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THERE may, perhaps, be some differences of opinion as to the sufficiency of the honour which the QUEEN has been advised to confer on Bro. Alderman STAPLES on his retirement from the Chief Magistracy of London, but all will agree that he has deserved well of his sovereign and the city he presided over with so much ability and geniality during the past year. His time of office may not have been as eventful as some we have known, but it has not passed without leaving behind it some worthy memorials which will justify its challenging honourable comparison with the Mayoralties of his predecessors. Thus, the Prince of WALES, as her MAJESTY’S representative, drove the first pile of the new Tower Bridge during its continuance, while the splendid monotony of Mansion House Festivities was varied for once in the way by the entertainment of many of our chief Colonial and Indian notabilities, when visiting this country in connection with the Exhibition at South Kensington. Nor was the even tenour of Bro. STAPLES’S administration otherwise quite undistinguished. The terrible distress which prevailed last winter among the unemployed was relieved under his auspices, and at very insignificant cost, to the extent of close on £80,000; the Hospital Sunday Fund collected during his Mayoralty was the largest as yet known, and a new recreation ground at Highgate has been opened to the use of the public for ever. These are the memorials which in future years will be associated with Bro. Lord Mayor STAPLES’S year of office, and he has all the greater reason to be proud of them from the benevolence of their character in the case of some, and in that of others from their connection with works of great public utility. In any circumstances, his fellow citizens of London and the general public have resolved that Bro. Alderman STAPLES acquitted himself most honourably in his administration of the duties of his late exalted position, and the QUEEN, as the fountain of honour, has endorsed that resolution by creating him a Knight Commander of the distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, an order of knighthood which of late years has been conferred only on public men who have rendered service in or to the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. We congratulate Bro. Alderman Sir JOHN STAPLES, K.C.M.G., on the honour conferred upon him, and trust he may be spared many years to enjoy it.

To “Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest” is in the main an agreeable duty. The departure of one who, like Bro. Sir JOHN STAPLES, has laid himself out to please, is naturally to be regretted, but the feeling of regret is alleviated, if not obliterated, by the knowledge that his sojourn was a source of pleasure to all around, and that his presence as a guest, though not in the same exalted position, may be looked forward to on future occasions with a tolerable degree of certainty. Bro. Alderman Sir R. HANSON, now Lord Mayor of London, as “the coming guest,” will probably receive all the heartier welcome from the great popularity of his immediate predecessor. Indeed, his friends and brother Masons, including Bro. Sir JOHN STAPLES himself, are naturally anxious that, for the sake of the exalted office he holds, and in the interests of the city he presides over as Chief Magistrate, he may prove as diligent in the performance of his many arduous functions, and as jealous for the honour of Old and New London as the best and brightest of those who have gone before. He has certainly begun well, and we have no doubt will be as worthily and heartily congratulated on laying down his office as the kindly and able brother Mason and brother Alderman he has just succeeded.

THAT Bro. A. M. BROADLEY has deserved well of the Drury Lane Lodge is beyond question. As our readers are aware, it has not completed the first year of its existence, and yet there are few lodges of even older standing which have achieved such brilliant results as that which meets within the walls of Old Drury. It is already strongly set both as regards the number and status of its members, it works regularly and well, and it has played its part admirably during the Festival campaign of the current year. To these results Bro. BROADLEY, as Hon. Sec., has largely, perhaps we might venture to say principally, contributed, and it is not surprising that

the officers and members should have taken an early opportunity of exhibiting their appreciation of his help, by deciding to present him with a handsome testimonial of plate, the intrinsic value of which will be considerable, but which will be chiefly acceptable from the kind and fraternal feelings which have prompted its presentation. We congratulate Bro. BROADLEY on the receipt of a gift he has laboured so consistently and successfully to deserve.

WE shall be curious to hear what Quebec and its supporters may have to say as to the course pursued by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States at its recent triennial meeting at St. Louis, with reference to the question of jurisdiction pending between the Great Priory of Canada and the Scottish Templar Encampments in New Brunswick. The question, as our readers are aware, is not quite on all fours with that contained in the dispute between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and our three Anglo-Montreal Lodges. The Scottish New Brunswick Encampments have always been outside the authority of the Great Priory of Canada, which now claims jurisdiction over them, but the Anglo-Montreal lodges were part and parcel of that English Canadian Freemasonry, from which were in great part formed, in the first place, the Grand Lodge of Canada, and then, through it, the Grand Lodge of Quebec. However, the analogy is close enough for us to see our way clear to applying to both the same general principles of common sense. Thus, if the Grand Encampment has not considered itself justified in declaring clandestine the Scottish Templar Encampments of New Brunswick, which never had anything to do with the Great Priory of Canada, *à fortiori*, must the Grand Bodies of America declare the Anglo-Montreal lodges, which were formerly an integral part of Canadian Masonry, be non-clandestine likewise. Hence the Grand Lodges of America which sympathise with Quebec are between the horns of this dilemma. If, as some of them have done already, they pronounce the three Anglo-Montreal lodges clandestine, then the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, which were originally constituted in chief part by lodges created by the same Supreme Authority as the Anglo-Montreal lodges, must also be clandestine. If, however, the said Anglo-Montreal lodges are not clandestine, but derive their warrants from a legally-constituted Grand Lodge—and no one has yet had the hardihood to deny the legal position of the United Grand Lodge of England—then they are well within the compass of their rights in pursuing the course they have adopted. Here is another nut for our friend the *Canadian Craftsman* to crack.

WE referred some time ago to the position that the *Mark* occupies amongst the recognised Masonic Degrees under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The matter has again been considered by that Body. The Grand Committee has ruled that “it is incompetent, under the Scottish Constitution, to work the *Mark* in so-called *Mark* lodges with office-bearers other than those of the *Craft* lodge, &c., also that the Degree shall be conferred on Master Masons as a section of that of the *Fellow Craft*, and that all such admissions to the *Mark* shall be recorded in the ordinary minute book of the lodge. Further, that it is competent to lodges [*Craft*] to give the *Mark* to regularly recorded Master Masons of other lodges under the Scottish Constitution, as well as to their own qualified members.”

THE position of the Scottish *Mark* Degree, or ceremony, is thus unique. It is recognised by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the subordinates of which are permitted to work the Degree, so long as the *Craft* minute book is used for its records, and Master Masons of Scottish lodges are eligible for “advancement,” even in lodges to which they do not subscribe as members. The fiction of its being a “section of the *Fellow Craft*” is still persisted in, but that is not of much moment. Then the *Mark* Degree is recognised by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, it being a necessary prerequisite for “exaltation;” and, the two Grand Bodies having agreed to work the same ritual, should a *Mark* Master of a Scottish lodge desire to join a Royal Arch Chapter, his being in possession of the Degree thus conferred in a *Craft* lodge renders it unnecessary for him “to take it a second time;” so that the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter work most amicably together though they both exercise jurisdiction over *Mark* Masonry in Scotland.

HAD it not been for the “Articles of Union,” it is just possible a somewhat similar arrangement would have prevailed in this country, but as it is, the *Mark* Degree cannot be actually recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. It has, however, all the recognition that is desirable by H.R.H. the Prince of WALES being the Grand Master of both Organisations. We fail to see what more can possibly be wanted, and have little patience with those who rail at “unrecognised Degrees,” yet would tolerate any ceremony which obtained recognition, however modern, useless, or un-Masonic in character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when the R.W. Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M.M., presided, and there was a large attendance. The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer showed a balance in favour of the Provincial Grand Lodge of £79 18s. 11d., and 20 guineas were voted to both the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School. Bro. Col. Long was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treas. The P.G.M.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

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| Bro. Col. Ford, 177 (re-appointed) ... | ... D. Prov. G.M. |
| " B. H. Watts, 177 ... | ... Prov. G.S.W. |
| " Fred W. Dingle, Royal Cumberland ... | ... Prov. G.J.W. |
| " J. W. Stone, 119 ... | ... Prov. G.M.O. |
| " T. C. Manning, 128 ... | ... Prov. G.S.O. |
| " E. J. B. Mercer, Royal Cumberland... .. | ... Prov. G.J.O. |
| " Rev. C. F. Winter, 348 ... | ... Prov. G. Chap. |
| " W. Long, 191 ... | ... Prov. G. Treas. |
| " E. Newton Fuller, 177 ... | ... Prov. G.R. Mks. |
| " F. T. Elworthy, 348 ... | ... Prov. G. Sec. |
| " T. H. Holroyd, 128 ... | ... Prov. G.S.D. |
| " S. G. Mitchell, 177 ... | ... Prov. G.J.D. |
| " E. R. Down, 191 ... | ... Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " W. Adams, 348 ... | ... Prov. G.D.C. |
| " T. Penny, 348 ... | ... Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " A. Duckett, 191 ... | ... Prov. G. Std. B. |
| " W. E. Sparrow, Royal Cumberland... .. | ... Prov. G. Org. |
| " F. J. Stone, 119 ... | ... Prov. G.I.G. |
| " A. J. Salter, 177 ... | ... Prov. G. Tyler. |

The P.G.M.M. proposed, and the brethren unanimously passed, a resolution expressing regret at the death of Bro. E. Turner Payne, P.P.G. Treas., and recognising the services he had rendered. The banquet took place at the Christopher Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The annual meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, Gateshead. The R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., P.G.M.M., presided, and was supported by— Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.M.; Adam Robertson, P.G.S.W.; D. Sinclair, P.G. J.W.; J. Straker Wilson, P.G. Secretary; R. Hudson, P.G.M.O.; S. Wilson, P.G.S.D.; James Ferguson, P.G.I. of W.; A. S. Fowler, P.G.D. of C.; J. G. Smith, P.G.S.B.; W. Green, P.G. Org.; H. B. Olsen, P.G.I.G.; and W. Atkinson, P.G. Tyler.

Among the other Provincial Officers and others present were— Bros. R. B. Reed, P.P.G.S.W.; Addison Potter, C.B., G.M.O. of England; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.W.; John Wood, P.P.G.S.O.; J. G. Youll, P.P.G. Secretary; M. Frampton, P.P.G.O.; R. Kinmond, P.P.G.S.B.; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.I. of W.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.J.O.; M. Knowles, P.P.G.O.; J. S. B. Bell, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Baumann, P.P.G.R. of M.; W. Lear, P.P.G.R. of M.; W. J. Watson, P.P.G.R. of M.; R. G. Salmon, P.P.G.D.; S. M. Harris, W.M. Royal Cumberland Lodge; M. H. Dodd, S.W. 124; J. C. Moor, J.W. 124; and others.

Bro. J. STRAKER WILSON, P.G.S., read the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which showed an increase of two new lodges and of 33 members, as well as a balance of £17 0s. 8d. in hand. They recommended that the sum of £2 2s. be given to the Frederick Binckes Testimonial Fund, and that £15 15s. be given to the Mark Benevolent Fund. The progress of the Order had been marked by the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Mark Grand Master of England, and as a province they had increased in lodges and numbers.

The report having been adopted unanimously, the roll of lodges was called, and reports were read from all the eleven lodges in the province.

Bro. the Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, P.G.M.M., then briefly addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and said from the reports presented it seemed to him they were quietly performing their duties, steadily retaining their position, and giving good promise of the future of Mark Masonry. They might congratulate themselves on the unprecedented growth of the Order in the province. When he joined Mark Masonry as a joining member of the Eclectic Lodge, there were but two lodges in the province, and now there were eleven. (Applause.) There had been an event without parallel in the history of Mark Masonry during the present year. Their Deputy P.G.M.M. and himself had the honour of being present at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as the Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Master having re-appointed Bro. T. Y. Strachan as Deputy P.G.M.M., invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year:—

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| Bro. John Wood ... | ... Prov. G.S.W. |
| " W. E. Franklin (unavoidably absent) ... | ... Prov. G.J.W. |
| " W. J. Watson ... | ... Prov. G.M.O. |
| " William Logan ... | ... Prov. G.S.O. |
| " T. G. Mabane ... | ... Prov. G.J.O. |
| " Rev. Joseph Lawson ... | ... Prov. G. Chap. |
| " J. S. B. Bell ... | ... Prov. G. Treas. |
| " J. Bailey (absent) ... | ... Prov. G.R. Mks. |
| " J. S. Wilson (re-appointed) ... | ... Prov. G. Sec. |
| " R. Kinmond ... | ... Prov. G.S.D. |
| " C. B. Ford, W.M. ... | ... Prov. G.J.D. |
| " A. L. Miller ... | ... Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " A. S. Fowler (re-appointed) ... | ... Prov. G.D.C. |
| " W. Mason ... | ... Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " G. Lazenby ... | ... Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " A. Carr ... | ... Prov. G. Org. |
| " T. M. Barron ... | ... Prov. G.I.G. |
| " Atkinson ... | ... Prov. G. Tyler. |

After some further business, the P.G.M.M. named the Darlington Lodge as that under which they should meet next year, and Bros. R. S. Benson and Dr. D. Hill Drury were named as Stewards by Bro. Barron.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

By invitation of the Beverlec Lodge, No. 281, the annual meeting of this body was held in the Assembly Rooms, Norwood, Beverley, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The Beverlac Lodge was opened at 2 p.m., by Bro. Thos. Dixon, Prov. G.S. Overseer, and soon afterwards the Prov. Grand Master entered with his officers in procession with a fanfare of trumpets and assumed the chair. The following were among those present:

- Bros. J. W. Woodall, Prov. G.M.M.M.; Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, D.P.G.M.; J. T. Sellar, P.G.S.W.; J. Marshall, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. G. Chilman, P.G. Chap.; J. M. Meek, P.C. Treas.; T. N. Marwood, P.G. Reg.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G. Sec.; G. S. Highmoor, P.G.S.D.; W. Highmoor, P.G. Swd. Br.; M. M. Westerby, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Smith, P.G.I.G.; J. Verity, P.G. Tyler; G. Simpson and Ewd. Rooke, Stwds.; Harry Adams, 281; J. Hind, 281; T. Marshall, P.P.G.I.G.; C. Goulding, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Barnes, 281; E. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; R. Land, 95; Rev. E. J. Barry, 281; W. Greenwood, P.P.G. Org.; J. F. Seales, 95; T. Foley, 281; J. Cooper, 281; E. H. Knight, 281; W. L. Green, 281; J. Sugden, 281; F. Hewson, 276; W. J. Watson, 276; G. Shaw, 281; W. H. Attlay, 337; M. F. W. Williamson, 277; J. Buckle, 277; A. W. Walker, 277; W. Stockdale, 277; J. W. Potter, 291; J. B. Nicholls, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Fitchett, 277; H. Watson, 291; and T. Thompson, P.P.G.W.; whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Reynolds, P.G.D.C.; M. C. Peck, P.M. 12; R. W. Mill, 12; M. Haberland, P.M. 182; M. J. Marten, sen., 182; G. Wilson, P.M. 182; R. Beevers, P.M. 182; R. Rayner, W.M. 182; J. Walton, 182; and others.

The usual salutations having been given, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called. Letters of apology were read from a number of brethren, including Bros. C. L. Mason, P.G.M.M. West Yorkshire; Wm. Kelley, P.G.M.M. Leicester-shire; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M. Northumberland; Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G.C.; W. H. Marwood, P.P.G.W.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.P.G.C.; H. Forder, W.M. 12; C. Fendelow, and many other brethren of this and other provinces.

The Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and adopted.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was read, and it contained recommendations that £5 be voted to the education of a son of a deceased member of the York Mark Lodge, and that £5 15s. should be devoted to paying of a portion of the outstanding debt of £15 15s. due to the Prov. Grand Master. The report also stated the present strength of the province as follows:

	Subscribing Members.	Advancements.
York (T.I.) ...	75	4
Star in the East, 95 ...	58	3
Middlesbro', 276 ...	23	0
Malton, 277 ...	28	1
Beverlac, 281 ...	30	5
Drifelt, 291 ...	23	4
Streonshalh, 337 ...	18	1
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Last year showed ...	248	28
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The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed the adoption of the report, and addressed the brethren upon the present position of the province. He suggested that no doubt the present depression in trade had interfered with the progress of the Order, especially in the north. He also referred to the fact that Hull had not yet joined the Provincial Organisation, and expressed the hope that the Mark Masons of that town might soon see their way to doing so, adding his pleasure at seeing so many of them who were Masons of influence present at the meeting.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The roll of lodges was called, and all were found to be represented.

