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It seems only natural that having propounded a scheme of our own for commemorating the QUEEN'S Jubilee, we should look askance at any other scheme having a like object in view. But we are by no means bigoted, and we are prepared to review fairly and squarely every proposal for so laudable and patriotic a purpose which is brought under our notice. The motion which Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., intends bringing before Grand Lodge on Wednesday next contains such a proposal, and in estimating its merits or demerits we shall deal with it as though no plan of our own had been laid before the Masonic public. Speaking offhand, we say, unhesitatingly, that Bro. STEWART'S plan lacks all those requirements, save one, which such a proposal should possess. Its one recommendation is that it falls in with the Prince of WALES'S scheme for commemorating the jubilee of his mother's reign, namely, that the British public should combine in establishing in London, as a memorial of that auspicious event, an Imperial Institute for the Colonies and India. This scheme has found favour with her MAJESTY, and if carried out—as it undoubtedly will be—is certain to prove of invaluable service in consolidating the interests of the British Empire. Bro. STEWART'S idea is that Grand Lodge should contribute £1000 towards this Imperial object, and to this extent—and this only—his idea has merit. By so contributing, Grand Lodge will assist in promoting a grand work, originated by the Prince of WALES, accepted by the Sovereign, whose reign it will commemorate, and endorsed by her people, who love and respect her so deeply. But otherwise there is absolutely nothing in the motion which justifies our recommending it to the acceptance of our readers. Considering how numerous, influential, and wealthy our Society is, the sum stated in the resolution is paltry. When the Prince of WALES returned safe from his State visit to India, the Craft signalled its rejoicing by voting £4000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Thus, if the amounts mentioned are to be taken as a guide in estimating the relative importance of the two events, the Sovereign's Jubilee is one-fourth the importance of her son's return from a six months' tour in the East. This is one objection which, as it covers the proposal with ridicule, should be enough to overwhelm it out of existence. Another and more fatal one is that it allows of no trace remaining of the part taken by the Masons in the forthcoming great national rejoicing. This £1000 will be only one of many hundreds of thousands of pounds expended on the establishment of the proposed Institute. A powerful Society like ours should present a memorial that will be worthy of an honoured place among the memorials of other large societies and bodies corporate, a memorial to which future generations of Masons may be able to point with pride, not a mere money presentation such as many private individuals will offer. Our two Masonic Lifeboats, on the Essex and Devonshire coasts, will exist in perpetuity, and the brethren who a century hence may hear of the services of their gallant crews will know why and by whom, and to commemorate whom, they were built and endowed. Bro. STEWART'S contribution of £1000 will be only a drop in the ocean of contributions that will flow in from all parts of the Empire. Many other objections might be urged, but the last and most fatal of all is that the proposal has about it nothing of a fundamentally Masonic character, or that will make clear to the Craftsmen who succeed us the intimate connection with Freemasonry of the English Royal Family, and especially of QUEEN VICTORIA herself, who is the daughter and niece of former Grand Masters of England, and the mother of our Prince of WALES and present Grand Master. Having said this much, we shall content ourselves with the expression of a hope that either Bro. STEWART will have the good sense to withdraw it, or that Grand Lodge will dispatch it forthwith to that bourne from which ridiculous or undignified resolutions are never known to return.

HAVING dealt with Bro. STEWART'S motion impartially on its merits, we consider this an excellent opportunity for urging upon the consideration of our readers the carefully prepared scheme for Masonically commemorating the Jubilee of QUEEN VICTORIA which we submitted to their notice some two months back. Our plan has this much in its favour—it is strictly and entirely Masonic in its character. It will perpetuate not only the personal fame of the Sovereign

whose jubilee it is identified with, but likewise the long-enduring association of her family with the Society of Freemasons, and her relationship to certain of its most illustrious Grand Masters. It will be a further and still more convincing testimony to the respect which we, as the Freemasons of to-day, render to those grand principles of Loyalty and Charity, which have ever been the basis of our Craft and the mainspring of all the QUEEN'S actions. It will provide the means for benefiting, through all time, a certain number of old and young persons of both sexes who have fallen from affluence into a state of comparative or absolute poverty. And lastly, it will assist in lightening, both now and always, that pressure upon the resources of our Charitable associations which, as our article of last week on the present position of things in connection with the Benevolent Institution shows, is becoming almost too heavy for us to bear. It has likewise the rare merit of being simple almost to simplicity itself. It is this—that a fund to which Grand Lodge, Provincial and District Grand Lodges, private lodges, and individual brethren generally be invited to contribute, should be raised for the purpose of establishing one or more, "Queen Victoria Perpetual Presentations" to each of our Institutions, that is to say, to the Girls' School, the Boys' School, the Male Fund Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Widows' Fund, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the right of presentation to be, in the first instance, vested in the QUEEN herself for life, and at her death in her successors on the throne or the Grand Master, as may be arranged hereafter. The sum necessary to be raised in order to establish one such "Queen Victoria Perpetual Presentation" for each of the four Charities would be in round figures £4500, namely, one Girls' School Presentation, 1000 guineas (£1050), one Boys' School ditto, 1000 guineas (£1050), and for one Male Annuity of £40, and one Widow's Annuity of £32, a sum sufficient to purchase £2400 Three per Cent. Government Stock. This in brief is our plan and we earnestly commend it, and the articles in its favour which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 25th September, to the notice of our readers.

THE meeting on Tuesday next of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will no doubt be of exceptional brilliancy, it having been resolved to celebrate the Third Jubilee with a degree of ceremony in all respects worthy of so memorable an occasion. There are, probably, still living some venerable brethren who took part in the centenary celebration in 1836, when, under the auspices of the then Grand Master, Lord RAMSAY, subsequently Marquis of Dalhousie, the Craftsmen north of the Tweed met in Grand Lodge and paid a fitting tribute of respect to the memory of St. CLAIR, of Roslyn, and the other founders. On Tuesday a like tribute will be paid, but amid evidences of splendour and sound prosperity, which were, to some extent, wanting at the centenary. Scottish Freemasonry during the last few years has made wonderful progress, and we welcome the meeting on Tuesday next, if for no other reason than that it will afford the general body of Scottish Masons an opportunity of testifying to the unwearied energy of such men as Bros. the Earl of ROSSLYN, Sir M. SHAW STEWART, Bart., the Earl of MAR and KELLIE, Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Bart, M.P., and DANIEL MURRAY LYON, the Grand Secretary and historian of the Scottish Craft. We have no misgivings as to the complete success of next week's gathering, and it goes without saying, that our North British brethren have our heartiest sympathies in their proposed festivity.

THE GRAND MASTER, in his gracious consideration for the welfare of the Craft, and in recognition of the duties and responsibilities of the "President of the Board of Benevolence," has intimated his opinion that the brother holding that position should, "by virtue of his office, be a Grand Officer, with rank next to Past Grand Secretaries, and that on retiring from office he shall rank as a Past Grand Officer." We think the suggestion is a most admirable one, and is bound to meet with general acceptance, because though of less importance in some respects to that of the President of the Board of General Purposes, the dignity of the office will be enhanced by the position conferring Grand Lodge rank.

WITH a commendable willingness to meet the wishes and remove the doubts of many brethren, the Board of General Purposes recommends the adoption of certain alterations of Rules 304, 307, and 308, by which means it will be evident beyond question that Past Masters are to wear collars; but "only in their own lodges or when attending the Grand Lodge, or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges," just as with Masters and Wardens. These clauses are, to say the least, indefinite as they now stand, and Past Masters not being "officers of the lodge" some have maintained that they have no right to wear the usual collars. By the adoption of the foregoing alterations, the small difficulty will be set at rest, and any misunderstanding will be avoided.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 1st prox. :

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st September for confirmation.

2. To consider the following communication from the M.W. Grand Master :

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master having had under his notice the present duties and position of the President of the Board of Benevolence, his Royal Highness deems it advisable to submit the following resolution for the consideration of Grand Lodge :

That the President of the Board of Benevolence shall, by virtue of his office, be a Grand Officer, with rank next to Past Grand Secretaries, and that on retiring from office he shall rank as a Past Grand Officer, in the same manner as the other officers of Grand Lodge, and that the Book of Constitutions be altered accordingly.

3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which is the following report and resolution :—

Before the business of the evening was commenced, Bro. James Brett, the S.V.P., in the chair, reported to the Board the death, on the 29th ult., of their President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G. Swd. Br., and spoke in feeling terms of the severe loss which the Board of Benevolence and the Craft generally had sustained by the melancholy event.

It was thereupon unanimously resolved : That a record be placed on the proceedings, and in their report to Grand Lodge, of the extreme regret felt by all the members of the Board at the loss of their esteemed President who, after holding for eleven years the office of Vice-President, had for the last five years presided over the Board with the utmost courtesy, impartiality, and ability, and recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The widow of a brother of the Royal St. Edmunds Lodge, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds ...	£100	0	0
The mother of a brother of the Kingston Lodge, No. 1010, Hull ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London... ..	50	0	0
A brother of the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 857, London... ..	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 409 Newcastle-on-Tyne ... ..	75	0	0
A brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London ... ..	50	0	0
A brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Feltham ... ..	50	0	0
A brother of the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, No. 1793, Teddington ... ..	100	0	0
A brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London ... ..	50	0	0
A brother of the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 907, London ... ..	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the St. Tudno Lodge, No. 755, Llan-dudno ... ..	50	0	0
A brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1669, London ... ..	50	0	0
A brother of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, Twickenham ... ..	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, London... ..	50	0	0
A brother of the Lindsay Lodge, No. 712, Louth ... ..	100	0	0

### 9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The attention of the Board having been called to the wording of Articles 304, 307, and 308 of the Book of Constitutions, the Board think it advisable, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that the Articles in question should be altered to read as follows :—

304. The Officers and Past Masters of the Grand Stewards' Lodge wear collars of crimson ribbon four inches broad.

307. The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private lodges to be light blue ribbon four inches broad ; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

308. The collars of the Officers and Past Masters of private lodges are to be worn only in their own lodges, or when attending the Grand Lodge or their Provincial or District Grand Lodges as Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
16th November, 1886.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of November inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £2511 os. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £9 12s. 3d.

### 10. NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By Bro. William Nicholl, P.M., Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester.

That Article 288 of the book of Constitutions read as follows :

The following clothing and insignia may be worn by the Craft, but no brother shall be admitted into Grand Lodge or Provincial or District Grand Lodge without the proper clothing pertaining to his rank, or into any subordinate lodge without Masonic clothing.

That the following addition be made to Article 307, or embodied otherwise :

Past Masters being subscribing members of any lodge under the English Constitution may wear a collar of light blue ribbon four inches broad, with a silver cord in the centre.

That in Article 308 the following alteration be made, viz. : In line 1, after the word "officers," insert the words "below the rank of Wardens," and omit the last three lines beginning "or when representing their Lodges," &c.

2. By Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D. :—

That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, having invited the co-operation of her Majesty's subjects in the formation of an Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India, as the Memorial of her Majesty's Jubilee, it be resolved that this Grand Lodge do hereby vote the sum of one thousand pounds from the Fund of General Purposes as its contribution towards the proposed Institute.

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence : Bros. James Brett, P.P.P., as Senior Vice-President ; Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President ; and none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence : Bros. George Pole Britten, 183 ; William Peter Brown, 90 ; Thos. Cull, 1446 ; George A. Cundy, 901 ; Chas. Dairy, 141 ; Lewis C. Haslip 813 ; Charles F. Hogard, 205 ; David D. Mercer, 1641 ; George Read, 511 ; Francis R. Spaul, 1768 ; Robert J. Taylor, 144 ; Alfred Cooper Woodward, 1538 ; and no more than 12 were nominated.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :

Lodge 2174, The Ionic, Tungamah, Victoria.
" 2175, The Austral, Melbourne, Victoria.
" 2176, The Lord Carrington, North Fitzroy, Victoria.
" 2177, The North Suburban, North Carlton, Victoria.
" 2178, The Ruahine Lodge, Woodville, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, New Zealand.
" 2179, The Paddington Ionic, Woollahra, New South Wales.
" 2180, The Lodge of Harmony, Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand.
" 2181, The Unity, Knysna, South Africa (E.D.)
" 2182, The Sterndale Bennett, Camberwell.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

### INSTALLATION OF BRO. SIR MATTHEW WHITE RIDLEY, BART., M.P., P.G.M.

The installation of Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., as the Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, took place at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. There was a very large gathering of Provincial Officers and brethren from all parts of the province, as well as visitors from the Province of Durham.

The lodge was opened in due form by W. Bro. R. H. Holmes, Deputy P.G.M., acting as P.G.M. He was accompanied by the R.W. Installing Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, P.P.G.M., and among those supporting him were Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M. ; Canon Tristram, D.D., D.P.G.M. Durham.

Among those present were—

Bros. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., P.P.G.W. ; the Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.G.S.W. ; A. Robertson, P.P.G.S.W. ; J. W. Gibson, P.G.S.D. ; H. Laws, P.P.G.W. ; B. J. Thompson, P.G. Secretary ; T. Anderson, P.G. Treasurer ; E. D. Davis, P.G.D.C. ; T. Dinning, P.G.A.D.C. ; and many other Northumbrian Past and Present Officers. Bros. R. Hudson, P.G. Secretary ; T. Bradley, P.G.S.W. ; Charles H. Backhouse, P.G.J.W. ; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.C. ; J. R. Pattison, P.G. Asst. Secretary ; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.J.D. ; John Wood, P.P.G.W. ; T. Henderson, P.P.G.S.B. ; J. Hudson, P.P.G. Stwd. ; R. Singleton, W.M. elect 97 ; Wm. Logan, P.G. Registrar ; M. Framp, P.P.G.S.B. ; W. Davison, P.G. Std. Br. ; D. Whitehead, P.P.G. Organist ; J. G. Smith, P.P.G.S.D. ; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.D. ; T. G. Garrick, W.M. 94 ; J. H. Leech, P.M. 97 ; Thomas Watson, P.G. Treasurer ; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B. ; T. M. Watson, P.G.J.D. ; and other Durham brethren. Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was also present.

The acting P.G.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes, requested the R.W. Installing Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Percy, P.P.G.M., to assume the chair, which he did, and was duly saluted. The patent of appointment was sent in and read by the P.G. Registrar, after which the R.W.P.G.M. designate, Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., M.P., was introduced by seven Masters and Past Masters of lodges. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. Earl Percy. The newly-installed Prov. G.M. was duly saluted and afterwards appointed Bro. R. H. Holmes, the D.P.G.M. under his predecessor, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The Earl Percy then presented a handsome gold jewel of the Masonic Charities to Bro. B. J. Thompson, P.G. Sec., and said he did not think they knew how much the welfare of the province was constantly at the heart of their P.G. Secretary, and how much the affection and gratitude of the province was due to him. (Applause.)

Bro. B. J. THOMPSON, P.G.S., acknowledged the kindness of his lordship.

The D.P.G.M. moved that an address be presented to their late Provincial Grand Master, which was seconded by Bro. B. J. THOMPSON, P.G. Sec., and carried with acclamation.

Bro. the Right Hon. Earl PERCY, in reply, referred with gratification to the growth and progress of the province under his 17 years' rule. This was owing to the able help of his officers and brethren, and the good feeling always shown by them. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to them. He felt the office was one not lightly to be resigned. He was certain that when one felt the resignation of a Masonic appointment was desirable, it did not carry with it any relaxation of brotherly or Masonic feeling. (Applause.) He had long desired to see some more active Mason in the chair, and in the change now made, he was sure the welfare of the province could only be enhanced, and that it was in no way abated. (Applause.) It was a great pride and a pleasure for him to hand over to Sir M. W. Ridley the province—not to his own resources, but to those who assisted him—yielding to no other province in Masonic zeal, efficiency, or good work. (Applause.) He trusted its past prosperity would be nothing to that which would follow under the rule of Sir Matthew White Ridley, whom he congratulated on his coming to the chair of the province. (Loud applause.)

