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The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As will be seen from the report in another part of our columns, the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, after carefully considering all the pros. and cons. of the matter, have courageously taken the bull by the horn and determined on placing 25—or including the 3 deferred—28 widows on that particular fund at the election in May next. This is a bold step, the vacancies available at the moment being three. But the very large number of female candidates, many of whom have had their names on the list for upwards of two years, justifies it, and we think its very boldness will chiefly recommend it to the approval of the general body of the Craft. It is as if the Committee had said to the mass of the brethren—We are in a difficulty. There are only three vacancies and 77 candidates. We decline to send the bulk of these latter back into a state of poverty for a further 12 months. We will continue to do what is right in the way of economically administering our trust, but all the same we have made up our minds to place 75 widows on the Fund in May, and our sole regret is that we have not courage enough to take on more and by so doing still further reduce the balance of suffering which will remain after the election is over. And having thus done our duty, it rests with you to fulfil yours, and provide the extra funds which will be required in consequence for the service of the current year. We consider some such step as this was necessary if any impression at all was to be made on this annually-recurring excess of candidates over vacancies, and we believe the brethren generally will show they approve the policy adopted, by placing the total to be announced at the approaching Festival at the head of the array of such annual Returns. And we may add that by way of a step in the direction of securing this object, there is a slight increase since last week in the number of Stewards for the occasion, and there is still time for other brethren to hand in their names and undertake the duties of Stewardship. This favours our belief that brethren already recognise that the Jubilee year will lose half its virtue if our Festival Returns are not on a scale commemorate with Jubilee celebrations.

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The Girls' School Success. THE Girls' School has just scored another success, which reflects the greatest possible credit on its educational staff. Of 30 girls who entered for the recent College of Preceptors Examination, the greater number have been placed in the first, and the rest in the second division of the candidates. This is a result of which the brethren have good reason to be proud, and though it is not permissible for us to refer to the anniversary of the School in May next, while that of the Benevolent Institution is so close at hand, and needs all the assistance which we and the rest of the Craft can render, there is no doubt the good news we have just made public will materially assist the Board of Stewards in its endeavours to obtain a good return at the approaching 99th Festival. Brethren and their friends will be more generous in their donations and subscriptions, when they have this further proof that the children maintained in the Institution are being so successfully educated. They will recognise that the moneys contributed towards its support must be usefully applied when they produce such excellent results.

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The Jubilee Jewel. We have received several letters, all more or less condemnatory of that part of the approved scheme for a Masonic celebration of the QUEEN'S Jubilee, which sanctions a jewel to be worn by all Masons who are subscribing members of our English lodges on the 20th June next, the day when her MAJESTY will complete the 50th year of her reign. The gist of the argument they mostly adopt is that there are already enough, and more than enough jewels worn in Masonry, that there is a decided tendency in the direction of wearing more of them, and that it is desirable to discourage rather than encourage this tendency. But without stopping to consider the merits or demerits of these arguments, we take the liberty of reminding our correspondents that a Sovereign's Jubilee is of rare occurrence. Of the 30 and odd monarchs who have reigned since the Conquest, there have been only four who have occupied the throne for 50 years and upwards, namely, HENRY III., EDWARD III., GEORGE III., and

our present gracious QUEEN. And as her MAJESTY is the daughter, niece, and mother of Princes who were, or are, Masons, it seems fitting that something in the way of a numismatic token of her Jubilee should be sanctioned. If, then, a jewel is deemed objectionable on the grounds which have been indicated, and might wound the susceptibilities of some of our best Craftsmen, we think no objection can be raised to a Commemorative Masonic Medal, which may be costly or of little cost according to the views of the brother purchasing it, while it will be to him and his always a memento of his association with the Fraternity at the time when the QUEEN, the mother of our GRAND MASTER, completed the Jubilee year of her reign. Let the dies for such a medal be struck, and the medals, of different values, issued only to subscribing members of lodges on the day specified, and it strikes us the objections of many worthy brethren will be overcome. Perhaps some of our readers will favour us with their views on the subject.

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The Drury Lane Lodge Installation Meeting. THE brilliant scene in the grand saloon of Drury Lane Theatre on Tuesday, when Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS was installed as Second W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, in succession to Bro. Lord LONDESBOROUGH, P.G.W. of England, must have been very flattering to that worthy brother. The visitors included many of the chief notabilities of the Order, and the evidence was every where present both of the popularity of the new W.M. and of the prospect of a long and brilliant career for the lodge. Gratifying as has been the success of the past year, it is no more than we had a reason to expect with so distinguished a Mason in the chair as Lord LONDESBOROUGH, and so indefatigable a worker as Brother A. M. BROADLEY in charge of the Secretarial duties of the lodge. Bro. Harris will have the same men about him, as his predecessor in office, who will as loyally assist him in his work, and we anticipate that when the time arrives for him to give account of his Mastership, the result will be as satisfactory. Meanwhile we must tender to Bro. Broadley our hearty congratulations on the handsome recognition which his services thus far as Secretary of Drury Lane Lodge have secured. There are few testimonials which have been won after a greater amount of sheer hardwork than that with which he was presented in the course of Tuesday's proceedings in Old Drury.

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Recent Circular re Imperial Institute. A LETTER we publish elsewhere from Bro. H. H. ROOM, P.M., contains a suggestion which is well worthy of attention, and to which we are quite ready to give effect, if by so doing there is any likelihood of our being able to render help in promoting the plan for the establishment of an Imperial Institute. Bro. Room's idea is that in the case of those lodges which disapprove of that portion of the PRO GRAND MASTER'S Circular which relates to the Imperial Institute, there must be many members who are personally ready to contribute towards the plan, but will be debarred from doing so—at least in their Masonic capacity—by the refusal of their lodges, as corporate bodies, to participate in the movement. He, therefore, suggests that a subscription list should be opened in the columns of this journal in which brethren so circumstanced "may, as Masons, record their donations to the Imperial Institute." We quite recognise the force of his suggestion, and, as we have said already, if it be the wish of any considerable section of the Craft that such a list should be opened, we shall gladly place our columns at their disposal, and fulfil their wishes as to the custody and ultimate delivery of the sums so contributed to the best of our humble ability. It will, however, be better that Bro. ROOM, and those who are of his opinion, should concert their plans together, devolving upon us no more than the duty of giving effect to them; and subject to this proviso, we shall be happy to lend our assistance in the matter.