Bro. J. M. Meek was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

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| Bro. T. N. Marwood, W.M. 337 ... | ... Prov. G.S.W. |
| " W. J. Watson, W.M. 276 ... | ... Prov. G.J.W. |
| " F. Smith, W.M. York (T.I.) ... | ... Prov. G.M.O. |
| " T. Dixon, W.M. 281 ... | ... Prov. G.S.O. |
| " J. Knaggs, W.M. 95 ... | ... Prov. G.J.O. |
| " Rev. E. J. Barry, 281 ... | ... Prov. G. Chap. |
| " J. S. Wilson, W.M. 291 ... | ... Prov. G.R. of M. |
| " J. M. Meek, P.M. 276 ... | ... Prov. G. Treas. |
| " T. B. Whytehead, P.M. York (T.I.)... .. | ... Prov. G. Sec. |
| " G. Simpson, S.W. York (T.I.) ... | ... Prov. G.S.D. |
| " M. M. Westerby, S.W. 281 ... | ... Prov. G.S.J.D. |
| " A. W. Walker, S.W. 277 ... | ... Prov. G.I. of W. |
| " W. H. Cowper, P.M. 276 ... | ... Prov. G.D.C. |
| " J. Marshall, P.M. 277 ... | ... Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " R. Land, S.W. 95 ... | ... Prov. G. Swd. Br. |
| " M. F. W. Williamson, 277 ... | ... Prov. G. Std. Br. |
| " W. H. Attlay, 337 ... | ... Prov. G. Org. |
| " T. Foley, J.W. 281 ... | ... Prov. G.I.G. |
| " J. Verity, 95 ... | ... Prov. G. Tyler. |

The following brethren were elected members of the General Purposes Committee: Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, J. Marshall, W. H. Cowper, and E. Bryan.

Auditors were elected, and, after some other routine business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

There being no definite arrangement as to the locality of next year's meeting, the PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his unwillingness to commit himself to any plan until some further intimation had been given as to the proceedings of Masonic Bodies during the Queen's Jubilee Year.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Cowper, D.C., who had been detained in town, Bro. T. Marshall acted as Prov. G.D.C. in an admirable manner.

The preparations made by the Beverley brethren for the comfort of their visitors was all that could be desired, and we are glad to know that this very old Masonic centre will soon possess a Masonic Hall, a well adapted building being now in course of conversion for that purpose. Its dedication is to take place in December, and it will probably be the first ceremony of importance that will be performed by the recently-appointed successor of the late lamented Dr. Bell—the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett.

After the close of the ceremonies, the brethren gathered at the Beverley Arms, where an excellent banquet was served, at which the W. Master of the Beucrlac Lodge (Bro. T. Dixon) presided, both the P.G. Master and his Deputy having been compelled to leave by early trains in order to reach their homes. There was a full table and a merry party.

In proposing "The Health of Bro. Dixon, and prosperity to the Beverlac Lodge," Bro. T. B. WHITEHEAD, Prov. G. Secretary, complimented the lodge upon having the largest number of advancements upon its career within the past twelve months, and upon the energy of its members. He said that perhaps a large portion of its success was to be found in the fact that it had apparently the approval of the ladies. Although the good creatures could not participate in the ceremonies it was undeniable that their opinion was an important factor in the career of any lodge. Over the head of the Worshipful Master hung one of the most beautifully worked lodge banners he had ever seen, and he was informed that this was the gift of certain good ladies dear to leading members of the Beverlac Lodge. It was a healthy symptom, and he congratulated the brethren upon having secured the goodwill of their wives and sisters in their Masonic projects.

Other toasts followed, and songs enlivened the evening, Bro. Green's hunting song being a great success, and chiming in with the sporting proclivities of a Yorkshire assemblage of any kind.

IV. CONSTITUTIONS OF 1767-69 & 1776.*

At the Grand Lodge held on April 9th, 1766, the M.W. Bro. Lord Blayney, G.M., on the proposition of Col. Salter, D.G.M., it was resolved that a new edition of the Constitutions be printed, with "such alterations and additions as shall be thought necessary," the D.G.M. being empowered "to appoint such brethren as he shall think proper to revise and alter the same; and afterwards to appoint a Committee, consisting of Grand Officers, and 21 Masters of Lodges," who were to have the alterations and additions submitted to them for approval, the revised work having then to be presented to the "first Quarterly Communication following."

On 28th January, 1767, the Book of Constitutions as revised was "unanimously approved of," 500 copies were ordered to be printed "under the direction of the D.G.M." The Rev. John Entick, M.A., does not appear to have had aught to do with this revision.

The title page is as follows:—

"The Constitutions of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their History, Charges, Regulations, &c., Collected and Digested, By Order of the Grand Lodge, from their old Records, faithful Traditions, and Lodge Books, for the use of the Lodges, By James Anderson, D.D., and Carefully Revised, Continued, and Enlarged, By John Entick, M.A.

"A new Edition, with Alterations and Additions, By a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge.

"London: Printed for Bro. W. Johnston, in Ludgate-street, MDCCLXVII. In the vulgar year of Masonry, 5767."

The Frontispiece (Boitard delin, B. Cole sculp. et dedit.) is the same as the 1756 edition, the work being quarto in size as before. Pages III. and IV. contain the inscription to Lord Blayney, as Grand Master; V. and VI. having "The Sanction" signed by the chief Grand Officers for the time being, as before.

The History begins at page 1, and is continued to page 310, the last date being February 9th, 1767, when H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland received the Three Degrees at "an occasional lodge;" the History of Grand Lodge beginning at page 188. The "Old Charges" are then printed to p. 318, after which the "General Regulations" are given to p. 351; the songs running on to p. 360. Pages 351-2 occur twice (an error as to the pagination) the subject matter being continuous; the List of Grand Masters (pp. 361-2), and one of the Prov. Grand Masters (pp. 363-6) concluding the volume.

A.D. 1776.

An "Appendix to the Constitutions of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons [1776]" (being the only title, having on the reverse a certified copy of the resolution of the Grand Lodge, November 24th, 1775, signed by James Heseltine, G.S.) was issued in 1776, in consequence of "a considerable number of the last edition" [1767] being unsold, and the sale of which "decreased daily," as several alterations and additions were not inserted. The Grand Sec. was instructed to annex the appendix to the copies left on hand. If only the original 500 copies were printed, as ordered in 1766, the sale must have indeed have been slow. There were, however, doubtless, many more sold than remained in the office of Grand Sec., hence appendix 1776 is one of the rarest and most valuable Masonic works ever published.

Page iii. commences the narrative, the first date being April 15th, 1767, and the account is continued to page lxx., the meeting then noted being one held on 3rd June, 1776. Pages lxxi. to lxxv. are devoted to the anthems sung by Mr. Du Bellamy at the dedication of Freemasons' Hall, the reverse of the last printed page being blank.

The work was compiled by the well-known Masonic historian, William Preston, who "was Deputy or Assistant Secretary," for a short while, during Bro. Heseltine's term as Grand Secretary. The particulars afforded of the Grand Lodge meetings 1767-1776 are much more complete and valuable than those covering the same period in the Constitutions of 1784, especially as to the granting of warrants and the erasures of disobedient lodges.

A.D. 1769.

An octavo edition of the Constitutions was published in 1769, evidently unofficial and unrecognised. The title down to the name of Dr. Anderson is the same as that of 1767, the remainder being "A new edition, carefully revised, and continued to the present time. London: Printed for G. Kearsly, in Ludgate-street, M.D. CCLXIX. In the vulgar year of Masonry 5769." There is no frontispiece, the work being the same as the regular quarto edition so far as page 384. Then follows an "Appendix" pages 385 to 396, giving from the Quar. Com. of April 1767, to May 5th, 1769.

Mention is made (p. 386) of the appointment of the Hon. Ch. Dillon as D.P.G.M., in 1768, having caused "some disgust," because of the supercession of Colonel Salter and other considerations, which led some of the

* (I.) For 1723, (II.) 1738-46, and (III.) 1756, see the Freemason for June 26th, September 4th, and October 23rd, 1886.

brethren to draw up a memorial to the G.M. Eventually better counsels prevailed, and the matter dropt, and the D.G. Master's "spirited behaviour" subsequently is stated to have healed the sore. Nothing is said of this difficulty in the edition of "Appendix, 1776."

The proposed "Charter of Incorporation" is given in full, pp. 389 to 394, which however fell through eventually. To have this printed and circulated more widely than was done officially may have been the aim of the promoters of this rival to the quarto volume. At any rate, we may be certain that until the Appendix was printed and sold with the volume of 1767 the octavo of 1769 proved a formidable antagonist, and literally for a time "snuffed out" the authorised "Book of Constitutions" (which was sold at 10s. 6d. in sheets, the same price being charged when the Appendix of 1776 was added).

The octavo edition of 1769 was also published in Dublin, the type having been utilised for both issues. Which was the first printed I cannot say. The title page of the Irish edition is a very long one. "Constitutions of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Containing the history, from the creation, throughout the known world, with their charges, regulations, &c., &c. Calculated, not only for the instruction of every new made Mason, but also for the information of all who intend to become brethren. Collected and digested by order of the Grand Lodge from their records, faithful traditions, and lodge books. Embellished with a copper-plate frontispiece, representing the ceremony of a new brother receiving the word from the most respectable Master, in a full assembly of the Fellow Craft; an accurate plan of the drawing on the floor of a lodge, and several other curious copper-plates. Dublin * * * * * Printed for Thomas Wilkinson, in Wine Tavern Street, the corner of Cook Street. At said Wilkinson's may be had all the sorts of Freemasons' books now extant." No date [1769].

Bro. Carson says, in his "Masonic Bibliography," that "the sheets were printed in London, and a new title page added by Wilkinson;" but I have not been able to authenticate this very probable account. It is No. 248 in his grand library. I have seen copies, without the plates unfortunately; but not one having those curious prints, which are copies of French plates dating from 1745. Bro. John E. Le Feuvre has a copy of the English edition having four of the Dublin prints inserted; but not the plate having "an accurate drawing on the floor of a lodge," noted on the title page. The copper-plates he has are—1, Third Degree ceremony; 2, Lodge of 3°; 3, Initiation; and, 4, Lodge of 2°. The edition with the plates complete is therefore exceedingly curious, rare, and valuable.

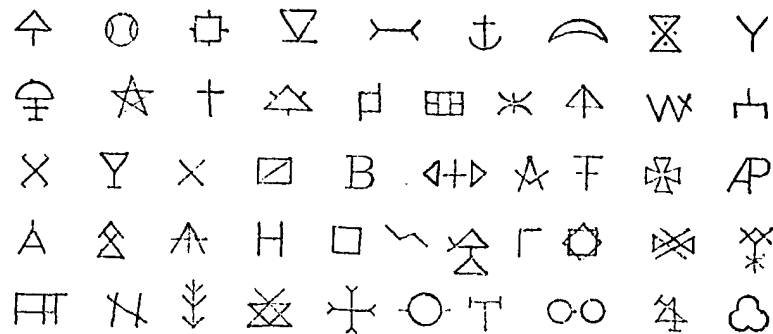
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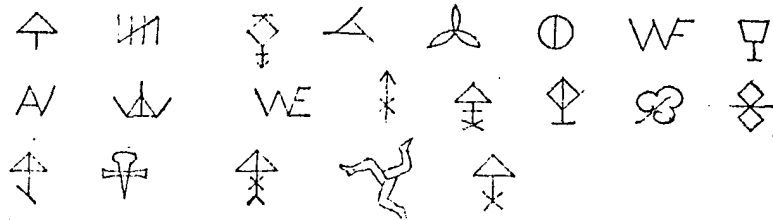
I have been favoured by Mr. Robert Swain, the courteous Clerk of the Works, with a number of the "Banker Marks" of Masons who have been, or are still, working on the Truro Cathedral. Class A were collected by the lamented Mr. James Bubb, the predecessor of the present Clerk of the Works, who has obtained those of Class B.

I have selected some specimens of each series, which will doubtless be of interest to the many brethren who, like myself, were present on the occasion of the foundation-stone being laid by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as our beloved Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Interest attaches also to these specimens, because all the marks, being chiselled on the beds of the stones, cease to be visible from the time they are placed in their rightful positions in the structure, whereas the marks in many old Cathedrals are exposed to view. Many of these designs will be familiar to students of ancient ecclesiastical and other buildings, at home and abroad.

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Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales.
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of South Wales.
Provincial Grand Chapter of Monmouthshire.
Centenary of St. John's Lodge, No. 166, Airdrie (S.C.)
Centenary Meeting of the Antiquity Lodge, No. 178, Wigan.
Waveney Lodge, No. 929, Bungay.
Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.
Windsor Lodge, No. 1754, Penarth.
Cholmondeley Lodge, No. 1908, Frodsham.
Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.
West Lancashire Mark Lodge, No. 65.
India—Carnatic Lodge, No. 2031.
Chapter of Nativity, No. 126.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.
"Sunday Times" (New York), "Liberal Freemason," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Cadiz Masónico," "Limerick Reporter and Tipperary Vindicator," "Jewish Chronicle," "Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "Paso a la Verdad," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "Sunday Times" (London), "Masonic News," "Newcastle Daily Journal," "Freemasons' Repository," "Allen's Indian Mail," and "Cassell's National Library."

Reviews.

Bro. John Hogg has largely been known as the publisher of a series of useful and amusing books, of the class of which these under notice are characteristic specimens. His imprint on the title page is quite enough to assure one that the books in question are thoroughly good ones,—that is, good as regards the story or subject from a common-sense point of view.
A FEW GOOD WOMEN, AND WHAT THEY TEACH US. A book for girls. By CATHERINE MARY MACSOLLEY. London: John Hogg.
In "A Few Good Women" the authoress has selected nine types, each one being a striking illustration of one good quality in particular. For instance, under the heading

of thoroughness comes the name of Agnes Jones, the hospitable nurse; under loyalty, that of the Princess de Lomballe. Two names not very generally known, perhaps, come under patience and helpfulness, those of St. Monica and Hilda of Whitley. The book should be a very interesting and helpful one to girls.

MASTER MINDS IN ART, SCIENCE, AND LETTERS.
By W. H. D. ADAMS. A book for boys. London: John Hogg.

The author has brought together a representative number of the most distinguished men in art, science, and letters of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, namely, Reynolds, Constable, Gibson, Flaxman, Turner, Haydn, Murchison, Faraday, Darwin, Scott, and Kingsley. Most of these names are familiar to everyone, but there are one or two that should be more intimately known to boys than they at present are, Sir Roderick Murchison, the greatest of English geologists, for instance, and John Constable, the painter. The former classified the Silurian rocks, and his book "The Silurian System" will, as Mr. Adams remarks, "be always regarded as an epoch in the annals of geological science." The latter spent a quiet life of steady work, and was one of the finest English landscape painters of his age. The book is excellent throughout, and the story of the lives of such men as Scott, Faraday and Kingsley, of whom so much has been written, is retold with a freshness and force which cannot fail to be interesting to boys both old and young.

THE VICAR OF WAKEFIELD; with 32 Illustrations by WILLIAM MULREADY, R.A., and a Biographical Sketch of Goldsmith (with portrait) by HENRY J. NICOLL. London: John Hogg.

Of course this book speaks for itself. Goldsmith's beautiful tale has been made additionally attractive by an able biographical introduction written by Henry Nicoll, and Mulready's original illustrations reproduced in facsimile.



Craft Masonry.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the London Bridge Hotel, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. Among those present were Bros. Plowman, W.M.; La Feuillade, S.W.; Lingley, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Foalé, S.D.; Westley, I.G.; La Feuillade, D.C.; Dennis, Stwd.; R. Grover, Org.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Stranger, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; and others. Bros. H. Price, W.M. 177; and Martin, 256, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Davis was passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Sparrowhawk, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening spent, under the genial and able presidency of the W.M.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—At a meeting, held at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., there were present Bros. R. R. Collick, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Strong, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Robinson, P.M., Sec.; Wing, S.D.; Harding, J.D.; Stacey, P.M., Org.; Oliver, Steward; Sandalls, I.G.; Pardoe, I.P.M.; Collings, D.C.; and 17 P.M.'s and members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Keen, 865; Swan, 865; and Sapsworth, 2032.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Eden and Mr. Charles Moore, which proved in their favour, and they were initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent repast was served by the host, Bro. Page, P.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with true Commemoration "fire." "The Health of the Initiates" was drunk, and suitably responded to. The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening: Bros. Page, Windsor, Williams, the W.M., Price, and Whitley.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast, the brethren dispersing after a most enjoyable evening.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Langridge, W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. J. Hudson, S.W.; J. H. Jarvis, P.P.G. Stwd. Surrey, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, Treas.; Chas. E. Soppet, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; A. Rumsey, S.D.; C. Toope, J.D.; R. Potter, Tyler; J. H. May, I.P.M.; Wm. Bellamy, acting as I.G.; H. G. Hale, and E. Daoust.

Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, W.M. 1910; E. Mills, 1614; J. Grossan, 382; W. H. Kempster, M.D., 890, P.M. and Treas.; G. Reynolds, S.D. 1614; G. H. Reynolds, 1614; W. G. Rand, 1100; A. Laurence, P.M. and Sec. 1638; G. Chivers, 901; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., 1929; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S.W. Essex, 205; A. McDowell, P.M. 1962, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Jas. Carr, 55; Col. F. Peters, P.M. 263, P.G.S.W.; G. Pigache, P.M. 12; F. Prior, 765; E. Routledge, 1635; W. H. Platt, 1635; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; and Robert Greening, J.W. 1426.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the installation of the W.M., Bro. Alfred Hudson, S.W., was performed by Bro. Hay in a masterly style. The charges to the officers and brethren were delivered by Bro. J. B. Stevens in a clear and impressive manner. The W.M. invested and appointed his officers as follows for the ensuing twelvemonth: Bros. Henry Langridge, I.P.M.; Charles E. Soppet, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; J. B. Stevens,

P.M., Treas.; J. H. Jarvis, S.W.; A. A. Rumsey, J.W.; Charles Toope, S.D.; William Bellamy, J.D.; E. E. Pouard, I.G.; G. M. Bohrer, D.C.; and J. Potter, Tyler. An elegant P.M.'s Jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was presented to Bro. Henry Langridge, I.P.M.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a banquet of a recherché character was served, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Berther, whose kind attention was much appreciated by the brethren.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M., alluding to the Queen in most gracious and generous terms, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said he felt it was a great pleasure to have amongst them that evening three Grand Officers, all familiar friends, and it was good of them to honour him with their presence. All present would regret much the accident to their worthy and esteemed Bro. the Earl of Lathom. He would ask Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, to respond.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in responding, said it was a great pleasure for him to do so, and it was an undoubted honour to return thanks for the M.W.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. He had an opportunity of knowing how well the Grand Officers did their work with Masonic excellence, and that it was not merely ornamental, but sincere. The M.W.G.M. took the greatest interest in the Craft, and could give a reliable opinion upon almost everything connected therewith; he also knew well what could be done and acted upon. The P.G. Officers did all their work well. Long may the Grand Lodge of England be presided over by such Grand Officers. They were the great lights of Freemasonry. He was very grateful for all the good wishes that were given to the Grand Officers wherever they were proposed, and they were proposed over and over again, and always received with heartiness. That night they had workers in their ranks, which had been shown by the way in which the ceremony of installation had been done, and he again thanked them for the hearty manner in which the health of the Grand Officers had been drunk.

The Immediate Past Master, in taking the gavel into his hand to propose "The Health of their W.M.," said some take a different view of the position of the W.M. It was as sons succeeded their fathers, and fathers liked to see their families. It was just his feeling with respect to their W.M. and the brethren. A W.M.'s time was not always pleasant or easy. There were certain excrescences which had to be knocked off. He wished Bro. A. Hudson a comfortable year of office. He was a good Mason and would endeavour to make life comfortable, and take off all the rough edges. In years to come all will hope to drink his health as a P.M., now he asked them all to unite with him in drinking his health in a bumper, and wish him well and a good year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, and the hearty way in which it had been received. He would endeavour to do his duty. He felt it was a high honour to be in the position of W.M., and nothing should be wanting on his part to give them every satisfaction, and he thanked them all sincerely.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Officer," to whom the brethren were very grateful for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony. His working was good, and set a good example to Masons. He did his work well. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of Bro. Hay, P.M. He would also ask them at the same time to drink the health of Bro. J. B. Stevens, their worthy Treasurer, who had delivered the charges in such an impressive manner.

Bro. Hay, P.M., in replying, said he thanked them all, especially the W.M. for his kind remarks. It gave him much pleasure to invest their W.M., who, he was sure, would go through the chair well, and give the brethren every satisfaction. He wished him a good year of office, and he trusted at the end he would do the work better than he had done. Bro. J. B. Stevens had delivered the charges in a very clear manner, which, he was sure, all the brethren had much admired.

Bro. J. B. Stevens said it was always a pleasure to him to serve the Royal Kensington Lodge in any way possible. He had to thank the brethren present for the kind attention they had given him when delivering the charges, and he wished the W.M. a happy year of office with plenty of work to do.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and, in doing so, said it was a great pleasure to him to do so. They did not lack in quantity or quality. There had always been many on past occasions, and he was delighted to see them all. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of the visitors in a bumper and hearty Masonic honours, and would call upon Bro. Col. Peters, and Bro. Mather, who had so kindly acted as D. of C. at the installation, to respond.

Bro. Col. Peters, in reply, said he was sorry to say it was not the easiest thing in the world to respond to such a toast as the visitors, which had been proposed in such kind words and received so heartily. He could say, without fear of contradiction, nothing could have been more acceptable than the hospitality of the brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge; neither could they have had a better banquet. The visitors had all spent a most pleasant evening, and they wished the W.M. a happy issue and a good year of office.

Bro. J. L. Mather, W.M. 1910, endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of Bro. Col. Peters, and thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. For many years he had done service to the lodge, and acted as D.C. at installation. It was a great pleasure to him to be called upon to perform the duties of that office, which, he trusted, he had done to the satisfaction of the brethren. He hoped to be with the Royal Kensington Lodge for many years to come.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and P.M.'s," and said there was no occasion to say much in their favour. All were good, and did all in their power for the good of the lodge.

The I.P.M., in replying, made a most humorous speech, and said he would assure the W.M. he could always rely upon the Past Masters and himself, in rendering him all the assistance in their power, and give him any advice he might need.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," said both brethren carried out their duties to the satisfaction of the brethren of the lodge, and did all in their power for the benefit of the same. They had the confidence of every brother connected with the lodge.

Bro. J. B. Stevens, P.M., in replying as Treasurer, assured the brethren the affairs of the lodge were in a very healthy state. He would do all he could for the benefit of the lodge, and thanked them all for the confidence placed in him.

Bro. C. E. Soppet, P.M., as Secretary, said he thanked them all for the kind manner in which his health had been received. He could say this was the 70th time he had replied to the toast. He was glad, as he had said on previous occasions, that the lodge was in a flourishing state on prosperous. He hoped to live long and see the prosperity continue. He received from the hands of the brethren of the Royal Kensington Lodge every kindness as their Secretary, and he would make it his duty to have the interest of the lodge always at heart.

The next toast proposed by the W.M. was that of "The Officers," and in doing so, said he felt sure that during his year of office he would be well supported by them.

Bro. J. H. Jarvis, S.W., in replying on behalf of the Officers and himself, said he thanked the brethren for the kind reception accorded them. He was proud of his position, and would endeavour to do his work well, and to the satisfaction of the W.M. and the brethren. The prestige of the working of the Royal Kensington Lodge was well known, and it would be the endeavour of all the officers to keep up the same. He sincerely thanked them all.

Bro. A. A. Rumsey, J.W., said the words that had been spoken by the S.W. was sufficient for all the officers.

The Tyler's toast closed a most pleasant evening, and the brethren expressed themselves on parting as having thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

During the evening a most beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, assisted by Miss Clarice Riley (whose singing the brethren were much delighted with), Bros. J. Large, and E. J. Bell.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. E. Walker, W.M. There were also present Bros. J. Funston, I.P.M.; L. Stean, P.M.; G. T. Barr, P.M.; E. Benjamin, P.M.; J. A. Jones, P.M.; A. A. Clement, P.M.; F. Matthews, S.W.; R. Drysdale, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524, Treas.; J. Cox, Sec.; H. J. Thrower, S.D.; L. A. Harrison, J.D.; W. Beasley, I.G.; G. C. Young, P.M. 820, Org.; J. W. Griffiths, W.S.; and J. Very, Tyler. The following members attended: Bros. J. Tidball, H. Waynforth, G. Colls, H. Josephs, W. H. Mills, W. E. Johnson, B. Nicholson, J. James, A. C. Critchfield, J. Austin, H. J. Scott, S. Batcheler, R. H. Drysdale, E. J. Rose, and W. Jones. Among the visitors were Bros. L. V. Walker, S.W. 22; S. Smith, S.D. 193; E. Lazarus, 185; H. Walden, 49; H. E. Loader, P.M. 487, P.G.S.D. Hants; H. J. Jones, 193; A. J. Martin, 111; A. Salaman, 188; J. R. Bowen, 65; J. Jenkins, J.D. 487; J. Davis, 185; and L. Green, 879.

The business of the evening was of a somewhat important character. In consequence of the S.W., Bro. F. Matthews, being already in the chair of another lodge, Bro. R. Drysdale, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. W. H. Brand was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Very Tyler of the lodge. It was also decided, in very cordial terms, to present Bro. E. Walker with a P.M.'s jewel on his quitting the chair, as a token by the brethren of their appreciation of the interest the W.M. had taken in the welfare of the lodge. A ballot was taken for three brothers—Mr. E. Levy, Mr. L. Levy, and Mr. H. Levy—and having been unanimously elected, Messrs. Levy were impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly celebrated.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was warmly honoured, and the Past Masters severally delivered themselves of brief and appropriate speeches, evincing great interest in the welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Initiates," said it was a singular incident for three brothers to be made brethren together, and he was sure the lodge would very heartily welcome three gentlemen so well-known and highly respected in the parish as the Messrs. Levy.

The proceedings were further enlivened by some excellent music under the direction of the Organist, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

DRURY LANE LODGE (No. 2127).—A regular meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Drury Lane Theatre. W. Bro. Parkinson, P.G.D., occupied the chair of W.M.; those of S.W. and J.W. being filled respectively by W. Bro. Matthews, P.A.G.D. of C., and V.W. Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., Pres. of the Board of Gen. Purps.; W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; Bros. J. S. Fleming, Treas.; Admiral E. A. Inglefield, C.B., D.C.L., S.D.; H. Nicholls (acting), J.D.; J. S. Cumberland (acting), I.G.; James Fernandez, D. of C.; and Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., Org., were also present. There was as usual, and notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large attendance of Grand Officers, members, and visitors, including the Grand Secretary of England. Bros. Wroth Lethbridge of the Grenadier Guards, and Major Arthur Griffiths were elected joining members. Bros. W. A. Baskcomb, C. Marius Duplany, and Harry Morell-Mackenzie were raised by Bro. Parkinson to the Third Degree. On work being resumed, Bro. Augustus Harris was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. J. S. Fleming, Treas.; and Bro. Goddard, Tyler. Bros. Fernandez and Catling were elected to serve on the Audit Committee. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to R.W. Bro. Lord Londesborough. The lodge was then closed.

The installation of Bro. Augustus Harris will take place on Tuesday, February 8th, 1887, in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre, and the banquet is to be held afterwards in the Great Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. The meeting will probably be one of the largest and most influential gatherings of which a private lodge has ever been able to boast.

SELBY.—St. Germain's Lodge (No. 566).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when a Masonic address was delivered by the Dean of York (Bro. A. P. Purey-Cust, P.G.C. of England). Bro. the Rev. H. Greeves, vicar of Wistow, and W.M. of the lodge, presided, and was supported by Bro. Weddall, P.M.; Scott, P.M.; and many other Past Masters and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire; T. B. Whythead, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Todd, P.P.G.R.; and Major McGachen, Prov. G.A.D.C. North and East Yorkshire.

The Dean's address was a most able exposition of Freemasonry, pointing out its "raison d'être" and the many advantages that it possessed from social, moral, and religious points of view. The Dean of York said that he was made a Mason in the Apollo Lodge, at Oxford, nearly 40 years previously, and had never once regretted the step he had then taken. In fact, he highly prized his Masonic membership, and never lost an opportunity of saying a word in favour of the Craft.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Selby brethren entertained their visitors at supper.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. Wm. Blunsum, W.M.; Wm. R. Roberts, S.W.; Edgar E. A. Dow, J.W.; Adolph Pedersen, P.M., Treas.; Edmund R. Latham, Sec.; Daniel Dunkel, S.D.; C. E. Webster, J.D.; John L. Houghton, P.M., D.C.; Burton Allenby, I.G.; Haydn P. Cowell, Org.; David Jones, Steward; Thomas Malcolm, Tyler; Wm. H. Veevers, P.M.; Thomas Dilcock, P.M.; Wm. Evans, P.M.; Anderson, Bosworth, Blackburn, Bjorklund, Edwards, Forbrey, Gunn, Hayes, Johanson, Martin, Prince, Reece, Robinson, Riley, Roose, Tiedman, Williams, and Young. Visitors: Bros. Jackson, P.M. 673; H. Carey, Sec. 220; Blacklock, 667; Greive, 673; and Handford, 823.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Kelsey, which proved satisfactory, and he, being in attendance, was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. John L. Houghton, P.M., while Bro. H. P. Cowell, Org., added very much to its impressiveness. Bro. Wm. Blunsum then resumed the chair, and raised Bros. Edwards, Forsbrey, Bjorklund, and Greive, 673, in a manner that proved he was completely master of the situation. Several applications on behalf of poor and distressed brethren having been considered, and a proposition received for the next meeting, lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Casey, the House Steward, had prepared an excellent repast, to which ample justice was done.

After the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales," and "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past," had been proposed and responded to.

Bro. Houghton, P.M., D.C., in an appropriate speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. W. Blunsum, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that no effort should be wanting on his part to further the cause of Masonry. He then proposed "The Past Masters," and spoke at considerable length and in very high terms of the valuable assistance they were rendering the lodge.

Bros. Dilcock, Houghton, Veevers, and Pedersen responded.

Other toasts followed, which were wound up by Bro. Latham responding on behalf of "All Poor and Distressed Brethren."

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by selections of music and songs, ably rendered by Bros. Smart, Cowell, Williams, Prince, Reece, and Handford, 823, under the direction of Bro. Haydn P. Cowell, Organist.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Winter, P.P.G. Stwd. Among those present were Bros. John W. Browne, P.G.P., I.P.M.; W. N. Cooper, S.W.; Arthur King, P.P.G. Stwd., J.W.; Thomas Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acting S.D.; W. F. Stratford, J.D.; George Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; Arthur J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P., Organist; H. J. Howard, I.G.; W. Murrell, Tyler; S. R. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Rosling, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. G. Holmes, H. Newhouse, J. J. Youngs, W. Tipping, and George E. Theobald. Among the visitors were Bros. Charles Connell, W.M., J. B. Budgman, P.M., P.P.G.R., C. F. Bond, and J. Womersley, all of 93; J. Price, 201; R. N. Canova and J. Hyde, P.P.G. Stwd., of 213; James Berry, 838; H. A. Pepper, 943; and A. Bullard, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., 1500.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. H. Rosling, in a masterly manner, gave the lecture on the Second tracing board. "Hearty good wishes" being given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and acknowledged.

RIPLEY.—Okeover Lodge (No. 1324).—The installation of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Town Hall Market Place, when upwards of 50 brethren were present, including Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.J.W. England, D.P.G.M. Derbyshire, and several other Provincial Officers. The ceremony of installing Bro. Douglas Upton as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed by Bro. George Day, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Henry Lomas, I.P.M.; John Henry Day, S.W.; Frederick Channer Corfield, J.W.; Rev. H. F. Goffe, Chap.; T. Allen, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; W. H. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Josh. Cook, S.D.; John Tealby, J.D.; Frank Allfrey, D.C.; William Sutton, Org.; John Henry Lomas and Thos. Farnsworth, Stwds.; William Oakland, I.G.; and John Storer, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, when the customary banquet took place. The newly-installed W.M. was supported on his right by the R.W.D.G.M., Bros. H. C. Okeover, F. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; F. Campion, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas

Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; and other distinguished provincial brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to, when, after spending a very enjoyable evening, the brethren separated.

LIVERPOOL.—Emulation Lodge (No. 1505).—A large gathering of Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult., to witness the installation of Bro. Walter Burnett, the S.W., and the W.M. elect being a well-known professional brother, the musical arrangements were carried out with unusual attention to detail and effect. At the opening of the lodge the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Foulkes, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Parr, P.M.; H. H. Smith, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. F. Callow, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; W. Burnett, S.W.; Albert H. Hallwood, J.W.; R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas., P.M., Treas.; W. B. Sweetman, S.D.; J. G. Hallwood, J.D.; John Wort, I.G.; W. M'Ganley and Isaac Lowery, Stewards; Wm. Burnett, Org.; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. There was a large attendance of visitors.

The preliminary business of the lodge having been disposed of, Bro. Burnett was presented for installation by Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., and R. Foote, P.M., P.P.G.T., after which the ceremony of installing Bro. W. Burnett was efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. W. Foulkes, the retiring W.M. The installation ceremony being completed, Bro. Burnett invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Foulkes, I.P.M.; Albert H. Hallwood, S.W.; W. Sweetman, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C., Chap.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T., Treas.; J. G. Hallwood, Sec.; John Wortley, S.D.; W. M'Ganley, J.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T., D.C.; Wm. Burnett, Org.; J. Cross, I.G.; and T. Hoskins and W. Dickinson, Stewards. Before the lodge was closed, the retiring W.M., Bro. Foulkes, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel.