The newly-installed Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following as the Provincial Grand Officers :—

Bro. R. H. Holmes	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" William Davidson, P.P.G.J.D.	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Thomas Blenkinsop	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Hughes	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thomas Anderson (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. Gillespie, P.P.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" B. J. Thompson (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Charles Pullman, 1712	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Thomas Ellis	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" George Greenwell	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Edward Dean Davis (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.

Bro. Henry Gibson...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" A. Barker ...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. F. Carmon ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" David Murray ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Wm. Green ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. T. Scott ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" McDonald ...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Matthew Taylor ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Wm. White ...	...	...	
" C. Ridley ...	...	...	
" A. J. Farina ...	...	...	
" George Waters ...	...	...	
" D. Gillespie ...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Joshua Curry ...	...	...	

SIR M. W. RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., addressing the lodge, said he had to express the extreme satisfaction which he felt at having been selected for that high and honourable office by the Grand Master of England (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.) He expressed his interest and determination to do his best for Freemasonry in general, and for the Province of Northumberland in particular. (Applause.) It was a great satisfaction that he was sitting in the chair of the province so wisely administered by their late P.G.M. and Officers. He thanked the officers who had again taken office. He hoped he should have their indulgence while he was in the chair of the province, and in conclusion he moved a vote of thanks to the Right Hon. Earl Percy for having installed him in the chair that day in so able a manner. (Cheers.)

The Earl PERCY replied and intimated that he should still come among them, an announcement that was most heartily received. After other business the proceedings terminated.

The banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of R. W. Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley. There was a very large gathering.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Friday, the 19th inst., under the banner of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441. There was a large attendance of brethren, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting, held at Newmarket, were read and confirmed. Thereupon the representatives of the six lodges in the province stated the condition of their respective lodges, namely, Bro. T. Nichols, No. 88, Bro. Watts, No. 441, Bro. Hampson (Wisbech), Bro. Gelderd (Isaac Newton), Bro. Ball (Alma Mater), and Bro. Chennell (Etheldreda, Newmarket).

The PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulated them upon the reports made, and suggested that they should be tabulated and recorded for reference.

His LORDSHIP then alluded to the sad event which had deprived the province of a most excellent and worthy brother. The somewhat sudden death of their lamented friend, Bro. J. Neal York, which took place in the summer of this year, must have caused the greatest sorrow to all the brethren who knew him, either in his vocation in life or as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that province. He was a man beloved by all who knew him. Having known him from his earliest boyhood, and been associated with him in many matters connected with the county, he could say that he always found him a most sensible adviser and true friend. He had now to introduce Bro. York's successor, Bro. Andrew H. Moyes.

Bro. A. H. MOYES, P.M. 88, P.P.G.S.W., was duly inducted in the office of Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and returned thanks on appointment, remarking it would always be a pleasure to discharge the duties.

The Prov. G. Lodge elected Bro. C. Gelderd, W.M. 859, as Provincial Grand Treasurer, in succession to Bro. Thomas Nichols, who had served eleven years.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers as under:—

Bro. W. Welchman, 809	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" B. Chennell, 88	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. W. Cunningham, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. H. Gray, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. Gelderd, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. S. Youngman, 441	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Bonnett, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" L. Hampson, 809	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. I. Pashler, 88	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. P. Spalding, 88	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. A. C. Jones, 859	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. R. Green, 859	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. Sedger, 88	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. C. Dewberry, 441	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. W. Whitehead, 809	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. E. L. Whitehead, 441	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" C. J. Bristowe, 859	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" T. Collier	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Auditors' report of the Treasurer's account was read and adopted.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the third annual report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, which showed that £567 had been contributed to the Masonic Charities during the year, of which sum £300 was voted by Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. W. H. Exley (Wisbech) had been elected to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Percy Neville (Cambridge) was in the Royal Masonic Boys' School. The Committee thanked Bros. A. H. Moyes, Oliver Papworth, C. A. Vinter, and W. Welchman for acting as Stewards, and those lodges and brethren who had so generously contributed to their lists.

The Charity jewel was presented from the chair to Bro. C. A. Vinter, P.M. 441, P.P.G.S.B.

Bro. S. H. SHARMAN proposed, and it was agreed, that 20 guineas be voted to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association for the Masonic Charities.

Bro. C. A. VINTER proposed, and it was resolved, to vote five guineas to the Binckes' Testimonial Fund.

After some other business had been discussed, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master presided at a banquet in the evening, at which upwards of 80 brethren were present.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the PROV. GRAND MASTER referred to the coming Jubilee year, and suggested whether they should not have some appropriate commemoration in that province which should bring together every member of the Craft in mutual harmony to show their loyalty to their beloved Sovereign.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." Amongst the many and varied duties performed by his Royal Highness there were none more pleasing and congenial than those he discharged when in a body of Freemasons. His unflagging energy and untiring strength made him a most remarkable man, for it seemed to him (and he had known his Royal Highness from his earliest start in public life) that his continued and unabated vigour rivalled anything his lordship had seen, whilst his genial nature expanded with his increasing years. (Applause.) It was very satisfactory that they could look forward to a Prince holding sway of the hearts of the people of these realms, under all political difficulties and crises which might occur, thoroughly believing that his position was secure, because he was beloved by the people.

The next toast from the chair was that of "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Deputy G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. T. WATTS, W.M. 441, proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master," which was most cordially received.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be present in the office he held amongst them, he had always received so much kindness and sympathy from the Masonic body in the province. As they all knew, his connection with that county had been of a varied nature, and it was not only that he met them as Freemasons, but also as a body of gentlemen connected with the county, that afforded him heartfelt pleasure. His poor services were always at their command. The returns from the various lodges were very satisfactory. They were a small province; but they were associated by the strongest bonds of friendship and unanimity. He sincerely trusted it might always be so, and that they would see flourish this great Institution of Freemasonry, which was a great conclave of honest hearts brought together under ancient form, and working for the benefit and substantial good of their fellow creatures, both young and old. It was a system which could invoke the blessing of the Most High, and he was convinced that the more the work of Freemasonry was known throughout the world, the more would it be appreciated, and the greater would be the number who joined them. He was exceedingly pleased that day to have to present the distinction of the Charity jewel to Bro. C. A. Vinter, one among many who had worked for the great cause, and with such good results. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next rose to propose the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Andrew H. Moyes." (Applause.) The duty of inducting Bro. Moyes that day had afforded him great pleasure, and he trusted it had given satisfaction to Grand Lodge—and the entire Province of Cambridgeshire. (Renewed applause.) It gave him intense pain to be obliged to induct another Deputy in so short a time, for it was only three years since at Wisbech he instituted Bro. J. N. York to the same chair. He then believed that he thoroughly felt the pulse of the entire province, and he trusted he had done so again in appointing a successor. He had considerable advice on the subject, and after duly weighing and sifting the matter, he came to the decided opinion that Bro. Moyes was the right man for the place. (Applause.) He had known Bro. Moyes for over 30 years, and was convinced that there was no one in the province better fitted to act as his Deputy. (Applause.) He would refrain from further eulogy, as Bro. Moyes' fitness would be best demonstrated by his conduct in the future. Personally he had the greatest confidence that the fitness of his Deputy would be made known to the province as time went on. A genial, honest, straightforward man, who had gained the esteem of his fellow men in all stations of life, was not likely to fall short of the duties now imposed on him by the high office he had accepted that day, but would prove a most excellent and efficient Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Might he have health and strength to fulfil the position for many years. (Applause.)

Bro. A. H. MOYES, D.P.G.M., said that the appointment conferred upon him, together with the kind remarks from the chair and the cordial manner in which they had been received by the brethren, constrained him to say that it was one of the proudest moments he as a Mason could experience. He should endeavour so to discharge his duties as to merit the confidence of the brethren in years to come. He knew the office was a difficult one, that there were many varieties of opinion to be consulted, but he should strive to be impartial and to study the best interest of the province, and he trusted he should give satisfaction. It was said that the vitality of Masonry was to be tested by the contributions to their Charities. Well, the amount of money collected in the province for that purpose during the past four years was without precedent. He knew the time when things were different. But now, according to their numerical strength, they stood in the front rank. Those who had Masonry at heart would assist him in maintaining that position. (Applause.) He again thanked them for their cordial greeting, almost beyond his expectations, and trusted that if spared to perform his duty he should meet with their approbation. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then gave "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Thos. Nichols, who had rendered great service to the province as Grand Treas. His lordship eulogised the outgoing Treasurer, and trusted they might have his assistance in other directions.

Bro. T. NICHOLS, after mentioning that he was Secretary prior to being appointed Treasurer eleven years ago, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for his uniform kindness when consulted on Masonic matters, and promised that, although now a past officer, he would continue to give his best services to the province.

Bro. MOYES, D.P.G.M., proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Bros. WOODWARD and PAGE, of Lynn, responded.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Health of the W.M. of the Three Grand Principles, and of the W.M.'s of the other Lodges." Bros. WATTS, NICHOLLS, HAMPSON, and CHENNELL responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was the last toast from the chair, his lordship remarking that their Charities showed that Freemasonry was not only or merely a Society for friendly intercourse, but an Institution founded for and carrying on a great and noble work. He hoped this province would continue to do as it had done during the past few years, and so help the young, the aged, and the needy.

Bro. TERRY, of London, responded in an able speech, and showed what scope there was for large contributions to the Charities.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1886.

Original Correspondence.

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

GRAND LODGE AND THE PROPOSED IMPERIAL INSTITUTE OF THE COLONIES AND INDIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

From to-day's papers I read with astonishment that on the next meeting of Grand Lodge (December 1st) it is the intention of Bro. Raynham Stewart to propose a resolution—"That the Grand Lodge do hereby vote the sum of £1000 (one thousand pounds) from the Fund of General Purposes, as its contribution towards the proposed Imperial Institute of the Colonies and India."

I do earnestly and sincerely hope, Sir, that every effort will be made by the Craft to defeat this motion on the part of our good Bro. Stewart, for whom I have the greatest possible respect, and whose friendship I have had the privilege of enjoying for many years past.

I cannot for one moment think, Sir, that it would be the wish of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to take away so large a sum from the funds of our Order, seeing the constantly increasing applications and grants to such a number of our poorer brethren, to say nothing of the increasing requirements of our Charitable Institutions. Take, for instance, the case of our Boys' School, at Wood Green, with which I have had the honour for some years past to be connected on the Audit Committee.

A thousand pounds would be a "Godsend" to this Institution, as I am sure no one knows so well as our good Bro. Stewart. Then take our Benevolent Institution for Old Men and Women—would not our good Bro. Terry hail with delight "a thousand pounds" towards the Funds of his Institution? and last, although not least, would not the Girls' Institution and our good Bro. Hedges be delighted with such a magnificent donation towards their funds?

Surely the brethren assembled in Grand Lodge on the 1st proximo will never sanction such a donation being applied to such a purpose. The Imperial Colonial and Indian Institute can take care of itself; there can be no doubt that funds sufficient, or more than sufficient, for the proposed institute will be forthcoming in due course, without trenching upon funds that should be devoted purely to Charity in connection with the Craft.

If it is the desire for the Craft to contribute, let an appeal be sent out to every lodge, soliciting that every brother desiring to contribute to the Special Fund should send his subscription to, say, the Grand Secretary's office; but do not let us vote away money that is so urgently required for the benefit of the Craft, and Charity generally. I remain, dear Sir and brother, yours very faithfully and fraternally,  
H. S. GOODALL, P.M., P.Z., &c.  
November 22nd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I call attention to the proposed grant of £1000 to be before Grand Lodge on Wednesday next? I cannot understand why we should be called upon to support such a proposition, and do not believe the Institution is at all a fitting object of such support. We shall all, as individuals, have to support the scheme, and whilst we have such a large number of candidates waiting for admission to our Institutions, surely it will be better to expend the £1000 on granting immediate relief to those "Old Folks" who have but a poor chance of gaining entrance to the Benevolent Institution.

Trusting that you can give me space, and hoping that the matter will be well considered before the amount is voted, I remain, yours truly,  
November 24th. VICTORIA PARK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I hope that Worshipful Masters and brethren who are expected to attend Quarterly Communications will peruse, and take notice of a proposition that appears on the agenda paper to give £1000 of our money away from the source in which it is surely intended to go. Let them also read your article in last week's *Freemason* re the Benevolent Institution, and I think the majority will say with me that there is the channel for that amount to go in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee.—Fraternally yours,  
W.M. 2012.

PAST MASTERS COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am pleased to notice that this question is going to be dealt with at next Quarterly Communication (Wednesday next). I see that Bro. Nicholl, P.M., has got a notice of motion on the agenda which, if carried, will give all members of Grand Lodge the right to wear their full insignia of rank whenever they attend at any lodge in the Constitution, but I regret to notice that the Board of General Purposes, for their own inscrutable reasons, have also put in their report the direct counter proposal, they do not want Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens to wear their Grand Lodge clothing anywhere but in Grand Lodge, or Provincial, or District Grand Lodge.

Not being within the inner circle of the purple and gold, I am unable to even guess why it is not considered proper for say, an old Past Master (who has done, and is still capable of doing all the ceremonies of the Craft, and who is, in accordance with the laws, still a member of Grand Lodge, and entitled to attend there and participate in all the privileges accorded) to visit at any lodge in the Constitution, with all the clothing he is permitted to wear in Grand Lodge.

To require him to take his collar off is quite as bad as to

chop the spurs off a knight before he enters a private drawing room, or stripping the symbols of active service and ardent devotion to duty and his country, from a real live colonel prior to attending parade or review of the regiment of a brother in arms.

Whatever may be said for or against at Grand Lodge it seems clear to me that the notice that Bro. Nicholl has given, as to Article 307, and 308, in all fairness meet the difficulty at the proper point, and personally, I would be very pleased if the Craft generally could see fit to endorse his views, and very much still better pleased if the Board of General Purposes would adopt them as their own.

No doubt the question will be fairly argued upon its merits on both sides, and although there are many members who are apathetic or indifferent, yet I would be glad to see that there was evinced a disposition amongst Grand Lodge members generally, to assert their right to wear the insignia of their Grand Lodge rank wherever they found it convenient to attend.—Yours fraternally,  
LIGHT BLUE.

ADMISSION INTO LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am inclined to agree with you in your answer to I.G. 1326, because it is, I take it, quite clear that the lodge granting its sanction to the lodge of instruction cannot sanction in its offshoot that which the Constitutions forbid in itself. (See Articles 152, 158, and 160.)

But if this be the correct law as to visitors, other questions arise. Can a lodge of instruction receive as a member a brother who is not a subscribing member of a Craft lodge?

If so, how does this affect the question of his visiting other lodges, and other lodges of instruction? Can he be said to be "a subscribing member of some lodge?"

Are the words "a lodge" in Article 152 to be considered as meant to read "a lodge under the English Constitution?"

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly give me your opinion on these points.—Yours fraternally,  
LEX SCRIPTA.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—An unusually interesting and important meeting of this old lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Cannon-street Hotel, when in addition to the election of officers for the ensuing year, there was a formidable array of work on the agenda paper, a notable item of which being the introduction into the Craft of Mr. Fredk. Wootton Isaacson, M.P. for the Stepney Division of the Tower Hamlets. A numerous and distinguished company of brethren and visitors assembled, under the presidency of Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Solomon Jacobs, S.W.; R. Paton, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; P.P.G.S. Wks. Essex, Sec.; J. De Musquita, S.D.; Rev. M. Haines, Chap.; J. Da Silva, P.M., D. of C.; J. Lichtenfeld, Stwd.; E. H. Norden, I.P.M.; A. Bassington, P.M.; M. I. Emanuel, P.M.; J. A. Gartley, P.M.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; H. J. Phillips, P.M.; W. Littaur, P.M.; and H. M. Harris, P.M.; together with about 40 other brethren, and Bro. J. Rawles, Tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Klinckenstein, P.M. 73; J. Lee Dale, 948; J. Seigenberg, 1668; J. Loftus, 1306; H. J. Amphlett, and others.

Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, including a vote of five guineas to St. George's Hospital; and twenty guineas as a testimonial to Bro. C. F. Hogard, the esteemed and indefatigable Secretary of the lodge, the ballot was opened for the following candidates: Messrs. Frederick Wootton Isaacson, M.P., D.L., F. R. Jones, J. Dancyger, and Isaac White. All were unanimously accepted, and the ceremony of initiation was performed in a masterly and impressive manner by the W.M., assisted by his officers. Bros. S. Schumann and J. Solomons were then raised to the Sublime Degree, this ceremony being also perfectly carried out. The brethren next proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, their choice falling unanimously on Bro. Solomon Jacobs, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the S.W.'s chair during the past 12 months. Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services. On the motion of Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., it was resolved that the sum of two guineas be voted to the "Frederick Binckes' Testimonial Fund;" and—on the motion of the W.M. elect—"That the members of the lodge do form themselves into a Committee to carry out the arrangements for the annual ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge." It was subsequently resolved to present a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. A. J. Henochsberg on his retirement from the chair, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the ability and zeal with which he had carried out the duties of his office; that ten guineas should be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The following brethren were elected to serve on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing year: Bros. A. M. Cohen, P.M., President; H. M. Harris, P.M., Vice-President; E. Gompuz, E. J. Loewe, M. Abrahams, and R. Paton, Committee.

Business having been concluded with the customary interchange of amenities, lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday, January 25th, when the installation meeting will take place.

Later in the evening a supper was provided by Bro. H. P. Kilby, the manager of the hotel, the arrangements being admirably carried out under the personal superintendence of Bro. Kite. At its conclusion, the usual toasts were submitted, the W.M. observing that, as the work in lodge had driven them rather late, lengthy set speeches would be undesirable, and he would briefly give them "Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft."

Bro. E. H. Norden, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," spoke of the able manner in which he had performed the duties of his office, an excellent specimen of his work having been witnessed in the lodge-room that

day. Were it not that his successor was a good working Mason, they would be sorry to lose their present Master.

The W.M., after thanking the brethren for the reception they had given to the toast, said, in respect of the work done during the year, he only hoped he had borne out the expectations they had formed of him when 12 months ago they elected him to fill the high and honourable position he now occupied. He trusted that his work had satisfied them, and he could only say he had done his best to please them in every way. He thankfully acknowledged the support he had received from the officers and brethren generally during his year of office; and he thought he might say without egotism that the year had been as successful as many of its predecessors. He should have an opportunity of saying more on the night of the installation of his successor; and, as time was on the wing, he would content himself now with merely once more thanking them for their support and for the handsome manner in which they had appreciated his services by proposing a testimonial to him in the lodge that evening. He then proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Initiates," congratulating the lodge upon the acquisition of four excellent members, one of whom had already made his mark in Parliamentary life.

Bro. Isaacson, M.P., responded in a lengthy and humorous speech, in the course of which he regretted he had lost many of the pleasures of this life, inasmuch as he should have joined the Craft 25 years ago. He was much impressed and gratified with the ceremony he had gone through, and the solemn and impressive rites he had witnessed would be remembered by him to his latest hour.

The other initiates also acknowledged the toast in a few happily-chosen sentences.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, said the W.M. had desired him to thank them for the liberal manner in which they had supported him as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, his list having reached within a few shillings of £50. That was the largest amount ever given to start a list with; and he warmly advocated the claims of that important Charity.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the W.M. Elect," congratulated the brethren upon the wise selection they had made by choosing Bro. Solomon Jacobs as his successor in the chair. In him they had a thorough good Masonic worker, a young man of great energy in everything he undertook, and a brother who had proved himself well worthy of the position to which they had elected him.

Bro. Jacobs having suitably responded, Bro. Hogard gave "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel," which, at the present time, amounted to just over £1000. They had had heavy calls upon them during the year, between £70 and £80 having been disbursed amongst necessitous brethren. The fund was essentially for the benefit of poor brethren, members of the lodge who might need assistance; and it was done in such a way that no brother except the Committee knew who it was that had been relieved.

The toast was acknowledged at some length by Bro. A. M. Cohen, the President of the Fund, who warmly exhorted the younger members of the lodge especially, to support the Fund.

"The Visitors" were cordially welcomed, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Klinckenstein, Dale, Seigenberg, Loftus, and Amplett.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

The proceedings of the evening, which were throughout of the most harmonious and enjoyable character, were varied by some excellent singing by the brethren.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Anderson's Hotel. Present: Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M.; T. C. Edmonds, S.W.; F. W. Dimsdale, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M.; Treas.; F. J. Perks, Sec.; F. Saunders, Asst. Sec.; W. Davey, S.D.; W. F. Bates, J.D.; J. Bruton, A.D.C.; R. W. Fraser, I.G.; D. R. Bryce and R. Alaway, Stwds.; H. Lovegrove, I.P.M.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; C. J. Scales, P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; G. Clark, P.M.; G. Edwards, P.M.; and numerous brethren. Visitors: Bros. J. Minch, P.M. 27; J. Batty, P.M. 22; G. M. Downie, P.M. 1818, and Sec. 2147; A. Bowers, I.G. 2147; Green, 975; Wootton, 1986; Peacock, 177; Paul Storr, 1406; Bolding, 91; Wittenstryn, 219; and Whiting, Tyler.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. W. Wittenstryn, 219 (S.C.), and two candidates, Mr. Henry Wells and Mr. Dazio Trongi, who were all elected. Bros. Smerdon, Porter, Carter, and Glead were passed to the Degree of F.C., and Mr. Wells, being present, was initiated. The W.M. brought forward a notice from Bro. J. Terry of the needs of the R.M.B.I., and informing the brethren he should be pleased to represent the lodge as Steward at the next Festival.

After lodge was closed, the brethren banqueted in the Pillar Room.

The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., Dep. G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The I.P.M. having taken the gavel, gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was heartily responded to by the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, referred to the happy times he had had with the I.P.M. and P.M.'s. Theirs was a working lodge, and the Past Masters had set them such an excellent example, that he was quite sure the members of the lodge would keep up its reputation. Nothing should be wanting on his part to make it a successful year, and he hoped they would give him plenty of work by introducing their friends among them.

The next toast was "The I.P.M. and P.M.;" each responded.

Bro. Willing, P.M., Treas., in his usual happy strain, kept the members amused.

"The Visitors" received a very hearty welcome.

Bro. Batty, P.M., in reply, said he had often visited the lodge, and hoped Bro. Willing, P.M., would live long to send him invites, for he always enjoyed both the work in lodge and the conviviality at the banquet table.

Several other visitors replied.

"The Health of the Initiate" was then drunk, and he replied in a very able speech.

"The Officers" came next, and then the Tyler's toast.

During the evening Bros. Dimsdale, R. W. Fraser, F. J. Perks, and others gave songs and recitations, which added much to the pleasure of the W.M. and brethren.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The second regular meeting of this lodge for the session was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Henry W. Kedgley, W.M.; T. A. Dickson, S.W.; G. Reynolds, acting as J.W.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; W. F. Thorpe, acting as S.D.; S. Hewitt, acting as J.D.; George Stacey, P.M., Org.; Charles Ralph, acting as I.G.; G. Coleman, P.M.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; Charles Kedgley, P.M.; J. Potter, Tyler; Robert Potter, Turner Wilson, C. Tomlinson, W. R. Faulkner, W. R. Green, W. A. Dowling, Henry Willis, J. Cohen, H. Schiferno, James Woodward, G. H. Reynolds, W. Unwin, and George H. Foan. Visitors: Bros. W. Roots, 1273; Geo. Gitten, 2146; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, S.W. 217, Sec. 2148; W. A. Biney, A.W.S. 879; S. Renaut, S.D. 1626; and A. Lefeler, Treas. 1950.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. William Robert Faulkes, proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, S.D., and seconded by Bro. E. Mills, to become a member of this lodge, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was informed of the same, and then initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Jacob Citron was raised to the Degree of M.M. Letters were read from Bros. B. Solomon, J.W., and J. Mayo saying they were unable to attend that evening on account of domestic affliction, at which the brethren expressed their regret and sympathy.

The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a capital repast was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Bertini.

In proposing the usual loyal and Masonic toasts the W.M. made special allusions to the anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and said since the formation of the lodge they had met twice on that day, viz., in 1880 and that night. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. G. Coleman, P.M., in taking the gavel into his hand to propose "The Health of the W.M.," said it gave him great pleasure to do so. There was no need to sing his praises. He was held in high esteem by all, and had been since his entrance into the Covent Garden Lodge.

The Worshipful Master having replied, proposed "The Health of the Initiate."

The Initiate, Bro. W. R. Faulkes, in reply, said he was much impressed with the ceremony of initiation, and would endeavour also to impress on his memory the words of their W.M., and become a good Mason and a credit to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said it was always a welcome toast. They were always pleased to see them. Their number was small this evening, but that, no doubt, was on account of being Lord Mayor's day. He hoped they had all spent a pleasant evening.

Bros. Lefeler and Beaufort Hinks replied.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," coupling with it the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," who both replied.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Officers," and, in doing so, spoke well of them all.

Bro. T. A. Dickson, S.W., thanked the brethren for all their good wishes, saying he hoped to give great satisfaction to them all, and follow the good example set by their Worshipful Master.

Bro. G. Reynolds also thanked the brethren for the kind and hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and also for the way in which the W.M. had spoken of his Secretaryship to the lodge of instruction, in which he took great interest, and sincerely hoped to see many of their faces at the lodge of instruction on Thursday week, when their worthy Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., would rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. E. Farwig being their first Preceptor, he hoped there would be a good muster of brethren on that occasion.

The Tyler's toast brought the enjoyable evening to a close, which was much enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. C. Ralph, Wm. Bourne, "Initiates Song;" C. Tomlinson, James Woodward, T. R. Beaufort Hinks, Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; and the beautiful violin playing of Mr. W. Fuller, accompanied by Bro. S. Lane on the piano, "Selections from Faust."

**SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE (No. 1828).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Williams, W.M., who was supported by his officers. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, after which Bro. Marsh was raised to the Third Degree. The Auditors' report was then read, which was considered highly gratifying to the brethren, and creditable to the W.M., who began his year of office with a deficit, and he now leaves the chair with a small surplus. Bro. J. C. Breitbart, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, and duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. Breitbart then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Fisher, S.W.; Wyett, J.W.; Crowe, S.D.; Manders, J.D.; Bryett, P.M., Treas.; Jose, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Gilbert, I.G.; Van Dyk, D.C.; and Weinell, Steward. The various addresses to the W.M. were delivered by Bro. Baker, P.M.; to the Wardens by Bro. Pierpoint, P.M.; and to the brethren by Bro. Bryett, P.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by the newly-elected W.M. most efficiently and courteously, and the various toasts were proposed in a style not generally expected from a W.M. presiding for the first time—in fact, the W.M. is a Master to perfection.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Read, Davies, Spiegel, Williams, and Chalford.

Bro. Read congratulated the brethren on the progress of the lodge, and complimented them on their working, as also on the acquisition of the W.M., whom he (Bro. Read) had the pleasure to initiate in the Zeland Lodge.

Bro. Davies, as the Preceptor of the Zeland Lodge, endorsed the remarks of Bro. Read.

Bro. Spiegel said he would not mention the working of the lodge or the abilities of the officers; but he complimented them on their banquet; and he expressed himself so satisfied, that he promised whenever they would treat him in a similar manner he would be there again.

Several brethren contributed with songs and recitations, and everyone departed highly pleased and gratified.

The visitors present included Bros. J. Read, P.M. 511; J. Davies, 169; M. Spiegel, P.M. 188; W. J. Mason,

1328; C. Helden, S.W. 1460; R. H. Williams, W.M. 865; W. H. Chalford, P.M. 1925; J. Leare, P.M. 1477; A. Whittell, 1693; W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73; and J. Baker, 511.

**SHADWELL CLERKE LODGE (No. 1910).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Sa Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. J. L. Mather, W.M.; Lord Molesworth, S.W.; R. Ellis, J.W.; C. Belton, Treasurer, C. F. Matier, Secretary, T. W. Price, S.D.; C. H. Driver, D.C.; C. Trebeck, Stwd., J. W. Mellor, O.C., P.M.; H. Tisdale, P.M.; E. J. Mills, Tyler; E. J. Reed, R. Eve, A. Kent, N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; F. R. Kendall, J. Williams, W. B. Williamson, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; R. Morris, R. Berridge, P.M. 21; A. Williams, P.M. 49; J. W. Folkard, 1963; Rev. H. Cummings, P.M. 1837; W. Lake, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59; A. Tisley, P.M. 8; J. E. Dawson, D.P.G.M. Herts.; Augustus Harris, S.W. 2127; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D. G.M. Malta; W. A. Cooper 250 (I.C.); W. H. Jones, 1157; Dudley Thomas, 1929, and many others.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Thomas Fenn, James Terry, Earl of Kintore, Lord Henniker, Marquis of Hertford, Canon Portal, F. A. Philbrick, Lord Arthur Hill, Rev. E. K. Kendall, James Moon, George Cooper, and Lord Saulton. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. G. T. Reed, as a candidate, and that gentleman was duly introduced and initiated.

Bro. Matier was then presented for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Lord Molesworth, S.W.; Richard Ellis, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Morris, Chap.; Charles Belton, Treas.; Charles H. Driver, Sec.; J. W. B. Price, S.D.; J. W. Eley, J.D.; J. L. Mather, P.M., D.C. and W.S.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Hon. Org.; Chas. Trebeck, I.G.; Joseph Williams, Stwd.; E. J. Mills, Tyler.

Bro. J. L. Mather was presented with a P.M. jewel, and a similar presentation was made to Bro. Col. Clerke, the appropriateness of the latter gift being derived from the fact that the jewel bears the arms of the Grand Secretary.

Bros. Mather and Col. Clerke having returned thanks for the gift, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, which was presided over by the W.M., Bro. Matier.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The toast, he said, was one that was intimately connected with their own lodge. They had both a present and past Grand Officer, Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke and Dr. Lott, a very fair sample of what the House of Lords of Freemasonry was—both exemplifying the services rendered to Masonry and the advantages derivable therefrom.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke replied. The toast, he said, was so continuously given that it was almost impossible to say anything fresh in response. The W.M. had suggested he should give a lecture on the "Advantages of Freemasonry," but he could hardly do that, all he could say was that he was sorry so many good Masons should be kept out by the inexorable exigencies of figures, and although many were left out, those who did attain to Grand Office were deserving of the honour. He owed a very great debt of gratitude to that lodge, first by being honoured by the adoption of his name, and secondly for the kind reception he always met with.

Bro. J. L. Mather then proposed the toast of "The W.M., Bro. C. F. Matier." His task, he said, was a very simple one. The subject of his remarks was so well known wherever Masonry flourished, that it was only left for him to say that the Shadwell Clerke Lodge was very fortunate in having such a Master to rule over them.

Bro. Matier thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, which had been proposed in such a kind and flattering manner by Bro. Mather. He had, it was true, filled the chair on sundry other occasions, and he would promise them that the prosperity, dignity, and position of the lodge should not suffer in his hands.

Bro. Matier then proposed "The Health of the Visitors." There were present Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; Dawson, D.G.M. Hertfordshire; Robt. Berridge, P.G.S.; Rev. H. Cummings, P.P.G. Chap.; Alfred Williams, Augustus Harris, A. Tisley, and last, but not least, Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, a name which, while Emulation working was known, would never die out in Masonry. Bros. Broadley and Augustus Harris replied.