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The Royal Order of Scotland. THERE have been many Provincial Grand Masters appointed from time to time in connection with the "Royal Order of Scotland;" but it seems to have been left to one of the youngest in that capacity, albeit a veteran Mason, to deliver an allocation at an annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. We refer to the "Ninth Annual" of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the United States of America, General ALBERT PIKE being the Provincial Grand Master of the "R. O." and Orator on the occasion (October 18th, 1886). The remarkable Address was delivered to "Dear Friends and Brethren" who are members of that curious Degree (or Degrees)—with such quaint ceremonials and customs—and who assembled in the city of Washington to greet their beloved and honoured chief. Bro. PIKE told his hearers that "Our Free-masonry is not all that it ought to be to us, or we should welcome our annual re-unions with a greater gladness, be more saddened at parting from each other at their close, and permit only grave impediments to prevent our being present at each." Considering that General PIKE has been for long the Grand Commander

of the A. and A. Rite, 33°, for the S.J. of the United States, we desire to emphasise his declaration—"We are all debtors to Freemasonry. Our first allegiance is pledged at the beginning to Symbolic Masonry; and it always remains paramount. This is a truism which everyone admits, but the conduct of a vast number of Masons is inconsistent with it, and reject it. Too many forget that they are debtors of the Symbolic Masonry." We trust that the "old man eloquent" will be spared for another year, indeed, for many years, for he promises that "he will entrust to the keeping of the Provincial Grand Lodge a treatise upon the Symbols of the Blue Lodge, containing the results of his studies and reflections thereon, and so discharge in part the debt which, as a Knight of the Rosy Cross [Royal Order], he owes to the Symbolic Masonry." This is good news for those who delight in the "Science of Symbolism," of which General PIKE is, beyond question, the *facile princeps*. The orator unhesitatingly declares that "the day will be long in coming when Masonry will be no longer needed by humanity, and the day will never come when any other Order will take its place." In his opinion the dawn of the reformation and reinvigoration of Freemasonry will witness "the errors and mischiefs that have grown insolent and strong shall flee away as the mists before the north wind. Fraud and imposture, scorched by the hot flame of its righteous indignation will be shrivelled up and perish, and the parasite organisms that have clung to it, and had their life from it, will be shaken off and left behind to die of inanition."

### CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL HAMPTON COURT LODGE, No. 2183.

The ceremony of consecrating this new lodge was performed on Saturday, the 29th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Among the founders present were Bros. the Rev. W. F. Reynolds, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, the W.M. designate; Dr. H. W. Seager, S.W. designate; T. W. Carmalt Jones, P.M. 708; J. Frost Creswick, P.M. 957; Dr. A. E. Sansom, W.M. 1494; Milner, Keeling, Cann, Walker, and Stewart-Brown.

The Consecrating Officers were Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M. Middlesex; K. R. Montgomery, P.S.G.W. Middlesex; John Ferguson, P.J.G.W. Middlesex; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.P.G.C. Middlesex; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; and H. Slyman, P.G.D. of C. Middlesex.

The following brethren also responded to the invitations of the founders, and were present at the ceremonies: Bros. D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; Rev. F. de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. Middlesex; F. B. Archer, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; H. M. Hobbs, P.S.G.D. Surrey; H. W. Roberts, I.P.M. 1293; J. K. Cama, 2105; Jas. Wallis, 33; A. P. Keeling, J.D. 1671; A. J. Gillott, 859; F. Honeywell, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex; F. Hunt, P.G. Org. Surrey; H. Wheatley, W.M. 1512; W. Drewett, S.W. 889; W. H. Glazier, 34; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middlesex; and J. Rawles, as Tyler.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP appointed his officers "pro tem.," and the lodge having been formally opened in the Three Degrees, he then addressed the brethren on the nature of the occasion which had brought them together. He alluded to the origin of the new lodge and the laudable desire of the founders to establish it as a working lodge which might spread the light and comfort of Masonry through the immediate neighbourhood during the damp and gloomy months of winter. He congratulated the founders on their good fortune in having obtained the warrant of Constitution, and urged them to guard the future well-being of the lodge to the utmost of their ability. He reminded them that the success of a lodge does not depend on the large number of its members, or the magnitude of its funds, and he strongly advised them to exercise the greatest caution in the admission of candidates and joining members, as in so many cases the advent of one black sheep had marred the happiness and welfare of a Masonic flock. He noticed there were on the roll of founders two or three P.M.'s, and to these he asked the new lodge to listen to in all cases of difficulty and doubt, and to act upon their mature and brotherly advice; as by so doing the interests of the lodge and the welfare of the Craft would be in every way advanced. The beautiful ceremony of consecration was then carried out, the Rev. Bro. T. H. SAUNDERS delivering an eloquent oration he had expressly prepared for the occasion. He was listened to with breathless attention, and his many Masonic, biblical, and historical allusions were thoroughly appreciated. The consecration being completed, Bro. the Rev. W. F. Reynolds was then installed in the chair as first W.M., the ceremony being performed by V.W. Bro. Thrupp, in a most earnest manner. The W.M. then invested the officers of the new lodge as follows: Bros. Dr. H. W. Seager, S.W.; A. Stewart-Brown, acting J.W., in the absence of the J.W. designate, Capt. Rupert Lonsdale, who in December last was sent to the Gold Coast of Africa to carry out a political and diplomatic mission. Bro. A. Keeling was unanimously elected as Treasurer, and was then invested; Bro. J. Frost Creswick, P.M., receiving the Secretary's collar. Bro. Milner, S.D., Bro. A. Gillott, acting J.D., and Bro. T. W. Walker, I.G., were invested, and the ceremonies were brought to the usual conclusion. The R. W. Prov. G.M. of Middlesex and the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of 2183, and then three candidates for initiation and one brother as a joining member were proposed; so the lodge bids fair to make a good start. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from the Grand Secretary, from other eminent Masons, and from three of the founders. The lodge was closed in excellent style by the new officers, and the brethren then adjourned to a banquet, of which it is only necessary to remark, that it fully maintained the high reputation of the Mitre.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, "The Health of the Consecrating Officers, and the Success and Prosperity of the young Lodge" being most heartily responded to. The lodge is fortunate in starting with several handsome presents, a beautiful set of ivory gavels being conspicuous among them. A lodge banner was displayed behind the W.M.'s chair, and was greatly admired; it is not too much to say that we know few lodges possessing such a piece of work. The design was suggested by the Tudor arms in the great hall of Hampton Court Palace, and Masonically it might be explained as an emblem of loyalty, peace, and plenty. The number of the lodge is worked on two small Tudor roses just below the "chef" which bears the name of the lodge. The work throughout is appliqué, and the materials are silk of Craft and Royal blue, white plush,

