. S. Ayres, P.M. 95; Thomas Goode, P.M. 1677; J. F. Davey, G. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196; W. E. Haycock, P.M. 1196; J. B. Reid, 1364; James Salmon, P.G.R. Essex; T. H. Squire, 1633; F. J. Potter, 1321; W. Kent, 1321; A. Greatrex, P.M. 22; F. Crookford, P.M. 515, 1657; Albert Storr, 2146; D. J. Bridgmoore, I.G. 1364; Louis Bamberger, P.M. 1366; George Glover, 1677; F. G. Baker, 704; G. J. Pope, 1364; R. P. Stevens, J.W. 901; J. Barber Glenn, 3; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; Frederick Binckes, P.M., P.G. Std.; S. R. Lambie, P.M. 27; W. Jolliffe, 569; Alfred Brookman, P.M. 1657; Henry Lansdell, D.D., P.M. 4; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; G. C. Garratt, P.M. 1366; P. Saillard, W.M. 2020; R. Homan, 1602; C. W. Brander, J.D. 1563; George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Henry Tinney, W.M. 1395; Col. James Peters, P.G. Swd. Br.; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

After the opening of the lodge in the Three Degrees, Colonel SHADWELL CLERKE addressed a few observations to the brethren, remarking on the importance of the occasion on which they were assembled. In these days when it was difficult to obtain a warrant for a new lodge the petitioners were fortunate to have been able to lay before the Grand Master good and sufficient reasons for establishing a new lodge, and they were also wise not only in selecting an honoured Masonic name for the lodge, but in obtaining the services of the good and worthy brother who bore that name as first Master. Everyone who knew Bro. Derby Allcroft must know that his Mastership would be successful. The members should avoid the great error of endeavouring to make this a large lodge, because size was no measure of success, they should look rather to the quality of the members, and select only those who are fit and proper persons to become Masons.

The customary formalities were then observed, and Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON delivered the oration. In doing so he said:

The brethren were met as a peaceful army, free from public outrages to erect a new banner in the Masonic tented field, under the directorship of a great commander, to wage a holy war against all that was disloyal to authority, dishonourable to man, and offensive to God. They were also met in full accord with these antecedents to establish a lodge in the metropolis, bearing the name of one who had been associated with the great City of London in a variety of ways, honourable to himself and useful to his fellows. It did not need that this additional monument should be raised to keep Bro. Derby Allcroft in remembrance. There were now many monuments besides this to the honour of Bro. Allcroft, and they hoped there would be many future years of happiness and usefulness before him. The lodge would live to recall to the memory of posterity one whose quiet unobtrusive habits, sincere religious principles, fidelity to the great trusts reposed in him, and whose well known benevolence and unbounded liberality pointed him out as the typical English gentleman and the merchant prince. It also pointed him out as a distinguished Mason who was at once beloved by the brethren and noted for his loyalty to the Craft. He congratulated the lodge on the selection it had made. It had not only done an honour to Bro. Allcroft but an honour to itself. The reverend brother proceeded to dwell on the work of Masonry, and considered that a fit inscription over the porchway of a Masonic lodge was the words of the prophet Micah, "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." These principles he held had distinguished the English nation in its dealings with the different portions of the Empire, and also distinguished the different members of the community. Masonry particularly was based on these principles, which were practised by Masons both in and out of lodge. All these principles acted well on society whenever and wherever practised.

The consecration ceremony was afterwards completed, and Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., was then installed as Master of the lodge by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the following brethren became officers of the lodge for the year ensuing: Bros. E. Y. Jolliffe, as I.P.M.; Thomas Eccleston Gibb, S.W.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., J.W.; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas.; Robert D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. R. Adams, Chap.; Harold Halliday, S.D.; Joseph Corbett, J.D.; Muir Smith, I.G.; Huntley, D.C.; Davey, Std.; Haskim, Org.; and Harrison, Tyler.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members and thanked for their services. Names were afterwards given in of gentlemen desiring to be initiated in Freemasonry in this lodge and of brethren wishing to join.

Business being ended the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was splendidly served by Mrs. Beale.

After the banquet had been disposed of, and grace sung by the professional brethren above mentioned,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed the usual toasts. In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," he said he saw there was on the programme a reference in one part to her Majesty's Jubilee of 50 years' reign. He trusted God might spare her not only for her jubilee, but for many years beyond it. Great benefits had accrued to the country since her accession, while the example she had set to her subjects, and the constitutional way in which she had managed the affairs of her empire, had won for her esteem and regard. As an example of her Majesty's silent influence, he called to mind the time when he came to London, when it was the custom to enjoy a ride on Sundays in the parks. A few years after her Majesty's accession this was discontinued. The Queen had no more loyal subjects than Freemasons, and if the relations of her sons towards Freemasonry were considered, it could not but be felt that her Majesty must think the Order had some influence on mankind, and that Freemasonry had been of some use in bringing her subjects to their present position.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said that since he became a Freemason, the Order in this country had very greatly increased, and no doubt it was a source of great comfort and joy to the Prince of Wales.

The Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said he ardently hoped that the honour conferred by the purple might in future be given to a larger number of brethren than could now possibly

possess it. The number of Grand Officers at the present time he believed was exactly double what it was 40 years ago—"No" from Bro. Fenn—but they had been from a long time standing still with regard to the Grand Officers in Grand Lodge, and while Masonic lodges and members had been nearly doubled, the number of officers in Grand Lodge had not by logical sequence been doubled also. There were a great number of noble and deserving men who would have deemed it an honour to be decorated with the purple. He hoped he might live to see the number very much increased.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Consecrating Officers," said that all the brethren who were present at the consecration ceremony must have carried away a very pleasant recollection of the way in which it was conducted. It was a very impressive ceremony, and while they knew that Grand Officers must perform certain official duties, it was not only official duty they undertook. The ardent manner in which Col. Shadwell H. Clerke performed the ceremonies showed that it was not to him a mere form.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, in the absence of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, said he was commissioned by that very worshipful brother to thank the W.M. and brethren for the compliment which he anticipated would be paid to him. He had also commissioned him to propose "The Health of the W.M." This duty he undertook with great diffidence, and yet with great pleasure, though he was hardly able to do justice to the toast without preparation. Bro. Simpson had expatiated on the efforts of Bro. Derby Allcroft, and on his virtues, which had secured for him the affection and the goodwill of the members of this lodge. He (Bro. Fenn) could speak of him as a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, and of his great interest in the Craft. That was further exhibited by his giving his honoured name and his abilities to promote the welfare of this lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, responding, said he was a stranger to almost all the brethren of the lodge, and, therefore, he felt it the kinder that they had taken him on trust. He was going to perform his duties as Master to the best of his ability, though he had so many public duties to attend to in the world that he was not sure his memory would enable him to do it perfectly. He did not approve of a man undertaking a duty and failing in the middle of it. He told them this because he never liked to sail under false pretences. The hearty way in which he had been received showed him that the brethren were determined to take him for better, for worse. He would endeavour to do the best, and avoid doing the worst. A man who took a position should not disgrace it, and for himself he would rather give it up. He took it as a distinguished honour that his name should be given to the lodge.

Bros. the Rev. C. W. SPENCER-STANHOPE, HAYDOCK, F. BINCKES, and GREATREX replied to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. GIBB and FITZGERALD to the toast of "The Officers."

Bros. E. F. STORR and R. D. CUMMINGS acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Storr stating that nothing had given him greater pleasure than taking part in the consecration of the Derby Allcroft Lodge. He hoped as long as he was connected with it the lodge would never be unrepresented at the Charity Festivals. They were going to make this lodge the very best in London. The name of Derby Allcroft would live for ever, and the lodge would not have anyone in it who was not worthy to be a Mason. He was delighted to be identified with it as its first Treasurer.

Bro. CUMMINGS reiterated the observations of Bro. Storr. He was delighted to be Secretary. He hoped the lodge had been started with a view to prosperity and success, and the brethren desired that it should have a front rank among the lodges of the Craft.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which throughout the day had been of a most enjoyable character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 19th ult., the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham was held under the banner of St. Bede's Lodge, No. 1119, in the Mechanics' Hall, Jarrow-on-Tyne. There was a large assemblage of brethren from the various lodges, and of Provincial Grand Officers, the day being a red letter day in the annals of the brethren of Jarrow, it being the first time the P.G. Lodge had met in that place. Not only was the handsome building belonging to the local—St. Bede—lodge placed at their disposal, but the Mechanics' Institute and the Ellison Schools were also secured for the occasion, the former being fitted up as a lodge room, and the latter as a banqueting hall.

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., presided, and was supported by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, viz.:

Bros. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.C., D.P.G.M.; James Laidler, P.G.S.W.; William Thomas Tate, P.G.J.W.; Rev. Joseph Lawson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Richard Coulton, P.G. Chap.; Robert Hudson, P.G. Secretary; T. Bradley, P.G.A. Secretary; C. E. Barnes, P.G. Reg.; J. D. Smith, P.G.S.D.; Samuel Wilson, P.G.S.D.; J. G. Kirtley, P.G.J.D.; D. Armstrong, P.G.J.D.; Edward Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; John J. Clay, P.G.D.D. of C.; J. J. Athey, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Armstrong, P.G.S. of W.; T. Henderson, P.G.S.B.; William Crawford, P.G. Organist; J. M. Pickering, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Macdougall, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Eckford, P.G.P.; Joshua Curry, P.G. Tyler; and a large number of other brethren.

Among the Past Provincial Grand Officers present were:—

Bros. E. D. Davis, G. Std. Br. of England, P.P.G.S.W.; Babington Boulton, P.P.G. Treas.; John Wood, P.P.G.J.W.; Henry Lawrence, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Barnes, P.P.G.S.W.; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D.; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.D.; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; Thomas Coulson, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.P.; G. Hardy, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; George Greenwell, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. W. Emerson, P.P.G.A.S. of W.; J. Sinclair, P.P.G.P.; D. W. James, P.P.G.C.; W. Forster, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. C. Blackett, P.P.G.S.D.; J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W.; M. Frampton, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Turner, P.P.G.P.; John Morrell, P.P.G.D.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.S.D.; S. Fenny, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Walker, P.P.G. Org.; W. C. Harris, P.P.G.C.; Thomas Jopling, P.P.G.J.D.; G. S. Sims, P.P.G. Tyler Northumberland; J. T. Dickinson, P.P.G.P.; W. A. Malcolm, P.P.G.P.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.G.J.D.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; G. J. Wilson, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Elwen, P.P.G.D.; R. W. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland; and others.

The representatives of the province included the following:—

Bros. W. M. Pybus, W.M.; A. Rhagg, I.P.M.; R. F. Cooke, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Shewbrooke, S.W.; and W. Dalrymple, J.W., of 48; E. Potts, I.P.M., and R. Weightman, P.M., of 1676; J. J. Wilson, W.M.; J. Dobson, I.P.M.; J. E. Nelson, P.M.; T. Atkinson, S.W.; T. Burlinson, and P. Stabler, of 80; R. Shadforth, W.M.; G. B. Hall, P.M.; J. Egglestone, P.M.; G. W. Bain, J.W.; and H. Horner, P.S.W., of 949; J. R. Pattison, W.M.; T. M. Watson, P.M.; Thos. Jopling, P.P.G.J.D.; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, J.D.; and W. Tonkinson, of 97; R. T. Benson, W.M. 1379; J. B. Wilkinson, W.M.; Rev. R. H. Yeld, S.W.; and W. H. Craven, of 1389; R. Foster, W.M.; T. Coates, P.M.; and J. Robinson, S.W., of 1650; J. F. Hiller, P.M.; J. Barker, P.M.; R. Hauxwell, S.W.; and G. Shaw,

J.W., of 1334; J. Todd, W.M.; G. S. Steele, I.P.M.; M. A. Lax, S.W.; and W. Clark, Sec., of 1274; T. Blenkinsop, W.M.; G. C. Lee, P.M.; R. M. Cooke, P.M.; B. S. Beckwith, S.W.; and J. Atkinson, J.W., of 1230; T. G. Garrick, W.M.; J. R. Smart, P.M.; E. Sutherst, P.M.; John Hudson, P.M.; W. Dawson, S.W.; and J. Scarborough, J.W., of 94; C. H. Backhouse, W.M.; T. Watson, P.M.; J. C. Martin, P.M.; and W. J. Stewart, Sec., of 111; the Rev. J. Lawson, W.M.; W. Logan, I.P.M.; C. F. Dawson, J.W.; G. W. Richardson, S.D.; and W. H. Oliver, Sec., of 124; A. E. Cowling, W.M.; G. Robson, I.P.M.; G. Wilson, Org.; C. F. Sutcliffe, J.D.; and G. W. Mitchell, Sec., of 240; J. F. Wilson, W.M.; G. Carter, P.M.; H. B. Olsen, S.W.; and J. Stonehouse, P.M., of 764; J. E. Reid, W.M.; J. Probert, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; and J. C. Lawson, I.P.M., of 424; F. H. Bennett, W.M., and G. T. Walker, J.W., of 1862; J. Jordison, W.M.; G. F. Allan, I.P.M.; and W. G. Snaith, S.W., of 509; T. Hockaday, W.M., and J. Wetherell, of 531; H. W. Emerson, W.M.; E. Atkinson, P.M.; John Richardson, P.M.; S. J. Cockburn, P.M.; T. Shepherd, P.M.; J. Ayre, P.M.; and D. G. Smith, P.M., of 661; G. Lazonby, W.M.; C. Allan, S.W.; and C. Spencer, P.M., of 940; N. K. Brown, W.M.; J. Armstrong, I.P.M.; H. Golder, P.M.; J. Sedcole, P.M.; T. Renton, P.M.; G. W. Davies, S.W.; and R. W. Klyne, J.W., of 1119; W. Hudson, W.M.; D. B. Todd, I.P.M.; and J. Ostle, P.M., of 1121; E. F. Wallace, W.M., and G. E. Pybus, P.M., of 1418; W. Atkinson, W.M., and F. W. Pittuck, S.W., of 1643; T. Farthing, W.M., and J. Heslop, P.M., of 1932; M. J. Wheatley, W.M.; J. Heppell, W.M. elect; W. Davidson, P.M.; T. Potter, P.M.; and W. Ross, P.M., of 1970; T. Hardy, W.M.; W. Love, I.P.M.; and J. Ostle, P.M., of 2019; J. Deans, W.M.; J. C. Moor, I.P.M.; and H. Liston, J.D., of 2039; J. Burn, W.M.; John F. Craggs, I.P.M.; and W. Sudlow, J.W., of 2104; Wm. Logan, W.M.; G. Renton, M.D., J.W., and N. Elsdon, Sec., of 2135; J. R. Cummings, 636; and others.

The lodge room was very suitably draped and adorned with the banners of the various lodges.

Prior to the holding of the lodge, the annual meeting of the Fund Committee was held, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.P.G.M. Several applications were presented by the P.G. Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, and were duly considered. The report of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. R. B. Reed, was also presented by the P.G. Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Reed.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R.W.P.G.M., who, with the D.P.G.M., was saluted in the usual manner.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, and confirmed.

The report of the Fund Committee was read by the Assist. Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. T. BRADLEY. It recommended that the sum of 50 guineas be given to each of the three London Masonic Charities; £25 to the Durham Masonic Education Fund; that the sum of £25 4s., fees of honour, be given to the same fund. Five grants to the widows of deceased brethren were also recommended.

Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., D.P.G.M., moved the adoption of the report of the Fund Committee, the recommendations of which were agreed to "seriatim."

Bro. T. BRADLEY read the ninth annual report of the Charities Committee of the province, which stated that the Committee had pleasure in reporting continued success. During the year the Committee had elected one boy to the London Masonic Boys' School, and another boy had also been elected to the same school through the kind influence of friends in London. Since the formation of the Committee in 1878 the following had been elected to the Masonic Charities, ten boys, three girls, two men, and one widow. The voting power of the province was fairly well kept up, and was as follows—Votes for the various Masonic Institutions: Boys, 835; girls, 383; men, 317; widows, 243. The Durham Masonic Education Fund was still prospering. At the last lodge, seven children were being educated; the number now being educated is 14, at a cost ranging from £5 each per annum. The capital account had increased from £388 10s. last year to £483 10s. this year. The subscriptions received this year amounted to £61 11s., and the donations to £95. The balance brought forward to the income account last year was £82 13s. 3d., the subscriptions were £61 11s., the interest from invested capital £17 19s. 10d., making a total of £162 4s. 3d. The expenditure for education amounted to £78 13s. 9d.; the balance in hand was therefore £83 10s. 6d. The Committee hoped the members would continue their support and co-operation to the fund.

Bro. C. S. LANE, P.P.G.D., Chairman of the Charities Committee, proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Bro. GEORGE PORTEOUS, P.P.G.O., and adopted.

The roll of lodges was called, when reports were read from the whole of the 32 lodges in the province.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren for attending in such numbers, especially those from the distant parts of the province.

Bro. T. Watson, of the Restoration Lodge, Darlington, having been elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D.	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" T. Bradley, P.P.G.D., P.P.G.A. Sec.	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" C. H. Backhouse, 111	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" The Rev. J. Gaskill, 1932	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" The Rev. W. P. Swaby, 2039	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thomas Watson, 111	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Logan, 2135	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Hudson, 2039 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. C. Cook, 1230	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. Shadforth, 949	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" T. M. Watson, 97	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. F. Craggs, 2104	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. Carter, 764	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. J. Clay, 97	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Armstrong, 1119	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" W. Love, 2019	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" G. F. Allan, 509	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Davidson, 1970	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Robson, 240	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. F. Hiller, 1334	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. R. Pattison, 97	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" J. E. Nelson, 80	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. C. Lawson, 424	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" G. B. Hall, 949	...	
" G. E. Steele, 1274	...	
" W. Brotherhood, 124	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Sudlow, 2104	...	
" George Davies, 1119	...	
" T. H. Ainsworth, 509	...	
" J. W. Brown, 94	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then, addressing the lodge, said he was very glad to have heard so excellent a report of the lodges, and he thought he might congratulate the province on the proceedings of the past year. He had consecrated one lodge, and he was glad to find, from the report handed to him, that there had been a very steady increase in the number of Masons in the province, the number of the increase for the year being 100. He did not regret that there had not been a greater increase, because it showed that the Masters and others interested in the management, working, and prosperity of the lodges acted up to the advice that not only himself but his predecessors had given, that they should not only look to numbers, but also to the efficiency and the propriety of the candidates. (Applause.) They had had a very harmonious year, and he trusted that harmony and prosperity would continue to attend their lodges. He and his brother, Victor Williamson, had represented the province at Brighton on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as the P.G.M. of Sussex by H.R.H. the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. On that occasion he was glad to see their esteemed Bro. E. D. Davis officiating as Grand Standard Bearer of England. (Applause.) In the neighbouring province there would shortly be the installation of Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., as the Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland. Their neighbours in the province must be sorry to lose the services of Lord Percy, who was withdrawing from the active administration of the province, but they must also be singularly favoured in having so excellent a Mason and so able a man as Sir Matthew White Ridley to succeed his lordship as the head of the province. (Applause.) The Officers and brethren of the Province of Durham were invited to join him at the installation at Newcastle on the 16th November in as large a number as possible. He thanked the brethren of the St. Bede Lodge for the excellent manner in which they had made the arrangements for the Provincial Grand Lodge, and he hoped they would have the pleasure next year of meeting at West Hartlepool. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

At the opening and closing of Provincial Grand Lodge, the "Iter Latorum," or the Masons' grand march, for the organ, by Bro. William Crawford, P.G. Org., dedicated to Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., was performed by Bro. Crawford, Durham.

The annual banquet was afterwards served in the Ellison Street Schools, where an excellent collation, which was much appreciated by the Provincial Grand Master, was laid by R. Brown, of the County Hotel, Newcastle. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., presided, and was well supported by the Prov. G. Officers, and a large number of the brethren.

The dinner over, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of the Queen," and afterwards that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and Officers of the Grand Lodge."

"The Health of the R.W. P.G.M." was ably and eloquently proposed by Bro. E. D. DAVIS, P.P.G.S.W.

Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, P.G.M. of Durham, replied, and proposed "The Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of Durham, and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge."

Bro. TRISTRAM gave "The Masonic Charities."

The proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held at the Masonic Club, 23, St. Giles-street, Norwich, on Friday, the 22nd ult., and was a great success, very many brethren from distant lodges availing themselves of the pleasure of greeting the R.W.P.G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., who was assisted in the lodge by his able D.P.G.M., Bro. Major Penrice, P.G.D. Among those present were:

Bros. Harry Bullard, I.P.M.; Henry G. Barwell, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G. Sec., P.P. G.S.W.; John Baldiss, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., P.G. Sec.; Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart., P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Charles R. Gilman, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Charles A. B. Bignold, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Hamon Le Strange, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., P.G. Treas.; Rev. Sir Wm. Vincent, W.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. M. Pigot, P.P.G. Chap.; T. H. K. Roberts, P.G. Stwd.; J. B. Pearce; Rev. C. R. Ferguson-Davie, P.M., P.P.C. Chap.; Harry Green, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. Cholmeley, P.P.G. Chap.; J. W. Cooper; and Herbert P. Green, of 52; Samuel Smith, W.M.; Frank A. Crisp, Herbert Buckingham, and George Harper, of 85; Charles Cunnell, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. F. Ladell, I.P.M.; Rev. Robert Hobson; J. L. N. Barnard; Robert Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler; W. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; George Jewson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; John Moore, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Joshua Morse, H. J. Brookes, and Frank Havers, of 93; J. W. French, P.M., P.P.G.R.; W. R. Knights, Richard Martins, C. M. J. Bullen, Alfred Cubitt, and Thomas Beeching, W.M. of 100; Rev. H. Wimple, W.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Hugh Owen; B. B. Sapwell, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Thomas Prangley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Harvey; Francis Clowes, P.M.; and J. S. Clowes, of 102; Walter W. Wilkin, W.M.; George Witt, and George W. Lake, of 107; C. W. Bacon, W.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; P. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; James Dunsford, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. J. Butler, P.M., P.G.D.C.; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Hyde, P.P.G. Stwd.; Geo. Kersey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. H. Rust, J. A. Poock, and R. W. Canova, of 213; H. C. Hammant, H. Harvey George, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; and C. V. Laing, of 313; W. Browne, I.P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; E. Pankhurst, P.M., P.G.P.; T. Compling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. N. Cooper, A. King, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Guyton, W. F. Stratford, G. Hammond, R. Jeary, G. E. Thebald, Newhouse, and W. Murrell, of 807; Bros. W. R. Spowart, W.M.; Edwin Baldwin, P.M.; W. H. Moss, P.M.; John Francis, Edward Orams, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; Frederick H. Gooding, and H. W. Stacey, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., of 943; W. H. Tench, W.M.; W. H. Nankivell, and William Smith, P.M., of 996; George Barrett, W.M.; R. F. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. J. Sherringham, and G. V. Grummett, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., of 1114; J. Blunderfield, P.M., P.P. G.A.P.; A. C. Swann, F. W. Frewer, F. J. Lacey, and T. W. Colman, W.M., of 1193; G. S. C. Smith, W.M.; C. E. Stevens, P.M.; S. J. Carman, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Weyer, P.P.G. Stwd.; Quarter-master Frederick Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Tidman, A. Bullard, P.M., P.P. G.A.D.C.; J. Standingford, M. J. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. J. Mackiey, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. Hollidge, John Cox, George J. Benton, Arthur N. Mann, and D. Mannings, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., of 1500; John Flatman, P.M.; and W. G. Rice, W.M., of 1741; N. B. Webster, W.M.; D. G. F. Gaul, P.M.; Horace Randall, P.M.; James Lovelace, H. Milton, F. Baillie Quinton, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., P.P.G.R.; W. R. Anthony, Charles Barnes, P.P.G. Stwd.; Rev. George Sharley, and W. H. Hardingham, of 1808; and others.

Among the visitors were—Bros. Allingham, 1475; Wm. Lake, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., 131; B. Seaman, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk, Waveney Lodge.

At about one o'clock his lordship, accompanied by a numerous array of Grand Officers, Present and Past, entered the room, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened.

The brethren then, in the usual way, saluted the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master respectively.

The roll of lodges of the province was called over by Bro. J. B. ALDIS, when every lodge was found to be represented.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Great Yarmouth on the 25th June, 1885, were then duly read and confirmed.

Bro. H. BARWELL presented the report of the Charities Committee, and ably dealt with the details of the proposed educational scheme for the Province of Norfolk, which was so warmly introduced to the brethren by the Master of all England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, at Lynn in January, 1885. It was shown that some £340 had been paid and promised, but at least a £1000 would be required to carry out the scheme in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master (Lord Suffield), the noble lord now expressing his great sympathy with the movement, and at the same time desiring to see the scheme introduced to the lodges separately for their mature consideration, when he hoped others would see the desirability of its being adopted. The Provincial Grand Master further intimated his willingness, at the wish of the brethren, to issue a circular stating the present condition of the fund, and the reasons which in his judgment should be adduced and laid before the brethren in their various lodges why the fund should commend itself to their hearty approval. The object of the Provincial Grand Master in recommending the fund is to send to schools in the province the necessitous children of deceased Masons who are candidates for the Masonic Schools until such time as they are elected, and this, we need scarcely say, is another characteristic token of the thoughtfulness of the Prince of Wales, and of the great interest which his Royal Highness takes in the Craft.

The accounts of the province and the recommendation of the Finance Committee were then read. The former showed a balance in hand of £112 16s. 11d., and the Committee recommended that £10 10s. be given to Bro. W. Morse, Tyler, and £10 10s. to a brother in needy circumstances and 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The accounts were duly passed, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then declared all the offices of Provincial Grand Lodge vacant, and appointed and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Harry Bullard, I.P.M. 52...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" H. Harvey George, W.M. 313	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Henry Wimble, W.M. 102	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. C. Strange, 32°, 10 and 52	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. W. Wilkin, W.M. 107	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. B. Aldis, P.M. 52	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. W. Beeching, W.M. 100	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" C. W. Bacon, W.M. 213	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. H. Moss, P.M. 943	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. F. Ladell, P.M. 93	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. E. Stevens, P.M. 1500	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" F. Clowes, P.M. 102	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" D. G. F. Gaul, P.M. 1808	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Barrett, W.M. 1114	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. J. Brookes, 93	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. W. Cooper, 52	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" J. W. Browne, P.M. 807	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" William Smith, P.M. 996	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" J. H. Guyton, 807	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. S. C. Smith, 1500	...	...
" F. Linging, 93	...	...
" J. Francis, 943	...	...
" T. W. Colman, 1193	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" H. Randall, 1808	...	...
" Robert Gunn, P.M. 93	...	...

The brethren having saluted the newly-appointed brethren, a long discussion took place as to the proposed educational scheme.

Bro. Sir F. G. M. BOILEAU, Bart., suggesting to the Worshipful Master's of the lodges present that they should induce the brethren of the lodges to volunteer a small payment annually to the funds needed. This idea the P.G. Master said had his entire approval, and he urged its adoption.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER then submitted the revised by-laws of the province, and, after reading through the portion of the old by-laws, said that the copy as revised would shortly be printed and circulated amongst the members of Prov. Grand Lodge, and after a short interval a lodge of emergency would be held for their confirmation.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then announced his decision disposing of the collection to be made after the cathedral service in favour of the funds of the St. George's Mission, a deserving local charity, in aid of the employment and recreation of young girls.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his regret that more lodges were not in existence in the province, and numerated several towns which were likely to support a lodge; he urged the matter upon the attention of enthusiastic brethren, and promised them his support.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A large number of brethren attended Divine service in the cathedral, where Bro. the Rev. Waldo Cholmeley, P.P.G.C., vicar of South Walsham St. Mary, preached a sermon from the text, "The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by His actions are weighed,"—I Samuel ii, 3; and strongly commended to their notice the St. George's Club and Home for Working Girls, a new institution that was doing a large amount of good, but was, unfortunately, heavily in debt.

The offertory amounted to £12 10s. 11d.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Technical College, Horton-road, Bradford, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., under the banner of Eccleshill Lodge, No. 1034. R.W. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G.D. England, Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, as well as by the Masters, Past Masters, acting Wardens, and brethren of the lodges, of which only seven were unrepresented.

The visitors included Bros. Richard Cowper-Coles, 1095; S. G. Gilbert, P.M. 47, Prov. G. Reg. Notts; W. Young, 1406; Tom Young, 1794; W. H. Hayward, 509; John Stevens, 662; J. B. Burnard, 1662; and W. Smith, 1563.

The R.W. Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the Lecture Hall at 2.30, and Provincial Grand

Lodge having been opened, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master were saluted according to ancient custom.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER (Bro. T. W. Tew) acknowledged the cordial salutation of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and at once proceeded to deliver the following address—

Mr. Mayors, Rev. Sirs, Officers and Brethren—My first duty this afternoon, as President of this influential assembly of members of the Craft, is to offer to all of you on behalf of the lodge at Eccleshill, and the lodges at Bradford who have invited the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire to hold its autumnal meeting within the walls of this Technical College, opened by our Royal Grand Master 25th June, 1882, a cordial and fraternal welcome. Permit me to convey to the Mayor of Bradford, and to the Worshipful Masters of these lodges, the appreciation of this Provincial Grand Lodge of the hospitality accorded to it, and the trouble taken for the comfort and convenience of the brethren from all parts of the kingdom, and the excellency of the arrangements for the transaction of the business of this large gathering of Freemasons. May I venture also to express a sentiment on behalf of this Provincial Grand Lodge in the presence of the Mayor of Bradford, and of the Mayors of the other towns here present this afternoon, and of our hosts, the lodges in this locality, how sincerely every other lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England represented, reciprocates their brotherly kindness and their invitation to be here this afternoon; and in response to this expression of fraternal feeling, the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present, acknowledge the compliment of the salutations so enthusiastically offered to our respective offices, which we have the honour to occupy in this province; and further, to assure you that we are actuated by a high sense of the responsibilities devolving upon us, and our fervent desire to fulfil to your satisfaction that brotherly trustfulness you so continuously and generously repose in us. My next duty in connection with this address is to suggest for your consideration, an "Aphorism," a trite precept, which has become an acknowledged, if not an hackneyed principle, expressing in the few words of a sentence an accepted fact. A Bishop, remarkable for his eloquence, said, not many days ago, "This is an age of congresses." Men of religion, of science, and of labour periodically assemble together for the discussion of opinions; I will add, and why not the Freemasons? Our Provincial Grand Lodges are older than most of them. We hold points of fellowship with all of them, and the closer they are in communion with us, our sympathetic principles will be found to harmonize with theirs to spread the knowledge of the G.A.O.T.U., and "peace over the earth and goodwill towards all men." There has been at Birmingham a meeting of men of science and philosophy to acquire a knowledge of the unknowable. The meeting of Parliament has shown us how to deal with the governments of nations and individuals like cards upon the table, their faces uppermost; and other outside talkers on the subject "la haute politique" have shown us how voluntarily they have taken themselves so near the rose without succeeding in gathering it. It has been most agreeable to adjourn, therefore, from the Congress at St. Stephen's to the religious assembly at Wakefield. A congress of wordhoets not less critical in its criticisms of the questions before it than those preceding it, but in its sympathies and feelings towards all fellow creatures more in unison with the principles of the Craft—to be just to kindness, and kind to justness, and uprightness of life and actions. One illustration let me give with regard to an unavoidable calamity, and of sympathy for suffering. No sooner was it known that a deplorable accident had happened to a neighbouring colliery, than the catholicity of Masonic Charity was shown towards the working miners of Altofts by the Congress and members of the Craft joining hand in hand, and, as it were, foot to foot, to assist pecuniarily these sufferers in the hour of their afflictions. The Craft has Charity for its foundation-stone. The Church has Mercy for its cope-stone; and the two, abreast of each other, have shown by their convergence of principles, the one that every brother "should render himself more extensively serviceable to his fellow creatures;" the other, how to walk through this life in preparation of the life in the Grand Lodge above. There has been also a Festival of Music at Leeds. We have been spell-bound, as the poet-tones of music reverberated from Sullivan's "Golden Legend," which touched and thrilled our souls. Beethoven cried to us of infinity. Schumann, uttered the joys as of the Advent morning, whilst the mighty Bohemian poured out his ecstasy of "Saint Ludmila." In these various congresses the Craft has devoted itself with unselfish perseverance to cultivate and disseminate knowledge—the knowledge of science—the knowledge of the G.A.O.T.U., and the knowledge of one another. These congresses adorn the "Aphorism," that "this is an age of congresses." Thus the Freemasons hold their Provincial Grand Lodges, which are surrounded with that antiquity which perpetuity has given them, and made them model congresses to all others of their class, where loyalty and good sense are brought together under discussion for the examination of ideas affecting the progress and the happiness of our fellow creatures. I hope in these directions that the Freemasonry of the West Riding may ever advance towards an appreciation of its benevolent principles. Its acquirement of organization is much sought after; its aid is constantly required; its desire of co-operation is ever being affiliated by the promoters of ameliorative societies. Its capacity of usefulness is felt and acknowledged in every county of England, and its philosophy has now become a real force in modern politics. In the expansion of these aspirations, and to make this ancient Order beloved and popular in this county, is the ever thoughtful study of the officers of this Provincial Grand Lodge. My third duty is to present to your attention a few comments upon the Lodge of Eccleshill, whose banner waves over these proceedings. Bro. Frederick W. Nicholson has written a sketch of the rise and progress of this lodge. Its warrant is dated the 23rd September, 1864. The first name on the warrant is that of Bro. Christopher Pratt, the first Worshipful Master, and a Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works. He laid the stone of this lodge 19th November, 1864. The building cost £454. It was consecrated by Bro. Bentley Shaw 10th March, 1865, the late Deputy Prov. Grand Master of this province. The third name on the warrant is that of Bro. Thomas Hill, an honoured name in the West Riding, and who was also one of the lodge's consecrating officers. Another revered name, alas! removed by death, is that of Bro. W. Beanland; he was installed W.M. 22nd March, 1867. Yet another name, amongst many others, is that of the learned Coroner of Bradford, who was W.M. in 1869, and who is a Past Prov. Grand Registrar of this Prov. Grand Lodge. It is noticeable that all the early founders of this lodge were Past Masters or officers of, and all emanated from, and continued to be, members of the Lodge of Hope. But the records of Eccleshill benevolence are, I think, worthy of reiteration as an example for all more recent lodges to follow. It has contributed since its formation to the three Masonic Charities, the De Grey and Ripon Scholarships, Bentley Shaw Presentation Fund, Sir Henry Edwards's Fund, and the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster, the sum of £1143; whilst further subscriptions of the brethren to private charity (in addition to that distributed by the Almoner of the lodge) have been over £200. I trust these figures may adequately illustrate the generosity of this lodge to alleviate unavoidable misfortune, and it has truly fulfilled that Masonic "Aphorism" of Charity "which, like its sister, Mercy, blesses him that gives as well as him that receives." A fifth name, and third on this lodge warrant, who for 22 years has exercised a fostering care over its career, and who for 38 years has been a member of the Lodge of Hope, who was Master of it in 1856 and 1883; Prov. Grand Deacon, 1863; Prov. Grand Warden in 1870; and our Chairman of the Charity Committee, 3rd April, 1872, is that of Bro. Thomas Hill. He retired from this Chairmanship after five years, when, to mark our appreciation of his eminent services, he was pleased to accept an address of thanks from the Craft. He was also one of the founders of Pentalfa Lodge, as well as of Eccleshill. After nearly 20 years' service in the Corporation of Bradford, he was elected Mayor of this town 9th November, 1885. This Prov. Grand Lodge offers to the Mayor of Bradford, under whose influence this meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge has been brought about, its hearty congratulations. The Mayors of the other towns, brother Masons, likewise desire their felicitations to the Chief Magistrate of Bradford. He has complimented this Prov. Grand Lodge by wearing his chain, the symbol of his office; and the Mayors of other towns compliment the Mayor of Bradford by wearing their symbols of office. This Prov. Grand Lodge acknowledges the dignity conferred upon it by the presence of these dignitaries, the representatives of the Queen. For one and all of these illustrious citizens this Prov. Grand Lodge prays that the G.A.O.T.U. may shower upon them his choicest blessings. Lastly, brethren, if I be not straining your attention, let me recall a few incidents, which I think should be mentioned, since the assembling of Prov. Grand Lodge on 14th April, at Sheffield. The charity of the lodges for the current year towards the maintenance of the London Masonic Institutions has reached the sum of £2034. Prov. Grand Lodge desires to express to the lodges its thankfulness for this munificent support of the three Institutions. It may, I trust, be no fulsome prognostication, with a revival of our national industries and a more confident feeling in all departments of trade, in which I hope every class may participate during

the approaching winter, that the subscription lists may be considerably augmented. I should like to see this augmentation in the direction of increasing votes for the Masonic Widows' Annuity Fund. There are 130 candidates who are eligible for the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and for whom, I believe, there is not a single vacancy, and we have four widows left over for 1887. It takes £13,760 to provide the present annuitants a sum to which the Craft in England is pledged this year, and your increasing sympathy towards these fresh applicants is required to secure to them, during the residue of their lives, as much brightness and happiness as possible. The manner of marking the Queen's Jubilee Year may also be associated with this increase of our charitable resources. By the deaths of the late Prov. Grand Master, Bros. Beanland, Andrews, Sharp, F. Booth, and other charitable brethren, the Charity Committee loses some 300 votes, and its appeals to the lodges to recuperate this waste of voting power in the province by new voters. The Charity Committee and the sub-Committee deserve our praise at the election successes in April, May, June, and October. Thirteen candidates elected assure us of their skilful manipulation of votes. This is evidenced in the election, under discretion delegated to the sub-Committee, of the boy Herbert Aldam Sugden, who was last on the poll with 1342 votes, but the first out of the successful applicants 12th April this year. This almost forlorn chance has resulted in conferring upon this orphan boy at least six months' longer period for his education. The Girls' School has lost Miss Eliza Warterman Jarwood, who was interred on 2nd September last at the Battersea Cemetery. Miss A. C. Buck has been appointed her successor. Miss Davis has completed 25 years of honourable service as head mistress of the Girls' School. It has been considered that the satisfactory position of the School as an educational establishment is mainly due to the personal ability and attainments of this lady, and a Committee has been formed to offer her some suitable acknowledgment of the Craft's estimation of her noble work on behalf of the prosperity of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. It was determined that the sum of one guinea should not be exceeded. It is perhaps not too late for this Prov. Grand Lodge to record on its proceedings its testimony of approval of the influence she has maintained amongst the scholars placed for a quarter of a century under her vigilant care. On the 15th July the Freemasons at Rotherham, under the banner of the Phoenix Lodge, laid a corner stone for a new ward to the Rotherham Hospital, thus completing a work which was begun with a similar ceremony in 1828. Prov. Grand Lodge thanks the vicar of Rotherham for the courtesy with which he received the brethren, and placed his magnificent church at their disposal on that occasion. You will many of you remember the appeal made to this Prov. Grand Lodge in October, 1877, for help in a movement for the completion of the donor's intentions of Zacharias Jepson's Hospital at Ripon. The Ripon Millenary Festival on the 27th and 28th August last had for its object the completion of the initiative work of the Craft nine years ago, resulting in a surplus of from two to three hundred pounds for this hospital. In the performance of the open air play of "Robin Hood and Ye Curiall Fryer," in the grounds of Fountains Abbey, lent for the purpose by the Past Grand Master of this province, the Craft took the deepest interest. The historical sketch, ecclesiastical and civil, of ancient Ripon, was written by a reverend brother, a Past Grand Chaplain of this Provincial Grand Lodge, and a member of the Society of Antiquaries. We congratulate our learned brother on the compilation of an abstruse history of a thousand years ago. As this sketch is to be reprinted, the library of Prov. Grand Lodge at Wakefield hopes to contain one copy of this history. Bro. Craven, of Prince George's Lodge, has compiled also an account of the history of Freemasonry at Bottoms, near Todmorden. I trust the library may be enriched by this work likewise. As your P.G.M. I have given my sanction to the removal of the Friendly Lodge from the King's Head Hotel to more appropriate premises, a Masonic Hall, in Eastgate, Barnsley. We wish this lodge renewed prosperity in its new habitation. It is a pleasure to mention the assiduity of Bro. Lowrey on behalf of that valuable Auxiliary Charity, the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Since 1876 the receipts on capital account have been £1348, and on account of annual revenue £707; 39 children have been educated, the object of the Institution being the formation of a fund amongst the Leeds lodges for the maintenance and advancement in life of the orphans of deceased brethren, and of the children of brethren who have become incapacitated by sickness or accident from providing for their families, and who may not be quite eligible candidates for the Masonic Charities. We wish the Leeds lodges every success with this fund. On the 14th June the Lodge of "Faith" presented Bro. George Marshall with a jewel and a case for his Masonic clothing, and on the 29th September "Scientific" Lodge, at Bingley, gave Bro. John Craven Taylor an illuminated address recording his first Mastership of that lodge, 50 years ago. Both of these were compliments on the part of these lodges, to mark the high esteem entertained towards these workers in the Craft. I am glad to mention such recognition of Masonic worth. A word or two of notice is due to the Mayor of Dewsbury for recovering the portrait of Dr. Fearley, who was the first Mayor of Dewsbury. I venture to believe you will all concur in this suggestion, that his Worship, Bro. Fox, offer this picture of the likeness of one of our late Deputies to the Corporation of Dewsbury to adorn their Town Hall Borough Court when finished, the foundation-stone of which was laid on 12th October. I was present at the Dennison Lodge, Scarborough, on the 8th September, when the Hon. William Francis Dennison was received into Masonry. North and East Yorkshire must feel highly complimented on his accession to Craft Masonry in that province. There is one sad reflection must tinge with regret our meeting to-day—the death of Worshipful Bro. John Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P., Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, Grand Supt. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, on 26th September, at Hull, and in his 78th year. The Craft has lost an accomplished and learned Freemason. He ever showed the greatest friendship to West Yorkshire, and this Provincial Grand Lodge cannot but mention with gratitude the support and assistance he has accorded to this province, extending over a period of 43 years. In thanking you for listening to this congressional address, let me now ask your consideration to the business on the agenda paper, and to the remarks of one of the most recent initiates into our Order by a reverend brother whose erudition is well qualified to treat on the subject of "Symbolisms." A symbol you know is a type, that which comprehends in itself a representation of something else. Many are the symbols of Freemasonry, and most beautiful, effective, and comprehensive are they. In the Eccleshill Lodge there are 48 of them, such as the Cross, Eagle, Serpent, Zodiac, Circle, Sun, Moon, Seven Stars, &c., all symbols of eternal truths. We must ever remember that the entire system of the Antient Law, and the dispensation under which the Israelites lived, was a system pervaded by a symbolism the most wonderful that can be conceived, as in its forms of expression it was significant of Him who did come. We Freemasons preserve and study these lessons conveyed by symbolism, and keep the old types in remembrance as the key to a correct comprehension of the fulfilments of sacred prophecy of that which is to come. I have now endeavoured to accomplish my duty as President of this Masonic congress to touch upon every point of interest connected with this province, and to give to the merits of every brother full weight and justice in his position in the lodges. I have endeavoured to elucidate the "Aphorism," the importance of Masonic congresses in this age of congresses, and to remind you that the system of Freemasonry "though veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," is the common ground of harmony between religion and the world. As such I believe our Order, under our Royal Grand Master, is taking its stand in the world as the most compact, most powerful, useful, benevolent, and charitable organization that was ever existent. I believe every lodge in this province is actuated with the highest purpose to maintain the character and dignity of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

"And quenching strife whene'er it come,
That all, of high estate or lowly,
May live as brethren true and holy.
Made one within their Father's home."