Subsequently the brethren banqueted in the dining room, and a most enjoyable musical entertainment was given by Bros. D. J. Davies, 1675; D. Williams, 2042; W. Quail, 2042; J. T. Jones, 1675; W. Lewis, 2042; J. A. Muir, 2042; R. N. Hobart, 2042; and J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O. The latter brother had charge of the musical arrangements.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—A large number of brethren assembled at the Railway Hotel on Saturday, the 6th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Isaac Dixon as W.M. The chair was taken by Bro. T. I. Bird, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. Dixon, P.P.G.P. Middx., S.W.; R. H. Dillon, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx., Treas.; J. Mason, P.M., P.G.S.D. Middx., Sec.; S. J. Millin, S.D.; W. A. Brown, J.D.; J. Webster, I.G.; H. T. Cooper, D.C.; R. Fennell, P.M.; and a numerous attendance of brethren, including Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., Dep. P.G.M. Middx.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middx.; W. H. Lee, P.G.A. Sec. Middx.; J. Wilson, P.M. 209, P.P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; T. H. Ryall, 329; N. Turner, P.M. 72; S. J. Potts, 192; G. Powell, P.M. 1185; H. J. Pallatt, 1194; J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554; W. Horton, 1790; W. Hennell, P.M. 103; W. Iron, P.M. 1579, Prov. G. Stwd. Middx.; J. Bayne, 1897; W. Martin, I.P.M. 879; W. Martell, 209; A. W. Guttrell, 1603; G. H. Foan, 1614; J. Osborn, P.M. 1602, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; J. McLaren, W.M. 1805; E. W. Lingen, 1563; W. G. Reynolds, P.M. 1441; G. Marston, 1604; R. G. Norman, P.M. 125; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the October meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Peachey and Lodge were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Isaac Dixon, P.P.G. Purst. Middx., was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. T. I. Bird, who carried out his duties as Installing Master in a most impressive manner, calling forth the highest commendations from all present. Bro. Dixon, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. I. Bird, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., I.P.M.; R. H. Dillon, S.W.; S. J. Millin, J.W.; J. H. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Middx., Treas.; J. Mason, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middx., Sec.; W. A. Brown, S.D.; H. T. Cooper, J.D.; A. Bevis, I.G.; T. W. Tharle, D.C.; G. Skudder, A.D.C.; E. T. Taylor and W. J. Brougham, Stwds.; H. Branch, Org.; and R. Potter, Tyler. The usual addresses were then very effectively delivered by Bro. T. I. Bird, I.P.M. The Secretary then read letters of regret from several brethren unavoidably absent, after which the petition of a distressed brother was recommended to the Board of Benevolence. Bro. J. Dixon, W.M., then presented Bro. Bird with the Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London) voted by the lodge, and observed that it afforded him very great pleasure to be enabled to make the presentation. It would be unnecessary for him to speak of the excellent manner in which Bro. Bird had carried out his work, but he wished to take that opportunity of assuring that brother of the esteem in which he is regarded by the brethren. He trusted Bro. Bird would be spared for many years to wear the jewel, and assist the lodge by his counsel and advice.

Bro. Bird, I.P.M., then said he desired to return his sincere thanks for the jewel that had been presented to him, and which would serve to link him more closely with the Elliot Lodge. He thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had used, and also the brethren for their mark of esteem and regard.

Bro. Dixon, W.M., then performed another very pleasing duty, which was to present the I.P.M. with his portrait, admirably executed in crayons by the energetic Secretary, Bro. J. Mason. It was an excellent and striking likeness of Bro. Bird, and the W.M. in presenting it trusted it would serve to remind that brother of a pleasant year of office. Bro. Bird acknowledged the compliment, which he said was altogether a surprise, and thanked the brethren for this further mark of their favour.

The account for the last lodge ball was received, showing a balance of £8 14s., which it was agreed should be augmented to £10 10s. and presented to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A further sum of ten guineas was subsequently voted to the same Institution, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who intends serving as Steward. It was unanimously resolved that a third annual ball should be held, and the managing Committee was re-appointed. Bro. J. Mason, Secretary, then proposed his son as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting, which was warmly

seconded by Bro. Bird, amidst applause from the brethren. There being no further business for transaction, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment was made to the banquet, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In presenting the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—the Worshipful Master remarked that, as it was always received with cordiality, his remarks would be brief. He was very glad to see her Majesty taking a most active part in public affairs, and also to observe the great concern she evinces in Colonial matters. The interest she also takes in our Order was well known to them all, and he should therefore ask them to heartily receive the toast.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next given by the Worshipful Master, who commented upon the zeal displayed by his Royal Highness in all work he undertook. He was equally zealous in all his duties connected with the Craft, in which he evinces so great an interest.

"The Grand Officers" was next warmly received; the Worshipful Master, in proposing it, referred to the hard work carried out efficiently by that distinguished body.

"The Prov. Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett; the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," was then honoured. Bro. Dixon, W.M., said he regretted very much that Sir Francis Burdett was unable to be present. He had received a letter from him expressing his regret at his inability to attend, and the brethren would be pleased to hear their esteemed Prov. G.M. was enjoying good health. In conclusion, the W.M. said they would all be sorry that their Deputy Prov. G.M. had been obliged to leave; but he would ask Bro. W. H. Lee, Asst. Prov. G. Sec., to respond for the able body of Prov. Grand Officers.

Bro. W. H. Lee, Asst. Prov. G. Sec. Middx., in reply, said the toast to which he had been asked to respond was a very comprehensive one. With reference to Sir Francis Burdett, he did not think very much need be said, for they all knew him as a very worthy and distinguished Prov. G. Master. He took a great interest in Freemasonry, especially in the Province of Middlesex, and visited the various lodges in the district over which he presided as often as he possibly could. He was a brother that was highly esteemed wherever his name was mentioned. With regard to the Dep. Prov. G.M., he (Bro. Lee) was very sorry he had been obliged to leave, as he would have ably responded to that toast. Bro. Raymond Thrupp was also highly respected, and there was not a lodge in the province that he did not visit at least once during the year. He now came to the latter part of the toast—the rest of the Prov. G. Officers. They were so numerous a body that it would be impossible to mention them except in general terms. They had been selected by the Prov. G.M., and fairly represented the lodges to which they belonged, reflecting the highest credit on him for the selection. It had been a source of very great pleasure to him to visit them on that occasion and to witness the excellent working by their highly esteemed P.M., Bro. Bird. It had been his privilege to be associated with Bro. Bird in another lodge in the province; he therefore knew full well the admirable manner in which that brother performed his duties. The way in which he had worked the Third Degree must commend itself to all brethren who were interested in the effective rendering of the ritual. As regarded the installation ceremony, he had never seen it worked better, and it not only reflected credit on Bro. Bird, but also on the lodge. He wished the newly-installed W.M. a happy year of office, and sincerely thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded the toast.

"The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. Bird, I.P.M., who said that, in accordance with time-honoured custom, the gavel had been entrusted to him to propose the health of their W.M. Bro. Dixon was an initiate of that lodge and had won the esteem and affection of all the brethren. They were all heartily pleased to see him in the highest position in which it was the power of the lodge to place him. The brethren would all join with him in wishing their W.M. a prosperous year of office, and he trusted he would leave the chair with even greater regard than he was held in at the present time. He asked them to drink heartily to the good health, long life, and prosperity of Bro. Dixon, W.M.

Bro. Isaac Dixon, W.M., P.P.G. Purst. Middx., begged to return his sincere thanks for the manner in which Bro. Bird had proposed his health, and the brethren for the way it had been received. He was fully aware of the responsibilities he had undertaken in accepting the office of W.M., but he would make a faithful attempt to carry them out to the satisfaction of the brethren and the credit of the lodge. He trusted at the end of his year to leave the lodge in as sound condition, both financially and Masonically, as he had found it. He again thanked them for their kindness, and relied upon their support during his term of office. Before he resumed his seat he would ask them to receive the next toast, which was that of "The Installing Master." It was not for him to comment upon the admirable manner in which Bro. Bird had performed the installation ceremony, for he was capable of carrying out any duty, and was always willing to render any assistance in his power. He was personally indebted to Bro. Bird for many valuable hints, and for many acts of kindness of which he had been the recipient. He earnestly hoped he would live long to adorn the lodge and be present at their meetings.

Bro. T. I. Bird, I.P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Middx., responded, and said he was gratified to hear that his endeavours to satisfactorily work the installation ceremony had met with the approval of the brethren, as it was but the second time that he had been privileged to perform it. He had carefully studied that impressive ceremony for some time past, as he considered it deserved the utmost attention, and as he wished to instal his successor in a manner not only satisfactory to the brethren, but which would be a credit to the lodge. The beautiful ceremonies of the Order were all deserving of the utmost care, and there was not a part, however small, taken by any brother that was not worthy of the most careful attention. He was proud to have heard from the W.M. words which had gone deep into his heart, and which would remain there and amply repay him for any trouble he had taken. It was always a labour of love to do anything for the lodge, and he sincerely re-echoed the wish expressed by the W.M. that he might be spared for many years to be among them. As a Mason he was naturally very proud of having been through the chair of his mother lodge. The brethren had, one and all, been very good to him during his year of office, and he heartily thanked them for the support he had received. He had now upon his collar the jewel voted by the lodge, and he could assure them that wherever Masonic clothing could

be worn that jewel would have an honoured place. He should always look back upon his year of office with feelings of pleasure, and from the bottom of his heart he thanked them for the kind sentiments expressed towards him.

Bro. J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554, replied for "The Masonic Institutions," and said they were deserving of the sympathy and support of the brethren. That was especially true of the Institution for Aged Freemasons, which the W.M. generously intended to benefit by serving as Steward at the next festival. He earnestly appealed to the brethren to substantially support their W.M., and thus help to make her Majesty's jubilee year a memorable one in connection with the Charitable Institutions.

Bro. W. Martin, I.P.M. 879, in replying for "The Visitors," said that, as his name had been coupled with the toast, he returned hearty thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren for the hospitality they had received. It had afforded him great pleasure to be present and see the excellent working, and he hoped to be there again a year hence and see the W.M. instal his successor.

"The Officers" was proposed by Bro. J. Mason, who remarked that it was of the utmost importance that the lodge should have good officers. He fully believed that the brethren who had been invested with collars that evening meant to do their best. He hoped that at the next meeting of the lodge in the spring he should find them alive and well and ready to make a good start.

Bro. R. H. Dillon, S.W., having responded, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A special feature of the evening was the novel form of the menu. It was printed in exact imitation of an horticultural catalogue, the menu and toasts being subdivided into lots, with appropriate remarks under each of the toasts, in an horticultural strain. This production of the fertile brain of the worthy Secretary afforded much amusement, and reflected great credit on the wit and ingenuity of the compiler.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviour-gate. In expectation of numerous visitors from a distance the supper room had been prepared, and light refreshments were in readiness for the guests. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. T. B. Turner, and the following officers: Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., as I.P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; James Hay, Sec.; S. J. Dalton, S.D.; W. Lackenby, J.D.; W. Storey, Stwd.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; and a large number of members and visitors. The first business was a ballot for a candidate, after which the W.M., Bro. Turner, said that before vacating the chair he desired to make a presentation to the lodge in the shape of a carved oak front and spotted metal open diapasm pipes for the organ, which was in course of construction for the lodge. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whythead, who appointed Bros. J. T. Sellar, P.M., as S.W.; and G. Balmford, P.M., as J.W. The outgoing W.M., Bro. Turner, presented Bro. Wm. Brown, the W.M. elect, and the installation ceremony was proceeded with and conducted to its conclusion, the following officers being appointed: Bros. Wm. B. Dyson, S.W.; S. J. Dalton, J.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; G. Lamb, J.D.; Rev. R. Blakeney, M.A., Chap.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; C. G. Padel, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; W. Storey, I.G.; J. H. Shonksmith, P. Pearson, and J. D. Irving, Stwds.

Bro. Whythead then, on behalf of Bro. Jas. Crichton and Bro. Dr. Dickson, of Edinburgh, presented to the lodge library a beautiful emblematically-bound copy of Bro. M. Lyon's "History of Freemasonry in Scotland," and Bro. Turner, I.P.M., presented a handsome clock, with emblematically-carved oak case, for the smoke room, and votes of thanks were accorded for these gifts, as well as to the I.P.M. for his splendid presentation in connection with the organ.

Bro. Whythead moved a vote of condolence to be forwarded to Bro. Mennell on the loss of his son, also a member of the lodge, who had died at the early age of 21 years, having only just been made a Master Mason in the Eboracum Lodge. The name of a candidate was proposed, and the lodge was closed, after which an adjournment was made to the De Grey Rooms, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Halliwell, and at which nearly 70 brethren sat down.

In addition to the names above mentioned, there were present the following brethren: Bros. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap.; T. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. of West Yorks; Sir F. Milner, P.M. 1611, P.P.C.S.W.; F. Smith, P.M. 837; J. Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304; J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; R. Craig, P.M. 304, P.P.G.D.; J. W. Bailey, P.M. 304; B. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1991; C. Palliser, P.M. 1337, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1991, Prov. G.A. D.C.; G. Taylor, P.M. 129, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Marshall, P.M. 660, P.P.G.R.; J. D. Dodsworth, P.M. 660; J. B. Nicholls, W.M. 660; J. Starkey, 1611; G. Shepherd, 1611; J. D. Spetch, 1611; W. H. A. Coates, 1611; T. Horsley, 1611; J. E. Wilkinson, 1611; B. Brown, 1611; D. Grant, 10 (I.C.); A. Haig, 448; T. Harding, 1991; J. T. Davies, 521; C. Goldthorpe, 242; H. Allison, 1001; T. Archey, 236; H. Scott, 236; E. W. Purnell, 236; W. Smith, 236; A. M. White, 1991; J. Brownfoot, 304; and others.

During the evening several telegrams and letters of apology were read from brethren unable to be present, including Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M.; Rev. Canon Tristram, R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec. Durham; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W.; G. P. Brockbank, J. Terry (Lord Mayor of York); M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; C. Fendelow, and others.

There was some excellent singing, which was contributed by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, W. B. Dyson, H. Allison, and others, and the speaking was remarkably good, notably the response of the Dean of York to the toast of "The Grand Lodge of England."

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Rose and Crown Hotel on the 8th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. F. Chandler, W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Middx.; S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acting J.W.; the Rev. C. D'Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M., Treasurer;

Peat, Secretary; Drummond, J.D.; Darc, D.C.; Sapsworth and Grant, Stwds.; Piller, I.P.M.; Featherstone, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M.; Richer, Spooner, Smith and others. Bro. Page, P.M., 1475, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Permanent Committee, as to the revision of by-laws, was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The by-laws were then finally approved. The ballot having been unanimously taken on behalf of Bro. Page, P.M. 1475, as a joining member, a vote of condolence was passed "nem. con." with widow and family of the late Bro. Henry Handell, J.W. Several minor matters having been discussed, and a proposition for initiation at next meeting handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment.

The W.M. gave a few toasts with commendable brevity, which were duly honoured, and the proceedings terminated.

BRIGHTON.—Atingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—On Friday, the 22nd ult., the annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion. There was a large attendance of brethren. The honour of W.M. for the ensuing year was conferred upon Bro. T. Berry, S.W., who was inducted by Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth, the retiring W.M. The following are the officers: Bros. R. Pearce, S.W.; H. Ancombe, J.W.; J. Billingham, Sec.; M. Leleu, S.D.; W. C. Newsome, J.D.; H. Stair, D.C.; J. B. Macfarlane, I.G.; H. Hart and W. Thornton, Stewards; O. Embling, Org.; and T. Hughes, Tyler. Bro. T. Berry was also appointed Steward on the Charities' Committee and representative of the lodge on the Masonic Rooms' Committee. Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth was presented with a P.M.'s gold jewel, in appreciation of his services during the past year. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M.

WADEBRIDGE.—Molesworth Lodge (No. 1954).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday evening, the 1st inst. After the labours of the lodge, the brethren were entertained at supper by Bro. Sholto H. Hare, at Bro. Bonney's, Commercial Hotel. Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. Doney, P.M., and Ferry, S.W., of Restormel Lodge. After the usual Masonic toasts, Bro. Hare, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Doney with an oak writing case as a token of esteem, for having on many occasions come from a great distance to help the lodge. Bro. Doney suitably acknowledged the gift. Bro. Bonney was complimented for his catering, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the new Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. John Heppell, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M., Bro. M. J. Wheatley, presided at the opening of the lodge, and was supported by Bros. W. Ross, I.P.M.; T. Coulson, P.P.G.D.; W. Davidson, P.G.S.B.; A. E. Cowling, W.M. 240; G. Robson, P.G. S.B.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Athey, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. W. C. Harris, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Armstrong, P.G.D.D.C.; J. M. Winter, W.M. 1863; T. Renton, P.M. 1119; D. Sinclair, P.P.G. A.D.C.; T. G. Garrick, W.M. 94; John Todd, W.M. 1273; J. Wetherall, S.W. 531; and J. A. Hall, S.W. 240.

After the ordinary business of the lodge, the W.M. elect, Bro. John Heppell, was presented for installation by Bro. M. J. Wheatley, W.M., to the installing Master, Bro. Walter Ross, P.M., by whom the ceremony was performed. Bro. Heppell then invested Bro. M. J. Wheatley as I.P.M., and afterwards the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. P. W. Hopper, S.W.; W. Woolner, J.W.; T. Coulson, P.M., Treasurer (elected); T. D. Marshall, Secretary; Rev. W. C. Harris, Chaplain; J. T. Ross, S.D.; J. H. Penney, J.D.; J. J. Athey, P.M., D.C.; J. Tate, Organist; G. Harland, I.G.; J. W. Henderson and E. Brown, Stewards; and T. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. afterwards presented to Bro. M. J. Wheatley, I.P.M., a handsome gold Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), suitably inscribed, and Bro. Wheatley having thanked Bro. Heppell and the brethren for their very kind expression of appreciation, the lodge was closed, and the customary banquet followed at the Golden Lion Hotel (Bro. T. Lauderdale's).