crimson velvet, with gold cord and thread. The banner was designed by one of the founders, and presented to the lodge by another, the "handiwork," as a legend on the back quaintly puts it, being that of their wives. The new lodge is to meet on the second Wednesday in the months of February, March, April, October, November, and December; and, from the earnest start made by the founders, we may expect to see it have a useful and successful career, supplying a Masonic want long felt by the residents in the district around the interesting old palace, which was founded by the great Cardinal, and from which No. 2183 has derived its name.

### INSTALLATION OF BRO. AUGUSTUS HARRIS AS W.M. OF THE DRURY LANE LODGE, No. 2127.

It was only natural to expect that the gathering in the Grand Saloon of Drury Lane Theatre on Tuesday afternoon at the celebration of the first anniversary of the foundation of Drury Lane Lodge, and the installation of Bro. Augustus Harris, the able and popular lessee of the theatre, as the second W.M. in succession to Bro. Lord Lonsborough would be an exceptionally brilliant one. But even the most sanguine and enthusiastic among the members of the lodge must have been somewhat taken aback by the array of grand dignitaries and other distinguished members of the Order who honoured them with their presence on this auspicious occasion. No doubt Bro. Secretary Broadley, like Lars Porsena, had bidden "his messengers ride forth, East and West, and South and North, To summon his array." Yet such willing, prompt, and general obedience to a summons such as his was is a rare experience, and will stamp the second installation meeting of Drury Lane Lodge not only as one to be recorded in letters of gold in the minute book of the lodge, but likewise as one of the most



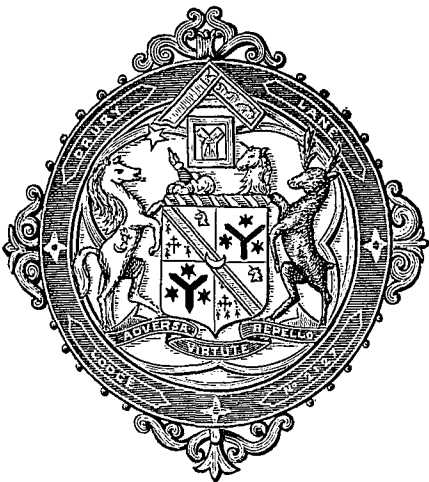
BRO. LORD LONDESBOROUGH, I.P.M.

successful of its kind ever held during any period of our history in this country. Heading the list of the English Grand Officers was the Prince of Wales's Deputy, R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom; the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland, M. W. Bros. the Duke of Abercorn and Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., respectively, were present in person, while as regards the rest of the visitors, they included representatives of almost every rank and interest in this busy world of ours. There were among them Members of both Houses of Parliament, a colonial bishop, officers of the Army and Navy, merchants of high standing in the City, past Lord Mayors of London, many of the choicer spirits in the leading literary, artistic, and scientific circles, and last, but, under the circumstances, not the least appropriately of all, a goodly muster of brethren connected directly or otherwise, with that dramatic art to which our worthy and Worshipful Bro. Augustus Harris has successfully devoted so considerable a part of his career, and with which in the ages yet to come his name will always be gratefully associated. It was, indeed, a grand gathering, of which even our oldest and strongest lodges might with reason be proud, and Bro. Harris, his officers, and the members of his lodge must feel grateful for the splendid encouragement and "Hearty good wishes" they have received at the outset of their second year from all classes and conditions of the brethren. However, we have spoken sufficiently in general terms. The narrative that follows will enlighten our readers as to what passed in the lodge and at the subsequent banquet in the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern.

The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. Lord Lonsborough, W.M. The Grand Officers entered in procession, and the brethren saluted Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M., a similar honour being conferred, at a later period, on Bro. his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the M.W.G.M. of Scotland. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, Sec., said the next business was to read the communication from the Pro Grand Master. He thought it would be in the interests of the lodge if he did not read all that circular, but only the latter part, which was for the consideration of the members. This having been done, the W. MASTER rose and said: Brethren, you have all heard the proposition which our Secretary has read, and which has the approval of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness has shown such a deep interest in theatrical affairs, that I hope I shall be allowed the privilege of communicating to him the assent of the Drury Lane Lodge to the proposed Jubilee Festivals. Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS S.W., said: I shall have very much pleasure in supporting the opinions expressed by our W. Master. I am sure it will meet with your approval, and that we shall do

everything in our power to carry out this scheme. The brethren having unanimously expressed their approval, the Auditor's report, which showed the funds to be in a very flourishing condition, was received and adopted.

The next business being the installation of Bro. Augustus Harris as W.M., Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., assumed the chair, Bro. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, acting as S.W., and Bro. Robt. Grey, P.B.B. as J.W. Bro. Harris having been presented as W.M. elect by Bro. Lord Londesborough, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of by far the greater number of the brethren present, and he was impressively installed into the chair of W. Master for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., S.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; J. S. Fleming, Treas.; A. M. Broadley, P.M. 1717 and 1835, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; James Fernandez, S.D.; Squire Bancroft Bancroft, J.D.; Harry Nicholls, I.G.; Charles Dickens, D. of C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., Org.; W. A. Baskcomb and T. Catling, Stwds.; and R. Goddard, Tyler. Bro. Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, C.B., D.C.L., being unavoidably absent, the W.M. asked Bro. Robt. Grey, P.B.B., to kindly retain the position of J.W. throughout the evening. The customary addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., in a very clear and impressive manner.