The usual honours having been paid to sundry dignitaries, the roll of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, having been called, and letters of regret at unavoidable absence having been read, the minutes of the annual meeting, held in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Wednesday, April 14th, 1886, were taken as read and confirmed.

The R.W.P.G.M. having intimated that he was prepared to receive suggestions as to the best method of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by this province in 1887,

It was moved by Bro. J. R. DORE, P.M. 750, seconded by Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Treas., and resolved, "That it be left in the hands of the Charity Committee to prepare a scheme, to be laid before Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. the Rev. A. C. E. BLOMFIELD, M.A., 910, read a paper on "Symbolism," and a vote of thanks was accorded to him.

It was moved by Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.P.G.D., seconded by Bro. J. BINNEY, Prov. G.R., and resolved, "That the sum of five guineas be contributed to the Miss S. L. Davis Testimonial Fund."

There being no application for the reception of Provincial Grand Lodge in April, 1887, the R.W.P.G.M. said he would shortly fix the time and place for that—the annual meeting.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet at the Alexandra Hotel followed, at which the R.W.P.G.M. presided, some 130 brethren being present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Wiltshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Swindon, on Friday, the 29th ult., the receiving chapter being the Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, of that town. The Grand Superintendent, Lord H. F. Thynne, occupied the first chair, and was supported by Comps. W. Nott, P.G.H.; T. S. Fletcher, as P.G.J.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.S.E.; George Pike, P.G.P. Soj.; A. J. Beaven, P.G. 1st A.S.; T. Ringer, P.G. 2nd A.S.; John Chandler, P.P.G.H., P.G.D.C.; and other companions of the province, as well as by Comp. H. Wilson, P.G.S.E. Worcestershire.

The usual routine of opening the Prov. Grand Chapter, calling the roll, and confirming the minutes, having been finished, the report of the Charity Committee, agreed to at a meeting that morning was read. From this it appeared that Comp. T. S. Fletcher, of the Elias de Derham Chapter, No. 586, Salisbury, having offered his services as Steward for the Royal Arch Province of Wiltshire at the Boys' School Festival next year, the Committee recommended that such offer be accepted, and that a grant of £21 be placed on his list. After some observations by Comps. F. H. GOLDNEY and Rev. J. A. LLOYD, as to the desirability of keeping a reserve in hand in view of any extraordinary calls being made on the province next year with reference to her Majesty's jubilee, the chapter, on the motion of Comp. NORT, seconded by Comp. EYRES, unanimously adopted the recommendations of the Committee.

Comp. H. C. TOMBS, P.G.S.E., on behalf of the Auditors, read their report on the Treasurer's accounts, which had been duly audited, and found correct.

Comp. H. BEVIR, P.G. Reg., read his report, recapitulating, as usual, the position as regards numbers and otherwise of the Prov. Grand Chapter and its five subordinate chapters, the number of members in the province was stated as 114. The report was considered satisfactory, and was approved.

Comp. W. NOTT proposed an addition to the Prov. G. Chapter by-laws of certain fees to be payable to the Prov. Grand Chapter on registering new chapters or by-laws. This was seconded by Comp. H. C. TOMBS, and carried unanimously, as was also a proposition made by .

Comp. T. S. FUTCHER, seconded by Comp. F. H. GOLDNEY, that a Committee, consisting of the P.G.H., P.G.J., P.G.S.E., and P.G. Treas., be appointed to consider the question of generally revising the Prov. Grand Chapter by-laws, and to report thereon to the next meeting.

Lord H. F. THYNNE, M.E.G. Supt., addressing the meeting, congratulated the Swindon companions on the appearance of the hall in which they then were, and which had been newly decorated. He alluded in feeling terms to the death of Comp. E. Turner Payne, Prov. G. Treasurer of the neighbouring Province of Wiltshire, whom they had so often welcomed in Wiltshire. In referring to the Registrar's report, which was very gratifying, he said that he hoped ere long to hear of steps being taken to commence a new chapter at Trowbridge. He thanked Comp. Maclean, on behalf of the province, for his two succeeding Stewardships last year, and congratulated the companions on the fresh Stewardship of Comp. Fletcher, who, he trusted, would obtain good support, so that the position of the province at the elections might be further improved, to the delight of the energetic Charity Secretary, Comp. W. Nott.

The Prov. G. Supt. then declared all offices vacant, and proposed the re-election of Comp. Nott as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

This being seconded by Comp. CHANDLER, was carried unanimously.

The P.G. Supt. then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Comp. Thos. H. Fletcher, 586 ...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Alfred Plummer, 355 ...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Henry C. Tombs, 355 (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Edwin Eyres, 355 ...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" William Nott, 632 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Rev. J. A. Lloyd, 1533 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John N. Toone, 1478 ...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Rev. A. Law, 355 ...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Alfred Parry, 632 ...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" John Chandler, 355 (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. S. Bambridge, 1533 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Savory, 355 (re-elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The alms bag was then sent round, the contents being devoted to the Swindon Cottage Hospital.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the annual banquet at the Goddard Arms Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Blackpool, under the auspices of the Fylde Lodge, 296. The R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, presided, his lordship being supported by

Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Past G.S.W.; J. D. Murray, Past G.S.B.; T. Hargreaves, Past G.D.; W. J. Thomson, Prov. G.S.O.; G. Galloway, Prov. G.S.W.; H. Garner, Prov. G.J.W.; J. C. Atkins, Prov. G.J.W.; Geo. Morgan, P.P.G.I.G.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works Cheshire; Hugh Williams, P.P.G. S.D. North Wales and Cheshire; W. Nicholl, Past G.D.; R. Rushton, P.P.G. Treas.; W. W. Cottam, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Middleton, Past G. Std. Br.; J. B. Fisher, W.M. 296; H. M. Ormsby, I.P.M. 296; J. A. Orr, M.O. 296; John Winn, S.O. 296; J. Turnbull, J.O. 296; J. Hesketh, W.M. 298; D. Jones, Treas. 359; Robt. Foote, J.W. 359; Wm. Goodacre, W.M. 359; John Molloy, 65; J. C. Robinson, I.G. 65; and others.

A Mark Mason's Lodge having been opened by Bro. J. B. Fisher, W.M. 296, the R.W.P.G.M. entered, attended by his officers. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form.

The roll of lodges was then called, and the minutes adopted. The Treasurer's statement was then adopted.

Bro. Capt. HARGREAVES proposed, and Bro. WM. GOODACRE, W.M. 359, seconded that Bro. Major Ormsby be elected Treasurer, which was carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY having read his report,

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER asked the Master of each lodge to recommend a brother for office in Provincial Grand Lodge, and hoped that brethren would consider all officers in the Provincial Grand Lodge on the same level. He then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Bro. Capt. Garnett, 146	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. H. Hoyle, 123	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Col. Rocca, 34	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. H. Siddall, 141	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" A. H. Crossley, 158	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. G. H. Vernon, Lebanon (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Major Ormsby, 296	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. L. Aspland, 32	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick, 156	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Partington, St. John's (T.I.)	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" H. Tattersell, 313	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" C. P. Richards, 36	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. W. Elton, 143	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" E. Whittam, 136	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Harling, 113	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Howarth, 18	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. D. Mortimer, 158	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" David Cangle, 65	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. B. Fisher, 296	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. B. Richardson, 296	...	...
" John Winn, 296	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. J. Hankin, 143	...	...

On the motion of Bro. G. P. BROCKBANK, P.G.W., seconded by Bro. Capt. HARGREAVES, P.P.G.S.W., the sum of £10 10s. was unanimously voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Clifton Hotel for banquet, where a pleasant evening was spent.

CONSECRATION OF THE BORDER ROSE CROIX CHAPTER OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE, No. 102, AT KESWICK.

This chapter was consecrated in ancient and solemn form on Saturday, the 30th ult., by the M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, Lieut.-Grand Commander, who was ably assisted by Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, 33°, Grand Sec.-General; Ill. Bro. Capt. C. B. Royds, 33°, I.G. of the N.W. District; Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, 33°, I.G. of the S.E. District; Ill. Bro. Chas. Fendelow, 33°, I.G. of the W.C. District; Ill. Bro. Chas. J. Banister, 33°, I.G. of the N.E. District; Ill. Bro. Geo. J. McKay, 31°, M.W.S. elect; Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°; Ill. Bro. James Heelis, 30°; Bros. Dr. Gore Ring, 18°; Dr. Rooke, 18°; P. de E. Collin, 18°; and R. J. Nelson, 18°.

Subsequently 11 candidates were balloted for and perfected. Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman then assumed the chair, and installed Ill. Bro. Geo. J. McKay as M.W.S., according to ancient custom; the ceremony was performed most impressively, and the following were invested as officers: Bros. Col. F. R. Sewell, Prelate; Dr. Chas. Gore Ring, 1st Gen.; P. de E. Collin, 2nd Gen.; R. J. Nelson, Treas.; George Dalrymple, Recorder; Ed. Tyson, Grand Marshal; Dr. Rooke, Raphael; Joseph Hall, Dir. of Cers; John Paterson, Herald; and J. C. Thompson, C. of G. The following brethren were also present: Bros. Wm. Carlyle, J. Eden, Thos. Mandale, J. Robinson, Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, and Thos. Usher.

The M.W.S. moved a vote of thanks to be recorded to the following illustrious brethren, and that they be honorary members of the Border Chapter, namely, Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, H. D. Sandeman, H. S. Somerville Burney, Chas. J. Banister, and C. B. Royds. The motion was ably supported by Bro. Col. F. R. SEWELL, and carried by an unanimous vote.

The M. Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. PHILIPS replied, wishing every prosperity to the new chapter.

Many letters of apology for absence were read.

One candidate was proposed, and the chapter was closed.

The brethren dined at the Keswick Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening a telegram was received from the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 60, Huddersfield, with "Hearty good wishes" to the M.W.S. of the new chapter.

MASONIC BANQUET AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

The custom adopted of late years by Lord Mayors of London, who are also Masons, of signalling the close of their Mayoralty by a grand Masonic banquet at the Mansion House was successfully observed on Monday. Bro. Lord Mayor Sir F. Truscott inaugurated the custom by obtaining a dispensation to hold and banquet his lodge in the Egyptian Hall of his official residence, and was honoured with the presence of his Royal Highness the Grand Master. Bros. Lord Mayor Sir J. W. Ellis, and Lord Mayor Sir R. N. Fowler followed suit in their respective years of office, and were only less successful than Lord Mayor Truscott, because the Grand Master was unable to accept the proffered hospitality, but the kindly spirit which led to and prevailed at those meetings was the same, and was equally conspicuous on the present occasion, when in obedience to Bro. Lord Mayor Staples invitation, and under his personal auspices the members of his various lodges and chapters—the Grand Masters, No. 1, in which he was initiated; St. Botolph's, No. 2020, of which he is a founder, and has been twice Master of the Aldersgate, No. 1657, and the Aldersgate Chapter, No. 1657, of which he is the retiring Z.—together with a strong muster of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England gathered around the festive board of London's Chief Magistrate, the Egyptian Hall with its time honoured banners, looking all the more bright and festive as the brethren under a dispensation from the Grand Master, appeared in full Craft clothing. The following were among the guests of the evening, viz.:—

Bros. Theodore Tilton, D.G.M. of New York; Sir A. W. Woods (Garter) P.G.W.; Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; AE. J. McIntyre, O.C., P.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap.; Rev. W. M. Heath, G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg.; Thos. Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Dr. E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. German Correspondence; Sir Bruce M. Seton, Bart., G.S.D.; Ralph Clutton, G.J.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, G.J.D.; Deputy Saunders, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Sir Horace Jones, G.S. of W.; R. G. Glover, D.G.D.C.; H. Trueman Wood, G.A. D.C.; Major A. B. Cook, P.G.A.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Roebuck, G.S.B.; G. Toller, P.G.S.B.; E. D. Davis, G. Std. Br.; H. Greene, G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.S.B.; W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; A. Lucking, G.P.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; W. H. Perryman, G.A.P.; Major d'Albiac, T. P. Shipp, R. E. Johnston, J. Russell, A. Williams, M. R. Sewill, J. R. Dunlop, R. Plumb, H. Carter, H. M. Bates, C. E. Wilson, R. Grantham, and H. F. Pollock, Grand Stwds.; Alderman Gray, Alderman Waterlow, Alderman Savory, Alderman Cowan, Alderman De Keyser, Alderman and Sheriff Isaacs, Sheriff Lieut.-Col. Kirby, Ex. Sheriffs Bayley and Clarke, Under Sheriffs Sydney and Rose-Innes, A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Geo. Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; W. Lake, P.C.R. Cornwall; S. W. Graystone, H. J. Pfungst, J. Larkin, M. R. Webb, S. White, F. Crockford, A. C. Veley, Major Wilkin, A. B. Friend, F. Bennoch, C. W. Lovett, E. F. B. Fuller, Dr. S. Benton, W. S. Chapman, W. W. Thompson, J. S. Jarvis, E. Fenner, G. R. Steel, W. Schloesser, J. Renals, Bradshaw Brown, Voule, De Montmorency, H. W. Poole, A. Walton, G. P. King, H. B. Allby, Great Rex, H. G. Cubitt, J. L. Mather, A. Brookman, M.E.Z. 1657; H. H. Crawford, J. C. Dimsdale, W. H. Froom, E. Anderton, G. Vickery, A. B. Hudson, E. W. Stillwell, E. J. Husey, H. J. Staples, L. C. Lumley, G. N. Chambers, J. H. Fitch, W. S. Gover, W. A. Colls, A. Halford, G. N. Johnson, G. Rawlinson, Dr. Gordon Brown, Dr. A. G. Medwin, Sayle, P. Saillard, W.M. 2020; J. M. Isaacs, Col. J. H. Mapleson; T. Benken, H. H. Wells, B. Norman, H. S. Legg, T. M. Jones, F. W. Harris, the Rev. P. M. Holden, J. W. Fuller, J. Holah, H. Wilkinson, J. Langton, T. P. Griffin, J. Rock, E. H. Sharp, R. Creed, F. Sharp, J. While, P.M.; Minstrell, P.M.; W. L. Baker, Dinwiddie, E. M. Morris, W. C. Watson, F. Eyssen, C. Belton, Capt. Pryce Jones, and R. Eve.

After the loyal and Craft toasts, the LORD MAYOR gave "The Health of the Grand Officers," whose services to Masonry he eulogised. He coupled with the toast a name well known the world over, Bro. Sir Albert Woods. (Cheers.)

Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS said the Grand Officers fully appreciated the Lord Mayor's kindly observations, and knowing many of those brethren present, he could testify to the excellent manner in which they discharged their duties. As he said, the Grand Officers not only performed their duties with success, but to the general satisfaction of the Craft, and he should be wanting on that occasion in his duty to the brethren, if he did not tender their thanks also to the Lord Mayor for the honour he had paid them.

The LORD MAYOR next asked them to drink a toast which deserved more than common attention, that of "The Sister Grand Lodges," and the reason why he said it should command more than usual attention, was that they had present a brother from the other side of the Atlantic. The first principle of Masonry was contained in the word "Brother," and as Masons they knew of no distinction of race, of clime, or of country. They were ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to a brother, whoever he might be, and wherever he might come from. (Cheers.) He was particularly glad, therefore, to be able to offer their brother from New York, Bro. Theodore Tilton, a Masonic welcome in the City of London. He only regretted that more of their Colonial and Indian brethren were not present. (Cheers.)

Bro. THEODORE TILTON, D.G.M., who was very warmly received, thanked the Lord Mayor most heartily for the distinguished honour he had conferred upon him in inviting him to that banquet. He could assure the Lord Mayor and English Freemasons generally that the utmost cordiality existed among the brethren of the United States towards the Mother Grand Lodge of England, and certainly no toast was either given or received there with more enthusiasm or pleasure than that of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. (Cheers.) As a member of the New York Grand Lodge he represented 728 lodges, which numbered 75,000 Master Masons, and speaking in their behalf, as well as in the name of the 600,000 Master Masons in the United States, he might say that he had been a frequent visitor to other Grand Lodges in America, and in every case he had been struck with the deep fraternal feeling which was on all sides manifested towards the Grand Lodge of England. (Cheers.)

The LORD MAYOR proposed "Prosperity to the Three Lodges and Chapter," whose members were among his guests that evening. There were countries in which Freemasonry was looked upon with a certain amount of suspicion. They were abroad considered secret societies, and as such to be discouraged and discountenanced, but in this country no such feeling existed, and if it was even suggested, the conduct of Masons generally was such as to give a strong, immediate, and most emphatic negative to the idea. (Cheers.) Although they had secrets, it was scarcely necessary for him to tell them that they were in no way antagonistic to the laws of religion or morality. He might go further and say that he who was a good Mason could not be otherwise than an excellent citizen and a good man. (Cheers.) Their generous exercise of benevolence and charity, more especially commended Masons to their attention, and although these were exercised on an almost unlimited scale, he believed that the money was dispensed with great judgment and discrimination. They fully recognised the principle that an indiscriminate dispensing of charity was productive of more harm than good, and in the large funds which they distributed the greatest care was taken to see that the recipients were proper objects for it. In this way an immense deal of good was done, and many families had reasons to be thankful for the comforts enjoyed to Masons and Masonic Institutions. (Cheers.) He thanked the members of St. Botolph Lodge more especially for their great kindness in electing him twice to fill the chair of Master.

Bro. CASE, P.G.D., replying for "No. 1," said it gave him great satisfaction to be present, because he it was who had initiated their respected Lord Mayor into Masonry. He thanked his lordship for the princely manner in which he had entertained them.

Bro. JOLLIFFE, W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, said they were very proud to have the Lord Mayor among their members, and they all hoped that his name would be associated with the lodge for very many years to come. (Cheers.)