TUNSTALL.—Smith Child Lodge (No. 2064).—The installation of Bro. Samuel Watson as W.M. of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the lodge room, Town Hall, in the presence of a large attendance of brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Dain, P.M. 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Weston, P.M. 98, P.P.G.S.D.; F. G. Warburton, P.M. 1914; J. Foster, W.M. 1914; Major Meir, I.P.M. 533, 1731; W. H. Hales, P.M. 418, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Tomkinson, P.M. 451, P.P.S.D.; W. Bates, W.M. 451; J. M. Wildig, Secretary 1914; and E. Hollinshead, 553.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Pedley, the retiring W.M., Bro. Warburton giving the charge to the officers, and Bro. Dain the general address. The following officers were appointed: Bros. C. Smith, S.W.; J. E. Brown, J.W.; Rev. E. Thatcher, Chap.; Proctor, Treas.; Bainbridge, Sec.; Boulton, S.D.; Howson, J.D.; Pedley, D.C.; Earp, I.G.; Fryer and Wearing, Stwds.; and Isom, Tyler.

After the lodge had closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room at the Sneyds Arms Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided by Bro. Brown, to which nearly 40 brethren sat down. During the evening vocal and instrumental music was supplied, and the proceedings were of an enjoyable character.

HARLES DEN.—Harlesden Lodge (No. 2098).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the National Schools, when there were present Bros. Major C. Abercrombie Cooper, W.M.; A. Ball, S.W.; G. Goldney-Cary, J.W.; H. T. Reed, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Lyon, P.M., Sec.; Francis Long, S.D.; Rev. Dr. Attwood, J.D.; O. C. Robson, I.G.; Butter, Hezzledine, and Henry Cross.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. Roland Hughes was initiated, the ceremony being worked by the W.M. Two candidates having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed.

This lodge has established a meeting for the purpose of instruction, to be held on the Friday preceding the first Monday in each month. On Friday, the 29th ult., Bro. H. T. Reed, P.M., was appointed Preceptor, and Bro. W. O. Lyon, P.M., Secretary for the current year.

INSTRUCTION.

FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).—A well-attended meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Ferguson, the Preceptor, opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. Silvester (Treasurer) and Bleakley as Wardens, and a good muster of other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Ferguson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bertolle, and then worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was afterwards rehearsed, Bro. Putland acting as candidate; also the ceremony of passing, Bro. Ferguson being candidate. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).—A meeting was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, on Friday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Borrett, W.M.; W. Block, S.W.; Falkner, J.W.; Dale, S.D.; Percival, J.D.; Leng, I.G.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Sec.; Keylock, Strickland, and Walters, junr.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dale personating candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Milbourn, and the 2nd Section by Bro. Vellenoweth, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Keylock and Leng, 147, were unanimously elected members of the lodge. The dues were then collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. W. Block was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The brethren then proceeded to the annual election of Treasurer, Preceptor, and Secretary, and Bros. Dale, Milbourn, and Vellenoweth were unanimously re-appointed to those offices respectively. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. Cruttenden, W.M.; Allman, S.W.; Hardy, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont (pro tem.), Sec.; Mason, S.D.; Batty, J.D.; W. C. Williams, I.G.; Death, Stwd.; Spiegel, P.M.; Capt. Nicols, P.M.; Mulvey, Mote, Matthews, Conway, Laurence, J. H. Taylor, Laundry, Parnell, Saqui, Rossdale, Seaman, and Wadhams.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and Bro. answered the questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The W.M. explained the working tools at length. The 2nd Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Saqui, 188, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Allman was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; Thom, S.W.; Sharpe, J.W.; D. Bryce, S.D.; R. W. Fraser, J.D.; Lewis, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, Preceptor; C. J. Scates, Treas.; E. Storr, Sec.; J. Saunders, Asst. Sec.; and a good attendance of brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Scunrah having offered himself as candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Lewis having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, retired. The lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Edmonds was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. After rising for the third time, it was proposed to work the Sections in this lodge of instruction on the 22nd inst.—carried. After the W.M. had received "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The brethren then proceeded to participate in six ballots of the Moorgate Benevolent Association.

ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. Taylor, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; Bugler, S.W.; Langley, J.W.; Grundy, Sec.; Cutbill, S.D.; Gompertz, J.D.; Williams, P.M., D.C.; Garner, 795 (visitor), I.G.; Carter, P.M.; Burrows, and Recknell. Bro. Howell, 1343, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. proposed rehearsing the ceremony of passing, and Bro. Howell, offering himself as a candidate, was proved, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony was duly carried out. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture, the answers being given by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Bugler, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The officers were appointed in rotation. Bro. Bugler returned thanks, and promised to attend and work the raising ceremony. Bro. Howell made some very trite remarks on the benefit to be derived from attending a lodge of instruction, which called forth a strong exhortation to regular attendance from the W.M. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Holmes, W.M.; Coughlan, P.M., S.W.; Baddley, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Musson, Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Luckhurst, J.D.; Jackson, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Brindley, P.M.; Adams, Houlton, Smales, Salter, Jardine, G. E. Saunders, and Arduino.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gibson, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Smales, having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Brindley was duly raised to the Degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history. The W.M. resumed the chair. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously directed to be recorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. Coughlan, P.M. 144, was unanimously elected an honorary member for past services rendered to the Craft in general and this lodge in particular. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. Henry Crookes, W.M.; H. Sammons, S.W.; Charles Lambert, J.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.D.; F. Kedge, J.D.; F. Dusterwald, J.G.; E. C. Mulvey, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Winnett, G. J. Pellatt, C. A. Lter, E. Chamberlain, J. H. Watts, F. M. Noakes, W. A. Dowling, W. F. Thorpe, W. Bellamy, E. Mills, W. Culverhouse, Frank Gulliford, L. Gunzell, Cecil Howard, E. Farwig, A. Clark, James Watts, Edward Nice, and W. Brindley.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture, Bro. L. Gunzell offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. C. Lter having offered

himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. E. C. Mulvey proposed that Bro. H. 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.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Wade, P.M., W.M.; Coleman, S.W.; Gibson, P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Harvey, P.M., S.D.; Arnold, J.D.; Roberts, I.G.; Green, P.M.; Abbott, Taylor, Mann, Clarkson, Nice, Cope, 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. Abbott being the candidate. Bro. Abbott, an E.A., answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired; Bro. Mann was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Mann being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Featherstone, 675, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Coleman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting of the Charitable Association was afterwards held, which proved favourable to Bro. Green.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Williams, W.M.; Wood, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; M. Speigel, P.M., Sec.; Cochrane, P.M., S.D.; Cross, J.D.; Whittle, I.G.; Taylor, P.M., 349 (S.C.); Sims, P.M.; Cavers, Craggs, Lindfield, Head, Burwood, and Stonhill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Craggs, offering himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wood, who rehearsed the investment of officers. Bro. Wood, S.W., was elected W.M. for next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

BRINGTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Prince Regent, Dulwich, road, Herne Hill, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., when the brethren assembled in goodly numbers to support Bro. E. A. Francis, Preceptor, who occupied the chair. There were present Bros. W. Boyce, S.W.; W. Rowe, J.W.; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; Geo. R. Langley, Sec.; W. Loney, S.D.; Newland, J.D.; S. Richardson, I.G.; Jas. Stevens, G. C. Banks, F. Hill, Buckley, J. Hicks, A. E. Albert, G. Monk, H. Hooper, W. Burridge, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual able and impressive manner, Bro. Burridge acting as candidate. The following brethren were unanimously elected members: Bros. Johnson and Oliver, of 183; and Watkins and Mills, of 1949. It was announced that on the first Tuesday in December Bro. Watts, P.M. 507, P.Z. 720, would work the ceremony of installation in its entirety. It is anticipated that a large Board of Installed Masters will be formed, and that the same will be opened and closed in due form, a part of the ceremony that is seldom carried out. "Hearty good wishes" having been given and received, the lodge was closed.

The monthly meeting of the Benevolent Association was then held under the presidency of Bro. Francis, and the Treasurer having reported a balance in hand of over £3, a ballot was taken for the sum of £5 5s. to be paid into one of the Masonic Institutions. Although this Association has not been in existence four years, it has forwarded upwards of 500 guineas to the various Institutions, collected by payments at the rate of one shilling per share per week, and the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Hooper, may certainly be congratulated upon the splendid results of his labours, for the success of the Association is mainly due to his exertions, which are ably seconded by the members generally of the lodge of instruction.

After this meeting was closed, the brethren spent a pleasant hour together, which was interspersed by songs from Bros. Phillips, Stevens, Monk, and Richardson.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Present: Bros. V. Wing, W.M.; C. B. Corston, P.M., S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; Sims, acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; W. Dowling, S.D.; W. Williams, J.D.; W. G. Coat, I.G.; Worth, Fruen, Bower, Thomas, A. Gammell, Wimpey, Osborn, D. Stroud, A. De Graco, J. Brown, Steers, and J. H. Wood. Bro. Isaacs was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomas offering himself as candidate, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in his usual excellent manner. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Gardner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. A. Gammell, offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Gardner rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a very satisfactory manner, Bro. Gammell candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Gammell, offering himself as a candidate, was examined, and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gammell candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Secretary was unanimously requested to write expressing sympathy with Bro. E. Gilbert, the worthy host, and Bro. Purdue, P.M., in their serious illnesses. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).—The installation convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 5th inst. Among those present were Comps. W. H. Marston, P.Z.; J. S. Brown, J. Weaver, P.Z.; J. Collinson, J. W. Fisher, Thos. Gates, R. Larchin, W. Lane, J. W. Cuff, P.Z.; H. Higgins, P.Z.; H. Dehane, G. H. Thompson, J. C. Tilt, H. Brocklehurst, F. Guanzeroli, and G. T. Holdom, J. 820.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. Marston was then inducted into the chair for the second year, and afterwards installed Comp. J. S. Brown as Second Principal, and Comp. Higgins installed Comp. J. Collinson into the third chair. The officers invested were Comps. J. W. Fisher, S.N.; J. Weaver, P.Z., S.E.; T. Kingston, Treas.; Thomas Gates, P.S.; R. Larchin, 1st A.S.; H. Dehane, 2nd A.S.; and W. Lane, Janitor. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given the chapter was closed, and the companion adjourned to banquet, after which the usual Royal and Grand Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of Comp. Marston, M.E.Z.," was proposed by Comp. Cuff in eulogistic terms, who said that it was owing greatly to his good working and exertions the chapter was in so prosperous a position as it was, and to

mark the high esteem he was held in he had a great amount of pleasure in presenting him with the handsome jewel of the chapter, and he hoped he would live long to wear it and be amongst them.

Comp. Marston, in acknowledging the toast and present, said he had always held the interests of the chapter as very dear to him, and never let an opportunity of furthering its interests pass, but did his best. Receiving such a token of esteem from them as he had that evening he could scarcely find words to express his feelings. He did not look upon that handsome jewel for its intrinsic value, but as a mark of the good feelings entertained for him, he should always treasure it, and would hand it down to his family as an heirloom to be, he hoped, treasured by them, and concluded by again returning his sincere thanks to them all for their kindness; he then proposed "The Health of the First and Second Principals," remarking as to their sterling worth as Royal Arch Masons, and hoped to see them in due course holding the proud position he now did, and he was sure both Comps. Brown and Collinson from their well-known abilities and knowledge of the Royal Arch ritual would give every satisfaction.

Comps. Brown and Collinson replied to the toast, both promising to carry out the duties to the best of their abilities.

"The P.Z.'s" toast was received very heartily, as were those of "The S.E. and Treasurer," who were both founders of the chapters, and had attended almost every meeting from its commencement.

The toast of "The Visitor" was then proposed.

Comp. Holdom replied, stating he was extremely satisfied with the work and the hospitality that had been extended to him.

The junior officers all replied in suitable terms, and trusted that which the M.E.Z. had said of them would be justified as it was fully their intention to do all they could to promote the welfare of the chapter.

The Janitor's toast was given after that of the lay members.

The enjoyment of the evening was much added to by the singing of Comps. Marston, Collinson, Thompson, and Gates; Comp. Brocklehurst giving a recitation which called forth much applause.

ENFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1237).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Court House on Monday, the 25th ult., when there were present Comps. James Garrod, M.E.Z., Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx.; E. G. Lewis, H.; W. M. Tegg, J.; and the other officers; P.Z.'s Comps. Clements, Linzell, Postans, and Adams; J. Very, Janitor; Comps. Messenger, Dance, Shelton, Eastwood, Jennings, J. Smith, Parsons, Handley, Maller, and May. Visitor: Comp. Sheffield.

The chapter having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last convocation confirmed, the installation of the Principals was proceeded with as follows: Comps. E. G. Lewis, M.E.Z.; W. M. Tegg, H.; and A. Bryant, J. The other officers then invested were Comps. H. J. Adams, P.Z., S.E.; A. G. Fidler, S.N.; J. D. Birkin, P.S.; S. Parsons, 1st A.S.; F. Shelton, 2nd A.S.; and J. Very, Janitor. The investment of the Treasurer, Comp. J. R. Rignall, was deferred, he being unavoidably absent. Bros. Cate and Tilley, who had both been unanimously elected, were then duly exalted to this Sublime Degree by the new M.E.Z. in a very able manner. Several brethren were proposed for exaltation, and, after some routine business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the George Hotel, where the host, Comp. Mathison, had provided an excellent banquet, to which ample justice was done.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The I.P.Z., Comp. Garrod, having been called upon to respond for "The Provincial Grand Officers," thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He felt it an honour to have been selected by the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Sir Francis Burdett, to receive a collar in the Province of Middlesex, and he considered the honour was greater in being the present representative of that chapter in the Prov. Grand Chapter.

Comp. Adams, who proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said the chapter had had some excellent workers in the chair, which he considered very fortunate, and in the present First Principal they had not only a good M.E.Z., but a good worker, and he felt sure that, with good working and good friendship, the chapter must prosper, but the particular toast he had to offer for their acceptance was the health of the M.E.Z., which he did with great pleasure.

The M.E.Z. thanked the companions for responding so heartily to the toast which Comp. Adams had proposed in such felicitous terms. He (the M.E.Z.) had always received the greatest kindness, and spent many happy times in the chapter, but the climax had been brought about that evening, not only by being installed in the first chair, but in being enabled to say they were out of debt. During the past year they had reason to regret the loss of Comp. Thomas Jones, and although this was a festive occasion he could not help mentioning the deep concern they all felt in losing so genial and respected a companion, remarking that they were all sojourners here, and on the journey to that happy land which he hoped they would all reach, and concluded by thanking the companions for their kindness in drinking his health.

The next toast was "The Visitor." The M.E.Z. regretted that several distinguished visitors whom he had expected to see there were unavoidably absent, but there was one present, Comp. Sheffield, who took an active part in chapters of improvement, and was likewise a most energetic Royal Arch Mason. He bade him a hearty welcome, and had much pleasure in asking the companions to drink his health.

Comp. Sheffield, in reply, thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for their kind reception of his name, and for the hospitable manner in which he had been entertained, and trusted that would not be his last visit to the Enfield Chapter.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Health of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter," which he considered one of the most important toasts that evening, and mentioned the names of Comps. Adams, Linzell, Postans, Clements, and Garrod, who were present that evening, all of whom had very ably carried out the duties of the chair during their respective years of office, and took a great interest in the affairs and

welfare of the chapter. In connection with this toast he had a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.Z., Comp. Garrod, with the P.Z. jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the members of the chapter for the very able and courteous manner in which he had presided over them during the past year. Indeed, he (the M.E.Z.) felt somewhat diffident in succeeding in the chair a companion who had so ably discharged the duties of that office, and he trusted that Comp. Garrod would live long to wear the jewel which he had now the honour to place on his breast, and which he had so well deserved.

Comp. Garrod thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for so kindly drinking his health, and for the handsome jewel which had just been presented to him, and which he should highly prize as long as he lived. As regards the humble endeavours that he made to discharge his duties and promote the welfare of the chapter during the past year, he could only say he was doubly repaid by that expression of their esteem.

In proposing the next toast, "The Exaltees, Comps. Cate and Tilley," the M.E.Z. said they were all very comfortable in the chapter together, but they liked to admit new blood, which was very necessary for keeping up the strength of the chapter. In Comp. Cate they had an excellent Mason, and from whom they might expect great things in harmony at their board. Comp. Tilley also came there with excellent recommendations. In case of fire he (the M.E.Z.) was told they might be extinguished, but that they did not want want, but rather desired the fire latent and otherwise to be developed.

Comps. Cate and Tilley suitably responded, and expressed their thanks for the hearty welcome they had received on their admission as members of that chapter.