The Worshipful Master in giving the toast of "The Past Masters," remarked that every one knew what an enormous debt of gratitude was due to the Past Masters of a lodge, and to the I.P.M., Bro. Mather, their thanks were especially due. They had both done their best to bring the lodge to the state of prosperity they then enjoyed, and to Bro. Mellor, their first W.M., they owed more than he could tell them.

Bro. Mather replied. He had little to say about himself. He had endeavoured to render good suit and service to the Shadwell Clerke Lodge. They all knew what a large amount of interest he had taken in it, and he fully appreciated the kindly feeling shown towards him, especially since he had been in the chair.

Bro. Mellor, O.C., also replied, when, he said, the lodge did him the honour to nominate him as their first W.M. he was not fit to be Inner Guard, but Bro. Matier and others took him in hand, and he had, with some anxiety and difficulty it is true, endeavoured to do his duty. The whole Craft was indebted to the Past Masters who filled the chair of King Solomon with the wisdom of Solomon, and for himself he always spoke of them with reverence not unmixed with awe. He never could forget that the lodge took its name from one who was a most profound Mason and an accomplished gentleman. He felt it was a great honour to have first become acquainted with Masonry under such a distinguished name as Col. Shadwell Clerke.

Bro. Mather then proposed the toast of "The Initiate," which was duly responded to.

The next toast was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Belton and C. H. Driver." The Treasurer had given a large amount of valuable time to the lodge, and Bro. Driver in his new duty would, he felt sure, be equally efficient.

Bro. Belton replied, thanking the brethren very heartily for the kindly reception of the toast, which he fully appreciated.

Bro. Driver, in responding, said that the Treasurer had something to say about the services he had rendered. He had to prove, by his work in the future, that he had deserved the thanks they were giving him in anticipation.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next given, and the toast coupled with the names of the S.W., Bro. Lord Molesworth, and the J.W., Bro. Ellis.

Bro. Lord Molesworth said he was pleased to belong to the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, whose prosperity was assured under the W.M., Bro. Matier. He had not, he regretted to say, been able to render the lodge all the services he could have wished; but he trusted the coming year would be more fruitful.

Bro. Ellis also replied. The pleasure of the evening was much increased by the admirable singing of Bros. Dudley, Thomas, and T. W. Price; while Bro. Dr. Lott kindly performed some instrumental music.

The meeting was a most successful one, and the banquet provided by Bro. Hamp was of the choicest description. The jewels presented to the I.P.M. and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—On Saturday, the 13th inst., the ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Brixton Hall, Acrc Lane, Brixton. There was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. Charles Pardon, W.M.; William Duckworth, I.P.M.; W. O. Goldsmith, S.W.; John C. Duckworth, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; Dr. Griffiths, S.D.; Herbert Wright, J.D.; W. T. Perkins, I.G.; J. H. Thomas, D.C.; A. E. Peachey, Org.; C. Basil Cooke, W.S.; E. E. Peacock, W.S.; Thos. Minstrell, P.M.; James Macintyre, John Moore, W. Potts, W. S. Seabrooke, George Welsh, F. H. Gale, F. Saunders, W. J. Fisher, Jas. Adair, C. K. Moore, P. Hugh, W. J. Innes, J. C. Manning, John Allan, Chas. Lock, H. J. Sanderson, Wallace Husk, S. James, and others. Visitors: Bros. Harrison (Gibraltar), G. S. Graham, Frederick Cundy, A. J. Rogers, M. Vizetelly, C. Youngusband, and Leyland Cross.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. W. E. Pitt, of the Press Association, was unanimously elected, but he not being present his initiation was postponed until a future occasion. Bros. Wallace, Husk, and Samuel James were then passed to the Second Degree, the perfect work of the W.M. giving great satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. Goldsmith, the S.W., was next unanimously elected to the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year. Bro. Massey was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very, as Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was cordially voted to the outgoing Master, Bro. Pardon, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

In the course of the evening the W.M. congratulated the brethren on the remarkable progress of the lodge, and he alluded at some length to the important step the lodge had taken, under his direction, with reference to the Lodge Benevolent Fund. They had early in the year agreed to set aside for their Benevolent Fund a considerable percentage of their lodge income, and what had been an experiment and a leap in the dark had turned out to be a leap in the bright sunshine of success. They hoped in a few years to have a large and substantial Fund of their own, which he was sure would be administered in a just and fraternal spirit.

Bro. Basil Cooke, in responding to the toast of "The Officers," informed the brethren that during the Church Congress week at Wakefield he visited the Unanimity Lodge, No. 154, and enjoyed a most cordial and fraternal welcome from the brethren of that lodge.

During the evening much harmony prevailed, Bro. F. Cundy singing in his best style several beautiful songs. Bro. G. S. Graham, who was in splendid form, greatly amused the brethren, and further efforts on the part of Bros. Rogers, Potts, Vizetelly, F. Saunders, and F. H. Gale all aided to make up a most pleasant and enjoyable evening. The brethren separated about eleven o'clock.

**LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).**—The election meeting of this popular lodge was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a goodly attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. W. McDougall, W.M. Amongst those also present were Bros. A. H. Sandle, S.W.; H. F. Bing, M.C., acting as J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Tasman, through indisposition); E. McDowall, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; L. V. Walker, S.D.; J. C. Tilt, J.D.; J. W. Smith, Org.; J. Green, I.G.; G. Gregory, Stwd.; N. Green, P.M.; A. Haig-Brown, P.M.; and many other brethren. The visitors included Bros. E. Blake, I.P.M. 507; T. J. Noakes, S.W. 507; G. Davidson, 1924; T. Thomson, S.W. and W.M. elect 1597; and H. J. Amphlett.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. A. M. Hancock was passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being most efficiently performed by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, their choice falling unanimously upon Bro. A. H. Sandle, who had ably discharged the duties of the S.W.'s chair. Bro. E. McDowall was re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services; and the Tyler, Bro. Lackland, was also re-appointed. It was resolved, amidst acclamation, that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. McDougall on his retirement from the chair, the duties of which he had so ably and efficiently discharged during his tenure of office. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved that the London Rifle Brigade Fund of Benevolence be managed by a Committee, consisting of the W.M., S.W., J.W., Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary. Some routine business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed with the customary harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar-room, where dinner was served in Bro. F. H. Clemow's usually excellent style.

The prefatory toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. A. Haig-Brown, I.P.M., rose with pleasure to propose "The Health of the W.M.," though that pleasure was mingled with a certain amount of regret, inasmuch as this was the last occasion on which he should have the opportunity of submitting that toast. They all looked back with satisfaction upon the year during which Bro. McDougall had been Master of the lodge, and hoped he would remain with them many years to carry on his breast the record which the brethren had unanimously voted to him that night, of his having served the most important position in the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. He was reminded that their

W.M. had attained the distinction of being champion shot of the London Rifle Brigade this year. In wishing their W.M. long life, happiness and prosperity, he expressed the hope that they might for many years have the pleasure of his company, and that his interest in the welfare of the lodge might continue unabated.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of his response, said he had always taken a deep interest in everything connected with the London Rifle Brigade, with which he had been associated for the last 16 years. During that time he had made many close friends, and ventured to believe he had not missed a single evening. In joining the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, and being one of its founders, he felt confident it would be a success, because his experience had been that whatever the members of the Brigade took in hand they carried through and ensured for it success. It always afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to meet the members of the lodge or the Brigade, or any one associated with the Brigade. For voting him that handsome award for the very small services he rendered to the lodge he felt exceedingly grateful, and he tendered them his hearty thanks, concluding by expressing the hope that he might be associated with the lodge for many years to come.

Bros. Blake and Thomson having acknowledged the cordial reception that had been extended to the visitors, a distinguishing characteristic of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of the W.M. Elect," in doing which he expressed his conviction that Bro. Sandle would occupy the chair with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Sandle, S.W., could not find words adequately to express the gratification he felt at having been appointed as W.M. of that eminent lodge; but trusted he might be spared to carry out the duties of that high office with satisfaction to the brethren. In doing so he felt sure he should be ably assisted by the junior officers, and by the brethren generally of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Health of the Past Masters," including the Treasurer and Secretary, whose services he eulogised as eminently satisfactory and conducive to the stability and well-being of the lodge.

Bro. Haig-Brown having expressed the interest which he and the other P.M.'s felt in the lodge,

The Treasurer said, with respect to their Benevolent Fund, he thought it was a good thing that a Committee should be appointed, so that in the event of a case occurring, which he hoped might not be for many years, they might deal with it at once, and without bringing it before the lodge. If a brother belonging to the lodge had unfortunately to make application for assistance, his case would be enquired into by the Committee, and nothing more would be said in respect of it, and none of the brethren would know who had been relieved except the Committee. He knew for a fact that £10 or £20 might be the means of assisting a brother over a difficulty for the time being; but he would not like his name to be brought before the brethren and his affairs discussed in the lodge room, perhaps when there might be visitors present. He was therefore pleased that the motion for the appointment of a Committee was carried so unanimously, and for the confidence which the brethren had reposed in that Committee.

The Secretary, in his response, expressed the pride he felt at having retained that position ever since the commencement of the lodge. It was a pleasure to witness the prosperity of the lodge, and to know it had done good suit and service in the cause of Charity. He thoroughly agreed with what the Treasurer had said respecting the Benevolent Fund, for he was convinced occasions sometimes arose when temporary assistance saved a man where otherwise his prospects might be shattered.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Bing in suitable terms; and the proceedings were concluded with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given, and the reunion was of a most enjoyable character.

**ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE (No. 2157).**—The first meeting of this lodge after its consecration took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster. There were present Bros. Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, W.M.; James Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; John O'Connell, J.W.; T. Cross, P.M., Secretary; J. Tidmarsh, W. Goulden, I.G.; A. G. Fleming, D.C.; J. R. Phillips and R. H. Catling, Stewards; A. P. Lye, G. W. Stevens, G. H. Heathcote, and F. Flood, 1929.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration ceremony and the installation of the W.M. were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the following gentlemen for initiation, which proved unanimous in each case: Messrs. John Stanton, J. L. Johnson, Alfred Streeter, Henry J. Whitehouse, J. T. Thompson, R. J. Hennings, and Thomas E. Cattell. The first five gentlemen were then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The Secretary read letters of apology for absence from Bros. W. R. Carter, S.D., and Rev. W. Benham. The careful and impressive way in which the ceremony was performed reflects credit on the W.M. and his officers. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. The lodge was then closed.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. F. H. Hallett, W.M.; T. W. Markwick, S.W.; S. Chandler, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treasurer; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P.G.A.D.C., P.M., Secretary; F. C. Edwards, acting S.D.; J. B. Foord, J.D.; W. S. Allen, I.G.; W. Woodcock, Organist; Leslie, Tyler; Wm. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., P.M. 1184; W. Glenister, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.G. Stwd., P.M.; John Bray, G. Randell, R. Dengate, C. Reinmann, H. A. Muscat, R. Jones, Rev. G. H. Frewer, G. J. Hilliard, P.M. 174; Dr. Fry, William Cooper, R. Walmesley, and others. Visitors: Bros. John Elmslie, 1420; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M., H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.A.P., P.M., Treasurer, and F. Baumann, all of 1184; B. F. Meadows, 1841; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the

previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. G. H. Gaze was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Messrs. Bullman and Addison were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, both ceremonies being performed in an effective and impressive manner by the W.M. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, 22nd inst., when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. A. Rhagg, P.M., Treas.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; I. G. Smith, P.M., D.C.; W. F. Carmon, P.M.; Edward Shewbrooks, S.W.; William Dalrymple, J.W.; W. Brown, Sec.; W. F. Raeburn, S.D.; Thos. Thompson, J.D.; Wm. Richardson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. F. Dryden, S.S.; and M. R. Wright, J.S. Amongst the many visitors present were Bros. J. T. Harrison, W.M. 481; Wm. Lyon, W.M. 406; G. C. Coates, W.M. 1427; G. Lawson, P.M. 240; John Nesbit, P.M. 24; H. Markham, W.M. 24; Isaac Taylor, I.G. 1342; and others.

Messrs. G. C. Potts and Wm. H. Denton having been balloted for, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the acting W.M., the J.W. explaining the working tools and giving the charge incidental to the ceremony. Bro. Henry Carrick, having proved his efficiency, was afterwards raised as a M.M. by Bro. Rhagg, I.P.M. On the completion of the usual formal business and the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the proceedings terminated, when an adjournment was made to the refreshment board.

**GLOSSOP.—Devonshire Lodge (No. 625).**—The annual meeting was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Bro. Samuel Warhurst, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Master was Bro. J. E. Steward, P.M. 336, P.P.G. J.D. Cheshire, assisted by Bro. G. E. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. S.D. The ceremony, which was choral, was gone through in a most impressive manner. Bro. Warhurst, W.M., nominated as his officers for the year Bros. W. Swire, I.P.M.; A. Andrew, S.W.; A. Walker, J.W.; W. Thorp, Treas.; T. S. Bowden, Sec.; W. Eversden, S.D.; W. H. Bowden, J.D.; J. Parker, I.G.; J. Bennett, Org.; J. Jepson and E. Oldham, Stewards; and J. Brown, Tyler.

Besides the above-named brethren there were present Bros. D. Clarke, W.M. 260; G. Hambleton, 67 (Canada); R. Hunter, P.M. 1088, P.P.G.S.D.; J. W. Caldwell, W.M. 366; J. Crook, W.M. 320; W. Roberts Mellor, 221; J. Ridgway, 336; J. Wagstaffe, P.M. 320; W. Hadfield, P.M. 320; S. Robinson, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Hodgson, P.M.; J. Collier, P.M.; J. D. Calder, W. V. Wilkinson, J. Hall, P.M.; W. Fielding, and W. H. Inlam.

The lodge was afterwards duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Norfolk Arms, where a banquet was served up, Bro. Warhurst, W.M., presiding, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).**—The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall. There being no particular work on the circular, an occurrence very rare in this prosperous lodge, the W.M. took occasion to invite a very numerous gathering to participate in "a musical night," and a great treat the brethren experienced. The gathering was the largest known on an ordinary lodge night. The lodge was opened, when there were present Bros. Edgar Horne, P.P.G.O., W.M.; J. Copstick, I.P.M.; A. Woodiwiss, S.W.; J. W. Brigg, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; J. Chadwick, Sec.; T. Taylor, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; G. Sutherland, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; J. Jones, I.G.; W. Todd and G. H. Ward, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; P.M.'s G. T. Wright, John Smith, J. C. Merry, L. R. Gee, John Brown, A. Frazer, W. Cooper, J. Bland, C. Webster, F. G. Sanderson, T. E. Yeomans, J. Worsnop, and James Taylor; W. Johnson, A. Smith, G. Larner, H. Horne, H. Tempest, J. A. Linacre, A. J. Peake, W. Humber, G. C. Copstick, J. V. Woodward, W. Harrison, L. Tinkler, J. Melrose, A. Tyler, J. E. Raye, D. Woollett, W. Knight, F. Ball, W. W. Heywood, and E. H. Claye. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Cox, P.M. 253, P.G. Treas.; W. Naylor, P.M. 253, P.G. Sec.; J. B. Coulson, P.M. 253; H. T. Abbott, Org. 353; P. T. Truman, Org. 1794; D. Upton, W.M. 1324; J. W. Cook, S.D. 1324; F. G. Boden, S.W. 779; S. Steele, P.M. 802; W. H. Murrow, 1209; W. H. Marsden, P.M. 253; C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391; J. H. Marshall, W.M. 1007; W. B. Woodeford, S.W. 787; J. H. Orme, W.M. 1688; J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; J. B. Boycott, P.M. 1952; W. J. Cooper, 1324; S. S. Waddington, A. Eaton, J. H. Mason, T. Oldham, R. Hunt, and A. Brown, of 802; L. Russell, J. E. Eyre, W. Hart, T. Berridge, J. A. Hefford, and J. Cumberland, of 1085; and W. Sibley.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. R. Booty, a candidate for initiation, who was elected. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the numerous visiting brethren, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned shortly afterwards to what may fairly be described as an excellent banquet, served in the Lower Hall.