Bro. SAILLARD, W.M. of St. Botolph Lodge, also replied, as well as Comp. BROOKMAN, M.E.Z. Aldersgate Chapter, who, in the course of his reply, adverted to the fact that during the Lord Mayor's year of office he had collected something like £80,000 at the Mansion House for the unemployed. As one serving under his lordship in the Common Council he was able to testify to the admirable manner in which his lordship had filled the civic chair. He spoke in the presence of those who had splendidly fulfilled the traditions of that chair—Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Alder-

man Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and others—who would agree with him. (Cheers.)

Bro. MCINTYRE, P.G.M., felt that he had been entrusted with the toast of the evening. They had been invited to the festive board of the foremost citizens of the foremost city in the world, and right royally had he entertained them. It was a great pleasure to them to know that notwithstanding the high position which his lordship had attained in the City, and he might also say in the United Kingdom, he had not forgotten his old friends, the Masons. They had his lordship amid the great labours of his high office attending his Masonic duties, and attaining a high position in the Craft. His career was an apt illustration of what a good man could do and the great advantage which could be derived from Masonry. Those who knew him most esteemed him greatly, and he had in every way proved himself a great and good citizen, and a worthy and distinguished Mason. In proposing his lordship's health, he could only express the further hope that in times to come other Lord Mayors would emulate the greatness and kindness of the Lord Mayor of the present day, and that they might see many other distinguished Masons filling his chair. (Cheers.)

Bro. the LORD MAYOR, who was loudly cheered, said he felt honoured in having so many distinguished men whom he was able to call brothers around him that evening. This was the last occasion on which he should assemble his friends in that hall, and he should ever look back to the event with the greatest satisfaction. As Masons they had all the same object in view, they met one another as old friends, and he trusted that the gathering might be the means of cementing that good feeling which had existed, and which ought to continue to exist. He hoped that they would all look back to the gathering with the same satisfaction that he should, particularly when they remembered that the last occasion that their brother, the Lord Mayor of 1886, had of meeting his friends at the Mansion House was that on which he had the honour of receiving them.

The brethren then adjourned to the Saloon, where tea and coffee were served. Messrs. Ring and Brymer catered and gave great satisfaction. Sibold's band played a selection of music during the evening.

BANQUET TO PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR AT THE ALDERSHOT MILITARY MARK LODGE, No. 54, ALDERSHOT.

The presence of H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor with his regiment at Aldershot was made the occasion of a Masonic gathering of a very interesting character on Wednesday last, when the Military Mark Lodge entertained his Royal Highness at a banquet at the Imperial Hotel. Although this was the main object of the meeting lodge work was not ignored, for Mark Masonry is so flourishing in this district that occasion was taken to call a lodge of emergency to advance several candidates.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Harrison, who was supported by the following members of the lodge and visitors:—Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.G.M. Mediterranean; F. Binckes, Grand Secretary; H. Hacker, P.G.O.; Richard Eve, P.G.O.; S. Kirchoffer, P.M., P.G.O.; H. Stone, P.M., Grand Steward; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Rev. Norman Lee, Rev. Riley, Augustus Harris, Barker, Rowbotham, Hitchings, Taylor, Solomon, Sumner, Knight, Foster, Col. Meade, Reynolds, Blamey, Thompson, Veitch, Fenn, Brinston, Hayhoe, Palmer, Rex, and others.

The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Canon Portal, H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, and the Grand Officers were received and saluted.

The business of the lodge was then proceeded with, and the following brethren were introduced and advanced: Bros. T. H. Gowers, G. Richardson, C. Standing, T. Godfrey, S. Frost, J. Frost, W. Phillips, and H. Sumner. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Harrison, assisted by Bro. Stone, P.M., G. Stwd.

Prince Albert Victor was then proposed as a joining member by Bro. STONE, seconded by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, the chair being taken by Bro. Portal, who was supported on the right by Prince Albert Victor, Bros. Captain Greville (Equerry), A. M. Broadley, F. Binckes, Augustus Harris, Rev. Norman Lee, W. Lake, and others; and on the left by the W.M. and the Past Masters of the lodge.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "Success to Mark Masonry" and "The Health of her Majesty the Queen," observing that he was sure there was no assembly in England that owed more to her Majesty than the honoured Society of Freemasons, because she had done so much in the direction of one of their main objects, Charity.

The toast was most loyally received.

Next the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of the Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Royal Family." In doing so, he observed that he must be allowed to say even in the presence of Prince Albert Victor that there was no single person in England to whom Masonry owed so much as to the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) It would be remembered how the Prince came forward in a serious crisis to take the throne of their great Order when, by the loss of Lord Ripon, the Craft found itself in a most unpleasant and awkward position, and if the Prince of Wales had not been equal to the occasion and placed his services at the disposal of the Order, they would have doubtless suffered much. Thus they would see that the Prince of Wales deserved their hearty good will for the course he took during that most awkward period. They would also remember that the late Prince Leopold was the first member of the Royal family who ever became a Mark Mason, and for this and other reasons they had to thank the Royal family. They therefore welcomed most heartily the present illustrious prince who sat on his right hand—(loud cheers)—and the best wish they could give him was that he would follow in the steps of his illustrious father.

The toast was loyally received.

Prince ALBERT VICTOR, in responding, said he must thank them most sincerely, for his own part, for the very kind way in which his health had been drunk, and for the equally kind way in which the toast had been proposed by the Provincial Grand Master. It gave him great pleasure to be present that evening to witness such an exceedingly interesting ceremony, and see so many candidates being initiated, and, as he was made a Mark Mason some time ago, he had still greater pleasure in being present that night, because it was the second Mark Lodge of which he had been made a member. (Cheers.) He might also say that the Grand Master of England would be very grateful for the kind way in which the toast of his health

had been received that night, and which, he believed, was always received in the same way throughout that august Order. (Cheers.) He should certainly acquaint him of the fact, because he always took such an active interest in Masonry. One thing he (the speaker) had noticed was that the more interest one took in Masonry the more interesting it became. (Cheers.) He thanked them on behalf of his father for the manner in which the toast was received.

Bro. EVE, P.G.O., gave the next toast which was "The Health of the Past and Pro Grand Masters, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The G.M. had so many duties to perform that it was necessary in the interests of Masonry that he should be assisted in that high office by brethren of distinction and ability, and his task was a pleasant one of proposing that the health of those brethren be honoured in a bumper. Their worthy Pro Grand Master was a great acquisition to the Craft, while, in referring to Bro. Portal, he said he had come down from the throne of Freemasonry to preside over their province. He spoke of him then as one of the Past Grand Masters of Mark Masonry in England, and he (the speaker) was sure there was no one who displayed more zeal, more interest, and more ability, and none who had done more for their great Order than Canon Portal, whom they were so pleased to see present that day. (Applause.) There were other men of distinction in the Craft to whom he should like to allude, but the bare enumeration of their names would take up too much time. Still he was sure they would all join with him in drinking the health of those brethren to whom he alluded, brethren who had brought their ability to bear on the furthering of the interests of their Society. As regards Bro. Binckes, the speaker said he often felt that if the Grand Mark Lodge was out of England and Bro. Binckes alone was in it, he would be enough to represent it—(laughter and applause)—with his great power, energy, and ability. He had a great regard for Bro. Binckes as well as for Bro. Broadley, who would respond for that toast, and was a brother who had made his presence felt not only in England but abroad; and more than that, had made Freemasonry popular amongst all with whom he came in contact. (Applause.) No one could go to Malta without hearing his praises sung. He had done much for Masonry and could and would do more. (Applause.)

The toast was received with great cordiality.

Bro. BROADLEY, in responding, alluded to the eloquent but flattering terms in which Bro. Eve had spoken of himself and other brethren, and said it gave him great pleasure to be there that night to see the ceremonies worked in the impressive and excellent manner they had been. Four years ago he was taking part in Mark Masonry under very different circumstances—that was in Egypt—and Bro. Eve was also taking part in the same work. (Loud applause.) It was pleasant to him to think of the establishment of that interesting Mark Lodge under the shadow of the Pyramids, and which to-day was in such a flourishing condition. He would not refer to the work of the Masonic lodges of the Mediterranean, interested as he was in them, but he would hasten to tell them how pleased he was with the conduct of their own lodge—how admirable was the manner in which the Deacons discharged their duties. He could assure them when he saw them performing those duties that there was something in their style which told of military discipline, and there was a great amount of dramatic power also put into it which rendered it very impressive. It was in these points that lay the great beauty and symbolism of that Degree, which was one of the most beautiful in the Craft. It had had an enormous effect upon them in the Mediterranean. (Applause.) He congratulated the W.M. upon the way in which the lodge was ordered, and he was sure H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor was pleased with what he had seen that night. (Applause.)

Bro. BINCKES said, as senior Past Master of the Aldershot Military Mark Lodge, a duty devolved upon him, which he undertook with a great amount of pleasure, but at the same time with a great amount of diffidence, because he did not feel qualified to do justice to the toast. He thought he could have got through it if it had not been for the crushing eulogy of Bro. Eve, who had mentioned his name in terms of exaggerated friendship, which were embarrassing when he came to speak himself. However, he was well fortified, inasmuch as the subject of the toast would be sufficient to insure from them their hearty approval and enthusiastic response. It was the toast of their excellent, able, genial, and zealous brother, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of that province. (Loud applause.) He thought he could safely say that it was the first time he had had the opportunity of proposing that toast, although for so many years in the province in which Bro. Portal presided. He would ask Bro. Portal to call to mind the condition of Mark Masonry some time ago when he worked in association with the speaker, one as Grand Registrar and the other as Grand Secretary. He was asking him to bear in mind the position of Mark Masonry at that day, and he thought he would say that ancient as they were they little contemplated living to see Mark Masonry reach the flourishing position which it had at the present moment. (Applause.) In all Masonic history they would fail to find any Masonic organisation that in 30 years ever achieved the position which the Mark Grand Lodge had established for itself by the hard work of those who had borne the responsible offices. No one had done more for them than the distinguished brother who now sat in the chair as their Prov. Grand Master. (Applause.) He was one who in an eminent degree united within himself those essential features of the Brotherhood—"suaviter in modo" and "fortiter in re"—always kind when the opportunity offered and when the necessity arose—not only able but ready and willing to rule. In conclusion, he hoped H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor would not regret his visit there that evening, when he had the opportunity of doing the honour which was so legitimately due to their Prov. Grand Master, Canon Portal. (Applause.)

Bro. PORTAL, in response, said he could not sufficiently thank them for the very kind way in which that toast had been proposed by Bro. Binckes, and received by them. It was a great pleasure to him to be there that night in the capacity of P.G.M., and he was very glad to see the excellent work done in the lodge because he thought it did them great credit. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the difficulty experienced in Oxford, of which he could speak, from the fleeting population, which had a severe effect upon the Craft, and he supposed that in Aldershot too, as at Oxford, three years was a long life in office. When he took these things into consideration he must admit that there was evidence of good and honest work in their lodge. (Applause.)

The other toasts proposed were "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Officers," "The W.M.," "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Augustus Harris, and "The Mark Benevolent Fund."

We must not omit to notice the very fraternal care exercised by the members for the comfort of the visitors—notably by Bros. Hacker, Eve, and Stone, and the latter brother is also to be warmly congratulated on the result of his efforts to provide an entertainment worthy of the occasion.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held, under the presidency of Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., at Freemasons' Hall on the 28th ult., when there were present among others Bros. Ralph Clutton, G.S.D.; H. A. Hunt, E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Moon, Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; A. E. Gladwell, C. H. Webb, Joseph Clever, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Belton, C. F. Matier, P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; F. Adlard, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the two vacancies on the House Committee—caused by the death of Bro. E. C. Mather, G. Stwd., and the appointment of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Peters, P.G.S.B., to be a Trustee of the Sustentation of Building Fund, vice Nunn, deceased—were reported, and the following brethren nominated to succeed them, viz.: Bros. Joseph Clever, G. Cooper, Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar; and Alderman Savory.

A conditional grant of £20 to an ex-pupil was made, and two petitions were received, and the names of the children ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the April Election, while the consideration of one other petition was deferred.

In the course of the proceedings, the CHAIRMAN of a special meeting of the House Committee, which had been held just previous to the General Committee, reported that Bro. Thomas S. Howell, who had been one of the medical officers of the Institution for 34 years, had tendered his resignation, and that the following resolution had been unanimously passed, namely:

"That this Committee desire to express their sincere regret at receiving from Bro. Thomas S. Howell his resignation of the post of one of the medical officers of the Institution, an office he has held for a period of 34 years, during which he has in the most generous manner, without fee or reward, discharged the onerous and important duties appertaining to it.

"And that the Committee further desire to acknowledge the benefit the Institution has derived from the valuable advice and assistance they have received from him in connection with the sanitary arrangements of the establishment, to the admirable character of which may be attributed the general healthiness of the School and its freedom from diseases due to preventable causes.

"And that, while acceding to Bro. Howell's desire to be relieved from the further performance of duties he has so long discharged with such marked zeal, kindness, and ability, the Committee trust he will permit his name to be retained as an Honorary Consulting Medical Officer of the School, and thereby preserve his official connection with the Institution, to which he has rendered such great service, and where he is so highly regarded and respected.

"And that the Secretary be requested to forward to Bro. Howell a copy of this resolution."

It was thereupon, on the motion of Bro. A. E. GLADWELL, seconded by Bro. C. F. MATIER, unanimously agreed—

"That this Committee, representing the general body of Governors and Subscribers to the School, having heard read the resolution passed by the House Committee in reference to the resignation of Bro. Thomas S. Howell of the office of one of the medical officers of the Institution, most heartily and cordially concur in the terms of it."

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mark Masonry.

HELSTON.—St. Michael Lodge (No. 175).—In the absence, through indisposition, of Bro. J. M. Richards, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, P.M., presided at the annual meeting on Wednesday, the 20th ult. After the usual opening ceremony and other preliminaries, sundry candidates were advanced to the Degree, and then Bro. Bloxsome made way for Bro. N. J. West, P.M. 87, who occupied the chair, and very impressively installed Bro. C. Hudson as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were then invested as officers, namely: Bros. W. Trevenen, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W.; T. Rosewarne, M.O.; J. O. Eva, S.O.; P. Morgan, J.O.; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A., P.M., Chap.; T. Taylor, Treas. (re-elected); J. H. Willey, Sec.; W. F. C. Rogers, R. of M.; J. Dudley, S.D.; W. J. Blackwall, J.D.; A. C. Ratcliffe, I.G.; W. J. James, D.C.; J. M. Pascoe and A. J. Hill, Stewards; and R. James, Tyler.

The other business having been disposed of, lodge was closed, and the brethren dined at the Star Hotel (Bro. Corley's), and spent a very agreeable evening.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular quarterly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. T. D. Hayes, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren and visitors: Bros. Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., P.M., Prov. G.M.M. Kent; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; Capt. A. Weston, P.M., P.G.J.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.S.O.; D. Deeves, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Natal; Quartermaster G. Spinks, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. West, P.M.; E. Palmer, S.W., P.G.P.; W. Moulds, J.W., P.P.G.I.G.; T. Ovenden, M.O., P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Kenneday, S.O., Sec., P.P.G. Asst. Sec.; J. Whiteheart, J.O., P.P.G.I.G.; C. Jolly, R.M., P.P.G.O.; T. Cooper, S.D.; J. Aillud, I.G.; J. Warren, C. Walkley, F. Reed, J. Christian, W. Arnold, T. R. Richardson, W. Akers, Eugene Sweeney, P.M. 44, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Denton, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; and P. Sharpe, 43, P.P.G.J.W. Malta.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. R. J. Cook, P.M. 913, and C. H. Lawson, S.W. 913, and proving unanimous, they were duly advanced to the Degree of Mark Master; the working being absolutely perfect, and winning the warm congratulations of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, where refreshments were partaken of, and a few hours were spent in toasts and harmony.

SANDGATE.—Amherst Lodge (No. 266).—The installation meeting took place at the Masonic Hall on the 17th ult. Bro. Hine presided, and in due course installed Bro. James Kennett in the chair of A. The following were invested as officers for the year, namely: Bros. Woods, S.W.; Holbim, J.W.; Russell, M.O.; S. H. While, S.O.; Samson, J.O.; Culver, R. of M.; Watts, Sec.; Lathey, S.D.; Mallam, J.D.; Lindop, I.G.; and Balcher, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Kent Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Watts. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured during the evening, those of "The New W.M., Bro. Kennett," and "The I.P.M." being received with unbounded applause by all present.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Lodge (No. 305).—The annual meeting was held at the India Arms Hotel on the 19th ult., Bro. F. Powell, W.M., P.G.M.O., being in the chair, and there being a numerous attendance of members and visitors, the latter including the D.P.G.M. and other Prov. G. Officers. Bro. H. Crisp having been installed W.M. by the retiring Master, appointed as his officers Bros. the Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., P.P.G.C., I.P.M.; W. T. Miller, S.W.; W. C. Webb, P.P.G.I. of W., J.W., W. T. Dupree, M.O.; J. S. Senior, S.O.; A. M. Rae, J.O.; Rev. B. Ring, LL.D., P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. S. Senior, Treas.; T. Pearson, R. of M.; W. Green, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; T. Stretton, S.D.; W. A. Rowe, J.D.; W. Cotton, D.C.; R. G. King, I.G.; F. W. C. Waters, P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Sims and W. T. Holdstock, Stwds.; and L. Cannon, Tyler. The usual banquet followed.

FOREST OF DEAN.—Royal Forest of Dean Lodge (No. 340).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Speech House, when there were present Bros. Rev. Dr. Lyles, P.G.J.W., W.M.; J. S. Carleton, P.G.J.O., S.W.; M. F. Carter, M.O.; J. S. Bradstock, S.O.; Sydney J. Thomas, J.O.; S. W. Haddingham, Treas.; T. H. Curwen, S.D.; J. J. James, J.D.; Job Webb, Tyler; Wm. Forth, D.P.G.M.M. of Gloucestershire, P.M.; W. C. Heane, P.P.G.J.W., P.M.; George Minett, Thos. Cadle, A. Stephens, and F. G. Washbourn.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. J. S. Carleton, S.W., P.G.J.O., was presented, and duly installed by Bro. W. Forth, D.P.G.M.M., assisted by Bro. Wm. Heane, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. Dr. Lyles, I.P.M.; H. Clark, S.W.; M. F. Carter, J.W.; J. S. Bradstock, M.O.; Sydney J. Thomas, S.O.; T. H. Curwen, J.O.; S. W. Haddingham, Treas.; F. A. Carter, Sec.; J. J. James, S.D.; Geo. Minett, J.D.; T. Cadle, I.G.; and Job Webb, Tyler. After the installation the brethren sat down to a well served banquet, at the close of which the usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (E).—This old and distinguished encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on the 15th ult. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights George Graveley, C.E., E.C.; Glenn, 1st Captain; J. H. Dodson, 2nd Captain; W. Paas, P.E.C., P.G.B.B., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C.G., Reg.; H. J. Lardner, Std. Br.; J. D. Harris, Herald; E. F. Storr, D.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C., Prelate; Rawles, Equerry; and others. Sir Knight Callendar was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, Comp. Slater, who had been previously balloted for, was duly installed a member of the Order by the E.C. The election of E.C. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Sir Knight Glenn. Sir Knight Paas was unanimously re-elected Treas.; and Rawles, Equerry. Sir Knight Spence and Love-Jones Parry were elected Auditors. A P.E. Commander's jewel having been voted to Sir Knight George Graveley for his efficient services during the year, the resignation of Sir Knight C. Sanders, P.E.C., M.D. (since deceased), was received with regret. It was unanimously resolved that for long and valuable services rendered to the encampment, Sir Knight Charles Sanders, M.D., be elected an honorary member. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Sir Knights A. Williams, P.E.C.; C. Driver, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Captain Stühwasser, C. of the Guards; and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. The customary toasts followed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWCASTLE - ON - TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—A meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, on the 22nd ult. The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. C. R. Fry, 30°, assisted by his officers. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. H. Maddison, 30°, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the year ensuing. E. and P. Bro. W. F. Carmon was re-elected Treasurer. The chapter was attended by Ill. Bros. Col. J. Monks, 30°; T. J. Armstrong, 30°; E. and P. Bros. H. Hotham, S. Bell, C. D. H. Urury, S. Marston, John Usher, and others. Letters of apology were received from Ill. Bros. Chas. Jas. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District; R. A. Luck, 30°; and others, stating their inability to attend. In accordance with notice of motion, Ill. Bro. H. Maddison moved that the bye-laws be revised, and the following constitute a Committee for the purpose, viz.: Bros. Hotham, Monks, Fry, Maddison, T. J. Armstrong, and Seymour Bell, which was carried. The death of L. Lenson, P.M. W.S. of the chapter, was announced with regret. Business over, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where they spent a happy time before leaving for their respective homes.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S. Ex. and Perfect Bro. J. B. Hargreaves, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great Georges-street, assisted by his officers. Two candidates came up for the Degree, viz., Bros. James Walmsley, P.M., P.Z., and William Armistead. The

ceremony was performed by Ill. Bro. John Barker, 30°, most impressively. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District, was received in due form and saluted. Ex. Bro. H. Warwick, High Prelate, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the year ensuing. Ex. Perfect Bro. Fourness was re-elected Treasurer.