The M.E.Z. then gave the toast of "The Officers," and said he might congratulate himself on having such a good staff of officers, all of whom had so well supported him that evening, with this toast he would couple the names of Comps. Adams, S.E., and Birkin, P.S. The assistance Comp. Adams rendered to the chapter as permanent Scribe E. was invaluable, and he trusted they might claim his services for many years. Comp. Birkin had also discharged the duties of his office for the first time in a manner that was highly creditable, as likewise Comp. Fidler, the S.N., had carried out his duties in an equally satisfactory manner. The other officers he had no doubt would render good service to the chapter.

Comps. Adams and Birkin replied on behalf of the officers, both expressing their desire together with the other officers to assist the M.E.Z. in promoting the welfare of the chapter.

The Janitor's toast brought to a conclusion a very pleasant gathering, the enjoyment being greatly enhanced by some excellent singing, and the efficient services rendered by Comp. Cate as accompanist.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—The first meeting of the season of this distinguished chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday, the 4th inst. There was a full attendance of P.Z.'s to assist Comp. J. Terry to install Comp. B. Fullwood into the chair of Z.; Comp. T. Minstrell, as H.; and Comp. J. C. Smith, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. Willing, Treas.; W. M. Stiles, S.E.; T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; G. W. Knight, P.S.; H. Dickey, 1st A.S.; R. W. Fraser, 2nd A.S.; G. Mordey and M. Little, Stewards; and R. Whiting, Janitor. The M.E.Z., in pinning a very handsome jewel upon the collar of the I.P.Z., Comp. Side, said he hoped he would live long to wear it. In reply, the I.P.Z. said he thanked the M.E.Z. and companions for having voted him the jewel, and when he looked at it it would remind him of the very pleasant year of office he had enjoyed. The ballot having proved unanimous to exalt Bros. J. Bruton, S.D. 1507, J. Hemming, S.D. 1287; and T. E. Bathard, I.P.M. 1287, the ceremony was proceeded with, and they were impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The Auditor's report was then brought forward, and Comp. C. J. Knightley having read the same to the companions, it was unanimously adopted, the chapter showing a slight increase since the last audit.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given from the many visitors, the chapter was closed. The companions afterwards adjourned to the Pillar Room, where an excellent repast awaited them, being personally superintended by Comp. Clewov.

After the cloth was cleared, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," the National Anthem being sung by Comp. Tubby and the companions with marked effect.

The next toast was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., G. First Principal," the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Principal; and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," following.

The I.P.Z. then gave "The Health of the M.E.Z.," who, he said, during the evening had shown to them that he was one whom the companions could place their trust in from the manner he had exalted the three companions and carried out his duties.

The M.E.Z., in replying to the toast, thanked the I.P.Z. and companions for the hearty way in which his health had been proposed and received. He would do all he possibly could for the prosperity of the chapter. He came among them as a stranger some few years ago, and, although a P.Z. of another chapter in the provinces, the companions of this had always shown him the greatest courtesy.

The toast of "The H. and J." having been given by the M.E.Z., the companions gave it a very hearty welcome.

Comp. Minstrell, H., thanked the companions for the way his health had been drunk.

Comp. J. C. Smith, J., in replying to the hearty way in which the companions had received the toast of his health, said he had gone through the different offices of the chapter, as they all knew, and he was proud of the high position he now held, and should work hard to make himself proficient for higher duties. He most sincerely thanked them one and all.

The toast of "The I.P.Z., the P.Z.'s, and the Installing Principal," was then given by the M.E.Z., which was very enthusiastically drunk by the companions.

Comp. Terry, in alluding to the Charities, said the Benevolent Institution was very much in want of funds, there being 130 applicants on the list. He hoped a companion would be found to represent the chapter.—(The M.E.Z. then arose, and said he should be pleased to repre-

sent the chapter at the next Festival.)—Comp. Terry, in his usual affable manner, thanked the M.E.Z., and was sure the companions would send him up with a good round sum.

Comps. Ferguson, W. M. Stiles, C. W. Hudson, and W. Side also replied.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Exaltees," which was very heartily drunk, each of them being so well known in Craft Masonry.

After the Exaltees had replied, the M.E.Z. gave the toast of "The Visitors," who came in for a very hearty reception.

After the visitors had responded, "The Health of the Officers" was proposed.

Comps. T. C. Edmonds, S.N.; G. W. Knight, P.S.; and others replied.

The Janitor's toast brought this most pleasant and successful meeting to a close. Comp. Day, a visitor, presided at the pianoforte, and several companions gave recitations and songs.

STONEHOUSE.—Brunswick Chapter (No. 159).—The annual meeting took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., in the Ebrington Masonic Temple. Two candidates were exalted, the ceremony being performed by Comps. C. A. Nicholson, Z., and R. Lavers, P.Z. 202. The Principals elect were then installed, viz.: Comps. J. B. Cobledick, as Z.; H. Mortimore, H.; and A. R. Lethbridge, P.Z., J., Comps. James Gidley, P.Z. 1205, 2025, and R. Lavers, P.Z. 202, being the Installing Officers. The following officers were invested: Comps. C. A. Nicholson, I.P.Z.; J. H. Stephens, S.E.; T. Geach, S.N.; W. H. Williams, P.S.; R. Hurrell, 1st A.S.; W. G. Hodge, 2nd A.S.; C. A. Nicholson, Treasurer; N. Radmore, D.C.; F. J. Price, Org.; C. Marshall, Stwd.; and James Bartlett, Tyler.

In the evening a numerous party of members and visiting companions dined together at Comp. Sutton's Imperial Hotel.

TRURO.—Royal Cornubian Chapter (No. 331).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Hall of Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331. Among those present were Comps. Thomas Hicks, M.E.Z.; W. Simmons, H.; C. Bryant, J.; E. F. Whitley, S.E.; J. Teague, S.N.; G. H. B. Reed, P.S.; J. H. Ferris, Treas.; J. J. Hawken, P.Z.; E. D. Anderton, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; S. Harvey, P.P.S.; and G. H. Chilcott. Visitors: Comps. J. M. Carne, P.S. 75, and E. Edwards.

The chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. H. W. Hockin, Org. 331, and C. Kent, S.W. 699. This proving unanimous, they were admitted and duly exalted to the R.A. Degree. Comp. W. Simmons, Comp. C. Bryant, and Comp. G. H. B. Reed were then duly installed in the various chairs of Z., H., and J., this ceremony being performed by Comp. Anderton, P.Z. The M.E.Z. then invested the officers as follows: Comps. E. F. Whitley, S.E.; J. Teague, S.N.; T. H. Lake, P.S.; J. Rogers, 1st A.S.; G. H. Chilcott, 2nd A.S.; J. H. Ferris, P.Z., Treas.; H. W. Hockin, Reg.; C. Kent, Swd. Br.; and S. Hawey, D.C.

The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to the ante-room for the banquet, which was presided over by the M.E.Z., who gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. These having been duly honoured, brought the proceedings of a most successful gathering to a close.

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CHELTENHAM.—Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge (No. 10).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. George Norman, Prov. G. Sec. Gloucestershire, was placed in the chair in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Vassar-Smith, Prov. G. S.W., I.P.M., and among those present were Bros. J. Walker, M.A., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; W. Forth, Dep. Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; the Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M.O.; J. Brook-Smith, M.A., P.G.M.O.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, Prov. G.S.O.; Rev. Hattersley Smith, Prov. G. Chap.; W. Lowick, P.P.G.S.W., G. Stwd.; W. L. Bain, Prov. G.T.; J. S. Carleton, W.M. 340; W. C. Ferris, W.M. 299; W. R. Felton, P.P.G.M.O.; Dr. Gregory, Treas.; Rev. C. V. Childe; H. Jeffs, P.P.G. S.W.; M. B. Ricketts, P.M.; J. Balcomb, P.P.G.R.; E. T. Bryant, P.P.G.S.O.; and others.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Vassar-Smith, Prov. G.S.W., I.P.M.; J. S. Carleton, W.M. 340, S.W.; Rev. Dr. Kynaston, P.G.S.O., J.W.; W. R. Percher, M.O.; W. C. Ferris, W.M. 299, S.O.; C. L. Sweeting, J.O.; Rev. Hattersley Smith, Prov. G. Chap.; Dr. Gregory, Treas.; J. Balcomb, P.P.G.R., Sec.; M. B. Ricketts, P.M., S.D.; S. Moss, J.D.; W. Heath, I.G.; and W. R. Felton, P.P.G.M.O., D.C. and Steward. A vote of five guineas was made to the Provincial Benevolent Fund, and one of two guineas to the Binckes Testimonial Fund.

STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 35).—At a meeting of this lodge, held in St. George's Hall on the 1st inst., Bro. W. Ollis, P.M., in the chair, Bro. A. Brickwood Hutchings, P.G.S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. S. Bayly, P.M., P.P.G. Treasurer, as Treasurer. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon then presented the lodge with a splendid portrait of the installation of the M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Mark Master Mason, beautifully framed in gold, the frame bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Sincerity Lodge, No. 35, Mark Master, by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 31^o, P.M. and Chap. 35, P.G. Chap. of England, November, 1886." Bro. Ollis suitably acknowledged the gift, and Bro. R. H. Rac, P.M., and Secretary, P.P.G.S.D., also spoke of Bro. Lemon's liberality to the lodge.

A meeting of the Ark Mariners' Lodge in connection with this lodge was afterwards held, Bro. Ollis as W.C.N., when Bros. E. A. Davies and T. S. Bayly were unanimously elected as N. and Treasurer respectively for the ensuing year.

DEVONPORT.—St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 64).

—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 25th ult., to instal Bro. C. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. F. Crouch, P.M. 16, 351, G.J.D. England. The following Installed Masters were present: Bros. W. Lavers, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. T. Crossley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Dugdale, P.M.; T. W. Lemon, P.M., P.G.C. England; H. Langmead, P.M., P.P.G.P.; S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G.T.; James Gidley, P.M., P.G.T.; James Holland, P.M. 76, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. T. Bray, P.M. 275; and A. Trout, W.M. 76, P.P.G.A.D.C. The officers invested were Bros. W. Lavers, I.P.M.; Lieutenant R. C. Polwhele, S.W.; H. Best, J.W.; C. Coombes, M.O.; R. Parsons, S.O.; W. G. Watson, J.O.; J. R. Dugdale, P.M., Treasurer; J. Geddy, Secretary; A. Willcocks, R. of M.; G. Grigg, S.D.; F. Jolliffe, J.D.; Easterbrook, D.C.; J. Kendall, I.G.; S. H. Hine and W. Grimes, Stwds.; and S. Harvey, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards retired to an excellent supper, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

PLYMOUTH.—Temple Lodge (No. 66).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., to instal Bro. G. Sercombe as W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed by Bro. James Gidley, P.M. 169, P.G.T.; and Bro. T. Crouch, P.M. 16, G.J.D. England; assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. J. B. Gover, P.M. 50, P.P.G.M.O.; R. Pengelly, P.M. 50, P.P.G.D.C.; Chancellor Bake, P.M., P.G.M.O. England; G. Whitley, P.M., P.P.G.A.G. Sec.; and A. Trout, P.M. 76, P.P.G.A.D.C. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. Thomas King, P.G.J.O., I.P.M.; G. Sellick, S.W.; Thomas Gray, J.W.; L. D. Westcott, P.M., Treasurer; J. B. Gover, P.M., Secretary; W. T. Hocking, M.O.; W. F. Westcott, S.O.; A. Spinney, J.O.; C. Bovey, S.D.; G. Pinkham, J.D.; W. King, I.G.; Lieutenant G. S. Strode Lowe, D.C.; S. T. Daniel, A.D.C.; G. Whittley, P.M., Org.; W. H. Dillon, R. of M.; E. Radden and J. Goad, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room in the building, where an excellent supper was prepared by Bro. Phillips.

CARNARVON.—Elphin Lodge (No. 321).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this lodge took place in the lodge room, Carnarvon Castle, on the evening of the 28th ult., when Bro. R. J. Davids was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. L. Woodley, P.G. Stwd. of England, P.G.S. Wales, was the Installing Master. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Poole, S.W.; N. Bunnell, J.W.; H. Hardman, M.O.; Caradoc Rowland, S.O.; Rev. W. Morgan, J.O.; Rev. J. Issard Davies, Chap.; Alfred Croft, Sec. and Reg.; R. W. Newton, Treas.; W. Jones, S.D.; E. Roberts, J.D.; J. Williams, I.G.; and W. Watkins, Tyler. Bro. George Challinor was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren enjoyed a banquet at the Royal and Sportsman Hotel.

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CONSECRATION OF THE INVICTA CONCLAVE.

This conclave was consecrated on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, East Greenwich, the ceremony of Inauguration and Dedication being performed by Sir Knight C. F. Matier, Intendant-General Lancashire, assisted by Sir Knight F. Wood, Intendant-General Kent. It is needless to say that in the hands of Sir Knight Matier the proceedings were carried out in the same impressive and perfect manner which characterises all that brother's Masonic work.

A conclave was opened at 3.15, and several candidates were installed Sir Knights of the Order.

The ceremony of Consecration was then proceeded with, and an excellent oration on the nature and principles of the Order was given by Sir Knight the Rev. H. Cummings. Sir Knight A. H. Bateman, D.G.R. Kent, D.G.M.O. (Mark) Kent, W.M. 309 (Mark), was then enthroned as M.P.S. by the Intendant-General of Kent, Sir Knight F. Wood, and appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights W. Kippis, P.P.G.R. Marks Kent, V.E.; C. V. Cotterill, P.G.J.W. (Mark), S.G.; H. Roberts, P.G.S.W. (Mark) Kent, W.M. 332 (Mark), I.G.; H.P. (not appointed); Dr. Burney, R.; J. D. Hayes, P.Z. 913, &c., P.; F. Couderey, Std. Br.; A. Holmes, O.; T. Ovenden, H.; G. Carter and J. Aillud, Stwds.; W. Spinks, Sentinel.

Several candidates were proposed for installation at the next meeting.

Before the conclave was closed, the M.P.S. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Sir Knight Matier for the valuable services rendered that day. It was, he remarked, a most beautiful ceremony, and it had been lovingly performed.

Sir Knight MATIER, in returning thanks, expressed the pleasure it had given him to help in the establishment of that new conclave.

The following sir knights were then elected as honorary members of the conclave: C. F. Matier, C. F. Hogard, W. Wood, Rev. H. Cummings, A. Penfold, J. S. Cumberland and Watson.

Thanks were also voted to Sir Knight Thomas, M.P.S. Saye and Sele Conclave for the loan of the furniture, and to Sir Knight Brett, for the use of the consecrating vessels.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to a banquet, at which the M.P.S. presided.

The toasts of "The Queen and Christian Masonry" and "The Grand Sovereign, Sir Francis Burdett," were duly honoured.

The M.P.S. then gave the toast of "The Grand Officers," associating with it the name of Sir Knight Hogard, whose excellent and painstaking services as Grand Recorder would, he felt sure, result in an impetus being given to the progress of the Order.

Sir Knight HOGARD returned thanks. It was always, he said, a pleasing duty to return thanks for the Grand Officers, for whom there was no more agreeable duty than that of launching a new vessel on the ocean of that Degree. He felt sure that under the able management of Sir Knight Bateman it would be second to none in the country.

Sir Knight BATEMAN then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, Sir Knight C. F. Matier." He

had already thanked him in open chapter, and now that he had become a member of the conclave he trusted they would have the benefit of his assistance on future occasions. Whenever they heard of a ceremony about to be performed by Sir Knight Matier they always knew it would be well done. He had seen him at a minute's notice called on to work the most elaborate ceremonial in the Allied Degrees, and it was carried out in the most perfect manner. He asked them to join him in giving that toast with all the honour possible.

Sir Knight MATIER returned thanks. He could not take credit for all the M.P.S. had been kind enough to say about him, but he trusted the ceremony had been agreeable to them. In the old days, when Sir Knight Little was amongst them, that Degree was well to the front, and he trusted that it would now with the help of the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Hogard, take a new lease of life. Its position amongst the high grades of Masonry should be a prominent and important one. He had had much pleasure in complying with the request of Sir Francis Burdett to perform the ceremony that day.

Sir Knight MATIER then proposed "The Health of the M.P.S., Sir Knight Bateman," whose zeal in Christian Masonry, he said, had done so much for these Orders.

Sir Knight BATEMAN returned thanks. He felt inclined to blush at hearing himself spoken of in such terms as the Consecrating Officer had used. He had been able to get through the ceremonies in the Craft, Arch, and Mark, and would do his best to do the same in the Red Cross. They only wanted one thing to make that new conclave a great success, namely, a regular attendance of the officers and members. They could see by the success of that day that the beautiful ritual required numbers to make it impressive. He asked the officers to help him, by private study, to perform the work perfectly, after the example set them that evening by the Consecrating Officer.

The toast of "The Intendant General, Sir Knight Wood, and the Provincial Grand Officers," was next given.

Sir Knight WOOD returned thanks, and congratulated the M.P.S. on the establishment of such a promising conclave. The Order was in that state, he said, that it was better to carry it on thoroughly or not at all. He had many distinguished brethren serving under him in that Degree who in other Orders occupied far higher positions, and this, with other reasons, made him hopeful of future success in that district.