"The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, the brethren singing the National Anthem, solo by Bro. J. H. Marshall, W.M. 1007.

The toast of "The G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was then proposed by the Worshipful Master; Bro. B. W. Pike, 1085, singing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Glee, "Oft when night," by Bros. J. Melrose, B. W. Pike, W. L. Dodd, and W. Forman. Violin solo, by Bro. H. T. Abbott, Org. 353, was received with great enthusiasm, Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O., presiding at the piano.

The Senior Warden here proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was most heartily received. He said the brethren were not met to hear much speech-making, but to hear and enjoy the musical talent provided, but yet it was always the custom for the Arboretum brethren to heartily toast their W.M., and he considered it would certainly be wrong to forget it now. He was sorry the toast was not in abler hands, but still he was sure it would

be heartily received, as indeed it always was. The W.M. had now passed through nearly three-fourths of his year, and they could say they were proud of him, he had always done his work, and it would show the brethren how full of resources their W.M. was, by his having provided a musical evening, when for once in a way there was no ceremony. He was delighted with the way the W.M. had taken it up, and it was most gratifying to see so large a gathering. He had been reminded that eight years ago on that night their W.M. was initiated, and having passed through most of the other offices, was now their esteemed W.M. So large a gathering had never been known before, and he considered it testified to the high esteem in which he was held.

After the applause had subsided, Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, W.M. 1007, sang "The boys of the blue."

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, met with quite an ovation. He said he could scarcely find words adequate enough to thank the Past Masters, Officers, and brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received; he could only thank them most cordially for their constant attendance and support. He felt sure there were plenty of good brethren coming on after him. He had found the lodge flourishing, and should hope to leave it more so.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Visitors." He considered that toast on such an occasion must come from him, even if he failed to express in words his good wishes to them, and hearty thanks for the numerous attendance, many of the brethren being from a distance. The W.M. made happy allusion to his own recent visit to London, when he was present at Bro. H. Guy's installation, and said on this occasion, as was done then, he would couple with the toast the name of a brother from the shortest and the longest distance.

Zither solo, by Bro. J. V. Woodwarde, which was greatly appreciated.

Bro. C. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1391, on responding for "The Visitors," thanked the W.M. for having in so kind a manner proposed the toast. He was able to say that Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland, would have been present, but was obliged to attend an installation meeting at Oakham. He, himself, had promised to visit the Arboretum Lodge, but had not been able to find an earlier opportunity. He had never before seen so large a gathering, and was greatly pleased he had been able to be present.

Bro. D. Upton, W.M. Okeover Lodge, in responding, incidentally mentioned his belief that he was the youngest Master in the room, having only been installed the previous week. He wished all the brethren might be able to visit his lodge, but begged them to come in divisions, as they might not find room.

Bros. J. H. Ormé, 1688, and J. B. Boycott, 1952, also responded.

Clarionet solo by Bro. B. W. Pike, 1085; accompanist Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O. Song, Bro. W. Naylor, P.G. Sec., "The Bellringer."

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Musical Brethren," tendering them, on behalf of himself and the lodge, very hearty thanks for the musical treat they had afforded.

Song, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.G.S.W., "The Bowling Green Chorus."

The musical brethren who responded were Bros. Naylor, P.M. 253, P.G. Sec.; B. W. Pike, 1085; W. L. Dodd, 1085, P.P.G.O.; H. T. Abbotts, Org. 353; and J. H. Marshall, W.M. 1007, all expressing the pleasure it had given them to be present, and to contribute to the harmony of the evening.

Song, Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O., "The Maid of the Mill," violoncello solo, Bro. J. V. Woodward, accompanist, Bro. H. T. Abbotts, Org. 353; glee, "By Celia's Arbour," Bros. W. Forman, Melrose, W. L. Dodd, and B. W. Pike. Bro. G. T. Wright, P.M., P.G.S.W., then obtained permission to propose a toast, which, when it was known that it referred to the father of the W.M., who was present, was most heartily received.

Pianoforte solo, Bro. H. T. Abbotts, Org. 353. Bro. H. Horne, father of the W.M., said he ought to feel proud to be present on such an occasion; he was greatly obliged for the remarks the proposer of the toast had made, both with reference to himself and his noble boy. He trusted he might long be spared to come amongst them.

The Worshipful Master then accorded a special toast to the highly esteemed Tyler, Bro. T. Day, who had been over twenty years a Mason, part of his career having been spent in Essex.

Song, "In cellar cool," Bro. J. Melrose, 731. Bro. T. Day having warmly responded to the toast, and referred feelingly to the eleven years he had spent amongst the brethren, the Tyler's toast at a late hour closed a most enjoyable evening, and one never to be forgotten.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Griffin Hotel, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the W.M., Bro. T. Weaver, raised Bros. Edgell, Loxley, and Moscrop to the Sublime Degree. The other officers present were: Bros. W. Chapman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; and G. Wade, J.D.; the vacancies being supplied by deputies. This was the night for the election of W.M., and Bro. W. Chapman received an unanimous vote. So also Bro. Long for the office of Treasurer; and Bro. Gilbert was the only name mentioned for Tyler. Bro. J. Squire, P.M., who has filled the office of Secretary for the last 14 years, tendered his resignation, a step necessary owing to his having changed his residence. Great regret was expressed at that announcement, and in recognition of his able services Bro. Squire was elected an honorary member of the lodge. Later on, when he had retired, a subscription was opened for the purpose of presenting him with a testimonial on his retirement. A P.M.'s jewel was also voted to the outgoing W.M.

At supper, which followed after work, Bro. Strange, W.M. of the Amherst Lodge, replied to "The Health of the Visitors."

**RICHMOND.**—Rose of Denmark Lodge (No. 975).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Greyhound Hotel, on Friday, the 19th inst., when a large number of members and visitors attended. Bro. John Brown, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. G. Bugler, S.W.; C. Campbell, J.W.; J. Garnar, P.M., Treas.; J. Noble, P.M., Sec.; J. Plowman, S.D.; N. Courlander, I.G.; W. E. Scantlebury, Stwd.; H. O.

Hinton, P.M.; E. Ayling, P.M.; W. R. Williams, P.M.; E. W. Clarke, P.M.; G. F. Crane, P.P.G. Purst, Suffolk, P.M.; W. R. Phillips, P.M.; and W. H. Lee, Prov. Asst. G. Sec. Middx., P.M. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. C. J. Rich, P.M. 65; G. H. Hester, 2032; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1420; J. Reeves, P.M. 1360; H. Harvey-George, Prov. G.J.W. Norfolk, P.M. 313; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; H. G. Hills, P.M. 1420; J. Featherstone, P.M. 313; J. Cutbill, 902; J. N. Alexander, 1503; A. C. Taylor, 2032; W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; R. Aldridge, 1475; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; F. Partington, 1288; E. Dare, J.W. 2032; S. Arnold, 109; J. H. Gluckstein, 205; G. Michael, 435; J. Aldridge, 2032; W. Cowley, 1550; H. Mackway, 1058; H. Fruen, 2012; G. Gardner, W.M. 2012; W. Kempster, M.D. 1420; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; W. Smith, 72; J. Radford, P.M. 1420; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the October meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., read a letter from Mrs. Bugler, wife of the W.M. elect, asking the brethren to accept a carpet for the lodge use. On the proposition of Bro. Brown, W.M., seconded by Bro. Campbell, J.W., a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mrs. Bugler for her handsome and useful present. Bro. Johnson was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, after which Bro. George Bugler, having been presented as W.M. elect, was impressively installed into the chair by the Installing Officer, Bro. Brown. Bro. Bugler, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. M. Campbell, S.W.; J. Plowman, J.W.; James Garnar, P.M., Treas.; John Noble, P.M., Sec.; Courlander, J.D.; Scantlebury, I.G.; Custance, D.C.; Levy, Griffin, and Smith, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Fogden, his investiture as S.D. was postponed. The usual addresses were then admirably given by Bro. E. W. Clarke, P. W. Ballot having been successfully taken for Messrs. W. Funge and H. Gundry, they were initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. in a highly creditable manner. Bro. J. Garnar, P.M., Treas., in a few words, heartily and sincerely thanked the brethren for their sympathy and kindness to him during his recent illness. It was then unanimously resolved that the sum of £5 5s. be taken from the lodge fund, and a similar sum from the Benevolent Fund, and placed on Bro. Hinton's list for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Hinton, P.M., briefly returned thanks, and drew the attention of the members to the Benevolent Association recently started in connection with the lodge.

All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

"The Queen and the Craft" was, as usual, the first toast honoured, the W.M. drawing the attention of the brethren to the great interest evinced by her Majesty in the welfare of the Craft.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was next given by the W.M., who said that few words would be necessary from him to ensure the toast a hearty reception. His Royal Highness was one of the best rulers the Craft had possessed, and it was owing to the influence exercised by him that the Order had risen to its present eminent position.

"The Grand Officers" having been duly honoured, "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Brown, I.P.M., who remarked that the gavel had been placed in his hands for the first and last time at the banquet table that evening, for the delicate, interesting, and important duty of proposing this toast. Their W.M., whom they had placed in the chair that evening, was an excellent brother, well fitted to rule the lodge satisfactorily, and would carry out his duties in a conscientious manner. He had known Bro. Bugler, W.M., for a considerable time, and from personal experience he could congratulate the lodge on the selection it had made. He asked the brethren to join him in wishing their W.M. all the success he desired, and a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Bugler, W.M., in reply, after returning thanks for the manner in which the toast had been given and received, said that he was pleased if his past efforts had given satisfaction to the brethren, and he would endeavour in the future to exert himself for the benefit of the lodge.

"The Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who remarked that Bro. Brown had done the best he could for the lodge during his year of office, and had carried out his duties to the gratification of its members. As the Installing Officer, he could also speak of him in the highest terms, and was personally pleased to have been installed into the chair by Bro. Brown. It was now his pleasing duty to present their I.P.M. with the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge. It afforded him considerable pleasure to make this presentation, as Bro. Brown had thoroughly deserved it, and it was the earnest wish of the brethren that he would live for many years to wear it, and enjoy himself at their meetings.

Bro. John Brown, I.P.M., responded, and thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He also thanked them heartily for the jewel presented to him, and he re-echoed the W.M.'s wish that he might live many years to wear it, for he should regard it as a mark of their esteem and affection. During his year he had performed his duties to the best of his ability, and was gratified that he had gained their approbation.

"The Initiates" having been cordially received, and duly responded to by Bros. Funge and Gundry, Bro. Bugler, W.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said this toast was always looked forward to with pleasure. The members, one and all, greeted the visiting brethren cordially, and were always ready to do their utmost to make them comfortable. He hoped that on the present occasion they had succeeded, and that the visitors had spent an enjoyable evening. He was pleased to see so numerous an array of visitors, for it showed that the members were respected by the Craft. Brethren were naturally pleased to visit lodges where they could cement other associations in a brotherly spirit of friendship and unity.

Bro. Gardner, W.M. 2012, replied, and, after returning thanks, said that he had been present on two or three occasions to see the working, which he had always thoroughly enjoyed.

Bro. W. Kempster, M.D., P.M. 1420, also responded, and said the remarks of Bro. Gardner embraced everything the visiting brethren wished to say. He wished, however, to express his personal gratification at seeing Bro. Bugler in the chair, for he had known that brother in and out of

Masonry for many years. From what he knew of their W.M. he could sincerely and heartily congratulate the lodge on having placed a brother in the chair who would carry out the tenets and principles of the Craft, and faithfully maintain the prestige of the Rose of Denmark Lodge. He tendered his grateful thanks for the cordial reception he had received, and he hoped it would be his privilege to attend their meetings and see more of the excellent working.

Bro. Harvey-George, Prov. G.J.W. Norfolk, also replied, and said that he had travelled 250 miles to be present on that occasion, and that it had afforded him considerable satisfaction to receive such a hearty welcome.

Bro. Hinton, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," and thanked the brethren for the support accorded him, as he had been enabled to place 60 guineas on his list through their assistance.

Bro. Hinton also replied for "The Past Masters," and said the W.M. had spoken of the P.M.'s in very warm terms, which evinced the good feeling existing between that body and the occupant of the chair. They were at all times ready to assist in the working to promote the interests of the lodge. Bro. Clarke, P.M., had that evening delivered the addresses in a manner that had never been excelled, and it was a good thing for a lodge to have a body of P.M.'s ready to fulfil any duty they might be called upon to perform.

Bro. Noble, P.M., Sec., responding on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary," regretted that Bro. Garnar, P.M., Treas., had been obliged to leave, owing to the indifferent state of his health, and assured the W.M. and brethren that the Treasurer and Secretary would endeavour to continue their respective offices to the credit of the lodge and the satisfaction of the members.

Bro. Campbell, S.W., replied for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The music, which considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren, was performed solely by relatives of the W.M., who evinced musical talents of a high order. The principal contributors were Miss G. Bugler, Mrs. W. Funge, Mrs. W. Aries, Messrs. G. J. and W. Bugler, and Mr. W. H. Aries.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—United Brothers Lodge (No. 1069).—Bro. G. Whitehall was installed as W.M. of this lodge at the annual meeting which took place on Monday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, the ceremony having been ably performed by Bro. M. E. Frost, P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. Dupree, I.P.M.; A. G. German, S.W.; J. Jenkins, J.W.; R. J. Rastrick, Treasurer; C. J. Lawrence, Secretary; T. Smith, Asst. Sec.; Dr. B. H. Mumby, S.D.; J. Moses, J.D.; E. Zachariah, D.C.; Dudley, I.G.; and Milligan and Cooksley, Stwds. Bro. Whitehall, after a few appropriate remarks, presented Bro. Dupree with a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, and Bro. Jenkins, the late Secretary, also received a similar token of appreciation of his services.

A banquet followed, at which about 60 brethren sat down, the guests including Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sall, P.P.G.C., and several Provincial Grand Officers.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The members of this progressive lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst. The W.M., Bro. Henry Kimm, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; Robert Hughes, S.W.; Charles Martin, J.W.; Rev. Henry Hawkins, M.A., Chaplain; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.A.P., P.M., Treasurer; W. A. Raper, Secretary; T. J. Walder, S.D.; W. T. Jordan, J.D.; J. Fielding, Organist; Rashell T. Davison, M.D., I.G.; Leary, Tyler; John B. Foster, J. Pepper, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. H. Hallet, W.M. 40; and Rev. G. H. Frewer, 40.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and communications read, Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie gave a lecture on the tracing board, First Degree, after which, some formal business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed.

**SUDBURY.**—Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).—On Friday, the 5th inst., the installation of the W.M., Bro. Henry Cronin Pratt, for the ensuing year, took place with all the honours and ancient ceremonies of the Craft, in the handsome new Masonic Hall. The Installing Master was the V.W. the Deputy P.G.M. for the Province of Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn.

Fifty brethren afterwards dined at the Rose and Crown Hotel. The visitors present included Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; A. S. B. Sparling, W.M. 51; Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec. Essex; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; Edmund Gowers, P.M., 1024, P.P.G.O.; N. Tracy, P.G. Sec. Suffolk; G. Thompson, P.M. 1088; A. J. Grimwade, P.M.; and others.

**WIGAN.**—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Johnson. There were also present Bros. R. B. Seddon, S.W.; J. Browne, J.W.; H. Bunchier, Sec.; H. Riddlesworth, J.D.; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, Org.; W. Rigby, I.G.; R. Bettey, P.M.; G. L. Campbell, P.M.; J. D. Murray, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire, Treas.; A. Craston, T. Knowles, R. Prosser White, H. Ackerley, W. Simpson, and the following visitors: Bros. W. Taylor, W. E. M. Tomlinson, W.M. 1561; T. Milner, P.M. 178; and J. M. Ashurst, P.M. 178.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Ackerley was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. Proposals for two joining members were submitted, and also the names of four gentlemen as candidates for initiation. The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the ante-room for the short space of one hour.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Friday, the 19th inst., when Bro. the Rev. R. H. Yeld, M.A., P.P.G.C., was installed as W.M. of the lodge by Bro. Benjamin Levy, P.M. 97, P.P.G.J.W., the ceremony being very ably performed by that distin-



guished Mason. Captain Larkins was also initiated into Masonry by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Wilkinson.