The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said: I have now a pleasing duty to perform, and that is to ask your Immediate Past Master, Bro. Lord Londesborough, to accept this jewel which has been voted by the lodge. I am sure it must be with the greatest gratification that he sees present such a large and influential assembly of Masons, and he must feel great pride that this lodge, which has been founded under his auspices, should have had such a successful first year. I must also congratulate him on the improvement in his health, and assure him that every member of the lodge will always look upon the banner he has presented to them with great pride and satisfaction.

Bro. Lord LONDESBOURGH, I.P.M., said: I cannot find words to thank you for this magnificent jewel, and still more for the kind feeling that prompted the gift. The past year has been one of great pride to me, and I shall never forget the kindness of the brethren of this lodge and other brethren. I shall not easily forget how they evinced their sympathy for me at the consecration by refraining from smoking until I had left them. I must thank all the officers for the way in which they have made my task easy, and especially Bro. Parkinson for the way in which he has carried out the duties of the lodge in my absence. I only wish it was possible for me to be with you at the banquet table, but, as that pleasure is denied me, I must say a few words about the pride I feel with regard to the lodge. It is impossible to look round and not to feel that it has taken a very high rank in Masonry. I feel certain that under the guidance of Bro. Harris, your W.M., it will be successful and continue its prosperous career. Being representative as it is of the theatrical profession, I have no doubt the ceremonies will be performed as they ought to be, in an exceptional manner, and I am sure we shall always feel as much pride in this lodge as we do now. I thank you most cordially for the most magnificent present you have given me.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, then addressing Bro. Parkinson, P.G.D., said: I feel I should be dissatisfied with myself were I not on the occasion of my installation to publicly thank you for the services you have rendered this lodge. During the past year the young members have learned some excellent lessons from your perfect working, and everyone who has had the good fortune to attend our meetings has been struck with the masterly manner in which you have taken the chair. I ask you to accept this distinctive jewel, which is worn by the founders, hoping you will wear it, as you have materially assisted to build up and establish the lodge.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., in reply, said: I beg to express my strong feeling of gratitude for the way in which you have given me this token of remembrance—one that I shall wear with great satisfaction. I beg to thank you for the manner in which the brethren have recognised any services I may have rendered.

Several propositions for initiation were received, including the names of H.H. Prince Ibrahim Hilmy of Egypt, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, and Mr. Arthur Yates; and amongst those proposed as joining members were Bros. the Right Hon. Earl De La Warr, St. John and St. Paul, Malta, 349; Captain G. A. P. Williams, Provost-Marshal at Cairo, P.G.W. of Greece, W.M. Bulwer Lodge, 1068; Alfred Caldicott, Mus. Bac., Worcester Lodge, 280; W. Stone, M.A.; Colonel Sir Robt. W. Harley, K.C.M.G., Sussex Lodge; Right Hon. Robert Montagu, of the Scientific Lodge, 88, Cambridge; George Augustus Sala, of the Universal Lodge, 181, London; and Henry L. W. Lawson, M.P., of 32, Grosvenor-square, and the Apollo Lodge, Oxford; proposed by Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., S.W.; seconded by W. Bro. Augustus Harris, W.M.

There being no further Masonic business for transaction, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren proceeded to Freemasons' Tavern, where they sat down to an excellent

#### BANQUET.

In giving the first toast, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said: M.W.G.M. and Brethren,—I have a very simple task before me in rising to propose "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," coupled with it "The Craft." It is the Jubilee year of that great Queen, and I am sure no words of mine are necessary to evoke that enthusiasm with which, I am sure, it will be drunk. We are to-night as Masons at the meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, and as the servants of her Majesty. Therefore, under these circumstances, I will ask you to receive this toast with that enthusiasm which is proverbial, and drink heartily to the health of her Majesty the Queen, coupled with the Craft.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next said: I rise again; it is for the purpose of performing another easy task, which is, I need not say, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,

M.W.G.M." We all know what earnestness and zeal he has for the welfare of the Craft, and also for the welfare of the Drama. He is the Grand Master of the one and the Grand Patron of the other. Therefore, I am sure, you will heartily drink his health, and not only that, but I am sure the members of the Drury Lane Lodge will assist me to carry out his wishes by subscribing to the fund he desires to raise. Brethren, I ask you to drink with all enthusiasm to the M.W.G.M.

Bro. Sir JOHN ELDON GORST, Q.C., M.P., S.W., said: By command of the Worshipful Master, I am entrusted with the privilege of proposing the next toast. It is "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." I am sure that there is no lodge which has a better body of Grand Lodge Officers than this lodge. Ever since its inauguration it has received the most kind and fostering care of the officers of Grand Lodge, and if the ceremonies are not extremely well performed, it will not be their fault. I think we to-day received a simple proof of the favour which this lodge is under, and I believe that seldom in the annals of Masonry has so distinguished an assembly and the most illustrious brethren gathered together to do honour to the installation of Bro. Augustus Harris. Amongst those present we have the Deputy G.M. and the M.W. the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland. Seeing those brethren here to-night, I could not help thinking that it was a happy augury, and that in the future there would be no change or disruption. I wish to call especially upon the Deputy Grand Master to respond to this toast, and I am sure his colleagues present will regard him as a worthy representative of the worthy kingdom of Masonry, which I hope will never dissolve. I ask you, brethren, to drink to this toast, coupling the name of the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, who was enthusiastically received, said in reply: Worshipful Master and Brethren—In the name of the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, I thank you for the way in which you have received the toast. As regards the Grand Officers, it is my firm belief that they have done their duty in the past and will do it in the future. If there is one thing that will help them more than another it is to see a young lodge like this approving their action and the example set by them. I have seen a great many meetings of one sort and another, but never have I seen such a gathering assemble to do honour to a Worshipful Master. It only shows how Masonry is prospering among all classes, and especially with that very

hard-worked body your Worshipful Master has appropriately termed the "Queen's servants." When I see that they can find a portion of their time to devote to Masonry, I can only think that it is a good augury that the Craft is prospering. Your S.W. has spoken of the M.W. the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland and myself being together. I do myself most sincerely hope that it is a happy omen of the future, and that we shall always be found hand in hand, and I must take this opportunity of thanking you for the extremely kind welcome extended to the Grand Officers, and I trust that it will not be long ere, in the terms of the menu, we have another "compôte à la Druriolanus."