Sir Knight PENFOLD also replied. The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and responded to by Sir Knights LAKE and THOMAS, after which the company separated.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when it was opened by the M.W.S., Ex. and P. Bro. G. Simpson, assisted by the officers of the chapter. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. The business of the chapter being over, it was closed in due form.

The brethren, as is usual at this chapter, spent a most harmonious few hours.

Huddersfield.—Prince of Wales Chapter

(No. 69).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 30th ult., when the M.W.S., Ex. and P. Bro. J. U. Atherton, presided, assisted by Ex. and P. Bros. J. W. Monckman, 1st General; Charles Crabtree, 2nd General; Henry Shaw, Treas.; W. T. Sugg, Recorder; Frank Wm. Banister, Grand Marshal; Alfred Gill, Raphael; John R. Welsman, John Royle, and others.

The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. A letter of apology was received by the M.W.S. from Ill. Bro. Charles J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33^o, I.G. North-Eastern District, stating that he had promised to attend the consecration of the New Border Chapter, Rose Croix, and installation of Ill. Bro. Geo. J. McKay, 31^o, as M.W.S. of that chapter, which ceremony was appointed by the Supreme Council, 33^o, to take place on the same day, which happened unfortunate for him, seeing that this would be the first time that he would be absent from the Huddersfield chapter since it was consecrated. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence at the chapter was received from Ill. Bros. John Marshall, 30^o, and Jonas Craven, 30^o, Ex. and P. Bros. H. S. Holdsworth and E. A. Beaumont. One candidate—Bro. Fletcher—was perfected by the M.P.S., and the whole ceremony was rendered most impressively by him, each officer taking their several parts admirably. Ex. and P. Bro. J. W. Monckman was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the year ensuing. Ex. and P. Bro. H. Shaw, P.M.W.S., was re-elected Treasurer. Two candidates were proposed for perfection by the M.W.S., seconded by the 1st General, Ex. and P. Bro. Monckman, and the 2nd General, Ex. and P. Bro. Crabtree. Two auditors were appointed, viz., Bros. F. W. Banister and Fletcher. Ex. and P. Bros. Pickles and Royle received their certificates. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33^o, their respected I.G. of the district, and expressing hopes that his own self-denial, untold zeal, and almost supernatural energy in the promotion of the interests of this beautiful Christian Degree would not lay him up this stormy weather.

The business of the chapter over, it was closed in due form. The brethren assembled in the dining hall under the presidency of Ex. and P. Bro. J. L. Atherton, M.W.S., to partake of an excellent tea, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were excellently given, and as excellently responded to.

A telegram was sent to Keswick with "Sincere and hearty good wishes" and prosperity to the New Border Chapter, M.W.S., officers, and brethren, and their dear Bro. Banister. A reply telegram, thanking the M.W.S., Bro. J. L. Atherton, and the members of the Prince of Wales Chapter, Rose Croix, Huddersfield, for their kind wishes, came in due course. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Bro. T. Hastings Miller, V.P., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. G. P. Britten, Alfred Williams, S. Richardson, C. F. Hogard, T. Griffiths, G. H. Phillips, J. Rayner, W. Roebuck, G.S.B., Vice-Pat. and Trustee, J. Glass, Joyce Murray, Jas. Moon, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., G. Cooper, H. Young, J. L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Trustee, Rev. Richard Morris, L.L.D., M.A., G. P. Gillard, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. B., H. Hooper, W. Maple, Thos. Cull, J. S. Cumberland, A. E. Gladwell, G. P. Festa, H. Venn, and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information, nine petitions were submitted and considered, with the result that eight were accepted and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the April election, and the other was deferred.

Grants towards outfit in the case of four ex-pupils having been made, and the other business dealt with, the proceedings concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., presided, and there were present with others Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; H. Maudslay, Samuel Brooks, J. Newton, Hugh Cotter, R. Turtle Pigott, P.G.A.D.C.; Alex. Forsyth, A. H. Tattershall, J. L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, W. J. Daniell, W. Belchamber, Joseph Freeman, John Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. H. Driver, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Wm. Hilton, J. J. Berry, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and verified, the Warden's report was read, and the Secretary reported the deaths of two male annuitants.

The Committee took into consideration the petitions of six candidates, four male and two female, and in the result they were all accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list for the election in May, 1887.

The usual authority was given to the Chairman to sign the cheques for paying the quarter's annuities; but, in order to provide the requisite funds, it was at the same time found necessary that the Committee should sanction the withdrawal from the bank of £2500, and this was accordingly ordered to be done.

In answer to inquiries from various members of the Committee, the SECRETARY stated that at the present time there were nearly 90 female candidates for election in May next, and not one vacancy, whilst for the men there were over 40 candidates and only one vacancy. He added that he should be very glad to receive the names of members of the Committee and other brethren as Stewards for the approaching Festival in February, 1887, as the number at present enrolled for that occasion was below the average. The appeal, we are happy to say, was attended with favourable results.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

THE INFLUENCE OF MASONIC TEACHINGS VERSUS FREEMASONRY ON THE WANE.

IN MEMORIAM—BRO. F. W. W. BOOTH,
P.M. 387, &c.

The London papers of a week or two since announce that Monsignor Capel (who is at present living in literary retirement) intends to publish a work on "the influence and power of the Catholic Church in the United States." It would be very bad form to eulogise one Society entirely at the expense of another, therefore we have no intention of finding fault with whatever power or influence it may possess there or elsewhere, nor of the Catholic Church, as a body, in any way. We could not help feeling, however, on reading the announcement referred to, how much might be written by a sufficiently well-qualified American brother on the influence and power in the same territory of a Fraternity whose sway and strength expands throughout the civilised world, mainly through the humanisation of races and the exercise of deeds of Charity and Brotherly Love.

"Will it be always necessary," asks one writer, "to acknowledge that there are Masons and Masons?" while distinguished brethren complain in desponding tones of the present position and future prospects of our Order. In reply to the query, we say that it will; but surely there is nothing to be gained by a morbid contemplation of what ought to be. Let us rather refuse to have our energies in the good cause extinguished by a pall wrapped around us, the only excuse for which must be to hide from us as cowards what we ought to know is inevitable. For our part, we find there is very little difference between old men who perhaps never were Masons and old P.M.'s. The one says, "When I was a young man," and the other groans, "When I was Senior Warden;" both find fault too often without thought, and both wish to go back to their "good old times," sincerely believing they would be better for us. Meantime Society will not either go back or stop, and the world goes on even at a faster rate. When we wish for the "good old times" is it not really the time when we had less responsibility, less care, and perhaps were more fortunate? Let us do our part in the world as we find it, remembering that "he who perseveres in a just cause will finally overcome all difficulties"—a maxim equally as profitable in the ordinary affairs of life as to desponding Masons. That there are frequent reasons for regret that unworthy men get amongst us it would be foolish to deny; but we believe there are no more now than formerly, taking into account the vast increase of numbers. Let us be thankful, too, that there are very many true Masons (perhaps as many or more than the Fraternity 40 years ago numbered altogether), and proudly recognise the fact that whatever else Freemasonry is, its teachings cannot be found fault with.

The sudden death of a worthy P.M. of Airedale Lodge, No. 387—the late Bro. F. W. W. Booth—furnishes us with an opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to his memory

and, at the same time, to demonstrate the opinions we hold regarding the Masonic future.

Bro. Booth was initiated in the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, in 1866, and up to the time of his death was a member of it, and of the Moravia Chapter attached, being a P.M. of the former and a P.Z. of the latter. He was also a Mark Mason and a Knight Templar, and filled the office of Charity Steward of the lodge for many years, until he resigned about a year ago in consequence of reverses of fortune, which we need not dwell upon. Suffice it to say, the circumstances which brought about those reverses were not dishonourable, but such as the most upright and honourable man has too often in these days to suffer. Having known him in his prosperity as a man of position and comparative affluence, we have also partaken of his hospitality, and enjoyed his friendship under those conditions. It has likewise been our lot to feel for him, and to sympathise with him, under far different circumstances, during a period when the master had to become the servant, struggling for daily bread with a broken spirit and the iron hand of poverty gnawing at his heart. At his daily work on Tuesday, he died early on the Thursday morning following, truly in harness both as a Mason and a man. The happiest hours of his life were those occupied in connection with Freemasonry, and his zeal was unimpaired to the last. It has been well written that life's real heroes and heroines are those who bear their burdens bravely and give a helping hand to those around them; and if our late dear brother could not conquer the sting of his misfortunes, he at least showed true heroism in his efforts to do so. Up to the time of his reverses no man was more ready than he to give a distressed brother "a lift on the way." Of a sympathetic, generous nature, he loved Charity work, and would have preferred being Charity Steward of 387 to the highest municipal or other honour that could be conferred upon him.

Hood wrote, "How small is the sum of Christian Charity under the sun," and as we grow older we learn to appreciate those ministering spirits in the garb of men who, despising the selfishness of the world at large, grasp the rough hand of a poor but worthy brother of the Craft, and bend to dry his tears. How can we be otherwise than hopeful of our beloved Order, whilst its pages are gilded with the records of such deeds as this, done unostentatiously and without hope of reward, simply in the name of Masonry? Do the little bits of worthless dross on the lapidary table detract from the beauty of the diamond from which they have been separated? What, we proudly ask, are the failings of the few to the virtues of the many? We hasten to assure all those worthy, but we think too-anxious brethren, who are, no doubt, zealously in fear for the Craft, that as the want of greater care is felt to be necessary, the lodges will certainly exercise that care, just the same as brethren feel called upon to execute deeds of Charity or carry out any other of the tenets of the Order. We can tell them with pride that change of fortune in Bro. Booth's case could not change the feelings of those brethren whose friendship he enjoyed in better days; and as a Past Provincial Grand Officer of West Yorkshire (at the regular meetings of which province his burly figure was well known) he met with the genuine sympathy which leaves no loss of position. Many a strong man would have been stronger for a touch of the kindly sympathetic nature of Bro. Booth. Many a weak Mason might probably have more easily resigned himself to altered circumstances; but both strong and weak are human, and the secrets of the heart lie unrevealed to us in the grave.

Still, it was not alone in his own lodge, nor yet far and wide in the Province of West Yorkshire, that Bro. Booth found true friends and sympathisers where no doubt he least expected them. Outside of Masonry, too, this little heaven of the mass beamed out, and was strikingly displayed at the outset of our late brother's brief illness in a manner at once touching, praiseworthy, and rare. There is a Hebrew proverb which reads "Look not on the vessel but on what it contains," and it augurs well for the future of Freemasonry that its teachings still bring out the best qualities of men, and incite them to do their best to mitigate the sorrows of their less fortunate fellows. To act the part of the good Samaritan in this age requires something more than the natural disposition to do it. The praise of men is erratic, and the fear of man's censure smother many a good resolution. It is also true enough that, like Nicodemus, many men would steal to Heaven if nobody might see them, who will never get there because of the ever anxious fear that some one will.

We fear our desponding brethren fail to grasp the magnitude of our Institution, in the despair of zealous minds harassed by regrettable local circumstances. Until we know of a church without hypocrites we will not despair of our Society; nay, we must confess that, while we are aware of far too many having entered our ranks who will never appreciate Freemasonry as we would have them appreciate it, yet we have further confidence for this reason. Two persons applied some ten years ago for admission into a lodge. Both were Atheists, and as such we strongly opposed them personally, with the result that they were respectively withdrawn and were never proposed. Not long after both were initiated in a lodge, or lodges, because there will always be degrees of care exercised in these matters, not only in different lodges but in the same lodge at different periods. We would have our desponding brethren to take courage by the result. We met both soon after they had passed the Third Degree, and since then have been constantly brought into contact with them. Better men and better Masons cannot be found, and it is scarcely necessary to add they are not Atheists.

The almost hopeless strain of recent writers on Masonic apathy and blindness reminds us of a poem of considerable merit we met with recently, the subject of which was an old sexton. After repining at the inevitable, he comes to a better state of mind, and the last stanza is as follows:—

"It may not be. With Time, he goes
A shadow, through that place of woes,
World-worn, and fain to have repose,
Yet murmuring not at fate.
It seems to him, on life's dark edge,
At once a joy and privilege
To trim that grave, and wait."

All we have to do is as Masons to trim our individual lamps daily whilst we are here, so that they may shine brilliantly both inside and outside our lodges, and on the world around us. We must wait, though life is so very short, for the rectification of the errors of a period. Yet it will come, for there is more goes on silently and unseen in this world than is dreamt of in the puny philosophy of man.—Communicated.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED DEGREES.

The annual meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, St. Red Lion-square, W.C., on Thursday, the 4th inst. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, M.W.G.M., presided, and among the Grand Officers and others to support him were Bros. J. L. Mather, D.G.M.; Robert Berridge, G.S.W.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; James Moon, G. Treas.; B. R. Bryant, A.G.D. of C.; Alfred Williams, P.D.G.M.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S.W.; Robert Roy, P.G.D.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.I.G.; R. J. Rastrick, F. R. Sewell, H. Pigeon, jun., W. E. Stewart, J. Brittain, J. D. Hayes, F. Davison, A. H. Jefferis, and J. Terry.

The minutes of the previous meeting have been read and confirmed, the following report as to the progress of the Order, and its financial position was submitted and accepted unanimously:

"The Council regret that the number of certificates issued since the last meeting of Grand Council has fallen below the average, which may be accounted for by the fact that the Secretaries of some of the councils have omitted to make application for certificates for brethren admitted, and the Executive would desire to impress on the W.M.'s and Secretaries the necessity of applying immediately after the various meetings are held.

"The number of registered members is now 502, 47 certificates having been issued during the year.

"A warrant has been granted to Stewart Council, No. 16, London, which was consecrated on Monday, 26th January, by the Grand Secretary, assisted by many Grand Officers, both present and past. Several candidates were admitted to the various Degrees, and the meeting was highly successful.

"A warrant of confirmation has been granted to the Council of Concord (T.I.), Liverpool, who have surrendered their warrant from the mother tabernacle, and whose members were formally obliged by the Grand Secretary on January 4th.

"The Grand Master has much pleasure in acknowledging the services of R.W. Bro. John L. Mather, the retiring Deputy Grand Master, and has nominated as his successor in this high position R.W. Bro. Charles H. Driver, P.G. S.W.

"The Council regret to record the death of R.W. Bro. William Prince, P.G.J.W., one of the founders of Port Natal Council, No. 41. He died on 14th October at the early age of 26, sincerely regretted by his brethren both at home and abroad.

"The Grand Treasurer's accounts are as follows:—

To Balance forward	£54 9 1
„ Cash a/c Banquet Tickets	13 10 0
„ Cash a/c Fees, Certificates, &c.	29 6 1
Less...	£97 5 2
Expenditure	95 16 11
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	£1 8 3

"Audited and approved 23rd October, 1886.

"ROBERT BERRIDGE, G.S.W.

"CHAS. H. DRIVER, P.G.S.W.

"ALFRED WILLIAMS, P.D.G.M.

"By order of the Council,

"CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER,

"Grand Secretary.

"St. Red Lion-square, London, W.C."

Bro. Jas. Moon having been re-elected Grand Treasurer, the following were invested as Grand Officers for the year, viz:—

Bro. Rev. Geo. R. Portal	G.M.
„ Chas. H. Driver	D.G.M.
„ Dr. Stewart	G.S.W.
„ A. H. Jefferis	G.J.W.
„ C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M.	G. Sec.
„ James Moon	G. Treas.
„ Rev. Richard Morris	G. Chap.
„ Lieut.-Col. Sewell	G.S.D.
„ R. J. Rastrick	G.J.D.
„ Robert Berridge	G.D. of C.
„ James Terry	G.D.A. of C.
„ Henry Faija	G. Swd. Bearer.
„ C. Fendelow	G. Std. Bearer.
„ James Shilcock	G.I.G.
„ Dr. E. M. Lott	G. Org.
„ Percy Wallis	
„ Money	G. Stewards.
„ Dr. B. Langley Mills	
„ E. J. Mills	G. Outer Guard.

The Grand Council was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the customary banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the Grand Master.

In the course of the evening the usual order of things was varied by the presentation of very handsome gold jewels (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London), to Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.W.G.M., and R. Berridge, P.G.S.W., for their services in connection with the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G. Master of Mark Masons, the jewel presented to Bro. Portal being the gift of the Stewards at this year's Mark Benevolent Festival, and that to Bro. Berridge of the Special Stewards at the installation.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will hold its annual meeting at the Red Lion, Cambridge, on Friday, the 19th inst., under the auspices of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441.

The centenary celebration of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which took place in the Academy of Music, Pennsylvania, on Friday, the 24th September last, appears to have passed off splendidly. The building was crowded in every part, and the addresses of the chiefs—Bros. Mitchell, G.M.; Vane, P.G.M.; and others—were very eloquent, and were listened to with rapt attention by the audience. The meeting of the Grand Lodge the day following was also well attended, and the ceremonies appointed for the occasion admirably carried out.