The business of the chapter being over, the lodge was closed in due form. The banquet was held in the dining hall of the building, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ex. and Perfect Bro. Dr. Hargreaves, having on his right Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District; Ill. Bro. Richard Wilson, 30°, and the two candidates, and others; and on his left Ill. Bro. John Barker, 30°; Ex. and Perfect Bros. J. D. Kay, P.M.W.S.; Fourness, H. Warwick, J. Gerrard, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very harmonious evening was spent. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister had to leave early for the north.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 96).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when in the absence of Bro. John Bailey, M.W.S., through indisposition, the chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Henry Maddison, 30°, assisted by the officers. Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. of the North-Eastern District, was received in due form and saluted. Letters of apology were received from those brethren who were unable to attend.

The business of the chapter being finished, it was closed in due form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—This prosperous conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, 16A, Great Queen-street, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Sir Knights T. C. Walls, I.P.M., P.S., in the chair; T. Cubitt, G.I.G., P.M.P.S., Treas., acting V.E.; H. J. Lardner, acting S.G.; Herd, acting I.G.; John Mason, G.H.C., Recorder; Thielay, P.M.W.S.; H. Shirley, P.M.W.S.; E. A. Harris, H. Harris, R. Harris, N. Prower, Proudfoot, and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Herald Conclave, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. Sir Knight J. Mason was elected V.E. in the place of Sir Knight Dawes resigned. The sum of five guineas having been voted to a distressed sir knight, the Mount Carmel Sanctuary of K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were duly opened, and seven members of the Premier Conclave duly inducted into the Degrees by Sir Knight Shirley, ably assisted by Sir Knight Lardner. The arduous rituals and impressive historical lectures appertaining to the Degrees being excellently rendered by those worthy sir knights.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremonies the sir knights adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a well served banquet was partaken of. The long routine of toasts received full justice.

South Africa.

KIMBERLEY.—Cornerstone Lodge (No. 217).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 8th ult., Bros. G. Richards in the chair. The installation of the W.M. was the principal business before the lodge. Bro. Charles Aburrow was presented and duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Pistorius, P.M. The following are the officers for the year: Bros. Charles Aburrow, W.M.; G. Richards, I.P.M.; T. Burt, S.W.; C. Sheppard, J.W.; Pistorius, M.O.; F. Illig, S.O.; W. Dettieback, J.O.; Pistorius, Treas.; Norden, Sec.; J. Pam, S.D.; E. Somerset, J.D.; C. Rolles, I.G.; and C. Shaw, Tyler.

Egypt.

JERICO.—Comet Lodge (No. 1680, E.C.).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, on Tuesday, the 14th June last. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. G. Eccles, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. Shakespere, P.M.; Shaw, P.M.; Thomas H. Girling, W.M. Star of the West, P.D.G.S.W., P.M. 1160, 796; McGill, acting S.W.; James, J.W.; R. Sexton, S.D.; H. Bradbury, J.D.; T. Prendible, Secretary; T. Jackson, Treasurer; Bele, I.G.; and F. Jounghmans, acting Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Rae Coyle, who had already been balloted for at the last meeting, was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, and a most harmonious evening was spent, the usual Masonic toasts being honoured, while songs were contributed by the brethren.

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Bro. Asher Barfield, P.M., Past Prov. Grand Deacon Hants, will preside as the W.M. of the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1090, at Portsmouth, on the occasion of the delivery by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., of his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry 1813-1886," on Saturday, the 13th inst. We hear that a numerous gathering of installed Masters from the neighbouring lodges and the Isle of Wight are expected to attend, and anticipate that they will experience a pleasant and instructive afternoon. The lodge will be opened at 3 o'clock, and provision will be made for entertainment after closing. Particulars will be found in our advertisement columns.

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Brixton, 1949; Chiswick, 2012.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic World," "Die Bauhütte," "New York Dispatch,"
"Limerick Reporter and Tipperary Vindicator," "Texas Masonic
Journal," "Jewish Chronicle," "Masonic Chronicle," "Victorian
Freemason," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Illustrated
Naval and Military Magazine," "Piano, Organ, and Music
Trades Journal," "Sunday Times" (London), "Masonic Token,"
"La Chaine d'Union," "Masonic Journal," "Court Circular,"
"San Francisco Journal of Commerce," "Voice of Masonry,"
"Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Masonic Era and Analectic,"
"Allen's Indian Mail," and "Hull and East Yorkshire Times."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

LOAFERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to call the attention of Secretaries of
lodges of instruction to the increasing number of the above,
and suggest a remedy of checking the impostors who are
making a business of calling and endeavouring to get relief

nightly throughout the metropolis. We scarcely have a meeting without one or two wait upon us, and upon their being seen are recognised by some of the brethren as having been seen within a night or two at other places on the same errand, although they have stated quite the contrary. Now, this tends to injure the proper claimants of Charity, as well as taking up the time of the brethren who have met for instruction. I would suggest that in cases where sufficient proof is forthcoming of imposition that Secretaries would communicate with one another, giving description of person and certificate, where they have them, for there are some who come with letters, which must be wrong entirely, and I think this would have the desired effect, for they would soon find those lodges where it would be useless their calling on. We, the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, intend doing our best to stamp out this sort of thing.—I am, yours fraternally,

GEORGE GARDNER,
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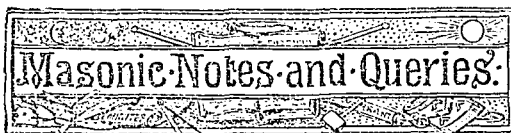
HISTORY OF THE MARQUIS OF GRANBY LODGE, DURHAM.

One of the most encouraging signs of present day Freemasonry is the publication of lodge histories. During the last few years a great advance has been made in this respect, and as a consequence we have now most interesting particulars of the early career of old lodges, and are able to judge in some measure of the character of their meetings in "ye olden tyme." The latest candidate for our examination is "The History of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham," by Bro. William Logan, who was its honoured Master in 1885. Bro. Logan has done his work well, and has proved a most diligent student of the records. The lodge itself is well worth the attention of Masonic historians, for it existed many years, as an independent society, prior to its obtaining a warrant from the regular Grand Lodge of England. The charter was issued Sep. 8th, 1763, but the preserved records begin so early as 24th June, 1738. At that time there were sixteen members, and it is, therefore, probable that they had met years before then "as Masons" in the city of Durham. All the entries of note as to this ancient lodge are most interestingly narrated, the various places of meeting are carefully noted, and all the public events in which the lodge took part are recorded by Bro. Logan with special care and accuracy. "The History of the Province of Durham" is likewise given, from which we gather that in 1734, when the first Prov. G.M. was appointed by the Earl of Crawford Grand Master, there was not a warranted lodge in the county. No less than five out of the six Prov. G. Masters for Durham from 1788 to now have been members of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, and seven of the Deputy Prov. G. Masters have also been connected with that lodge during the same period. "The History of the R.A. Chapter of Concord" is likewise added, which has had an uninterrupted existence from 23rd Feb., 1783, and is thus entitled to a centenary warrant, just as the lodge. Mark Masonry in Durham dates from Dec. 21st, 1773, being the oldest record of that Degree known. There are many curious particulars about the additional Degrees, which must be read to be appreciated. Bro. Logan has written a most readable and valuable work, which is a model history for size and style; the printer and publisher, Bro. George Kenning, having produced a handsome volume, which, save that it is thinner, looks for all the world like a copy of Bro. Hughan's latest work, who, by the bye, has written a capital introduction to Bro. Logan's history, and added to the value of that publication by his highly appreciated remarks on Bro. Logan's history, and the early career of the province. As it is published at five shillings, and the profits are to be devoted to the purposes of the lodge, we advise our readers to procure copies for themselves.

THE DEVON MASONIC REGISTER FOR 1886.

The last Masonic Calendar has at length appeared, and we congratulate the editor, printer, and publisher, Bro. L. D. Westcott, on its excellent appearance, its handy size, and its valuable information. From the preface we learn that it is a continuation of the series started by Bro. Westcott in 1870, which was preceded by another series of 1865-8. We have several times drawn attention to the lack of a Masonic Directory for Devon, consisting of 50 lodges, and over 2600 subscribing members, and we feel assured that the present venture will be most successful. Not only are the names of all the officers of each lodge and other Masonic Bodies given, but also lists of all the Past Masters, with their years of service and provincial rank, if any. For an official Directory, it does not seem needful to give the officers of lodges who have no votes in the Provincial Grand Lodge, save those of the Treasurer and Secretary, if not P.M.'s. Bro. Hughan, we see, furnishes a roll of lodges formerly in Devon, 34 in number. It is doubtless correct, but we have no reliable means of proving its accuracy until the advent of Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records." The "List of Votes" in the Masonic Charities is a melancholy one to peruse, for there are not sufficient votes to average one each for the subscribing members in the province, the total being only 2001. We have tested its accuracy with the official publications, and find that about 200 should be added, so that the list does not do the province full justice, and lessens the value considerably of the little volume, but, even at the best, the province must be reaping a rich harvest for their comparatively small annual donations. We hope the "Register" will have a rapid sale, as it deserves, and, though last in the field, its typographical excellence and usefulness place it in the front rank.

THE GAVEL CLUB.—The entertainments in connection with this club are invariably so successful that it is with pleasure we notice that the members are about giving an invitation smoking concert at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 24th inst. We feel sure that those brethren who are favoured with invitations will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of attending. Gavelier Swallow will preside. The musical arrangements are under the direction of Gavelier Combes, whilst Gavelier Pritchard, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, has undertaken the general management.



689] MASONIC JEWELS.

I am not able positively to answer all the queries by Bro. Chisholm in the *Freemason* for the 9th ult., but feel assured that the (b) Red Cross (Calvary) with the serpent entwined represents the *Knight Templar Priest*. Many interesting particulars of this Degree are to be found in "Notes on the Temple and St. John," by Bro. John Yarker, presented to the Grand Conclave of Lancashire in 1869, the history being full of curious details not found elsewhere. Bro. G. P. Brockbank exhibited one of the jewels, No. 75, *Shanklin*. Sometimes these emblems are the centre attraction of a star (as one owned by Bro. T. Lamb-Smith, or a separate cross, &c., of which that zealous collector has also a specimen). I should like much to be quite clear as to the Masonic connection of jewels (a) and (d) mentioned by Bro. Chisholm having the mottoes *Inde, Este, Longe*, and *Este Large* (No. 198, *Shanklin*), as I have missed my reference to them. Will some brother give me the information? Jewel (c) doubtless refers to the Knight of St. Andrew (Masonic).

W. J. HUGHAN.

690] OLD WARRANTS.

What is the date of the oldest original warrant in England? I know of several of 1732-3, but none earlier. Are all the older lodges working by warrants of confirmation? These oldest four original warrants are:—
37, Anchor and Hope Lodge, Bolton... 23rd October, 1732.
39, St. John's Lodge, Exeter... 11th July, 1732.
41, Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath... 26th April, 1733.
42, Relief Lodge, Bury... 3rd July, 1733.
I should like to know from Bro. James Newton what the motto is on seal of No. 37. On the remaining three the same motto occurs—"In the beginning was the Word" (in Greek), the arms being those of the Grand Lodge before the "Union."

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. W. Fromholtz, W.M.; G. Coop, S.W.; W.M. elect; Hudson, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treasurer; Stuart, P.M.; Secretary; Hakin, S.D.; Steng, J.D.; Weizler, Asst. D.C.; Johnston, Stwd.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Green, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Jordan, P.M.; Cobham, and W. Longstaffe, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Capt. H. C. Lambert, P.P.G.W. Herts.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Galer, W.M. 1366; Woodruff, P.M. 957; Herr Van Joel, P.M. 957; F. Smith, S.W. 1305; Bellerby, J.W. 2021; Burstow, S.D. 212; Edwards, J.D. 766; A. Jones, J.D. 2021; J. R. Harnell, 511; Jones, 511; R. White, 1107; Artaud, 1305; F. Delevanti, 1319; Chambers, 1638; R. J. Harnell, 2021; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Horton was then raised. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Dairy, P.M., Bro. Coop was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. Bro. Dairy was assisted by Bros. E. Hopwood, as S.W.; F. Walters, as J.W.; T. C. Walls, as D.C.; and Rumball, as I.G. There were fifteen Past Masters present during the ceremony. The W.M. most ably appointed and invested his officers for the year, viz.: Bros. Hudson, S.W.; Hakin, J.W.; Carter, Treasurer; Stuart, Secretary; Steng, S.D.; Weizler, J.D.; Johnston, I.G.; Langdale and Cursons, Stwds.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The ballot was then taken on behalf of behalf Mr. Thomas Mold, and Bro. Leuw, late 141, as a joining member. Mr. Mold being in attendance, was impressively initiated by the W.M., who is to be congratulated on his able working. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Jordan, I.P.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit on the caterer, Bro. Clemow. The W.M. presided well, and gave the numerous toasts briefly but pertinently.

Several of the visitors made good speeches, Bro. F. Binckes in particular advocated the great cause of Masonic Charity with more than usual eloquence.

The success of the proceedings was greatly enhanced by the professional vocalists who gave some excellent "morceaux," under the management of Bro. Delevanti. The whole of the arrangements reflected great credit upon Bro. Coop, the W.M., and the executive.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were present Bros. Dewsnapp, W.M.; Wall, S.W.; Lyon, J.W.; Botibol, S.D.; Gardner, J.D.; L. Lazarus, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; J. Lyons, Hon. Treas.; Martin, I.P.M.; L. Alexander, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; Dobson, P.M.; M. Alexander, P.M.; J. Abraham, P.M.; Berkovich, P.M.; L. Myers, P.M.; and a numerous attendance of the brethren.

After the formal opening of the lodge, Mr. J. McDuell was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. H. Harwood, J. Harwood, and Green were then raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Spiegel, P.M., rose, according to the notice of motion given—"In acknowledgment for the valuable services rendered by Bro. Lyons, Treasurer, to present to him a testimonial to the value of £5 5s."—and, in the course of his remarks, said the office of a Treasurer was not like any other office in the lodge. Every officer was appointed by the W.M., which might be conferred by favour or other reasons; but that of a Treasurer was of a different kind—

that was really the only office the brethren had the privilege to elect independently any brother they considered worthy to that office. He was annually elected by ballot, even without any proposition, and consequently every year the brethren could consider if the Treasurer had given satisfaction; and if a brother, like the present Treasurer, was elected eight times in succession, that must be a proof that he was entitled to some "gratitude" for his past services. "Gratitude," Bro. Spiegel said, was no doubt one of the principal virtues in Freemasonry, although it was not to be found in their lectures, which he considered must have been by an oversight omitted by Bro. Dr. Heming, and he trusted that some future reformer might add to that of "Virtue," "Honour," and "Mercy," also "Gratitude."

Bro. Martin, I.P.M., agreed in every respect with Bro. Spiegel; but he thought that the sum of £5 5s. was insufficient, and he would like to move an amendment that the sum be raised to £10 10s., when

Bro. Spiegel immediately rose, and expressed his thanks to Bro. Martin's amendment, and said that he proposed only the small sum to ascertain the feelings of the brethren. This was so far agreed; but, in order to comply with the bye-laws, it was ordered that the higher sum be placed on the next summons.

Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., then moved, "That the Joppa Benevolent Institution (which is the first and largest of this kind amongst private lodges) be registered according to the laws of the 'Friendly Societies,'" which was carried.

The W.M. was then petitioned to give his sanction to hold a ball in the month of February, under the auspices of the lodge, for the benefit of the Joppa Benevolent Institution, which was freely granted. Bros. Dobson and Spiegel undertook the duty of making the necessary arrangements.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Staley, 1597; G. White, 1696; H. Heilbath, 650; Huxley, 650; and Pardoe, 1585.

After the usual loyal toasts, the W.M. proposed "The Joppa Benevolent Institution," which was responded to by Bro. Spiegel, the senior V.P.

Bro. Martin, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who gracefully responded.

Bro. M. Alexander, P.M., responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s."

The visitors and officers responded respectively to the toasts proposed in their favour.

After the Tyler's toast the brethren separated, highly pleased with the evening's proceedings, at a late hour.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Town Hall, Wandsworth. Bro. W. Bell, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. F. Knipier, I.P.M.; A. C. A. Higerty, P.M.; P.G.J.D. Surrey, S.W.; C. Ellis, J.W.; Wilson, P.M.; Treas.; Frost, Sec.; Cowley, S.D.; Alciatore, J.D.; W. H. Jones, I.G.; Mellows, D.C.; Kewney, P.M.; W.S.; P.Ms. Walker, Carter, Francis, Holland, Newens, and Huntley, and E. R. Smith, Hosegood, Wyatt, Conford, Taverner, Wallis, and many others. Visitors: Bros. H. S. Lee, W.M. City of Westminster; Wingfield, W.M. Royal Arthur; Cleaver, Mount Lebanon; Gill, Burgoyne, Ewington, and Redman.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for a gentleman, and proved unanimous. Bro. Taverner was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Higerty was then most ably installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Knipier, P.M., and appointed as his officers Bros. Ellis, S.W.; Cowley, J.W.; Wilson, P.M.; Treas. (re-elected); Frost, Sec.; Alciatore, S.D.; W. H. Jones, J.D.; Mellows, I.G.; E. K. Smith, D.C.; Kewney, W.S.; and Walker, Tyler.

The W.M. having raised Bro. Wallis to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., a proposal for initiation, and a notice of motion respecting grants to the Charities having been handed in, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the East Hill Hotel, where an admirable banquet was supplied by Mr. Whale, the toast.

The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Bell gave "The Health of the W.M.," who, in the course of his reply, said he valued very kindly the honour the Wandsworth Lodge had conferred upon him, and he would do his best to hand the lodge unimpaired to his successor. He concluded by inviting them to drink to "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Bell," who had carried out his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge, and on whose breast he had the pleasure of pinning a handsome jewel.

Bro. Bell having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Installing Master and other P.M.'s. of the Lodge," and this having been acknowledged, "The Visitors," was drunk with enthusiasm, Bros. Wingfield, Ewington, Cleaver, Gill, and Redman replying, and congratulating the lodge on the efficiency of its officers.

"The Officers" and "The Masonic Charities" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bros. Cowley, Walker, Conford, Frost, Ellis, and Carter contributed songs and recitations, and Bro. Wingfield ably presided at the piano.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—This lodge met on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Hegarty, W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. J. Pope, S.W.; H. Lowe, J.W.; E. A. Wright, P.M.; Treas.; H. W. Gompertz, P.M.; Sec.; H. Cooper, S.D.; H. B. Chamberlain, J.D.; D. J. Bridgroom, I.G.; Browne, Stwd.; Maples, P.M.; D.C.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; E. J. Anning, P.M.; Cockett, P.M.; Lay, P.M.; Leabon, Goff, Banks, Stewart Holmes, Walker, Reid, Eeles, Cashford, Richardson, and others.

The brethren having been marshalled by the D.C., the lodge was opened, and after the usual preliminaries the ballot was taken, and proved successful for the admission of Mr. J. H. Sansom into the Order. The W.M. accordingly gave that gentleman the benefit of initiation in a masterly style. The report of the Audit Committee, as submitted by Bro. J. Broad, was favourably received and adopted, and the constitutional duty of reading the lodge bye-laws was next performed, and followed by the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. These proved unanimous in favour of Bros. G. J. Pope, S.W., W.M. elect; Ernest A. Wright, P.M., re-elected Treas.; and Goddard, P.M., Tyler. The Secretary next brought forward

a long list of correspondence, in connection with which a letter of condolence was agreed to be forwarded to Bro. Rean, P.M., who has just lost his mother, and one of fraternal regard to Bro. W. G. Broad, on that brother leaving England for New Zealand. The services of Bro. Hegarty, W.M., were next pleasantly recognised by a unanimous vote of a P.M. jewel, to be defrayed from the lodge funds and presented at the next meeting of the lodge. The visiting brethren, Bros. Dutton, 1489; Norris (Christchurch, New Zealand); and Stephens, P.M. 1623, offered "Hearty good wishes," and the lodge was closed, accompanied with those musical observances which form so agreeable a feature at this lodge.