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., Installing Master, said: The Sister Grand Lodges is by far the most comprehensive toast on our list, and



BRO. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, W.M.

one of the most comprehensive ever entrusted to mortal; for it embraces all the representative Masonic bodies outside the Grand Lodge of England, and is in other words Success to Masonry Universal. Wherever the Craft flourishes, there is a Grand Lodge which is our title for a constitutional assemblage of representatives drawn from all the Masonic lodges within its jurisdiction, representatives who are elected by universal suffrage. (Hear, hear.) Every Mason has a vote for the Master of his lodge, the Master appoints the Wardens, and the Master and Wardens together with the Past Masters, who owe their position to having been in their time elected, form the governing body or Grand Lodge which guards the Constitution by framing, amending, and enforcing Masonic law. This representative Grand Lodge elects the Grand Master annually, who, in his turn selects and appoints the Grand Officers, so that our elaborate system of authority and dignities rests on a broad foundation of loyalty to representatives who have been elected directly or vicariously by ourselves. (Hear.) Now if we turn to the "Freemasons' Calendar" and the "Cosmopolitan Pocket Book," which, for the extent and variety of their information are Masonic Whitaker's Almanacks, we find the whole known world is covered by a network of Masonic lodges in full activity, each working under, and amenable to its own Grand Lodge.

"Let observation, with extensive view,  
Survey mankind, from China to Peru."

And Sister Grand Lodges are found everywhere, their place of meeting and even the names and addresses of their Secretaries being recorded in the Pocket Book. So that a Freemason may sit at his desk in London and arrange a tour round the world, fixing beforehand with absolute precision, when, and in what strange lands he will visit his Masonic brethren. Moreover, from the Arctic Regions to the Torrid Zone, whatever may be the differences in race, in language, or in religion, the Freemason finds his position in the universal Craft, recognised just as it is at home. (Applause.) I have myself presided over an immense Masonic meeting in Rome, under the very shadow of the Vatican—(applause)—and only four months ago I worked my way into a lodge at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, where I presented myself without other introduction than the Mason's sign, where they sent out a deputation to examine me, a proceeding which ended in my cross-examining the deputation, and expressing my views with fraternal frankness as to the limits of its Masonic knowledge. (Loud laughter.) The traveller finds that whilst in free countries, Masonry flourishes best, in lands where there is either political or spiritual tyranny, the Masons' lodge, with its broad faith, throwing open its mystic portals to men of every creed, and its pure tenets of natural equality and mutual dependence is a haven of refuge to men of generous mind, and a centre of light to many whose understandings might be otherwise darkened by the prejudices or the superstitions around them. (Cheers.) To men elected by their brethren to guard Masonic landmarks, and who form the Sister Grand Lodges of the world, we look—to hold those havens secure, and to preserve that light undimmed. (Loud cheers.) I give you "The Sister Grand Lodges," coupled with the name of the M.W. G. and Master of Scotland, Bro. Sir A. Campbell.

The M.W. the GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND, in reply, said: I thank you for the manner in which the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges has been given and received, and coupled with my name. Before I go into that I have to congratulate you, Worshipful Master, upon the magnificent assembly I see before me, and upon being the second W.M. of this lodge. The diligence you have shown in every walk of life is exemplified by the good you have done for Masonry. With regard to the Sister Grand Lodges, I can assure you that in Ireland and in Scotland we look to the Grand Lodge of England as the one upon which we rely, and also the one in which we are proud to be in perfect harmony. It has been remarked that Freemasonry is all over the world, and that it is the boast of Masons that it is always high noon in a Masons' lodge. That is a fact, for



in every country there are lodges hailing from your English Grand Lodge. We can only attain this by united action, and by maintaining the harmony that at present exists.

Bro. the Earl of MOUNT EDGUMBE, Prov. G. Master of Cornwall, said: I little thought when I received the invitation to come here that I should be called upon to take a conspicuous part in the proceedings, and I feel that an apology is needed for my being here enjoying the refreshment without having taken part in the labour of the evening. It was impossible for me to come at an earlier hour, and it was only by the pressing invitation I received that I consented to be here at the eleventh hour. The task that devolve upon me is no less than proposing what I am sure you will acknowledge to be the toast of the evening. For two reasons I regret that it has fallen upon me. It would not have happened but for the melancholy cause that has taken away the Past Master of your lodge, Bro. Lord Lonsborough, whom you all know so well. In the second place I regret that I am not in a position to do justice to the toast. I am not thinking of the exceptional and critical audience, for their criticism, I am sure, will be tempered by Masonry. But it is that I have, unfortunately, spent the whole of my natural existence without having made the acquaintance of your Worshipful Master, and any other brother would have been able to speak of his past career. There is, however, one supreme consolation, and that is that the toast needs very little recommendation, for you will receive it as well from my lips as from the greatest brother in England. The Craft owes many thanks to the worthy brother who occupies the chair to-night, not merely for what he has done for this lodge, and for which I know you are grateful, not merely for the example he has given you all his life as to what a kind and genial Mason ought to be, but by enlisting sympathy in the Craft from that profession with which he is so honourably connected, a profession which we all rejoice to see daily rising in public estimation; and I know that Masonry has always been popular in that profession, and there is no brother who has done more in awakening and promoting that interest amongst actors than your Worshipful Master. I believe that as a class they are especially open to the genial intercourse which, I am not ashamed to say, is one of the features of Masonry. To carry on their labours there must necessarily be a strain upon their health and strength, and they must especially be open to the aid they must receive from the sympathetic grasp of a brother's hand in time of trouble. I have carefully refrained from using the brother's name, in whose honour I propose this toast, for I know it will be received with a burst of enthusiasm that will enforce me to finish my remarks and sit down. I ask you to rise and drink to "The Long Life and Happiness of your W. Master, Bro. Augustus Harris."

Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS, replied, and said: Of course I know full well that I hardly deserve all that has been said of me, but on these occasions it is very pleasing to hear all these favourable things said of one, and it is kind of you to drink so heartily to this toast and to endorse all that has been said by the proposer. At the same time, I hardly know how to respond, for I feel that you have really seconded and put the seal upon what has been said. However, I assure you it has been a great gratification to us, that so many distinguished Masons have come to my installation. I thank you heartily and from the bottom of my soul for your kindness in gathering round me on what I shall consider one of the reddest of red letter days in my life. I beg to thank the Dep. Grand Master, the M.W. the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, and all the other Grand Officers, for having so kindly come here. I also beg on this occasion to assure you that everything I can do during my year of office to maintain the prestige of this lodge will be done. I shall endeavour to follow the example of Bro. Parkinson, who has so materially assisted us. There is one thing which I am pleased to see, and that is that I shall have such good officers as my S.W. and J.W., Bros. Sir J. E. Gorst and Admiral Sir E. Inglefield. It is necessary for a ship to have good officers, and on these occasions the captain feels safe if he has such good officers as my present S.W. and J.W., the latter of whom I regret is not with us. Under such circumstances, he feels that the ship is pretty safe to get into port with flying colours. My one thought will be to deliver over the lodge in as flourishing a position as it is to-day.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in submitting the next toast to the brethren, said: The toast I have now to introduce is one which, I am sure, is more important than any other, for it is a recognition of services already rendered. I am delighted to propose the toast of "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master." Those brethren who have had anything to do with the foundation of a lodge must be aware of the large amount of work to be done before the consecration day arrives. I am behind the scenes, and I perfectly remember the numerous visits that I had from the brethren who were founding this lodge. You must all be aware that the position of a new lodge in Masonry, and its success, depends upon the esteem in which the W.M. is held. The members of this lodge were most fortunate in enlisting the services of your I.P.M., Bro. Lord Lonsborough, for I can answer for it that he takes a great personal interest in this lodge. He is an old and distinguished Past Grand Warden of England, being appointed to that office as far back as 1860. We all know, and I am sure we all regret, that owing to a severe accident that happened to him, he is prevented from being with us. We are most fortunate under those circumstances in enlisting the services of an able brother to take the chair in his absence. I have had the pleasure of being present during the past year, and was delighted to find that the chair was filled in the most excellent manner by that good and worthy Grand Officer, Bro. Parkinson. He performed almost every ceremony during that period, and I need only appeal to those members who were fortunate enough to be present, to say they were performed in a most excellent manner. He has put the last stone on the building by installing the W.M. to-night. You will all agree with me that he deserves a very hearty vote of thanks from the members of the lodge, and also from the large number of brethren that were present during that ceremony. I will not detain you longer by singing his praises, but I must assure you he is one of our most distinguished Masons, and this lodge is most fortunate in obtaining his services during the past year. I will ask you to drink the double health of Bro. Lord Lonsborough, your Immediate Past Master, whom I am sorry is unable to be with us, and also of Bro. Parkinson, the Installing Master of the evening.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., Installing Master, said in reply: It has been a great pleasure to undertake the work of this exceptionally interesting lodge and to have acted for its W.M. during the first twelve months of its existence. We have also had the great advantage of being assisted and supported by its Honorary Members, some of the most accomplished of my brother Grand Officers—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Robert Gry, President Board of Benevolence; and Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., to whose admirable organisation as Director of Ceremonies to-day, we owe the success of this great meeting—(hear, hear)—who have attended as regularly as myself, thus giving the Drury Lane Lodge the unique advantage of having its Masonic work performed under the active supervision of men who are recognised throughout the Craft as among its leading authorities. I am only expressing the sentiments of these distinguished

Masons, as well as my own, in saying that our labours have been richly rewarded by the appreciation of the brethren, and by the knowledge that we have contributed to the remarkable success the lodge has achieved. (Applause.) Mark Tapley, you remember, left the village where everybody knew him and was fond of him, turned his back upon the cosy parlour of the village inn and the buxom widow who was devoted to him, not because he doubted their appreciation, but that he felt there was no credit in being jolly where life was made so easy and so pleasant. (Laughter.) So he went further afield, and took up his abode among strangers that he might come out strong, as he said, by keeping up his jollity where circumstances were more difficult. But he found everybody as kind to him in the new country as in the old, and that he was as jolly and happy as before, and still unable to take any credit to himself. That's just my case. (Laughter.) When I joined the Drury Lane Lodge, my Masonic career had been one of perpetual sunshine and unchequered spoiling, so that looking back I could not recall a single circumstance to mar the brilliance of the retrospect—not a quarrel, not a solitary difference of opinion—until I asked myself, in a spirit of self-examination, what credit is there in being devoted to an institution where everybody combines in an amiable conspiracy to make things pleasant to me. (Laughter.) Pining, like Mark Tapley, for difficulties in my path, this Drury Lane Lodge, I said, will furnish the very opportunity I want. There, I shall find brethren whose own high calling will compel them to be critical—artists whose lives are spent in endowing creatures of the imagination with the breath of life, in giving visible expression to poetic thought, in studying the niceties of our noble English tongue, and weighing their effect, and who must, by reason of these avocations, be more difficult and more severely critical than brethren belonging to professions less arduous and intellectual. Never were anticipations more completely falsified. (Applause.) So far from being difficult to please, the brethren of the Drury Lane Lodge have excelled in generous appreciation, and in attention to their duties, and, dropping the Mark Tapley metaphor, it must be a matter of pride to any one capable of thought to be supported by men whose intellect and training make their approbation of the highest value, because it is necessarily discriminating and sound. (Hear, hear.) It was once said of a great orator that, when in full accord with his audience, what he gathered up from their sympathies in mist, he restored to them in bounteous life-inspiring rain. So in Freemasonry, the lofty language in which its ceremonies are enshrined, language which, though unequal, rises at times to sublime, I had almost said to biblical, heights; this language ought to gain in strength and force when its temporary mouthpiece, whoever he may be, finds a sympathetic echo in the trained intelligences around him. (Applause.) On the foundation of the Drury Lane Lodge there seemed to the Honorary Members and myself, to be a great opportunity and a certain danger. The opportunity was to enlist the practical sympathy and mental energies of the artists to whom it especially appealed, and to thus make the new lodge strong and famous. The

danger was lest in a rush of sudden, and unearned prosperity, in the social popularity of its members, in the claims of their profession and its public fame, in the ease with which success of a certain kind could be won by them—the more difficult and trying side of Freemasonry—the duties, the claims, and the work which alone establish a lodge on a stable basis, and give it lasting strength that these things might come to occupy a secondary place. Thanks to the good sense of the members of the Drury Lane Lodge, that danger, if it ever existed, has been entirely escaped. (Cheers.) The work has been unusually onerous and heavy, has not as a rule been followed by the usual material solatium, and has had throughout the year the studious, and willing, and punctual co-operation of the well known public servants of which this lodge is mainly composed. (Hear, hear.)