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"LADIES' EVENING" OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

The special meeting, or "Ladies' Evening," of the above lodge under the arrangements of the W.M., Bro. J. Hill, took place on Thursday, the 28th ult. The lodge was opened at 4.30, and after reading and confirming the minutes, Bro. G. Whitlock was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. WILLES having proposed a new member, who was seconded by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, a dispensation from the M.W.G.M. for the brethren of this lodge to wear Craft clothing and jewels was read, and the lodge was closed. The guests having arrived, followed the W.M. and Mrs. Hill to the banquet room, the following being present: Bro. A. Storr, Sec.; G. J. Earney, Treas.; W. S. Harvey, S.D.; H. Cohen, J.D.; E. A. Francis, D.C.; R. Walden, A.D.C.; E. Shrimpton, I.G.; A. Norman and A. J. Shore, Stwds.; W. H. Boys, P.M.; J. D. Smith, P.M.; John Cox, P.M.; R. Rowlands, acting S.W.; H. Buckeridge, acting J.W.; C. J. Pigeon, J. Letchford, G. S. Whitlock, W. Willes, R. Carter, E. M. Gibson, F. J. Tull, F. Whitlock, S. F. Bygrave, C. J. Smith, C. Pinnock, A. O. Side, F. Mackway, E. D. Side, E. A. Swan, J. W. Newell, S. Zucker, B. Cohen, E. J. Harvey, W. Barringer, A. J. Shore, L. Sigle, T. Williams, J. George, J. Austin, M. Syer, H. Vickey, 1475; George White, 975; G. Rawll, 1042; H. Cooper, 1567; G. Stokes, I.P.M. 1558; S. Reeles, 2048; John Howard, 1692; Dr. W. Little, J.W. 1706; F. Mead, 212; and J. Porter, 804.

The ladies were Miss Linnell, Mrs. Little, Miss Bones, Mrs. Boys, Miss M. J. Smith, Mrs. H. Tull, Mrs. Bygrave, Mrs. Howard, Miss Howard, Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mrs. H. Vickery, Mrs. Mackway, Miss Ayling, Mrs. Norman, Miss Crozier, Miss Rose, Miss Brotherton, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Storr, Mrs. Rowlands, Miss Needham, Miss Whitlock, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Side, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. S. A. Newell, Mrs. Rawll, Miss Shrimpton, Mrs. Zucker, Mrs. B. Cohen, Mrs. H. T. Cooper, Mrs. H. Cohen, Mrs. W. Mead, Mrs. T. Williams, Mrs. J. George, Mrs. E. J. Harvey, Mrs. Barringer, Mrs. M. Syer, Mrs. Swan, and Mrs. J. Porter.

After the banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. G. Venables, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toast of "The Queen," which was enthusiastically received by all present. "God save the Queen" being sung.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Ladies," and stated he was pleased to see them, and the pleasure would be enhanced by their enjoying themselves. He had invited them so as to bind one and all in the principles of pleasing each other and uniting in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. This being the first "Ladies' Evening" ever held by the lodge he had had some anxiety at first, but that had disappeared.

Bro. A. STORR, P.M., having replied for the ladies, The I.P.M., Bro. J. D. SMITH, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who had devoted his time and energies to the lodge. His kind, genial, and affable but firm manner had cemented all the brethren to him in past years, and would do so in the future.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replied in a few words by expressing his hope that as this was the first meeting of the kind so it would not be the last.

The company then rose, and the dancing commenced in the large hall, which had been engaged, with "Sargoo's" good quadrille band. During an interval several songs were sung, and a splendid entertainment by Professor Norman, the Royal Jester Ventriloquist, was given. Dancing was then resumed and terminated at 12.30, and the guests separated, delighted with their entertainment, and only too anxious for its repetition at an early date.

Obituary.

BRO. E. F. STORR, P.M., P.Z.

The news of the terribly sudden death on Friday, the 5th inst., of Bro. E. F. Storr—"Charity" Storr, as he was known among his familiars—will be received with a widespread feeling of regret, especially in the metropolis, to which his Masonic duties had been mainly confined. Bro. Storr was beloved by all who knew him and respected by the many who did not enjoy the privilege of his acquaintance. He was a most diligent Mason, and during the 15 or 16 years of his connection with the Craft, had missed no opportunity of enforcing its principles by his personal example or promoting its welfare. He was initiated in the Neptune Lodge, No. 22, on the 26th January, 1871, was chosen W.M. in 1877, and had served, and at the time of his death was serving as its Treasurer. His exaltation to the Royal Arch Degree took place on 18th Nov., 1873, in the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, and ten years later we find him occupying the chair of Z. He was also a member of the Old Kent Time Immemorial Mark Lodge, but his interest in Masonic systems appears to have been almost exclusively limited to the Degrees included in the Constitutional system as established by the articles of union in 1813. But the Craft and Arch Degrees did not absorb the whole of his attention. As a member of the Board of General Purposes last year he obtained an insight into the interior economy of the Fraternity, while in his capacity of an elected member of the Board of Benevolence he was able to exercise a discriminating influence in alleviating the distresses of individual brethren. As to his services to our Institutions—are they not carefully recorded in the lists of Governors and Subscribers annually issued by the executive authorities of the several Charities, and do not we learn from those records that our deceased brother was Vice-President of, and had served five Festival Stewardships for, the Benevolent Institution, and was a Life Governor of both Schools, having served four Stewardships for the Girls' Institution and three for that of the Boys? These alone would entitle him to our respect, and the relatives he leaves behind to mourn his loss to our sincere sympathy with them in their sad and sudden bereavement; nor will their sorrow and our regret be less deeply felt when we remember that Bro. Storr, only the Tuesday immediately preceding his death—that is, on the 2nd November instant—was present, and not only took an active part in the constitution of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, but was chosen by its members to fill the important and honourable office of Treasurer, and that, in returning thanks for his share of the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," he expressed the hope that "as long as he was connected with it the lodge would never be unrepresented at the

Charity Festivals." Three days after this utterance, which was so thoroughly characteristic of the man and the task he had principally in view, Bro. Storr had passed away, but we are confident the members of the Derby Allcroft Lodge will not be unmindful of the hope expressed by its first Treasurer at its inauguration banquet, and that Bro. Storr's example and influence will be always felt in the lodge during the years to come, though the brother himself is, alas! no more. The funeral took place on Wednesday in Finchley Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of his sorrowing friends, relatives, and brother Masons; the Derby Allcroft Lodge being represented by Bros. J. P. Fitzgerald, J.W.; R. D. Cummings, Sec.; and others; the Neptune Lodge by Bros. Corbett, W.M.; G. P. Britten, and others; and the Lion and Lamb Chapter by Comp. George Kenning, P.Z. and Treas. Bro. the Rev. Jackson Wray officiated at the grave. It is more than probable the brethren would have mustered in greater numbers had not both the death and funeral of our late brother occurred subsequently to last week's publication of the *Freemason*, and there was no opportunity therefore for us to announce the time and place of burial.

BRO. DAVID SMITH, M.P., P.D.G.D.C.

We referred briefly last week to the fact of Bro. Alderman David Smith, the senior M.P. for Brighton, having died suddenly of heart disease, and we will add that his funeral, which took place on Monday, was largely attended, not only by the relatives and friends of the deceased worthy, but also by representatives of the Brighton municipality, as well as by members of the different Masonic lodges in the province. Bro. Smith's career as a member of our Society had been of considerable length and a brilliant one likewise. He was initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 454—at the time No. 665—Kandy, Ceylon, in December, 1851. In January, 1858, he joined Old Union, No. 46—a Red Apron Lodge—and on his taking up his residence at Brighton he joined the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, in February, 1869. It will thus be seen that the late Bro. Smith's career included membership in three classes of lodges—Colonial, Provincial, and Metropolitan, and so ably did he fulfil his duties in connection, at all events, with the last two that both Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge honours were at different times conferred upon him. He had represented Lodge No. 46 on the Board of Grand Stewards. In 1872 he was appointed Prov. G.J.W. of Sussex, and in 1882, when the number of Grand Officers was increased, that of the newly-created Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies was bestowed upon him. He was also a supporter of, and had served as Festival Steward in behalf of one or more of our Institutions. The death of so conspicuous a member of our Society is a loss which is greatly to be regretted, and to his family and his brethren in Masonry we offer our most respectful sympathy.



At a meeting of the Hilda Chapter, No. 23, held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Thursday, the 4th inst., Bro. Martin M. Reynard was elected M.W.S., and Bro. T. B. Whythead was re-elected Treasurer.

At the meeting of the King Solomon (Craft) Lodge, No. 2029, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, to-morrow (Saturday), the proceedings will include the election of a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. H. B. Marshall, jun., whose father, Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., is a member, will be balloted for as a joining member.

It was, as will be seen from our report elsewhere, the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees, not that of the Royal and Select Masters, as announced last week, which was to, and did, hold its annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 4th inst. We trust no Royal and Select Master was misled by our announcement.

The 23rd season of Smoking Concerts given at the Guildhall Tavern by the Excelsior City Musical Society will be opened this (Friday) evening, at 7 p.m. A very excellent programme has been prepared, and, from past experience, we are confident that members and their friends will have every reason to be pleased with the arrangements for this entertainment. The President of the Society is Bro. James Salmon, while in the list of its numerous patrons will be found the names of Bros. Hudson, C.C., N. B. Headon, C.C., James Perkins, C.C., J. Bamber, John Douglas, J. Pigache, R. Senecal, and James Willing, jun. Bro. A. Cotton is Hon. Treasurer, Bro. R. W. Heney, Hon. Secretary, and last, and in the sense of most depending on his exertions and ability at the concerts, most important of all, Bro. Fred. H. Cozens is the Musical Director. We wish the Society an unprecedented amount of success during its new season now just commencing.

ST. MARYLEBONE AND QUEEN'S (WESTMINSTER) LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.—It has been decided to unite the above lodges of instruction under the title of St. Marylebone and Queen's (Westminster) Lodge of Instruction, and to hold the meetings at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday evenings, from 8 to 10. Bro. G. Coop, W.M. 141, will be the Preceptor; Bro. C. Kempton, P.M. 1287, Treasurer; Bro. C. P. Bellerby, J.D. 2021, and F. Smith, S.W. 1305, joint Secretaries. The opening meeting will be held on Monday evening, the 29th inst., at 6.30 p.m., when the ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by the esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G.D. Herts, who will also install Bro. G. Lambert, P.G.S.B., into the chair. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. F. Delevanti, P.M. 1319.

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Bro. R. Carter, of the Royal Hotel, has been re-elected for the third time, Mayor of Falmouth.

Bro. Frederick West, P.M. 463, P.M. and Treasurer, 1328, and P.G. Stwd., has been appointed D.P.G.M. for Surrey.

At a meeting of the Cheltenham and Keystone Mark Lodge, No. 10, on Thursday, the 4th inst., the sum of two guineas was voted to the Binckes Presentation Fund.

The Four Kings' Council, No. 7, of the Allied Degrees, will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, the 20th inst., when Bro. S. Barton Wilson will be installed Worshipful Master.

Bro. C. F. Matier will be installed W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, on Friday next, the 19th inst. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., assisted by Bro. J. L. Mather.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oxfordshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, Oxford, on Tuesday next, the 16th inst., under the presidency of M.E. Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.P. Soj., Prov. G. Supt.

Bro. G. Hilditch Harding, L.D.S., of 22, Finsbury-square, has been installed as W.M. of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, Middlesex, in succession to Bro. John Davies, of 5, Finsbury-square, who was presented with a P.M.'s jewel.

We much regret that in our recent report of the consecration of the Border Chapter of Rose Croix, the name of Ill. Bro. Charles Fendelow, 33, I.G. of the W.C. District, was omitted from the list of those on whom honorary membership of the new chapter was conferred.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, by Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180, P.Z. 180, in the Masonic Temple, Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday evening, the 18th inst., at eight o'clock. Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, 3, St. James's-square, Pall Mall, S.W.

The new Masonic Hall Buildings in Barrow-in-Furness have been decorated by Bro. W. Ramsay, who has shown a considerable amount of taste and ability in his work. The hall is 50 feet long by 28 feet wide, and 18 feet high, and the ceiling, cornices, dado, &c., have been most artistically and delicately treated.

The Onslow Mark Lodge, No. 361, will hold its annual meeting on Monday next, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C. There are several candidates for advancement, and then Bro. Horace White, W.M. elect, will be installed in the chair of A. The banquet will take place at the Holborn Restaurant at 7 p.m.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, No. 228, which is held at the Hope Tavern, Stanhope-street, Regent's Park, on Wednesday, the 10th of November, by several well known brethren, Bros. P. M. Kew, W.M.; Hemming, S.W.; and H. Palmer, Sec.

The brethren of the St. Kent Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-Super-Mare, has been presented to Bro. F. W. S. Wicksteed a handsome P.G.J.W.'s jewel in appreciation of his services, and to commemorate an honour conferred upon him by the R.W.P.G.M. at a recent Provincial Lodge held at Taunton. We congratulate Bro. Wicksteed upon being so thoroughly deserving the compliment that has been paid him.

At the last meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, on the proposition of W. Bro. Parkinson, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. James Fernandez, it was unanimously decided to present a piece of plate to the Secretary, Bro. A. M. Broadley, and a Committee consisting of Bros. Lord Londesborough, Augustus Harris, Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P., and J. C. Parkinson was appointed to carry out the wishes of the lodge.

We regret to state that our frequent contributor and genial friend, Bro. Charles Jolly, met with a rather serious accident on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. He was returning by train from Abbey Wood soon after dusk, in company with several friends, who had been out for a day's shooting, and was alighting at the Arsenal Station, Woolwich, when he fell a considerable depth, owing to the part of the train in which he sat having stopped short of the platform. He sustained injuries to the leg and back, and, being partly under the wheels, was in much peril until extricated. Having been sent home in a cab, he was attended by Dr. Frank Smith. We are sorry to hear that Bro. Jolly is likely to be laid up for some time.

The annual banquet of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, will take place at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., on Friday, the 26th inst. Bro. G. Coop, W.M. 141, will occupy the chair, supported by the following brethren as Stewards: Bros. Collens, P.M. 766; Docker, P.M. 1687; Lovelgrove, S.W. 1139; Masefield, S.W. 1328; H. Cloots, 2030; C. Wetzlar, J.D. 141; A. Bassington, P.M. 205, Treas.; Van Joel, P.M. 957; Hunt, P.M. 194; Tacon, W.M. 1196; Bull, P.M. 145; E. L. P. Valleriani, P.M. 1687; C. Fromholz, I.P.M. 141; Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., Preceptor; and G. J. Pellatt, 1194, Sec. Dinner will be on the table at seven o'clock p.m., precisely.

On Tuesday evening Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., delivered a highly instructive lecture on "Masonic jewels, especially in relation to Old Lodges and the Book of Constitutions," in the Masonic Hall, Torquay, to the brethren of the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, and Jordan Lodge, No. 1402. Bro. J. Salter, W.M. 328, occupied the chair, and at the close of the lecture a discussion of some length, and considerable interest, followed. The proceedings terminated with a collection in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Hughan.

At the funeral of the late Bro. Allen Atkin, of the Feathers' Hotel, Exchange, Nottingham, and a member of the Board of Guardians, which took place in the General Cemetery, Nottingham, on Sunday, the 1st inst., there were present, in addition to the widow and family of the deceased, and the representatives of the Municipality and Board of Guardians, a large number of the members of the Southwell Lodge, No. 1405, headed by Bro. Wardley, W.M.; S. Bestow, S.W.; and G. Doiny, J.W., as well as of the St. Alban's Mark Lodge, under Bro. G. Baxter, W.M., Bro. Lewin, I.P.M., of the Robin Hood Lodge (Craft), No. 1493, Eastwood, being also present.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, November 20, 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 13.

Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
 " 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 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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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 15.

Lodge 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 2060, La France, Café Royal, Regent-st.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 K.T. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

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Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., E.C., at 7.30.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

Installation of Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., as P.G.M. Northumberland,
 Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon Street Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 704, Camden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender Hill.
 " 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 2021, Queen's Westminster, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
 " 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
 Chap. 171, Amity, Cannon-st Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq.

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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 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., at 8.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.
 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 17.

Board of Benevolence, at 6.
 General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.
 Lodge Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 " 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Lingfield-road, Wimbledon.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., E.C.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 Chap. 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

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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, S. in 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.
 Stockwell, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons'-avenue, E.C., 6.
 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.
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

House Committee Girls' School at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Cannon Street Hotel.
 " 93, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 733, Westbousne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1227, Upton, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1365, Clapton, Rudolph Chambers, 191, Bishopsgate-st.
 " 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.

Lodge 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
 " 1963, Duke of Albany, Albert Palace, Battersea Park.
 Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Headquarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.

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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.
 Creaton, 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 19.

Prov. Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire, Red Lion, Cambridge.
 House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1910, Shadwell Clerke, 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 " 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 2005, Brooke, Royal Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.
 Chap. 92, Moria, Albany Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 K.T. 48, Kemeys, Tynte 33, Golden-sq., W.

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Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-st., Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Stability, Mason's Hall Tav., Mason's Avenue, at 6.
 Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-rd., Notting Hill.
 Chap. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
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