A capably served repast was then discussed, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave the comprehensive toast, "Loyalty to the Throne, Prosperity to the Craft, and Obedience to our Masonic Rulers," followed by the National Anthem.

Bro. E. J. Anning, I.P.M., then rose and said it was the last time he should have the honour to propose the time honoured toast of "The Health of the W.M.," and the last time Bro. Hegarty would hear it during his tenure of office. He was sure all brethren would echo his sentiments of great satisfaction of the official character of the W.M. He had been rather fortunate in having had plenty of work to do and would have been unhappy otherwise, for he had Freemasonry at heart, and having communicated the light of Freemasonry to a good many he would have in his retirement great pleasure to remember his year of office. The jewel which would at a latter occasion be presented him would remind him of the appreciation of the brethren of his management of the lodge in so social, cordial, and happy a way as he had.

Bro. Leabon having given a humorous song, the W.M. said he could scarcely say how little he felt to merit the kind manner in which the toast had been received. His heart was in Freemasonry and he had done his best, but they all knew there was a limit, and one finds oneself to go far short in performance of his aim and desire. He felt he was undertaking a great responsibility beyond his powers and had relied upon receiving assistance from those at his left hand, nor had he been disappointed. His 14 years connection with the lodge had yielded him pleasant recollections, but certainly the most pleasing ones would be in connection with his 12 months of office. He could only re-echo the kind expressions, and hoped the same harmony would attend the lodge under the rule of his successor for many years to come.

"The Initiate," "The Past Masters," and "The Visitors" were also honoured, as also was a special toast of "The W.M. elect, Bro. G. J. Pope."

Capital music was furnished by Bro. Dr. Haskins, assisted by Bros. Leabon, Cashford, Richardson, and others; and Bro. Anning, P.M., gave an amusing "shooting" narrative, and a thoroughly happy evening was passed.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Bridge House Hotel on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. A. J. Bailey, W.M. elect; H. Faija, P.M., Installing Master; J. C. Mason, P.M.; E. S. Stidolph, P.M.; C. W. Hudson, P.M.; R. Crese Harrison, P.M.; C. Graham, P.M.; W. Klingenstein, P.M.; E. F. Pass, S.W.; H. Brine, S.D.; A. H. Luckett, J.D.; T. H. Brooke-Hitchin, I.G.; A. Weil, Secretary; S. Scharer, G. W. Frodsham, L. Weil, and J. Terry, Hon. Member. Visitors: Bros. Frederic Davison, 10, P.G.S.D.; C. F. Matier, 1910, P.G.W. of Greece; Green, W.M., and H. Cuff, P.M. 715; T. Poore, P.M. 720; George Thomas, J.D. 1194; C. H. Robertson, 969; J. Greenwood, 1216; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read, as also the report of the Audit Committee. The ceremony of installation was commenced by Bro. Faija, P.M., and performed in a most impressive manner, the addresses being particularly well rendered. Bro. Bailey invested his officers, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren retired to the banqueting room.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The W.M. in response to the toast given by the I.P.M., in very flattering terms, stated that it was less than three years since he was initiated, and his ambition was to fill the Master's chair, but he little thought that it would be his privilege and pleasure to gratify that ambition in so short a time. He intended to do all the work that might have to be performed during his year of office, and hoped to have the support of all his officers and brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Terry, in replying for "The Masonic Charities," spoke of the coming year as an eventful one, it being the year of her Majesty's jubilee, and hoped while the sympathy and assistance of the brethren to raise such a sum as not only to keep up their present number of annuitants, but also to raise a special fund for those that may be termed jubilee annuitants. At the last election seventy widows were left out for want of funds, and by the next election another 25 would no doubt be added to those seeking election, and no vacancies for them. In conclusion he made an urgent appeal on behalf of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, who were at the present time supporting nearly 400 old people, and, although there were nearly 100 more applicants, there was not a single vacancy.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The first meeting of the session of this progressive lodge took place on the 8th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, when there were present Bros. G. P. Bertini, W.M.; Rev. Jas. W. A. Sturdee, I.P.M.; C. Grassi, S.W.; F. W. Cash, J.W.; Ernest E. Smith, Sec.; J. D. Graham, S.D.; H. Wild, J.D.; W. H. Meyers, I.G.; W. Cowley, P.M.; W.S.; T. Grammant, P.M.; D.C.; G. W. Rowe, Tyler; Arding, G. Mannel, James Rowe, H. W. Markham, W. J. Pegram, C. N. North, W. Avenell, C. Guffanti, R. Pratti, C. Howard, J. Neville, H. Walker, E. Fry, G. F. Mounter, J. Faulkner, Henry Woodham, E. Rouard, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, and G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. G. Manuel, Walter Avenell, and W. J. Pegram were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. C. Howard, R. Pratti, and C. Guffanti were next passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned

o refreshment after labour; Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee in the chair.

The W.M., Bro. G. P. Bertini, had to retire from the lodge after he had performed a portion of the work, having to go to London on business. In his absence his duties were undertaken by the I.P.M. and Bro. T. Grammant, P.M. The work of the lodge was very ably performed by the W.M. and P.M.'s.

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

Bro. W. Cowley, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and, in doing so, said all would miss him from the banquet table, and feel sorry that he was compelled to go to London on account of business. His earnest working had been shown by the way in which he had raised a brother to the Third Degree. The I.P.M., the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, and Bro. T. Grammant, P.M., had come to the rescue, and so finished the work connected with the lodge in an admirable manner. It was a long time since he had had the gavel in his hand to propose the health of the W.M.; but he knew that the brethren would give him a bumper, and with the toast he coupled that of their worthy I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee.

The I.P.M., in thanking the brethren for the kind manner in which the W.M.'s health and his own had been proposed and drunk, said he was sorry that Bro. G. P. Bertini had to leave them early in the evening through press of business. They all knew the great interest he took in the lodge, and also the way in which he did his work, which was admirable. He thanked them all for the great kindness shown towards the W.M. and himself. It had been a long time since they had met, but he was pleased to see their faces again, and he trusted that the W.M. would have a good year of office.

The I.P.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said the New Cross Lodge was always pleased to see them at their board. Although there were only two, they were as welcome as if there had been more. He had heard both were good working Masons. He might say this was an off-night, but he trusted they had enjoyed themselves. It quite proved the interest they took in Masonry to travel down and see their working, and hoped they had not been disappointed.

Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604, in reply, said he thanked them all for the hearty manner in which Bro. G. Reynolds and his own health had been drunk. He could speak highly of Bro. G. P. Bertini's working, as he often met him in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, in which Bro. Bertini took a great deal of interest. His work was admirable, and he was also much pleased with the working of the I.P.M. and P.M. Grammant. He was delighted to see his old friend Bro. G. Reynolds amongst them. As Secretary to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction Bro. G. Reynolds helped many brethren forward in their work, and he himself hoped to see many of the faces round him at the Criterion on Thursday evenings, where they would be ably instructed and receive support from their worthy W.M., Bro. Bertini, who had done all he could to encourage the brethren to work well.

Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614, thanked the brethren heartily for the kind manner in which the health of Bro. Brindley and himself had been drunk, and also for the kind expressions which had fallen from the lips of Bro. W. Brindley, P.M., with respect to the lodge of instruction of which he had the honour of being Secretary. They met every Thursday evening all the year round, and worked with a good will. All brethren who wished for instruction would be made welcome. In the room he saw many faces who were constant attendants at instruction, and it was gratifying to him to see how well the W.M. was supported by his officers, three of whom were most regular in their attendance at the Criterion on Thursday evenings. They not only did ceremonial, but also sectional work, which was a most beautiful part of Freemasonry. He, like Bro. W. Brindley, had spent a most enjoyable evening, and thanked them all for the hearty reception recorded to Bro. W. Brindley and himself, and wished the New Cross Lodge every success.

The Immediate Past Master, in proposing "The Health of Bro. C. Howard," said he had been initiated some time ago in a lodge of emergency.

Bro. C. Howard, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind remembrance of him. Sorry he had been so long away, but hoped in future he would be able to give more time to the lodge, and be with them, and become a worthy member.

The Immediate Past Master, in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," spoke in the highest terms of them all, and said that evening he was sure all were pleased to see Bro. Cowley, P.M., amongst them, who made himself so very useful to them.

Bro. W. Cowley, P.M., in replying on behalf of the P.M.'s, said it was gratifying to hear such kind words as had fallen from the lips of their worthy I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. W. A. Sturdee. Past Masters as a rule were a good body and useful body to a lodge, and the brethren of the New Cross Lodge might rest assured that their P.M.'s were always willing to do all they could for the good and the prosperity of the lodge. It seemed to be the opinion of many that had gone through the chair that they were like retired tradesmen, done with work, but it was not so with them; they worked still hard and encouraged all they could the work of the lodge by assisting brethren to attain that position which they themselves once had the honour of occupying.

Bro. Ernest E. Smith, P.M. and Sec., in acknowledging the kindness of the brethren, assured them that as a P.M. he was always willing to do all he could for the welfare of the lodge, and to assist the officers and brethren. That night was a proof of what P.M.'s were willing and able to do. Their worthy W.M. had been compelled to leave them, but the work had been finished by two P.M.'s in his absence, showing how necessary it was for P.M.'s to be well up in their work. He was pleased to tell them that the New Cross Lodge was prospering under the Mastership of Bro. Bertini, and glad to say several gentlemen were waiting to be initiated. Although that was a bye night, it was most gratifying to see so many members present, clearly proving the interest they took in the lodge. He would now propose "The Health of their I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee," and thank him for undertaking the duties partly in the lodge and at the table, which he knew had been satisfactory and pleasing to all.

The I.P.M., in thanking the brethren for their kindness, said that he appreciated much all that had been said. He was sorry that Bro. Bertini had to leave them so early; his

working and his perseverance were much to be admired, and was an example to all. He was delighted to hear from their Bro. Secretary that the lodge was prospering, and he hoped it would continue to do so.

"The Health of the Officers" was next proposed, to which Bro. C. Grassi replied.

The Tyler's toast brought this pleasant evening to a close, to which Bros. N. North, C. Grassi, E. Fry, W. J. Pegram, Ernest Smith, and others, added much to the enjoyment of the brethren by their vocal abilities.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—This representative lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. E. Farrington, W.M.; Benningfield, S.W.; Bramber, J.W.; the Rev. W. Martin, Chap.; Alfred Tisley, P.G.S., P.M., &c., Sec.; Skelton, S.D.; W. Farrington, I.G.; White, Org.; H. Clemow, I.P.M.; J. C. Dwarber, P.M.; J. H. Dodson, P.M.; G. Mannes, C.C., P.M.; A. Dickinson, C.C.; Longman, Edwards, R. Clemow, Gilbert, Tyler, and others. Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., and Clemow, 72, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Dyas, who had been duly balloted for, was ably initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The lodge was then formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts were briefly given from the chair and heartily responded to. Bros. White, Tisley, Dickinson and others, instrumentally and vocally, entertained the brethren.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The first meeting of the session of this popular lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. H. W. Kedgley, W.M.; J. Jacobs, I.P.M.; T. A. Dickson, S.W.; B. Solomon, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; G. Reynolds, S.D.; C. Ralph, acting as J.D.; S. Hewitt, I.G.; G. Coleman, P.M., W.S.; F. Gulliford, D.C.; J. Potter, Tyler; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; G. Foan, R. Potter, J. Potter, J. Pullen, D. Mordecai, J. Peart, C. A. Shannon, G. H. Reynolds, E. Mills, E. J. Citron, W. Belsham, E. J. Carter, C. Tomlinson, T. Schellens, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Moody, P.M. 1580; F. Lockett, 1638; J. E. Palmer, 1321; W. Roots, 1273; S. Renaut, J.D. 1623; Z. Mordecai, 1348; R. J. Peart, 1580; and R. A. Kirkaldy, W.M. 1521.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Pullen and R. M. Potter were raised to the Degree of M.M., after which Bro. J. Citron was passed to the Second Degree. Candidates for initiation at the next meeting having been proposed, the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, and the lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards retiring to the banqueting room, where a capital repast was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini.

After the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured in a truly Masonic manner,

Bro. Simeon Jacobs, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that he was pleased to have the gavel in his hand for the purpose of proposing the health of their worthy W.M. It was some time since he (Bro. S. Jacobs) had been with them, but he could assure the W.M. it gave him great pleasure to be beside him that evening, as he had done his duty so well. All had been pleased with his working, and he would ask them to be upstanding and drink the toast with a bumper.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he appreciated much the hearty manner in which his health had been received and drunk, and also for the kind words which had fallen from the lips of Bro. Simeon Jacobs, P.M. He was pleased to see him amongst them. He was most amusing and a capital brother, for by his fun he kept the lodge alive. He assured the brethren he had the interest of the Covent Garden Lodge at heart, and would do all in his power for the welfare of the same. He hoped he had given satisfaction to the brethren while he had been in the chair. He had worked hard to conquer the ritual, but once a Mason always a Mason. He had passed many happy hours in the lodge, and when his time came to be amongst the Past Masters he would still endeavour to have the same interest in the lodge as heretofore. He had now a most pleasant duty to perform, and that was to propose "The Health of the Visitors." The Covent Garden Lodge always gave them a hearty welcome. They could not come too often, and he hoped they had enjoyed the evening. He would call upon Bro. Kirkaldy, W.M. 1521, to respond.

Bro. Kirkaldy, in reply, said he felt it a great honour to respond for the visitors. He had to thank a brother for the invitation that evening, and to prove to him how much he had enjoyed himself in every way, that brother had only to send any amount of invitations and he would immediately be with them. He knew the other visitors would agree with him that the working was good, and the cheerfulness and good nature of the brethren much to be appreciated. The Covent Garden Lodge did all in their power to make the visitors happy, and he could assure the W.M. and the brethren all had spent a most enjoyable evening.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," spoke most highly of them, and said it was entirely due to them for the excellent way in which the work of lodge was carried out, to which toast Bros. Edward Jacobs, Treasurer, William Browne, Secretary, and T. A. Dickson, S.W., responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close, to which Bros. Simeon Jacobs, S. Renaut, R. A. Kirkaldy, Wilkie Jones, C. Ralph, Frank Gulliford, and others, added much by their musical and vocal abilities.

ECCLESTON LODGE (No. 1624).—The installation meeting of this lodge attracted a large gathering of brethren at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Coulthard, W.M., supported by Bros. A. A. Johnston, S.W.; W. E. Moorman, J.W.; Isaac Isaacs, Treas.; A. W. Beckham, Sec.; J. W. Ray, S.D.; E. G. Hooper, J.D.; W. Weston, I.G.; G. R. Egerton, Org.; C. Lee, D.C.; A. Bignold, Stwd.; R. Bottle, P.M.; W. Vincent, P.M.; A. Jones, P.M.; C. Powell, P.M.; C. Taylor, P.M.; J. G. Fisher, P.M.; H. A. Hunt, P.M.; J. C. Flattely, P.M.; and a numerous attendance of the members. The visitors included Bros. R. Kempster, W.M. 1728; T. W. Faulkner,

P.M. 35; T. J. Denton, 200; C. Sweeting, P.M. 700; H. Folson, W.M. 1604; W. Jones, 511; G. Collins, 511; J. Gibson, P.M. 1604; W. H. Baker, W.M. 1446, I.P.M. 2030; R. Stamp, I.G. 494; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; J. T. Bond, P.M. 1314; F. Lerner, P.M. 858; J. H. Montague, 2030; F. R. Beaufort Hinks, S.W. 217, Sec. 2148; J. J. Ingram, S.W. 1112; J. Snook, 1604; F. Rusland, J.W. 35; C. Jones, 1420; R. S. Gillespie, 1685; W. G. Adams, 180; G. E. Saunders, S.D. 1257; B. G. Williams, 1793; W. Vickery, 1194, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Dorset; J. Wade, 860; J. B. Carter, 783; and W. W. Lee, 1807.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Auditors' report, showing the finances of the lodge to be in a prosperous condition, was received and adopted. Bro. Evans was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Bros. Wakeley and Rowbotham passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Alfred Arthur Johnston, S.W., was then presented as W.M. elect and was impressively installed into the chair by the Installing Officer, Bro. Flately, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. E. Moorman, S.W.; John W. Ray, J.W.; Isaac Isaacs, Treas.; Alfred W. Beckham, Sec.; E. G. Hooper, S.D.; W. Weston, J.D.; C. Lee, I.G.; G. R. Egerton, Org.; C. Tayler, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Bignold, A.D.C.; J. Grist and F. Arnold, Stwds.; C. Thomas, Tyler; and W. S. Sands, Asst. Tyler. The usual addresses having been ably rendered by Bro. Flately, P.M., the W.M. initiated Mr. James Craigen into Freemasonry in a manner that augured well for the working of the lodge during the forthcoming year. Bro. Tayler, P.M., was elected a Trustee to the Benevolent Fund, and his brother afterwards proposed that a jewel be presented to Bro. Beckham, Secretary, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and as a slight token in recognition of his valued and indefatigable services during the past ten years. Bro. Hunt, P.M., seconded the proposition, and after alluding to the active services rendered by Bro. Beckham, expressed a hope that he would soon be restored to health and would be with them for many years to come. This was carried unanimously, and was acknowledged by Bro. Beckham, who said it was a kindness he should never forget.

The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, including "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Coulthard, I.P.M., who said he hoped the brethren would receive it with as much cordiality and pleasure as he had in proposing it. They had all been gratified to see the manner in which their W.M. had performed his work that evening, and how anxious he was to carry out every detail in a satisfactory manner, and they would all agree with him if he said that he was sure they had installed a good W.M. into the chair. He did not think it necessary to make any further remarks with regard to this toast, but would content himself with asking them to rise and drink a very good health to their W.M.

Bro. A. A. Johnston, W.M., in reply, said he was sincerely grateful to the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it. It was a very great encouragement to him to know he had their support, and he hoped they would continue to assist him in the duties of the chair throughout his year of office. He would do his best to carry out the duties of W.M. to their satisfaction and the credit of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The I.P.M.," and expressed the pleasure he felt at being permitted to present Bro. Coulthard with the jewel that had been voted by the lodge in recognition of the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the chair during the past year. They all hoped to see him with them for many years to come, and they congratulated him on his successful term of office.

Bro. Thomas Coulthard, I.P.M., said he scarcely knew how to thank them for their kindness. He had been extremely anxious to instal his successor himself, but circumstances had occurred which made him abstain from performing the ceremony, for he regarded it as a very serious one, and one that when rendered, ought to be given in the manner they had heard that evening. With regard to the very handsome jewel presented to him, and for which he heartily thanked them, assured them he should have very much pleasure in wearing it, and trusted it would never disgrace the lodge.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters" was next given by the W.M., who referred to the very impressive manner in which the installation ceremony had been rendered that evening by Bro. Flately, to whom their best thanks were due. He was glad to see so many Past Masters present to whom he could look for assistance whilst he occupied the chair.

Bro. Flately, P.M., responded, and referred to the pleasure it had afforded him to work the installation ceremony on that occasion, for it was one in which he took special delight. The Past Masters had the interest of the lodge at heart, and hoped to see the lodge continue progressing.

Bro. Hunt, P.M., as the senior P.M., said he had to tender his warmest thanks for the manner in which the toast had been given and received. It was now ten years since the lodge was founded, and he was at that time a very young Mason. But, notwithstanding this, he was asked to be one of the founders, and he was honoured with the request that he would act as first W.M. He never expected to see such a lodge as now existed, and it was wonderful to think it was but the growth of ten years. The lodge had grown not only in numbers, but in the excellency of its working and its charitable deeds. He was proud to see the array of Past Masters on his right, and he hoped they would be spared to see them extend still further down the table.

Bro. W. H. Baker, W.M. 1446, I.P.M. 2030, replied for "The Visitors," and said that it seemed to him that he was in his own lodge, for wherever he turned he saw the faces of old Masonic friends. His visit had been one of considerable gratification, and he was pleased to see the W.M. installed into the chair, for he knew that he had given considerable time and attention to the study of the ritual. He heartily thanked them for the reception accorded the visitors, and hoped that, as this was not his first visit, it would not be the last.