One fallacy, therefore, we have knocked on the head, I hope for ever, namely, that an Actor's Lodge, however amusing and agreeable socially—is less likely than another, to build up for itself a reputation for strict and regular Masonic work. (Applause.)

Bro. PARKINSON continued: But there has been much work of another kind which has gone to build up the lodge. I mean the work that has been performed with so much advantage by our Secretary. The focussing power, the cementing quality, the talent for organization, and the administrative skill which has welded together various professional and social forces; the genius of suggestiveness and adaptability; the swift perception which avails itself of opportunity which another would pass by unheeded; the versatility of the citizen of the world, the acumen which comes from legal training; the literary power, which is a special gift specially developed; the unrelenting energy, which like the pungent root in Sydney Smith's salad:

"Scarce suspected animates the whole." (Laughter.)

All these are Bro. Broadley's. As the private friend of our Worshipful Master he brought these qualifications to the work of raising the Drury Lane Lodge to its present pinnacle of success, and it must have been a proud moment to-day when he saw his labours culminate in the installation of the friend on whose behalf he has toiled so devotedly, and when Bro. Harris was congratulated on his high position by one of the most representative gatherings of distinguished Masons ever assembled in a Worshipful Master's honour. (Hear, hear.) Statistics would fail me, and would undoubtedly bore you were I to attempt to give them of Bro. Broadley's labours—the records he has kept, the letters he has written, the figures he has dealt with, the historical and antiquarian researches he has made, the interesting essay he has published, the negotiations he has conducted, the interviews with influential people he has secured—all with one end in view, the advancement and consolidation of this lodge. (Applause.) Instead of wearying you with these details I will paraphrase the epitaph on another distinguished Freemason, Sir Christopher Wren, and say if you wish to see Bro. Broadley's monument to the Worshipful Master and his lodge, Look around! Consider the composition of this great meeting and the still greater meeting in lodge, and the distinguished people they have included, and reflect upon all that this unusual conjunction of great dignitaries implies. At our last lodge meeting Lord Lonsborough, Sir John Gorst, our Worshipful Master, and myself, were appointed a Committee to consider the matter of Bro. Broadley's great services, and to act for the lodge. In the name of that Committee, and of every member of the lodge—may I not say of you all?—I now present Bro. Broadley with a small token of kindly remembrance, trifling in itself, if compared with the labours it acknowledges, but important to him, and to us, for all that it commemorates and inspires. (Loud cheers.)

[Bro. Parkinson then presented to Bro. Broadley, in the name of the lodge, a very handsome silver liqueur stand, with two bottles, and twelve glasses, mounted on silver stands. The salver bears the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, P.M. 1717 and 1835, by the members of the Drury Lane Lodge, in grateful recognition of his valuable services as its first Secretary. Feb. 8th, 1887."]



BRO. SIR J. E. GORST, S.W.



BRO. ADMIRAL SIR E. A. INGLEFIELD, J.W.

Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary, said: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Worshipful Master and brethren, when I listened to the kindly words in which Bro. Parkinson introduced to your notice the humble services I have rendered to this lodge, I really felt unequal to the task I knew I should have to perform when I rose to thank my brethren of the Drury Lane Lodge for the honour they have paid me. It is perhaps a trite saying that any particular moment is the proudest of anybody's life, but in connection with my own humble Masonic career, I can assuredly use that expression to-day. It is just ten years ago that it was my privilege to assist in planting the flag of Masonry in the Mediterranean. I helped five years later to revive, in Egypt, a historical lodge in which the M.W.G.M. once sat as a Fellow Craft. And it was a proud moment when I was able to assist in drawing together the Craft, the drama, and Drury Lane. Seventy-nine years ago, down the very street in which the lodge was held, passed a great procession which included the Prince Regent, then Grand Master of our Order who assisted Bro. Kemble in laying the foundation of Covent Garden Theatre. It was then that Freemasonry held out the hand of fellowship to the drama in distress—the bond of union. There is something in the constitution of the Drury Lane Lodge that will cement the profession of the drama and the truest of all mystic ties. It is eight years ago that I paid a visit to this country, having been absent for a time in the Mediterranean and having been there installed as D.D.G.M. I was here as a comparative stranger, and where was it that I received the hand of fellowship? It was in this very hall and in the well known Asaph Lodge. The memory of that kindly hospitality is always present with me, and when I enlisted myself under the banner of this lodge I felt I should be doing a good service to Masonry if I could help as I said before, in drawing together the Craft, the drama, and Drury Lane. I ask you, have we succeeded? I felt a deep satisfaction to-day when I saw the truest of friends and the best of Masons installed as W.M. I only regret that that kindly friend of us all, Bro. Lord Lonsborough, is not with us now. Amongst the distinguished visitors present I am glad to see Bro. his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, who has hastened from an Irish deputation at the Mansion House, to be with us and to testify by his presence his great belief in our work. If we look round us, we see that at this meeting there is scarcely a section of society of English social life that is not represented. There are peers, ecclesiastics, men of letters and science, and men holding high positions in the State. As representatives of the Privy Council we have Bro. Marriott, M.P., who fills with credit an important post in her Majesty's Government, and Bro. Lord Robt. Montague, who was passed as a Fellow Craft 40 years ago, and who yesterday became a M.M. We see the army well represented by Bros. Gen. Collingwood and Col. H. Hallett. If we turn to the Navy we have one whose name is historical in the annals of that great service—I allude to Admiral Cochrane. And we have enlisted a Grand Chaplain as the Chaplain of our lodge. It is not my duty to detain you longer, but propose the health of those visitors I see around this board who are members of our confraternity, and who come from every class and every creed; many of them my own personal friends, and some of whom once worked with me in the Mediterranean. We have a vast assembly of visitors, and if there is one thing that claims our attention it is the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, as shown by the Drury Lane Lodge. We have with us the Bishop of New Westminster. Now, I should like to ask you, where is New Westminster? You have all heard of our own Westminster, where the debates have lately been of a somewhat tedious character (laughter), have made the name of Westminster rather familiar to us. I will tell you where New Westminster is. It is in British Columbia, and our Rev. brother present is Grand Chaplain there. You all heard of Bro. Dr. Sillioe when he was Chaplain to the Princess Alice, at Darmstadt, then in British Columbia, and is here now present to-night with us. There is another name that will be appreciated and that will re-echo wherever the English tongue is spoken. I mean Bro. George Augustus Sala. Who has not read his vivid description and his ready wit in the columns of the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Illustrated London News*. He is a member of the Universal Lodge, and it is right and proper that he should belong to that lodge. He has to-night marked his return to Masonic life. He was an intimate friend of the father of the Worshipful Master, and by his presence helps to illustrate the character of this lodge. There is another name and that is Bro. Puleston, M.P., who has been sitting amongst a number of members of Parliament from whom a cabinet could be formed that would meet with the approbation of most reasonable people. (Laughter.) Bro. Puleston is a member of the Lodge of Nine Muses. I beg to thank you all for the kind sympathy which you have shown me, and I can assure you that I heartily appreciate it. I now ask you to rise and drink to "The Health of the Visitors," and show them that hospitality is the first virtue in this lodge, and I couple with the toast the names of Bros. the Bishop of New Westminster, G. A. Sala, and Puleston, M.P. (Applause.)