There was a large number of brethren present, including Bros. W. Beattie, P.M.; T. Pinkney, P.M.; Thomas Tillman, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Brandt, P.M.; John Tillman, P.P.G.S. of W.; Robert Shadforth, P.G.S.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.D.; Rev. W. P. Swaby, P.G. Chap.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D. of C.; G. C. Watson, P.P.G.I.D.; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D.; J. R. Pattison, P.G. Asst. Sec.; D. P. Huntley, P.M. 80; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; W. C. Harris, P.P.G.C.; Robert Singleton, W.M. elect 97; J. A. Hall, W.M. elect 240; Thomas Atkinson, W.M. elect 80; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; T. G. Garrick, W.M. 94; T. G. Curry, 80; J. Hudson, S.D. 80; J. Deans, W.M. 2039; W. A. Priestly, S.W.; A. Brown, S.D. 2039; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, J.D. 97; Henry Horner, 949; J. F. Napier; J. R. Cutter, 97; J. Irwin, 1339; and others.

The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. B. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; H. H. Pinkney, S.W.; Arthur Peters, J.W.; John Tillman, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Sparkes, Sec.; W. E. Sparkes, S.D.; F. Wade, J.D.; F. Maddison, P.M., D. of C.; G. F. Vincent, Org.; Hartley Campbell, I.G.; P. Maddison, S.S.; and W. H. Craven, Tyler.

In the evening the annual festival was celebrated in the banqueting hall, the W.M., Bro. the Rev. R. H. Yeld, P.P.G.C., in the chair, and supporting him were Bro. S. Storey, M.P., and a number of distinguished brethren.

**AMLWCH.—St. Elth Lodge (No. 1488).**—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the annual installation in connection with the above lodge took place at the Castle Hotel, when the attendance of brethren was unusually large. The lodge was opened at two p.m., there being present Bros. John Matthews, W.M.; Dr. T. Lloyd Evans, I.P.M.; T. E. Harris, S.W.; T. Jervis, J.W.; John Hughes, Treas.; Owen Thomas, Sec.; Rev. J. Smith, Org.; Rev. Henry Lloyd, P.P.G.C.; P. M. J. Wartski, S.D.; Wm. Jones, P.M.; C. E. Penny, J.D.; Lewis Hughes, I.G.; J. L. Sherlock, Stwd.; W. Jones, P.M.; as well as Bros. Major Hunter, P.G.P.M. Aberdeenshire East, P.G.W. of Greece, &c.; T. Fanning Evans, Albert Edward Hughes, W. Thomas; Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville-West, 1849; Col. Henry Platt, D.P.G.M. of North Wales; Captain G. Pritchard-Rayner, P.M. 1113; D. Wynne Williams, 384, P.P.G.D. of C.; Morris H. Roberts, 384; H. Kneeshaw, P.M. 1849; Dr. William Evans, P.M. 1113; Rev. W. Morgan, P.M. 606; Rev. T. L. Kyffin, 1849, P.P.G.C.; R. C. Thomas, 1113; H. Hardman, S.W. 605; W. Jones, S.W. 597; E. M. Jones, J.W. 597; H. R. Hughes, 1849; E. G. Humphreys; J. Hughes, J.D. 384, P.P.A.S. North Wales; R. H. Pritchard, 755; R. Leek, 755; T. Hargreaves, P.M. 755; Rev. Hugh Thomas, 1849, P.P.G.C.; W. Rowlands, 384; S. Evans, 384; G. Davies, I.G. 384; Langford Jones, I.P.M. 384; T. H. Owen, 384; L. H. Aronson, S.D. 384; R. H. Hughes, 1113, P.G.S.; A. Reece, W.M. 597; H. P. Stubbington, 384, P.G. Tyler; O. Jones, 606; W. H. Evans, 606; and others.

Bro. T. E. Harris, the Prov. G. Sec. for North Wales, was duly installed W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year, the installing Master being Bro. Col. Henry Platt, D.P.G.M. of North Wales, who most impressively performed this important ceremony. The newly-elected W.M. appointed his officers thus: Bros. T. Jervis, S.W.; Owen Thomas, J.W.; Rev. Henry Lloyd, Chap.; J. Hughes, Treas.; Lewis Hughes, Sec.; J. Wartski, S.D.; C. E. Penny, J.D.; Rev. James Smith, Org.; W. Thomas, I.G.; Albert Edward Hughes and J. Sherlock, Stewards; and J. Gibbins, Tyler.

The other business having been transacted, lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of over 50, retired to the Dinorben Arms Hotel, where a splendid banquet was prepared, no expense or trouble being wanting to render it worthy of the distinguished visitors who patronised it. The room was also nicely decorated with flags and flowers, and under the management of Miss Roberts (hostess) and her sister, Mrs. Lewis Thomas, the arrangements were carried out perfectly.

Bro. T. E. Harris, W.M., presided, and the vice-chairmen were Bros. T. Jervis, S.W., and Owen Thomas, J.W. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to and "The Health of the Worshipful Master" enthusiastically drunk.

**TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.G.S. Middx., W.M.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Treas., acting S.W.; A. Gurney, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Captain Bunn, J.D.; Toulmin, acting I. G.; Lieut.-Col. Cuming, Stwd.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D., Middx., P.M.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.W. Middx., P.M. Among the numerous visitors was Bro. Stiles, P.M., 1507, P.Z., &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Perry was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Bro. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx., having been announced, was received, and saluted with the usual honours. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Coombs, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The ceremony of inducting Bro. A. Gurney, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. followed. The W.M. being assisted by Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, as S.W.; W. Taylor, as J.W.; T. C. Walls, as D.C.; and W. H. Saunders, I.G. The officers appointed and installed were, Bros. T. R. Richnell, S.W.; E. Jenkins, J.W.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chaplain; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Treas.; T. C. Walls, Sec.; Captain Bunn, S.D.; H. Jenkins, J.D.; Toulmin, I.G.; Lieut.-Col. Cuming, D.C.; Perry, W.S.; Harrison, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of thanks to the installing Master followed, and he subsequently received a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

**CAMBORNE.—Mount Edgcumbe Lodge (No. 1544).**—The annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., and was well attended, the visitors including, amongst others, the P.G. Secretary, Bro. E. D. Anderton, and Bro. T. A. Kistler, 589. The ordinary business of the lodge having been disposed of, Bro. R. Bate was ably installed into the office of

W.M. for the ensuing year by the W.M. and a Board of Installed Masters, including Bros. G. B. Pearce, J. C. Burrow, E. Vine, F. Bartle, and F. J. Lee; and visitors: Bros. E. D. Anderton, 331; W. Pascoe, 1000; T. A. Kistler, 589; and J. Ellis, 318.

The W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year the following: Bros. J. T. Rodda, I.P.M.; John Pendray, S.W.; James Pengilly, J.W.; H. P. Vivian, Sec.; F. W. Thomas, Asst. Sec.; T. Burge, S.D.; J. Champion, J.D.; J. Newland, I.G.; A. J. Tangye and W. N. Trounson, D.C.'s; A. Dunkin and T. Bartle, Stewards; and J. Nicholas, Tyler.

After the completion of the business, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Glasson's (late Abraham's) Hotel, and enjoyed a banquet laid out and served to the satisfaction of all. The regular loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, the members passed an enjoyable afternoon, enlivened by the singing of Bros. Kistler, Rowe, and Dunstan.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—At the installation meeting of this lodge, held on the 8th inst., a valuable presentation was made by Bro. Frank Smith, P.M. 837, in the shape of an engraving, somewhat rare, in a perfect state, representing a view of the city of York, taken in 1740 by Nathan Drake, from the New Walk on the side of the river Ouse. The chief Masonic interest of this engraving, which was executed by Grigium, is found in the fact that the "New Walk" was laid out and planted in 1830 by Bro. John Marsden, a member of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, who was an apothecary and a member of the Corporation. The engraving is emblematically framed in oak, and is inscribed: "Presented to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Wm. Brown as W.M., 8th Nov., 1886, by Bro. F. Smith, P.M. De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837, West Yorkshire."

**STONEHOUSE.—Ebrington Lodge (No. 1847).**—The meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year took place at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Bro. W. H. W. Macey, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. S. Jew, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. H. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aitken, Davies, P.M. 1099, 2025, P.P.G.S. Wks.; J. Treeby, P.M. 1205, P.P.G. Reg.; George Wilson, W.M. 1205; Wm. Coath, P.M. 893; R. Pike, P.M. 230; G. Ellery, W.M. 159; J. B. Gover, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. Roseveare, P.M.; Fred R. Goodyear, I.P.M. 223; John P. L. Elliott, W.M. 1247; T. Goodall, P.M. 1550, P.P.G. Org.; James Lose, P.M. 1847; Richard Lose, jun., P.M. 1847; C. H. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas. 1847; J. H. Stephens, P.M. and Sec. 1847, P.G.A.D.C.; Thos. Geach, S.W.; W. H. Williams, J.W.; W. G. Hodge, J.D.; Charles P. Sutton, Org.; H. G. Harding, I.G.; and Geo. Street, Stwd., all of 1848; W. H. Kay, 1284; H. May, 331; M. Joel, S.D. 106; Frank R. Thomas, S.D. 189; W. E. Chapell, 156; W. J. Newell, 156; W. J. Rowe, 893; W. King, 70; W. Radmore, S.W. 159; J. Moore, Sergeant T. L. Folley, H. Roberts, John Griffin, J. H. Mortimore, Quartermaster-Sergeant Fritz-Regar, George Firkins, J. T. Rook, Isaac Masters, and J. Masters, all of 1847.

The lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, Bro. Thomas Geach, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. C. H. Nicholson, P.M., was re-elected Treas.; and Bro. J. Bartlett, P.M., Tyler.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. Macey was deservedly complimented for the admirable and dignified manner in which he had worked the lodge during the past 12 months, and Bro. Geach was congratulated on his election to the office of W.M.

**ST. MARY CRAY.—Crays Valley Lodge (No. 2147).**—A meeting of this successful young lodge took place on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Institute. Present: Bros. E. H. Rolfe, P.M. 1259, W.M.; Newsom, P.M. 1692, S.W.; Joynson, J.W.; G. M. Downie, Sec.; H. Tyrer, jun., S.D.; H. Pollard, J.D.; A. Bowers, I.G.; Marshall, W.S.; Russell, Tyler; and several other members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507; A. W. Rolfe, H. Tyrer, sen., H. Agar, G. Harlow, sen., G. Harlow, jun., W.M. 1613; E. Watkins, 1445; E. Coupland, 913; and E. Stanger, 386 (Montreal).

Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for one candidate—Mr. P. Rock—which proved unanimous, after which Bros. Matthews, Shannon, F. Stanger, Lec, and Otway were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Mr. Rock was next impressively initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the fact that a lodge of instruction had been opened upon Wednesday evenings at the National School, commencing at eight o'clock p.m., and that they had unanimously elected Bro. G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507, Preceptor. They had an excellent set of furniture, and he hoped all the brethren would attend and bring their friends with them.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**TEMPERANCE LODGE (No. 169).**—A meeting was held at the Duke of York Tavern, Evelyn-street, Deptford, on Friday, the 19th inst., when there were present Bros. Dale, Treas., W.M.; Walters, jun., S.W.; Borrett, J.W.; Percival, S.D.; Walters, sen., J.D.; Milbourn, Preceptor; Vellenoweth, Sec.; Leng, I.G.; Andrews, Falkner, and Talbot.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Falkner acting as candidate. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by Bro. Walters, jun., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Percival, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. E. C. Talbot, 65, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the next meeting being reserved for the Preceptor, Bro. Walters, jun., was duly elected W.M. for the first Friday in December. After the third rising, and "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 1155).**—A meeting was held at the Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. Present: Bros. Leigh, W.M.; Percival, S.W.;

Abbott, J.W.; Greenwood, S.D.; Clothier, J.D.; Duffield, I.G.; Milbourn, Preceptor; and Borrett, Sec.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, by the W.M., Bro. Clothier being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Borrett having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. Clothier, 879, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Percival was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and, nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in due form.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. A. Hardy, W.M.; Jos. Bailey, S.W.; O. W. Battley, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. C. Williams, S.D.; C. S. Mote, J.D.; J. R. Allman, I.G.; E. J. Seymour, 1425 (visitor), Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; G. Davis, P.M. 167; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642; C. Coleman, H. J. Pellatt, E. C. Mulvey, C. J. Morse, J. H. Taylor, S. Bullen, W. Seaman, J. Smith, and W. H. Wadhams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed, and called off and on. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wood being candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bro. Davis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. E. J. Seymour was elected a member. Bro. W. J. Mason was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked as follows, viz., the First Lecture on Dec. 13, and the Second and Third on Dec. 26. Bro. Read will be W.M., and Bro. Davis and Capt. A. Nicols, S. and J.V. on each occasion. The sum of £5 5s. was voted from the funds of the lodge of instruction to the R.M.B.I. (Widows) to be placed on Bro. Mulvey's list. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Present: Bros. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, W.M.; J. Hemming, S.D. 1287, S.W.; L. Solomon, P.M. 1732, J.W.; Thom, S.D.; Scurrah, J.D.; Sharp, I.G.; C. J. Scales, Treas.; Storr, Sec.; and Saunders, Asst. Sec.

The Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture, 1st Section—Bro. A. H. Scurrah, A.D.C. 2048; 2nd—Bro. J. H. Sharp, S.D. 1437; 3rd—Bro. L. Solomon, P.M. 1732; 4th—Bro. J. Thom, 957; 5th—Bro. G. W. Knight, W.M. 1507; 6th—Bro. H. Spon, 1987; 7th—Bro. J. Hemming, S.D. 1287. Second Lecture, 1st Section—Bro. J. F. Saunders, Asst. Sec. 1507; 2nd—Bro. W. I. Burgess, P.M. 1472; 3rd—Bro. J. C. Smith, W.M. 1744; 4th—Bro. J. Paul, J.D. 1287; 5th—Bro. C. Giddings, Third Lecture, 1st Section—Bro. J. C. Scurrah, 1744; 2nd—Edwin Storr, P.M. 167; 3rd—Bro. W. A. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 2048. Bros. Luck, King, Schipper, Huyter, and Curtius were elected members. The hon. membership, together with the best wishes and thanks of the lodge, were accorded to the W.M., Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, for the able manner he had presided. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the S. and J. Wardens and the brethren who had worked the Sections. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The W.M. was well supported, there being 60 members and visitors present.

**ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).**—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, on Monday, the 22nd inst. Present: Bros. Siln, W.M.; Cutbill, S.W.; Sapsforth, J.V.; Grundy, Sec.; Carter, P.M., S.D.; Harling, J.D.; Featherstone, D.C.; Bond, Treas., I.G.; Webb, P.M.; and Radcliffe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Radcliffe being candidate on both occasions. Bro. Cutbill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and after "Hearty good wishes," 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 18th inst., when Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., worked the ceremony of installation. He was supported by Bros. W. C. Smith, as S.W.; W. Ham, J.W.; R. J. Harnell, S.D.; Frank Gulliford, J.D.; G. H. Marsden, I.G.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; R. Blum, I.P.M.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Henry Crookes, Alfred Tilling, Hubert Weise, Harry Sammons, R. Ethridge, A. Clark, C. A. Itter, H. J. Scott, James Rowe, S. Cochrane, J. Rayner, John Jacobs, W. S. Farrant, M. S. Sonroud, Frank Gulliford, Thos. Baldwin, Bowers Solomon, J. D. Graham, L. Gunzell, B. F. Atkinson, James Woodward, W. Lincoln, Henry G. Marsden, A. W. Battley, J. W. Tacon, C. Woods, W. Hancock, R. Kirk, J. Docker, W. H. Toten, H. S. Robinson, T. A. Dickson, H. Oakshette, and G. H. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Rayner offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge called off and resumed. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith, as W.M. elect, was duly obligated, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. E. Farwig in an impressive manner. The lodge resumed to the Third, Second, and First Degrees. The W.M., Bro. W. C. Smith, appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Ham, S.W.; R. J. Harnell, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; Frank Gulliford, S.D.; G. H. Marsden, J.D.; J. Rayner, I.G.; G. H. Reynolds, D.C.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler. Bro. E. Farwig then delivered the charges to the Wardens and brethren in a clear and distinct way, which the brethren present were much delighted with. On rising for the first time the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction:—Bros. Tilling, 765; H. Baldwin, 1949; B. F. Athruse, 704; W. J. Forscutt, 144; C. Woods, 865; R. Fairclough, John Osmond, and C. Cowd. On rising for the second time the officers as appointed at the meeting of the 11th would take their places next meeting. On rising for the third time the J.W. proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. E. Farwig, for the excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation; it was most perfect and excellent. This being seconded, was carried unanimously. Bro. E. Farwig made a suitable reply, thanking all the brethren for their kindness and attention. The lodge was then closed and adjourned. The brethren on parting said they had spent a most enjoyable and instructive evening, and hoped to see Bro. E. Farwig more amongst them.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).**—At a meeting held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Hornsey Wood Tavern, there were present Bros. Jenkins, W.M.; Gush, Preceptor; Larchin, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Hildreth, S.D.; Briscoe, J.D.; Salmon, I.G.; and many other members and visitors. The First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren: First Section, Bro. Briscoe; Second Section, Bro. Beck; Third Section, Bro. Salmon; Fourth Section, Bro. Hodges; Fifth Section, Bro. Snelling; Sixth Section, Bro. Gush; and Seventh Section, Bro. Larchin. After motions for the election of new members, and a vote of thanks to the brethren assisting, the lodge was adjourned until Tuesday next, when the Second and Third Lectures will be worked.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W. Present: Bros. David Hughes, W.M.; Cochrane, S.W.; Heath, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Hubbard, S.D.; Aslett, J.D.; Higgins, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Daniel Hughes, Wood, Neville, Davies, and Craggs. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Neville answered the

questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Daniel Hughes answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Cochran was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A vote of thanks was carried to Bro. David Hughes for the very able manner in which he carried out the duties of W.M. for the first time in this lodge. The lodge was then closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1780).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 70, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Taylor, W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Gibson, P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treas.; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Coleman, J.D.; Glover, I.G.; Wade, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Christian, Wakley, Turner, Abbott, Arnold, sen., Arnold, junr., Edwards, Arduino, and Brindley, P.M. 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. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Wade, P.M. Bro. Abbott answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. Bro. Turner was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Turner being the candidate. The lodge was then closed down. This being the night for the election of officers, the following were unanimously elected to fill the offices of Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary: Bros. Boulton, P.M.; Gibson, P.M.; and Coughlan, P.M. Bros. Green, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; and Mason were also elected as members of the Audit Committee. Bro. Mason was also unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. W. W. Williams, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; Gammell, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; H. D. Aslett, S.D.; D. S. Long, J.D.; Coombes, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Dodson, Gomm, Rowling, Worth, Hopkins, and Wood.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Worth offering himself as a candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M., who afterwards gave the ancient charge and the solemn lecture on the tracing board in this Degree in a highly creditable manner. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The brethren then worked the 2nd Section of this Lecture, the W.M. putting the questions. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

**CANTERBURY.**—Royal Military Lodge (No. 1449).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 22nd inst., at the Masonic Temple, 38, St. Peter's-street. Present: Bros. R. D. Simms, W.M.; E. G. Tomblings, S.W.; A. Abbs, J.W.; J. Pepper, I.P.M., Chap.; T. H. Biamers, P.M., Treas.; W. Carter, P.M., Sec.; E. Cockersell, S.D.; T. Beckett, J.D.; J. McClintock, I.G.; R. Blake, Tyler; E. Beer, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; and Woodley, Bro. Pressley, 1331, was a visitor. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The working tools were explained by each of the brethren in succession. The questions leading to the Third Degree were put by Bro. W. Carter, P.M., and the W.M., Bro. Cockersell. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Carter, P.M. The charge was given by Bro. McClintock to Bro. Woodley. The lodge was then closed.

### Royal Arch.

**CARNARVON CHAPTER (No. 1572).**—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday last. Comp. J. E. Hodder, M.E.Z.; A. T. Pearce, H., and Z. elect; and R. E. H. Goffin, J., and H. elect, were in their respective chairs, and there were also present Comps. J. J. Avery, P.Z. 1255, P.P.G. Treas. Devon, Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, P.Z. S.E.; R. Harvey, S.N.; J. Russell, P.S. and J. elect; C. A. Woods, P.Z.; G. Briggs, P.Z.; W. Kingwell, J. P. Dickson, M. Goldstein, W. Poole, J. Clarricoats, and the following visitors: Comps. J. Amos, H. 3; W. Fitch, P.Z. 340; H. Pearce, St. Cecilia; W. Cleg-horn, H. 185; and G. Kenning, P.Z. and Treas. 192. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the Principals elect in their respective chairs was carried out in a most admirable manner by Comp. W. S. Whitaker, P.Z., assisted by Comp. C. A. Woods, P.Z., the whole of the work being done in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. The other officers were then invested with the insignia of their rank, so that the complete list of officers for this chapter for the new year is as follows: Comps. A. T. Pearce, M.E.Z.; R. E. H. Goffin, H.; J. Russell, J.; J. J. Avery, P.Z., Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, P.Z., S.E.; R. Harvey, S.N.; J. P. Dickson, P. Soj.; M. Goldstein, 1st Asst. Soj.; and W. Kingwell, 2nd Asst. Soj.

Bro. Heath, D. of C. 1572, having been balloted for, and accepted, was duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, and the Audit Committee having presented their report for the past year, which, as it was very satisfactory, it is need less to say, was accepted.

Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room, and afterwards spent an hour or two in honouring the usual toast list, and otherwise making the time pass pleasantly.

In the course of the proceedings, Comp. Hodder, the retiring Z., was presented with a very handsome gold P.Z.'s jewel, in testimony of the valuable services he had rendered generally, and during the past year in particular, to the chair.

**WIGAN.**—Harmony Chapter (No. 178).—The usual meeting of the members of this Chapter took place on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, King-street, Wigan, under the presidency of Comps. J. D. Murray, P. G. Treas., West Lancashire, Z.; T. Milner, H.; and A. H. Crossley, J. There were also present Comps. J. Milligan, P.L.; C. B. Holmes, P.Z., P.P.G.I.G.; H. D. Croft, P.Z.; J. Preston, P.S.; J. M. Ashurst, S.E.; Wm. Dean, Treas.; J. Browne, Thos. Hunter, R. Layland, R. Knowles, R. Affrington, A. Weir, W. Holt, T. P. Simpson, J. Lambert, J. Radcliffe, Jno. Wilson, J. Smith, and Wm. Daniels, Comp. Barlow was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, and W.M. Pierce, as joining members, and was unanimous in both cases. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Jas. Brindle, and being in his favour, he was elected to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, by the M.E.Z. It was proposed by Comp. Milligan, and seconded by Comp. C. B. Holmes that a sum not exceeding £10 be voted from the funds of this

Chapter to assist in defraying the expenses incurred in entertaining the Provincial Grand Lodge. The name of a brother having been proposed for exaltation at the next meeting the Chapter was closed, and the company adjourned to the ante-room for supper. After which, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—At an emergency meeting of this chapter, held on Monday evening, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, Bros. Sir F. Milner, Bart., F. R. Stubbs, and W. Sharpe were exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason. Comp. T. B. Whythead, P.Z., presided as Z.; Comp. G. Balmford, P.Z., as H.; Comp. J. Blenkin, J.; Comp. Jas. Kay, S.E.; Comp. G. Chapman, S.N.; Comp. W. Brown, P.Z.; Comp. G. Simpson, P.Z.; and many other companions were present.

At the conclusion of the ceremony many of the companions adjourned to the York Lodge, where a meeting was being held to receive the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett. The rest dined together, and spent a pleasant evening.

### INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, M.E.Z.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J.; J. T. Mickelburgh, M.E.Z. 753, Treas.; H. Dehane, J. 890, 1st A.S. 862, S.E.; W. C. Williams, 733, S.N.; R. P. J. Laundry, 890, P.S.; and W. H. Chalfont, 975. Visitor: Comp. E. Child, P.Z. 538.

The chapter having been declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Chalfont being the candidate. A vote of thanks was recorded to Comp. Child for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of H. He was then elected a member, and expressed his entire satisfaction with the work and arrangements, &c., as carried out during the evening. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).**—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. E. Farrington, W.M.; T. R. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, Treasurer, acting S.W.; T. O. Harding, B.A., J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M.; Alfred Tisley, P.G.A.D.C., P.M., &c.; W. W. Codd, acting Secretary; N. Prower, R.A., E. A. Harris, J. Harris, R. H. Harris, F. Farrington, P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Churiviner, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. by Bro. Walls. The W.M. then appointed his officers for the year, a matter which had stood over since the installation meeting, as follows: Bros. J. Harding, S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.; T. R. Richnell, Secretary; Dodd, M.O.; N. Prower, S.O.; W. W. Codd, J.O.; E. A. Harris, S.D.; J. Harris, J.D.; and R. Harris, I.G.

The lodge was closed, and a lodge of Ark Mariners opened by Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.C.N.; Alfred Tisley, J.; T. O. Harding, S.; F. Farrington, S.D.; W. E. Farrington, J.D.; T. R. Richnell, Warden; and Codd, Guardian.

The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, two brethren were duly elected as Royal Ark Mariners.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual toasts were duly honoured.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 17th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. J. T. Briggs, W.M.; H. Higgins, S.W.; C. H. Kohler, J.W.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Bailey, M.O.; Porter, S.O.; Simmonds, J.O.; Woodruffe, E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M.; and others. Bro. Gardner, P.G.O. of Middlesex and Surrey, W.M. Chiswick Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous minutes having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place, with the following result: Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; Fisher, Treasurer; and Harrison, Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel having been voted to Bro. J. T. Briggs, a vote of sympathy was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Henry Handel, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. Cama, P.G.S., &c., Thomas, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. gave the usual toasts with discretion and point, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

A R.A. chapter of improvement has been formed, named the Mount Sion Chapter of Improvement, No. 22, at the Royal Edward, South Hackney. The first meeting was held on Friday, the 12th inst., and it is intended to continue the meetings at half-past seven o'clock on the second and fourth Fridays in the month. Comps. H. Birdseye, Preceptor, and J. Jonas, S.E.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. John Lane's "Masonic Records" is completed, save the binding, and that in a few days it will be in the hands of the subscribers. The original estimate was for 300 pages; but the volume has exceeded this, and has run to 340, so that the expenses of production have been thus considerably increased. The few copies remaining will be supplied at 3s. 6d. each *net* (cost price) during December, but should any be unsubscribed for at the end of the month, the charge will be increased to two guineas each, and the extra sum devoted to the Masonic Charities.

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

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).**—This old and distinguished chapter met at Golden-square, on the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Tayleur, M.W.S.; Capt. Anderson, 1st Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, Treas.; Lieut. T. C. Walls, Recorder; H. J. Lardner, Capt. of Gds.; Capt. Stohwasser, D.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A. P.M.W.S.; T. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; L. Steele, Lieut. N. Prower, M.A., W. W. Codd, J. B. Glenn, Charles Belton, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. W. Driver (by the request of the M.W.S., ably perfected Bro. Maple. The by-laws, as approved by the S.C., were then read and ordered to be printed. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Alfred Williams, P.M., W.S.; G. Graveley, Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., T. Lamb-Smith, and others. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal to banquet, where they were joined by Bros. Nicol, P.M.W.S.; Curlier, P.M.W.S.; Lieut. Hawkins; and others. The usual toasts followed, and were duly honoured.

### Allied Masonic Degrees.

**YORK.**—Ebor Council (T.I.)—A meeting of this council was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate. Among those present were Bros. B. Langley Mills, M.D., W.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Treasurer; G. Simpson, P.M.; H. C. Pickersgill, S.W.; Wm. Brown, J.D.; Major MacGachen, I.G.; J. T. Seller, and M. Millington.

Successful ballots were taken for Bros. H. E. Cousins, P.M., and Donald Grant, and those brethren were admitted to the several Degrees for which they were qualified, the chair work being done by Bro. T. B. Whythead.

At the proper interval a banquet was served, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies, the members met at refreshment and enjoyed a few social hours.

### FREEMASONRY IN NAMAQUALAND.

A meeting of the Phoenix Lodge of Namaqualand, No. 2082, was held on the 26th ult. at the lodge room, O'okiep, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect and investing the officers for the ensuing year. The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Riddelsdell, D.G. Treas., P.D.G.S.W., was introduced, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. W. W. Townsend, in the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The W.M. then appointed and invested as his officers Bros. E. Hodge, I.P.M.; F. Phillips, S.W.; J. M. W. Van Coeverden, J.W.; Rev. G. Robson, Chap.; G. G. Wrentmore, Treas.; J. M. Molesworth, Sec.; J. Burrows, S.D.; Rev. R. C. Baily, P.P.G. Chap., Org.; J. L. Whiley and J. T. Anderson, Stewards; W. Pearce, I.G.; and H. Huth-nance, Tyler; the entire ceremony being conducted in a very impressive manner. Bro. E. Parker was then raised, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. and his newly-appointed officers, who thus showed that the prosperity and good government of the lodge was as likely to be assured under the new W.M.'s guidance as it was under that of Bro. Hodge, the late W.M.

The brethren sat down to a well-appointed banquet provided in the Recreation-room, O'okiep, by Bro. J. L. Whiley; there being present, as visitors, Bros. Riddelsdell, H. W. Markham, and Capt. Hanson, the popular commander of the ss. Namaqua.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and heartily received, the **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** in proposing "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. Riddelsdell, P.D.G.S.W. and D.G. Treas.," thanked him for his kindness in coming down to Namaqualand to perform the ceremony, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren.

Bro. RIDDELSDELL, in replying, said it had afforded him great pleasure to be present that day, owing to the manner in which the W.M. and Officers had carried on the working of the lodge, and he should be glad to visit them again on a future occasion. He then gave "The Health of the W.M.," who responded in a few appropriate remarks, and then gave "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. E. Hodge," to whom, on behalf of the members, he had much pleasure in presenting a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by all the brethren in token of appreciation of his great services during his year of office.

Bro. HODGE, P.M., in reply, said he fully appreciated this kindness, the more so, as it was quite unexpected, and surprise prevented his replying as he would have wished; but the predominant feeling in his mind was the gratification he felt at knowing the unanimity and good feeling which existed in the lodge at the completion of his year of office.

The other toasts included "Our Sister Lodges and Visitors," "The Outgoing Officers," "The Incoming Officers," "The Sisters," "Absent Brethren," and the Tyler's toast, after which lodge was closed, the remainder of the evening being spent in singing, &c., and the brethren separated after a very enjoyable meeting.

On the 27th a ball was held in the Recreation Room, O'okiep, which was largely attended by the fair sex, who showed their appreciation of Freemasonry by the predominance of Masonic colours displayed in their costumes. The room, both for the banquet and ball, was beautifully decorated with Masonic devices, flags, evergreens, and flowers, and reflected great credit on the late Secretary, Bro. G. G. Wrentmore, who had charge of the arrangements. A sumptuous supper was also provided. Dancing was kept up in a spirited manner until the small hours of the morning.