"The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

HARWICH.—Lodge Star in the East (No. 650).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., when there was a large gathering of members and visitors. The first business was the admission into Freemasonry of his Worship the Mayor, Mr. J. H. Vaux, which ceremony was performed by Bro. F. R. Hales, P.M., P.P.G.W. The retiring W.M., Bro. M. L. Sanders, then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. A. C. Parsons, as W.M. for the ensuing year, and did so in a manner that called forth the unanimous approval of all present. The officers for the year were then appointed and invested as under: Bros. M. L. Sanders, I.P.M.; G. Helsdon, S.W.; A. J. H. Ward, J.W.; the Rev. W. Morgan Jones, W.M. 697, P.P.G.C., Chap.; W. Groom, Treas.; M. L. Sanders, I.P.M., Sec.; J. Brooks, S.D.; G. Howard, J.D.; T. Jennings, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; J. Chapman, I.G.; Wilson and Green, Stewards; and Barlow, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sanders for the able way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Clowes, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and hearty thanks were accorded to him for his past valuable services to the lodge. Much regret was expressed that Bro. Clowes had felt compelled to resign the post of Secretary on account of leaving the neighbourhood; but Bro. Clowes stated, amidst hearty applause, that though removing to another county, he should take as deep an interest as ever in Freemasonry in Essex, and should be frequently amongst them.

Between 40 and 50 brethren subsequently dined together at the Great Eastern Hotel, an excellent banquet being well put on by the manager, Bro. Grew. After dinner, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily drunk.

Bro. Hales, in proposing "The Health of the Mayor," expressed the pleasure he felt in having introduced his worship into Freemasonry that day, and trusted that he would take an interest in the lodge. Bro. Hales also remarked that Bro. Vaux was the second Chief Magistrate he had introduced into the Craft.

The Mayor, in responding, said he had for some time wished to become a Mason, and follow in the footsteps of his father, who was a member of the Star in the East Lodge. He was very gratified at the reception he had met with, and trusted to become a useful member of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and remarked upon the excellent manner in which Bro. Sanders had fulfilled his duties during the year. He then, in the name of the lodge, presented to Bro. Sanders a handsome P.M.'s jewel, with the hope that he might long be spared to wear it.

Bro. Sanders returned thanks.

Other toasts followed, and some excellent vocal and instrumental music added to the enjoyment of the gathering, much of the success of which was due to the uniting and genial exertions of Bro. Clowes.

Among those present, in addition to the brethren already mentioned, were Bros. Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec.; R. Clowes, P.M. 650, P.P.G.S.W.; Alfred Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W.; G. Corble, P.M. and Sec. 453, P.P.G.J.W.; G. F. Smith, jun., P.M. 1760, P.P.G.O.; J. F. Hills, P.M. 1224, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; C. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; W. Morgan Jones, W.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; Thos. Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; G. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, Sec. 1977, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Dean, P.M. 433, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. D. Poppleton, P.M. 433, P.P.G.D.; A. S. B. Sparling, W.M. 51; H. A. W. Reeves, P.M. 650; W. Murray, 225; W. Inglis Mason, J.D. 1224; G. F. Read, 225; W. G. Wells, 959; and others.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 15th inst., when the W.M., Bro. F. S. Hancock, was supported by a large gathering of Past Masters, Officers, and members; several visitors from No. 632 were also present, viz.: Bros. J. H. Foley, W.M.; W. J. Mann, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Wilts; T. S. Hill, P.M., P.G.S.B. Wilts; G. L. Palmer, J.W.; H. Applegate, S.D.; and F. W. Selfe, J.D.

Two candidates for initiation were balloted for, and accepted, and one of them being present was ably initiated by the W.M.

The Worshipful Master then said that after Bro. Wm. Nott, P.M., had last year been elected to the office of Treasurer instead of Secretary—on his expressing a wish to be relieved of the duties of the latter, as he found them too much for him—the members of the lodge met and resolved to show their esteem and their recognition of his services, for 17 years as Secretary, by subscribing for a Past Secretary's jewel. This, with an illuminated address had now been completed, and the W.M. on behalf of the brethren, asked Bro. Nott's acceptance of them. The W.M. remarked that Bro. Nott had at all times most willingly given his time and abilities for the good of the lodge, he had held high office in the Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark Masonry, and in many other Degrees which the W.M. did not understand, and he hoped that Bro. Nott would be spared many years to wear the jewel, and to give the lodge the benefit of his Masonic knowledge.

Bro. W. H. Bush, I.P.M., who had carried out the arrangements, spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to do so, and of many warm and kind expressions towards their late Secretary, and of regret at not being able to be present that evening, which had been sent him by members of the lodge and others.

Bro. Mann, P.M. 632, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to be present to bear testimony to the high estimation in which Bro. Nott's services to Freemasonry were held outside his own lodge, and said that had not the subscription been confined to the Devizes lodges, many others would have joined in it.

Bro. William Nott, in thanking the brethren, said that until the W.M. had that evening risen and addressed him he had not the slightest idea that anything of the kind was contemplated, he could only say, taken entirely by surprise as he was, that this expression of the feelings of the brethren would mark one of the brightest spots in his Masonic career. He heartily thanked the brethren for that beautiful jewel, which he should treasure during the remainder of his life, not for its intrinsic value (great though that was), but as a reminder of the affectionate regard and kindly good feeling of the subscribers as so warmly expressed in the words of the address then before him.

The jewel, a valuable one in gold and enamel, was

manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Nott, P.M. 663, P.S.G.W. Wilts, by the brethren of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the above lodge for 17 years."

The business being concluded, the lodge was closed.

MAIDENHEAD.—St. John's Lodge (No. 795).

—The annual installation of this lodge was held at Bro. Deacon's, the Ray Mead Hotel, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. Bro. John Greenfield, W.M., was ably supported by the officers of the lodge. The lodge being opened, and minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Linscott, P.M., by particular request, assumed the duties of Installing Master, &c. The ceremony of installation having commenced, Bro. Finch, P.M., as D. of C., presented Bro. E. W. Allen for installation, who was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. E. W. Allen was regularly installed W.M. according to ancient custom in the presence of a large number of P.M.'s. The brethren were then admitted, and the W.M. was duly saluted, and he appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. John Greenfield, I.P.M.; F. Hoxley, S.W.; W. Holcombe, J.W.; John Finch, Treas.; C. Dearing, Sec.; J. Cutbill, S.D.; W. Fenton, J.D.; C. S. Bailey, I.G.; W. F. Harding and R. Garner, Stewards. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Linscott, P.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master.

The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was admirably served by the host, Bro. Deacon.

The visitors were Bros. W. Morris, P.M. 1566, P.P.G. J.W. Berks and Bucks; J. Rutland, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks; J. Osborne, P.M. 1602, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; T. C. Thain, P.M. 1769; J. Cross, J.W. 902; W. R. Williams, P.M. 975; J. Blyth, P.M. 173; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; W. Crane, 1425; J. Woodman, 813; C. J. Curtis, 1950; J. W. Routledge, 1669; W. Stollard, P.M. 180; C. Weeden, W.M. 813; A. Hopkins, W.M. 173; P. Block, 55; L. Steil, 55; G. Morrington, 1669; W. Groom, 816; R. Puttick, S.D. 1501; J. Cooper, P.M. 1769; J. Tollworthy, 1769; A. Henson, 1766; T. Langford, J.D. 1366; J. Stephens, 1425; and J. Batting, P.M. 1501.

The W.M. then presented the I.P.M., Bro. John Greenfield, with a valuable Past Master's jewel, bearing the representation of John the Evangelist, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge, and tendered in his best thanks and those of the members for the faithful and able manner in which he had discharged the duties during his year of office, and hoped he would be long spared to wear it with pleasure and honour to the St. John's Lodge, and pride to his children; and that when his labours were ended it would be handed down as a heirloom to his family.

Bro. Greenfield responded, and thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren for the very kind feeling they had shown towards him by presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, and the very able address from the W.M., which had impressed him very much. He felt he could not find words to express his sentiments and heartfelt wishes towards them; but trusted he would be long spared to share their good friendship and brotherly love.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Officers," coupling with the toast the names of the Treasurer and Secretary.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren returned to town by a rather later train than usual.

HOUNSLOW.—Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).

A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at the Town Hall, under the presidency of Bros. R. H. Williams, P.G.D. Middx., W.M., there being also present Bros. C. B. Corston, P.M., acting S.W.; H. Jackson, J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. C. Williams, Sec.; S. W. Keene, S.D.; J. Le Warne, acting J.D.; G. Swann, acting I.G.; H. B. Corston, I.P.M.; H. Blunden, P.M.; A. H. Strong, Jas. Doble, C. Woods, W. J. Gardener, E. Clare, H. F. Prowse, J. Morgan Long, W. H. Causton, and W. E. Edwards. Visitors: S. Cochrane, W.M. 1056; V. Wing, S.D. 1585; T. W. Heath, A.W.S. 1642; and H. Howard, 1744.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the Rev. J. J. Goundry as a candidate for initiation, and for Bro. Dovey, of the Kensington Lodge, as a joining member. Bro. Jas. Morgan Long was then raised to the Degree of M.M. The choice of a P.M.'s jewel was discussed and ordered to stand over to some future meeting.

At the close of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to the Red Lion Hotel and partook of refreshments. The usual toasts being duly honoured.

EASTBOURNE.—Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the Gildridge Hotel, when there were present Bros. John Easter, W.M.; Caffyn, S.W.; J. H. Wright, J.W.; C. Tomes, P.M., Treas.; C. W. Tomes, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Howard, S.D.; W. E. Morrison, J.D.; Sutton, D.C.; Creighton, I.G.; Vine and Skinner, Stwds.; Golding, Tyler; Pennington, Asst. Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Haine, P.G.A.D.C.; Adamson, P.P.G.P.; Hurst, Deane, Steadman, P.G. Swd. Br.; Taylor, P.P.G.J.D.; Tomkinson, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; and others. Several visitors of distinction, including Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Boulton, P.M., Mayor of Eastbourne; Wallis, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Farncombe, P.P.G. S.B., Mayor of Lewes; and several Masters of lodges in the province.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. C. H. Haine, P.G.A.D.C. This was the largest gathering of Masons ever assembled in the Tyrian Lodge.

A banquet followed, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The whole proceedings being successful.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—Lodge of Friend-

ship and Unity (No. 1271).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Kingston-road, on the 13th ult., under the presidency of Bro. F. Barton, W.M. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Barton vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. J. Farrington, P.M., that the latte

might pass Bro. W. D. Gaby to the Degree of F.C., after which Bro. Barton resumed his seat and solemnly installed his successor, Bro. the Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, M.A., S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. The following were appointed as officers for the year, viz.: Bros. S. C. Little, S.W.; C. W. B. Bryant, J.W.; the Hon. and Rev. S. Meade, Chap.; Col. Magrath, P.M.; Treas.; F. Barton, I.P.M.; Sec.; A. Wallington, S.D.; H. Friend, J.D.; A. Scarmell, I.G.; and T. Moore, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren made a move to the Swan Hotel, where the usual banquet, provided by Bro. H. A. Norris, was served. In the course of the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. J. Sparks, P.M., in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Craft in Bradford. Among the visitors present were Bros. W. Saunders, P.M. 464; J. H. Foley, W.M. 632; T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.G.S.B.; A. Parrey, P.M. 632; H. Mundy, 632; F. S. Hancock, W.M. 603; H. Simpson, P.M. 1002; and E. S. Mackrell, 1478, P.P. G.O. There was a large attendance of the members.

SEACOMBE.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Seacombe Hotel, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., Bro. R. Jones, W.M., presided, and in due course Bro. Thos. B. Hughes was installed in the chair, the ceremony being very ably carried out by Bro. H. Matthews, P.P.G.S. The following were invested as officers for the year, namely: Bros. R. Jones, I.P.M.; R. Luke, S.W.; A. Fry, J.W.; J. G. Parker, P.M.; Treas.; R. D. Parry, Sec.; D. B. Risk, S.D.; W. Clover, J.D.; J. Day, I.G.; W. J. Peacock, Org.; J. Prince, T. Maddocks, W. W. Miller, and W. Miller, Stwds.; and Holloway, Tyler.

Dinner followed, and during the evening toasts, songs, and recitations were given, the I.P.M., Bro. R. Jones, during an interval in the proceedings being presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his services.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 13th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.G.S. Middx.; W.M.; W. Spearing, W.M. 1512, acting S.W.; Gurney, J.W.; Jenkins, S.D.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, M.A., Past Prov. Grand Chaplain Middx., Chap.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P. G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Sec.; Toulmin, acting I.G.; Lieut.-Colonel Cumming, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Gurney, J.W. Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison, Tyler. Bros. Toulmin and Col. Cumming were elected Auditors. A P.M.'s jewel having been voted to the W.M. for his valuable services during the past year, letters from Bros. W. Taylor, P.M.; T. R. Richnell, Cama, Bunn, and others were read.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was genially presided over by the W.M., who gave the customary toasts briefly, but pertinently.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Red Lion Hotel on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. W. Spearing, W.M.; Whately, S.W.; Eales, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Sec.; Ransford, S.D.; Davies, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Sholding, A.W.S.; Culverwell, A.D.C.; H. Jones, I.P.M.; F. Honeywell, P.P.G.O. Middx., Hon. Org.; Gilbert, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Briggs, P.G.S. Middx., W.M. 1503; Littlejohns, 780; Gibbett, 1733; Fisk, 1733; and Price, 1793.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. Moss was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. R. Kent and W. S. Piper passed as F.C.; both ceremonies being well performed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. William Procter, 1288, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. Bro. Masters gave notice of motion "That a lodge of instruction be held in connection with the lodge, and to meet at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton." Letters from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., Proctor, and others were read pleading inability to attend.

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

CARSHALTON.—Wallington Lodge (No. 1892).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Public Hall, when there were present Bros. A. Bishop, W.M.; F. Carter, S.W.; W. Pile, P.M.; P.G.S.B. Surrey, J.W.; Bassett, acting Chap.; W. R. Crowe, P.M.; Treas.; L. A. Mesrouze, Sec.; Filmer, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Rewcastle, Org.; J. A. Taylor, I.G.; A. Rowley, Tyler; J. W. Baldwin, I.P.M.; P.P. G.S.B. Surrey; E. Dickman, P.M.; J. Edwards, R. H. Ward, Ranson, Norton, Maspero, Verdon, Tite, and Manley. Visitors: Cooper, W.M. Ivy Lodge; and H. E. Vickers, S.W.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. T. Lockwood Heward which proving unanimous, he was initiated, the ceremony being performed in excellent style. A vote of condolence to the family of the late Bro. Charles Greenwood, D.P.G.M. Surrey, and Hon. Member of the lodge, was proposed by the W.M. in feeling terms, seconded by Bro. W. Pile, P.M., and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Verdon's, Greyhound Hotel, where dinner was served, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The W.M. proposed "The P.G.M., and P.G. Officers of Surrey, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bros. Pile and Baldwin.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Cooper and Vickers, both praising the work and hospitality of the Wallington Lodge on all occasions. Songs were contributed by Bros. Rewcastle, Manley, Ward, Vickers, Taylor, and others.

MANCHESTER.—Arthur Sullivan Lodge (No. 2156).—The usual meeting of this increasingly popular lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, King-street, when there were present Bros. N. Dunville, W.M.; A. H. Williams, S.W.; A. Avison, J.W.; E. L. Irving, P.M.; Treas.; B. Brierley,

Sec.; C. Reynolds, S.D.; F. Gordon, J.D.; W. Dumville, P.M., D.C.; Joseph Gagg, I.G.; Walter Pettitt, Org.; Seymour Jackson and Oliver Gagg, Stwds.; H. Sedgwick, R. R. Lisenden, John Huline, Herbert Owles, W. H. Collier, T. Matthews, John C. Massey, A. Harrop, E. Henry, C. Blacon, and N. Jones, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Cunliffe, P.M. and Treas. 317, P.G.S.D.; Dr. Royle, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. J. St. Patrick Riley, I.P.M. 815; J. E. Ashton, Org. 1147; Stephen Jupp, S.D. 1140; J. E. Towell, 1056 and 1063; W. Ramsden, W.M. 1166; and J. Barlow, 1219.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Gladney and Collier were passed—Bro. Gladney to the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M., and then, by permission of the W.M., Bro. R. R. Lisenden occupied the chair of K.S., and passed Bro. Collier to the Second Degree. The working tools were presented and explained by Bro. E. L. Irving, P.M. and Treas., to both candidates. Bro. Thos. Matthews was subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Charles Turner, P.M. 1011, in a very efficient manner. Bro. Turner also delivered the traditional history to Bro. Matthews, and two other brethren and Bro. Irving presented the working tools. Bro. Walter Pettitt performed the duties of S.D. in a highly satisfactory manner. At the usual time for such business, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Harrop for his kindness in making and presenting to the lodge a very handsome frame for the warrant, which was seconded, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial tea "à la fourchette," prepared by "Sister Gagg," which gave great satisfaction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Bro. Seymour Jackson proposed "The Healths of the newly-passed Brethren," which was heartily drunk.

Bro. Collier responded to the toast.

Bro. Oliver Gagg proposed "The Health of Bro. Tom Matthews," the newly-raised brother, in eulogistic terms.

Bro. Matthews returned thanks in a few appropriate sentences.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was well received, and Bros. Dr. Royle, P.P.G.D., J. Ashton, 1147, and Barlow, 1219, replied.

The musical contributions were indeed a treat to listen to. The chorus "Comrades in arms" was rendered by Bros. Seymour Jackson, N. and W. Dumville, Fred Gordon, J. Whittaker, C. Turner, J. C. Massey, and Blacon, and these brethren also sang "In cloud-capped towers." Bros. A. Avison and Oliver Gagg performed solos on the flute and violoncello most artistically, accompanied by Bro. Pettitt on the piano, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—At the meeting held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, a large number of members assembled to hear the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction work the Fifteen Sections. Bro. T. Cull, P.M. 1446, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Jenkins, S.D. 860, as S.W.; H. E. Cooper, P.M. 1298, as J.W.; G. Gregory, as S.D.; H. Wright, as J.D.; Ament, I.G.; Ferguson, Preceptor; Dimsdale, Secretary; Silvester, Treasurer; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Cull worked the First Lecture, assisted by Bros. W. Airey, 111; H. M. Bieakley, 1287; H. C. Turner, J.D. 1693; G. H. Hunter, P.M. 1298; J. W. Wright, P.M. 1298; A. Fenner, P.M. 1227; and H. Airey, S.W. 1298. Lodge was then called off and on, after which Bro. Cull worked the Second and Third Lectures, assisted by Bros. R. W. Edgley, J.W. 1446; P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298; H. Jenkins, S.D. 860; W. S. Lee, S.W. 1768; A. Fenner, P.M. 1227; H. E. Cooper, P.M. 1298; and R. W. Galer, W.M. 1368, the latter brother working the two last Sections in the Third. Several brethren having been unanimously elected joining members, lodge was closed, after a very pleasant and instructive evening.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland-street, when there were present Bros. Steingraber, W.M.; Rogers, S.W.; Grove, J.W.; Cribby, S.D.; Blum, P.M.; J.D.; Blundell, P.M.; I.G.; Baker, P.M.; Preceptor; and Deaton, Secretary.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Deaton answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Deaton candidate. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the 1st and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked. Bro. Rogers having been chosen as W.M. for the ensuing week, with officers in rotation, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. Jos. Bailey, W.M.; J. Crutenden, S.W.; J. R. Allman, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; A. Hardy, S.D.; W. J. Mason, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; W. C. Williams, Stwds.; Charles Powell, W.M. 1425; J. H. Wood, W.M. elect 1642; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; H. Purdew, P.M. 834; W. E. Jameson, W.M. 1584; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; J. C. Conway, S. Bullen, W. Chapple, E. G. Van Tromp, W. J. Potts, and C. S. Mote. Visitors: Bros. S. Cochrane, 3, 1056, and John Tapp, 1425.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jameson being candidate, the W.M. giving the charge. The 4th and 7th Sections were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by Bros. Crutenden and Hardy. Bros. Cochrane and Tapp were elected members. Bro. Crutenden was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Read and Dehane were unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Secretary for the ensuing 12 months, and Bros. Mason, Allman, and Williams were appointed Audit Committee. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. James Flood, 1642, was passed. A vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously adopted for the services rendered by Bros. Read and Dehane. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. McKay, P.M., W.M.; G. W. Knight, S.W.; Thom, J.W.; Wace, S.D.; Sharpe, J.D.; Lewis, I.G.; E. Storr, Sec.; J. Saunders, Asst. Sec.; C. J. Scales, Treas.; and several others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lewis having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was resumed to the First, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coste candidate. The W.M. gave the charge, and Bros. E. Storr, P.M., and Thom worked the 1st and 4th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. G. W. Knight, W.M. of the parent lodge, was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, when arrangements were to be made for working the Fifteen Sections, and several ballots would take place, after work was over, in connection with the Moorgate Benevolent Association.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. Bugler, W.M.; Thompson, S.W.; Harling, J.W.; Bond, Treas., S.D.; Sapsworth, J.D.; Grundy, Sec.; Taylor, P.M.; Preceptor; Cutbill, I.G.; Carter, P.M.; Collick, Gompertz, Goodem, Willis, and Featherstone.