On the Saturday afternoon, 28th ult., a juvenile party was given, at which the rising generation appeared in good force, and showed by their performances that the ball room had a promising future before it; the tea, cake, &c., it need scarcely be mentioned, having ample justice done to it.

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

**THE DEAN OF YORK ON FREEMASONRY.**

The Very Rev. A. P. Purey Cust, Dean of York, lecturing at the Institute of Science and Art on the subject of "Heraldry" as exemplified in the stone carvings and stained glass in York Cathedral, said: "The issues of life are too momentous and the dangers besetting humanity too many and complex to allow of our ridiculing and ignoring any honest effort to grapple with them, even if it be in our own estimation, a little out of date. No doubt none are perfect, but at least they are worthy of our respectful attention and of our endeavours to discover and disentangle the legitimate motive and purpose from the abuses with which they may have become surrounded, or the follies into which they may have degenerated, or the misconceptions and exaggerations which may have been circulated about them. I venture as an old Freemason to claim as much for Freemasonry, and as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, I ask the same for Heraldry. The aims of both are similar, though they adopted different illustrations, and, if quaint in conception, they are equally sound in principle; though the latter, from the far more modern date of its foundation, is more exclusively and distinctly Christian."

**THE "JUBILEE" MASONIC BALL.**

A meeting of the General Committee entrusted with the arrangements for the "Jubilee" Masonic Ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Councillor Houlding, P.P.G. Reg., Chairman of the Committee for the year. After some discussion, it was resolved to hold the festive assembly at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 11th January next, subject to the Mayor's convenience, the consent of the Finance Committee having already been obtained. On Saturday, a deputation waited upon his Worship, who readily granted the use of the Town Hall on the date named by the Committee, and further promised to give the ball his patronage. With much generosity, Bro. Houlding has promised to present the Stewards' badges on this occasion, and these are sure to be of a highly artistic description.

**NEW MASONIC HALL AT BEVERLEY.**

The brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, at Beverley, who will celebrate their centenary year in 1893, will soon be in possession of a neat and convenient Masonic Hall in the centre of the town. Hitherto the lodge has of late years been holding its meetings in the Assembly Rooms, but many inconveniences have attended this arrangement and the new hall will have many advantages. The brethren of the Constitutional have several articles of furniture in their lodge of considerable antiquity, some of them having belonged to the St. George's Lodge in the East York Militia. The dedication of the new hall is likely to take place next month we understand.

**THE GAVEL CLUB.**

**INVITATION SMOKING CONCERT.**

Upwards of 200 Gavellers and their Masonic friends attended this concert on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, notwithstanding the dense fog which prevailed, and the difficulty many must have experienced in reaching the Tavern; but those brethren who know the Gavel Club will brave much bad weather for the sake of spending an evening with the most convivial of clubs. The concert was an admirable one in every sense, and opened with a part song, "The hunt is up," by Bros. Schartau, Probert, Kift, and Hilton. Bro. Akehurst followed with a new song, "On the rolling wave," and Bro. F. Gordon, with his sweet tenor voice, gave "Tell her I love her so." Bro. James Bayne was so successful with "The skipper," that an encore was demanded, when he gave "The press gang." Bro. Chas. Townley's "Hi! hi! houp la!" caused much amusement, as did also his encore, "My mother." Bro. Robert Hilton, whose bass voice is so well known, then sang "Dearer than life," the duet, "The moon has raised her lamp above," by Bros. F. Gordon and Bayne, following. Bro. John Probert's "Always" resulted in an encore. A humorous song—"Helen's Babies"—by Bro. F. Silvester, and his encore, a parody on "Rule Britannia," delighted the audience, and closed the first part of the programme.

The second part commenced with a part song, "Summer Eve," by Bros. Schartau, Probert, Kift, and Bayne, Bro. Barrett following with a flute solo from "The Lily of Killarney." Perhaps, however, the event of the evening was the performance of Gaveller Arthur Coombes, who received quite an ovation. He first gave a humorous song, entitled, "Oh, love, beautiful love," and as an encore, "The dotlet of my eye," including two verses on the Gavel Club written by himself, the latter creating roars of applause. The alto, Bro. Schartau, then sang "To a Nightingale," which was so well rendered that an encore was called for. Bro. Odell much amused everyone with his two recitals. The ballad, "The last watch," was very finely rendered by Bro. John Probert (tenor), and Bro. Charles Townley's original humorous song, "They call me the poor little Stowaway," concluded the programme.

During the evening Gaveller Sudlow, who presided, in a humorous speech proposed "The Visitors," coupling with the same the name of Bro. Raymond Thrupp, who responded, saying that he was sure the Visitors had to thank the Gavel Club for an excellent concert and a most happy evening, and they must all feel grateful to Gaveller Pritchard, Hon. Sec. and Treas., for his admirable organisation, and also to Gaveller Combes, for the talent he, as Musical Director, had provided. Before resuming his seat he would ask the visitors to drink to "The Gavel Club," and couple with the toast one of its leading members, the Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Gaveller PRITCHARD responded, saying that the work connected with the concert had been a most pleasant duty, and he was sure the Committee, consisting of Gavellers Sudlow, Combes, and himself, was amply rewarded by the success of the evening. He then called for three cheers, which were most heartily given, for their much beloved and respected President, Gaveller Sudlow.

Thus terminated the Gavel Club's first smoking concert, and we have no hesitation in stating that it ranks amongst the very best entertainments of its class.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

The Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, at 4 o'clock, on Thursday. The chair was taken by Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., and a large number of brethren were present. The election of two members of the House Committee was the principal business, and unusual interest was taken in the proceedings, there being three candidates to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Bro. Nunn, and the appointment of Bro. Col. Peters, as a trustee of the Institution, viz.: V.W. Bro. Fenn, President Board General Purposes, Vice-Patron; V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron; and Bro. Alderman Savory, Life Governor.

Arrangements on a somewhat extensive scale were made by the executive to take the votes of the brethren. Upwards of 400 votes were recorded for the various candidates, and resulted in the election of Bros. Fenn and Philbrick.

Five petitions were approved and placed on the list. No further business of importance was transacted, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.



Bro. George Manners, C.C., presided at the 31st annual dinner, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, of the Bartholomew Club.

Bro. R. I. Fennemore has been unanimously nominated for re-appointment as Prov. Grand Mark Master by H.R.H. the Grand Mark Master.

Bro. Dr. Henry Longford has been elected W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, Thirsk, for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Wilkinson, P.M., re-elected Treasurer.

Bro. Alderman Waterlow and Sheriff Lieut.-Col. Kirby were among the contributors at the recent dinner, presided over by Mr. R. Gent-Davis, M.P., of the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society.

Bro. S. H. Sloper, who has been 30 years in business in Brighton, and is also well-known in the City of London, has been elected by a large majority of the Town Council an Alderman of Brighton.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, has fixed upon Monday, the 6th prox., as the day for the consecration of the Cotehele Lodge, No. 2166, Calstock. The ceremony will take place at Cotehele House.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., Bro. C. Burrell was installed W.M. of the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56, Arundel, and afterwards invested his officers for the year, the banquet following at the Norfolk Hotel in the evening.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, M.A., Prov. Grand Master of Yorkshire, has fixed the next meeting of the Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of this Order for Friday, December 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., at York.

We must apologise for having, in our report of Peckham Lodge, represented Bro. Grummant, P.M. of New Cross Lodge, as being also Secretary of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622. Bro. H. G. Martin is Secretary of No. 1622, while Bro. Grummant is not even a member.

At the recent meeting, at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Bro. Montagu Palmer, S.W., and a P.M. of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, was unanimously elected to fill the chair of A. for the ensuing year, and Bro. E. Head was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

A very successful concert was held in connection with the Ballentoy Lodge, No. 38, in the Ballentoy National School on the 12th inst. There was a full audience and an excellent programme, many of the members being loudly applauded, and the whole concluding amid great enthusiasm with "God save the Queen."

The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Rite, of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, met in Washington, D.C., on the 15th ult., when Bro. A. Pike delivered the usual address. The same evening the Prov. Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland held its regular meeting, and a number of candidates were introduced into the Order.

We have been requested to state that it was Bro. G. Hopkinson, P.M. 14, P.G. Steward, not Bro. Casabianca, who occupied the Junior Warden's chair at the installation ceremony in Lodge La France, No. 2060, as described in our report of last week. Bro. Hopkinson is an honorary member of the lodge, and a distinguished French scholar.

Bro. Parkhurst, now living in Vermont, U.S.A., and one of the two surviving founders of Cohoes Lodge, No. 116, jurisdiction of New York, which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, is said to have been the brother who, according to the late Mr. Thurlow Weed, drove the hackney in which the notorious Morgan was secretly deported with the alleged object of being murdered for threatening to expose the secrets of Freemasonry.

Bro. A. F. Cargill was installed W.M. of the Concord Lodge, No. 27, South Australian Constitution, at the annual meeting in the Institute Hall, Terowie, on the 19th August, and afterwards invested his officers for the year. In the course of the proceedings Bros. H. Wilkinson, I.P.M., and J. Warner, Secretary, were presented with handsome gold jewels, appropriately inscribed, in recognition of their energetic labours on behalf of the lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Health's Defences.—None save the strongest can with impunity pass through the sudden transitions from wet to dry, from cold to muggy, weather so prevalent during the autumnal and early winter months. Influenza, bronchitis, cough, sore throat, or quinsy will attack those most watchful of their health; but they can readily arrest any of these complaints by rubbing Holloway's Ointment twice a day upon the skin over the affected parts, and by its corrective action with appropriate doses of his Pills. This well-known, safe, and easy mode of treatment efficiently protects the invalid both from present and future danger without weakening or even disturbing the system in the slightest degree.—[ADVT.]

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., Treasurer of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, will preside at the 32nd annual meeting and election to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, this day (Friday).

Bro. Ex-Under-Sheriff Wynne E. Baxter, 170, Church-street, Stoke Newington, and 9, Laurence Pountney-hill, is a candidate for the office of Coroner for East Middlesex, vice Sir John Humphreys, deceased.

At the meeting of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 19th instant, Bro. W. McDougall, W.M., in the chair, Bro. A. H. Sandle, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The remains of Bro. James Thorne, Secretary of the Unity Lodge, No. 1332, Crediton, were interred in the churchyard, Crediton, on Sunday, the 14th instant, the funeral being numerously attended by the relatives, friends and brethren of the deceased.

At the meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Natal, on Wednesday, the 22nd September, it was decided, in view of the improved prospects of the Colony and the necessity for strengthening D.G. Lodge, to make no reduction in the scale of contributions payable by the different lodges.

The Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, holds its annual supper at the old White Hart Hotel, Borough, on Tuesday, the 30th inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. J. Sadler-Wood. Bro. Charles Williams, S.W. 72, will occupy the chair at the table. A large attendance is expected.

The Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, had a successful meeting on Tuesday, considering the heavy fog that enveloped London. The promised working of the Lectures took place; but with certain departures from the programme as originally announced.

At the convocation of the Essex Chapter, R.A., No. 276, Chelmsford, at the White Hart Hotel, on the 12th inst., Comp. Shedd, acting M.E.Z., expressed the hope that some appropriate means would be found by the chapter of celebrating next year the Queen's Jubilee.

At the meeting, at the Mechanics' Hall, on Saturday last, of the Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, Blyth, Bro. James Hogg, P.G.S.B., P.M., and Treasurer of the lodge, was presented with a complete set of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing (jewel included), as a token of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the members. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodge by Bro. James Eadington, I.P.M.

Bro. D. Macdonald, P.M., at a meeting of the Keith Lodge, No. 56, Peterhead, on the 10th inst., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge, and also with a purse of sovereigns as a token of regard from the brethren, the presentation being made on the occasion of Bro. Macdonald leaving Peterhead for other quarters.

Bro. David Welsh was installed W.M. of the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, at the annual meeting, held at the Bell Hotel, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. The officers for the year are Bros. J. Burgess-Brown, S.W.; F. W. Wright, J.W.; George R. Daun, Treas.; G. Hirwin, Sec.; Hubert Bensted, S.D.; J. Beavis Groom, J.D.; T. I. Barden, I.G.; and others. The usual banquet followed the lodge proceedings.

The funeral of Bro. George Croxton, P.M. Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, Secretary of the Metropolitan Free Hospital, &c., took place on the 18th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Ilford, Essex. There were present Bro. H. W. Mayes, P.P.G. Purs. Middx., P.M. 1769, 1897; the following P.M.'s of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, Bros. Thos. Linscott, Thos. Grove, and James Cooper. Bros. Smith, P.M. 194 (Warden of the Cloth Workers' Company); W. T. Scott, P.M. 9; E. E. Elverston, S.D. 1155; and Edward W. Mayne, J.D. 1897; and many other brethren. The usual Masonic ceremonies were observed at the grave.

A Masonic Ball will be held at the Town Hall, Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Wednesday, the 8th prox., under the auspices of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, in aid of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions. R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, has granted a dispensation to the brethren to wear their Masonic clothing, and among the Stewards for the occasion are Bros. General the Hon. S. J. G. Calthorpe, P.G.W. England; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap.; Lord John Tylour, Prov. G.J.W.; and E. Goble, Prov. G. Sec. Tickets, including supper and refreshments, gentleman's, 12s. 6d., ladies, 8s. 6d. Bro. H. Durrant, W.M. of the East Medina Lodge, heads a strong Lodge Ball Committee.

At the meeting, at Bolton on Wednesday, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, the question as to the most suitable mode of commemorating the Queen's Jubilee was discussed. Several suggestions were offered, among them being a plan for erecting a new Masonic Hall in Manchester, the addition of a new wing to Manchester Cathedral, and the endowment of a Masonic scholarship at the Victoria University. But the proposal which found most favour with the brethren was one for making a special effort in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a Committee has been appointed in order to consider the best means of giving effect to the same.

The Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone Lodge of Instruction, No. 2021, having resolved on making a change of quarters, will hold the inauguration meeting at its new abode, the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday evening next, at 6.30 p.m., when Bro. J. Terry, P.P.G., S.W., of Norths and Hunts, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation. Bro. Major George Lambert, P.G.S.B., will be installed W.M., and the musical arrangements will be in charge of Bro. F. Delevanti, P.M. Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, Organist Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021. Brethren to attend in morning dress and Masonic clothing. A banquet—tickets 4s. each—will follow the lodge proceedings, and those desirous of taking part in the festivities are requested to inform Bro. G. Coop, W.M. 141, Preceptor, of their wishes not later than tomorrow (Saturday). Full particulars as to lodge meetings, &c., &c., of the joint Secretaries, Bros. C. P. Bellerby, and F. Smith.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, December 4, 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 27.

Lodge 1679, Henry Mugeridge, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
 " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 2148, Walsingham, M.H., Willmington, Dartford.  
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.  
 " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.  
 " 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 Chap. 185, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark Grand Stewards M.H., 8a, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.  
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.  
 Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 7.45.  
 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 30.

House Committee Benevolent Institution, at 3.  
 Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Red Cross 15, St. Andrew's, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., 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 Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, 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, DECEMBER 1.

United Grand Lodge at 7, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.  
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.

Lodge 1687, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.

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

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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.  
 Grays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.  
 Robert Burns, Portland Arms, Great Portland-st., W.  
 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 Pensions, 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, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.  
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 " 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead.  
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1351, St. Clement Dane's, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand.  
 " 1361, United Service, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., Paddington.  
 " 1471, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
 " 1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W.  
 " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton; Heath, near Croydon.  
 " 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 2128, United Northern Counties, 8A, Red Lion-sq.  
 Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 9, Mount Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 " 1381, Kennington, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
 Burdett Courts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 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, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond-rd.  
 " 1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 Chap. 8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 Mark 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

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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.

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