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. Willis candidate. The charge of the First Degree was given by Bro. Gompertz. The Preceptor worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture, the brethren answered. Bro. Harling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Harling returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Taylor, P.M., Preceptor, proposed, Bro. Bond, Treasurer, seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Featherstone for his services as Treasurer during the last two years, and such vote be entered on the minutes of the lodge—carried unanimously. Bro. Featherstone suitably responded, and with "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

On Monday, the 8th inst., the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Mimms, W.M.; Holmes, S.W.; Ray, J.W.; Brindley, P.M.; Preceptor; Gibson, P.M.; Treas.; Evans, S.D.; Goode, J.D.; Badderly, I.G.; Weekes, Tyler; Coughlan, P.M.; Arduino, Adams, Saunders, Salter, Wombell, Houlden, Baker, P.M.; Clarkson, Pugh, and Holland.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Houlden being the candidate. Bro. Arduino, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Arduino being the candidate. Bro. Holmes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. H. G. Marsden, W.M.; H. Sammons, S.W.; Henry Crookes, J.W.; Charles Lambert, S.D.; J. Grieves, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas., and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Bellamy, E. J. D. Bromley, W. Winnett, F. Dusterwald, E. Miles, E. Bateman, E. C. Mulvey, W. F. B. McQueen, W. S. Hoyte, R. W. Williams, J. D. Graham, John Mitchell, J. Rayner, Frank Gullford, E. Farwig, J. Davis, R. J. Harnell, James Rowe, Carlo Grassi, T. A. Dickson, G. P. Bertini, J. H. Meyer, and James Woodward.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. C. Smith worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. C. Grassi having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge was called off and resumed. Bro. R. W. Williams offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. William Bellamy, 1627, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, and seconded by Bro. G. H. Reynolds. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. Howard Sammons be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—At the weekly meeting held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow, on the 28th ult., there was a goodly attendance of the brethren, it being the first night of the Masonic Association which has just been inaugurated. It had long been felt by the brethren that a Masonic Association should be formed, and thanks to the efforts of Bro. D. Moss, P.M. 1275, who undertook to give his experience, he being an old Secretary to a Masonic Association which has been wound up, he has whipped up the brethren of the various lodges in the East and been successful in getting nearly 50 members.

After the usual business of the evening, which consisted of the W.M., Bro. Carey, working the ceremony of initiation, the lodge was closed for the purpose of proceeding with the ballot. Bro. W. Musto, P.M., who was elect President, supported by Bro. Stewart, W.M. 1278, Vice-President, and the Committee, including Bro. C. N. Fox, who was elected Secretary, then proceeded to ballot for the first Life-Governorship, which fell to Bro. Fox, Secretary, who, we are pleased to say, fully deserves it, as he has not only undertaken the arduous duties of Secretary, but has taken no less than five shares of the Association. Brethren are cordially invited to join, it being a good opportunity for brethren to obtain Life-Governorships without feeling the loss of their money. Any information that may be required will be readily given by the Secretary. The lodge meets every Thursday evening at 7.30, when brethren will be cordially welcomed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. Wood, W.M.; Hubbard, S.W.; Aslett, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; Keene, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Read, P.M.; Daniel Hughes, P.M.; Locke, Taylor, Cochrane, Woods, Craggs, Simms, Kenyon, W. C. Williams, David Hughes, Gardner, Tucker, Rayner, Wilds, and Dimsdale.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kenyon answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Taylor, P.M. Bro. Locke installed his officers. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Woods for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. Bro. Hubbard 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 29th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. G. Mason, W.M.; J. Wade, P.M., S.W.; Arnold, junr., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, P.M.; Treas.; P. Coughlan, P.M.; Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Wombell, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Christian, Chin, Forscutt, Robertson, Arnold, senr., Abbott, and Nice.

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. Abbott being the candidate. Bro. Abbott, an E.A., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired; Bro. Green was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Green being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Arnold, senr., 13, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Wade was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was unanimously resolved that the annual supper take place on this day month, and that Bros. Wade, Gibson, Boulton, Brindley, and Mason be the Committee for making the necessary arrangements. It was also unanimously carried that the last meeting in the month be at the disposal of the W.M. and officers of the mother lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, W.M.; Jess-c Colings, P.M., S.W.; Sims, P.M., J.W.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Purdew, P.M., S.D.; Cochrane, J.D.; Craggs, I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Speigel, Child, Corston, Cubitt, Hanson, Gillingham, Joscy, Reynolds, G. Davis, and J. I. Cantle; R. H. Williams, H. F. Williams, A. Williams, Ward, Jennings, Thompson, Barrow, Breitbart, Cavers, Whittle, Marsh, Mander, Hardy, Lindfield, Chatwin, Garratt, Gowan (Va'entine Wing), Rogers, Stonnil, Austin, Love, Long, W. W. Williams, Stroud, Head, Cross, and Murrell.

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. The Fifteen Sections were worked, the following brethren answering the questions:—First Lecture, 1st Section—Bros. Purdue, P.M. 834; 2nd—Josey, P.M. 1828; 3rd—Rogers, W.M. 1791; 4th—Breitbart, W.M. elect 2021; 5th—Child, P.M. 538; 6th—Long, J.D. 1275; and 7th—Sims, P.M. 834. Second Lecture, 1st Section—Bros. Cochrane, W.M. 1051; 2nd—Reynolds, P.M. 1441; 3rd—W. W. Williams, 834; 4th—Speigel, P.M. 188; and 5th—Craggs, 834. Third Lecture, 1st Section—Bros. Austin, S.W. 1791; 2nd—Purdue, P.M. 834; and 3rd—Jesse Collins, P.M. 1585. Bros. Valentine Wing, 1585, Corston, 865, R. H. Williams, 865, and Barrow, 1425, were elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 12th ult. Among those present were Comps. P. Davis, M.E.Z.; Cleghorn, H.; Staley, J.; Davage, P.Z.; S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; E. A. Harris, S.N.; Rise, P.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z.; N. Moss, P.Z.; R. Harris; Parkinson, Janitor; and others. Among the visitors were Comps. Briggs, P.Z. 1572, and Patrick, 1623.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. T. C. Walls gave notice of motion—"That on, and after, the February meeting, 1887, of the chapter, the visitors' fees be increased to 10s. 6d. on ordinary meetings, and 15s. on nights of installation." Numerous letters from absent members having been read, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The long routine of toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON CHAPTER (No. 1602).—The installation meeting was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Among those present being Comps. T. I. Bird, M.E.Z.; J. Greenfield, H.; E. Woodman, J.; J. Osborn, S.E.; W. C. Wigley, P.S.; E. Payne, 1st A.S.; J. Weston, P.Z.; J. Jones, J. Cutbill, J. Keogh, R. Garner, and W. Fenton. Visitors: Comps. W. H. Lee, P.Z. 975; J. Woodman, 1602; E. F. Snook, 1602; W. Steel, 1368; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted, the ballot was unanimously taken in favour of Bros. Fenton, D.C. 705, and Frederick Keogh, 1602, who were accordingly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree. Comps. J. Greenfield, E. Woodman, and E. Payne, were then installed Z., H., and J. respectively; and the following invested as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. L. Cogan, Treasurer; J. Osborn, S.E.; S. Millin, S.N.; W. C. Wigley, P.S.; C. Deering, 1st A.S.; R. Garner, 2nd A.S.; and C. Thomas, Janitor.

After the usual banquet, the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." being proposed by Comp. Bird, P.Z., who remarked that they were all gratified to see Comp. Greenfield presiding over them, for they all regarded him with esteem and affection.

Comp. Greenfield, M.E.Z., having replied in suitable terms, returned the compliment by proposing "The I.P.Z."

Comp. Bird, who returned thanks for the heartiness with which the toast had been received, and also for the kindness of the companions during his term of office. He also thanked them most sincerely for the handsome jewel presented to him, and assured the companions it would always remind him of the kind sympathy he had received as M.E.Z.

"The H. and J." having been honoured. "The Health of the Exalted" was warmly received, and responded to by those companions.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., replied for "The Visitors," remarking that it always afforded him pleasure to respond to that toast, as he invariably met a number of companions with whom he had been associated in Masonry. He complimented the chapter on the admirable manner in which the duties were carried out, and hoped it would continue to prosper.

Comps. Weston, P.Z., and Osborn, P.Z., responded for "The Past Principals," and Comps. Wigley and Deering for "The Officers," the proceedings concluding, as usual, with the Janitor's toast.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The quarterly convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. G. Kennedy, M.E.Z.; T. Ovenden, H.; G. Spinks, J.; John Wilkins, P.Z.; W. Weston, P.Z.; Gamble, P.Z.; Scott-Mutch, P.Z.; E. West, P.Z.; Colonel E. Hughes, M.P.; Richey, Lock, Syer, Deeves, Woodley, Canning, Sanderson, Christian, Arnold, Shackleton, Fenn, Warren, King, Johnson, Hodgkinson, E. Palmer, P.S. 913; and T. Hutton.

Bro. W. Tailby, J.W. 13, having been unanimously elected, was duly exalted, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the M.E.Z. and his officers. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. T. Ovenden, M.E.Z.; G. Spinks, H.; D. Deeves, J.; G. Kennedy, S.E.; A. C. Woodley, S.N.; E. West, P.Z., Treas.; and R. J. Warren, Prin. Soj. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Principal's jewel be presented to Comp. Kennedy, in appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the chapter during his year of office.

Before closing the chapter the M.E.Z. referred to the interesting Masonic event about to be celebrated on the 8th of December next, when the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, to which this chapter is affiliated, will celebrate its centenary, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter be sent congratulating that lodge on attaining so distinguished an honour.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern for dinner, which was served by Comp. De Grey in his usual excellent style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly proposed and responded to, Comp. Wilkins proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." in eulogistic terms, and, in reply, Comp. Kennedy alluded to the fact that since the date of his joining the chapter in 1867, he had never been absent from its meetings except on two occasions, and it was a source of gratification to know that the number of candi-

dates he had exalted during his year of office was exceptionally large, and he was proud to hand over the chapter to his successor in a flourishing condition financially and otherwise.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was responded to by those present.

That of "The Visitors" by Comps. Palmer and Hutton. The newly-exalted candidate, Comp. Tailby, also responded in a neat speech.

Comp. Edwin Hughes, M.P., thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for the cordial and enthusiastic reception he had received on becoming a joining companion of so old and renowned a chapter as the Union Waterloo.

The Janitor's toast followed, and the proceedings terminated.

YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street. Amongst those present were Comps. M. Rooke, M.E.Z.; J. Sykes Rymer, H.; J. Todd, P.Z., as J.; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z.; E. W. Purnell, as S.E.; S. Border, S.N.; J. Fairburn, P.S.; H. Foster, D.C., and others. Amongst the visitors was Comp. Manders, from Melbourne, Australia. The business consisted in the exaltation of Bro. Rev. C. Tindley, Free Church Minister, of York, which was done in excellent style by the M.E.Z. During the evening Comp. Todd, P.Z., moved, and Comp. Whytehead seconded a vote expressive of the sorrow felt by the chapter at the loss by the death of Dr. Bell, of the Grand Superintendent of the province, who had so long and wisely guided their footsteps.

After the close of the chapter the brethren met at supper, and the usual pleasant evening was passed.

WOOLSTON.—Ancasta Chapter (No. 1461).—At the quarterly convocation, held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., under the presidency of Comp. C. G. J. Tilling, M.E.Z., after the transaction of the regular business, a handsome testimonial, consisting of a P.Z.'s jewel, apron, and sash, and case was presented to Comp. Walter Bowyer, P.Z., in recognition of his services as Z. of the chapter during the first two years of its existence. In making the presentation, Comp. Tilling referred to the important part played by Comp. Bowyer in promoting the formation of the Ancasta Chapter, and also to the fact that, when he was W.M. of the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, in 1876, he had presented Comp. Bowyer with a P.M.'s jewel in respect of his services in promoting the foundation and erection of their Masonic Hall. Comp. Bowyer acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms, and the incident then terminated.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 20th ult. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., P.Z., as M.E.Z.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.G.A. Middx., H.; Smiles, J.; the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.A., P.S.; J. Dunkley, 1st Asst. Soj., and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the year ensuing took place with the following result: Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., M.E.Z.; Smiles, H.; the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.A., J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; T. R. Richnell, S.N.; J. Dunkley, P.S.; Gurney and Jenkins, Asst. Sojs.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; and Harrison, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to Comp. R. H. Saunders, communications pleading inability to attend were read from Comps. R. H. Saunders, W. Taylor, T. R. Richnell, Cama, and others. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 704).—A convocation of the above chapter was held at the Monrogate, Finsbury-pavement, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Present: Comps. G. W. Knight, M.E.Z.; Dean, P.G.R. of Dorset, H.; Russell, J.; H. Slyman, S.E.; Ives, S.N.; Gregory, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor; and others.

Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Franks candidate. Comp. Franks having been elected a joining member, chapter was closed.

HORNEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z.; Z. 890, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, M.E.Z.; W. H. Wadham, 1642, H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J.; H. E. Dehane, J. 890, 862, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, 975, S.N.; and W. C. Williams, 733, P.S.

The chapter having been declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner Comp. Williams had rehearsed the duties of P.S. for the first time. Comp. Williams then presented the chapter of improvement with a handsome volume of the Sacred Law, which was accepted with thanks. Several communications were read in reference to the meetings during next month. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

The installation of Principals will be rehearsed to-day (Friday).

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. G. Gregory, M.E.Z.; J. Strugnell, H.; W. A. Scurrah, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; E. Lewis, S.N.; W. Radcliffe, P.S.; T. C. Edmonds, Preceptor; H. Jenkins, and J. P. Parkes.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by the officers in an able and impressive manner. We kindly invite Royal Arch Masons to pay this chapter of improvement a visit.

The funeral of Bro. Baines, of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 136, took place at Camberwell Cemetery, Forest-hill, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., among the Masonic friends of the deceased who were present to show respect to his memory being Bros. R. A. Kirkaldy, W.M. 1321; H. S. Hunter, I.P.M.; W. Englefield, S.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Price, I.G.; Barron, Stwd.; F. J. Potter, A. C. Lester, W. G. Kent, R. H. Davies, D. Davies, Newens, Meads, F. Beeson, and others.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—An Illustrated Guide of 110 pages "How to open respectably from £20 to £2000," three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Telephone No. 7541. —[ADVT.]



The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire took place at Luton, on Thursday, the 28th October.

A new Masonic Hall is in course of erection for the lodges, &c., in Bolton, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupation in the course of February next.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 10th instant.

The United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, have an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the 10th, at Red Lion Square. There will be Masonic work, and brethren are fraternally invited.

The high level of excellence of the Clarendon Press series, especially of the valuable oriental works which it includes, has just been recognised at the Edinburgh Exhibition by the award of a gold medal.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales was held at Newtown, Montgomeryshire, on Thursday, the 28th ult. We hope to be able to give an account of the proceedings in our next week's issue.

We are pleased, but not surprised, to hear that Bond's famous Marking Ink, which has enjoyed a high reputation for so many years past, has been awarded the Grand Silver Medal at the Liverpool International Exhibition.

R.W. Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., will be installed Prov. G. Master of Northumberland, vice R.W. Bro. Earl Percy resigned, at a special Prov. G. Lodge which will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Tuesday, the 16th instant.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters held their annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on the 4th inst., when the Treasurer's accounts were submitted and approved and the Grand Officers for the year elected. The usual banquet followed at the Holborn Restaurant.

The news of the death of Bro. James Francis, one of the proprietors of the Mohawk Minstrels, will have been received with all the greater regret from its having occurred so suddenly in a Turkish bath, and when to all appearance our late brother was in the enjoyment of his usual health.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.—A most successful inauguration of a new conclave called the Invicta, No. 148, took place at East Greenwich, on Tuesday last. Sir Knight Bateman (to whose zeal the conclave owes its origin), was installed as the first M.P.S. The impressive and ornate ceremonies of the Degree were powerfully rendered by Sir Knight Matier. A report will appear in our next.

A complimentary banquet was given by the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company to the late Sheriffs—Bros. Alderman Evans and Thos. Clark—on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Major Joseph, the Worshipful Master, was supported by Bros. George Kenning, Immediate Past Master; Abel, Senior Warden; Steward, Junior Warden; Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Alderman Cowan, Colonel T. Davies Sewell, Augustus Harris, D. H. Jacobs, Past Master; W. A. Higgs, F. Pendered, J. Bishop, E. F. B. Fuller, Henry Squire, H. W. Henniker Rance, and others.

The sudden death, from heart disease, of Bro. Alderman David Smith, the senior M.P. for Brighton, has been the cause of general sorrow in Brighton and wherever else any of his numerous band of friends resided. Bro. Smith, though a London merchant, had been an inhabitant of the borough he represented in this and the previous parliaments for a considerable number of years, having been an Alderman of Brighton since 1877, and its Mayor in 1880-1. He was also a prominent Freemason in London-Super-Mare, being a P.G. Stwd., and having been invested Prov. G.S.W. of Sussex under the Prov. G. Mastership of R.W. Bro. Lord Pelham—now Earl of Chichester. Bro. Smith was also a supporter of our Institutions, and had served as a Festival Steward. His funeral will take place on Monday next.

NEW WEST END SYNAGOGUE.—Nr. Neville D. Cohen, who for some years has been Financial Representative and latterly a Warden of the New West End Synagogue, is about to leave England with the object of settling in Sydney, New South Wales. In order to commemorate his connection with the synagogue, Mr. Cohen has just presented it with a valuable gift, in the shape of a Sepher Torah, with appurtenances complete. The Scroll of the law is a new one, and is beautifully written; the bells, pointer, and plate are silver gilt. The mantle is of purple velvet, richly embroidered with gold fringe and bullion. On the front have been worked the letters n"z, lower down are a pair of massive hands (the symbol of the Cohanim), splendidly finished, and beneath this are the Hebrew name of the donor and the date of the present year. The mantle—a handsome piece of workmanship—was manufactured by Mr. George Kenning, Masonic embroiderer, from a design drawn by the Rev. M. Haines. The Sepher was used for the first time on Simchas Torah, and was greatly admired.—*Jewish Chronicle*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Unwholesome Changes.—The changeable weather is causing much sickness, and exerting the most powerful influence in deranging the secretions of the body. Alternating chills and heats so derange the capillary circulation, that skin, liver, stomach, or lungs must become disordered. Holloway's Ointment, well rubbed over these organs twice a day, proves the quickest, safest, and best corrective. It penetrates the skin, enters the deeper structures, purifies their blood, cleanses their substance, equalises their circulation, and renders the secretions abundant, without annoying, irritating, or exhausting them. This Ointment, perseveringly used, aided by occasional doses of their far famed Pills, is capable of removing all the formidable evils induced by variable weather and its attendant impurities.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, November 13, 1886.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1567, Elliot, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., Herne-hill, S.E., 7.30.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's & Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1789, Ubique, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
" 2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
Chap. 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
" 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 333, Kintore, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

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, 8 till 10.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
St. James's, Union 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.
W-llington, 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 9.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's, S.W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon Street Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1393, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1668, Samson, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1805, Bromley St. Edmunds, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
" 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 7.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.

Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earl's Court Station, at 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4, F.M.H.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
" 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.
" 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1349, Friars, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1503, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1986, Honor Oak, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.
" 2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.
Chap. 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn-fields.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 254, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Hot., Tottenham.
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

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Burgoyne, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Queen's Westminster, 79, Ebury-st., S.W., at 7.45.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Haunch of Venison, 1, Bell-yd., Fleet-st., at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon Street Hotel.
" 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
" 209, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall (worked in the German language).
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Public Hall, Loughton, Essex.
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.
" 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.
" 1987, Strand, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall.
" 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.
Chap. 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 743, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
Mark 331, Davison, M.H., 81, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
Rose Croix 42, St. George's, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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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.
Creation, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav. (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Guelph, 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 12.

Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
" 2000, Earl of Mornington, S.A., Red Lion-sq.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.
K.T. 45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.

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Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
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. Presson, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st Hot.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
" 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
" 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 2029, King Solomon, 33, Golden-sq.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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