The BISHOP OF NEW WESTMINSTER responded, and after thanking the members of the lodge for their hospitality, said they would be anxious to hear Bro. Sala.

Bro. GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA also replied and said: Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, and being nervously apprehensive that I may be asked by some brother at the end of the Hall, to "speak up," I am compelled to do my best and assure you of the great gratification it has afforded me to be present. That gratification was intermingled with a slight feeling of regret when I was in the lodge, and when I witnessed the installation of your Worshipful Master. I felt for a moment a feeling of sadness, for I remember that nearly 30 years have elapsed since I was initiated. Looking at Bro. Parkinson now, and seeing him covered with his jewels which distinguish his position in Masonry, I could not help feeling sorrowful that I had not rendered better service to the Craft since my initiation. I might have placed myself in a higher position than I at present occupy, had I worked as he has done. I was appointed S.W., but did not accept the office because I had not then the time to perform the duties of Masonry. I have been a Mason now for 30 years, and in the United States, Australia, or wherever I have been, I have had repeated hospitality shown me. But I always declined the kind invitations. Why? Because I felt that I appreciated Masonry in its proper sense, and knowing that I did not work as a Mason ought, I did not wish to be considered a "knife and fork" Mason. I have for some time been deprived of the pleasure of London society, but I thought I might now come a little into the world, that I might press the hands of dear old friends. I must congratulate myself that my re-entry into Masonry was made in this lodge. I may not be acceptable to this lodge; but I shall be happy to become a joining member. Anyone who has wandered about the world could not fail to have been struck with the great good Masonry effects by bringing together all the different classes. In every country in which I have been I have seen it. Here to-night we see men of every walk of life shaking each other by the hand. I have been pleased to see Bro. Harris installed as W.M. I knew his father intimately, and he worked hard for the stage. The father sowed and the son has reaped. I have a sincere

admiration for the British Drama, which has been honoured in times past by the reigning Sovereigns. This is the Jubilee year of her Majesty, and I hope that Jubilee will be marked with one momentous result. I hope that the favours already received will only be the prelude for future favours to come. Drury Lane is the home of the Drama, and I hope we may be honoured on that stage by the sight of the Yeomen of the Guard, as in days gone by, and that we may see Victoria the Good extending her patronage. Should this take place, I have no doubt we should see a Jubilee meeting take place in this lodge. In conclusion, I will express the delight it affords me to make a second entry into Masonry and into our truly honourable Craft.

Bro. J. PULESTON, M.P., also responded, and said: I am almost appalled when I contemplate the fact that I have been selected to respond for the visitors, for I know full well how inadequate any words will be from me to give expression to my own thoughts and those of my brother visitors for the magnificent hospitality. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I must be allowed to congratulate you upon the fact that you have a W.M. of many legions, upon whose name many thousands love to dwell, for he has for some time past afforded them considerable pleasure. I congratulate you upon the fact that you have as your S.W. an old friend of mine, who charms the House of Commons with his eloquence and invective. In the person of your J.W. you have a distinguished man, whom I am proud to call my friend. I thank you very much for your kindness, and I can only echo the sentiments of all when I express my gratitude. It is the first occasion that I have had the distinguished honour of visiting you, and I hope and trust it will not be the last. There is one honour I should esteem, and that is to be enrolled a member of your lodge. And when we meet together again I hope we shall meet upon the level, and part upon the square.

The PRESIDENT of the Board of General Purposes said: Worshipful Master, I thank you for the honour you have done me in deputing me to propose the toast of "The Officers of your Lodge." You cannot but feel proud, Worshipful Master, in having on your staff of officers men so eminently distinguished in their different professions. Your S.W., Bro. Sir John Gorst, in early life carried off high university honours. He has proved himself a practised debater. He now occupies a high position as a member of the Government, and we may safely predict that, in his new career as a statesman, he will amply fulfil the brilliant promise of his youth. As a brother Mason he has assiduously discharged the duties of the office to which he was designated in the warrant of this lodge. I believe he has never been absent from his post except on one single occasion when, during the holiday season, he was away from this country. I venture to say that he will prove a worthy successor to yourself, Worshipful Master, in the chair you now occupy, and will discharge the duties of Master when the time arrives with great credit and advantage to this lodge. The J.W., Admiral Edward Inglefield, who is unfortunately unable to attend this evening, is a naval officer who has been deservedly honoured for the services he has rendered to his country in many seas. A man of high scientific acquirements, a Doctor of Civil Law, a Fellow of the Royal

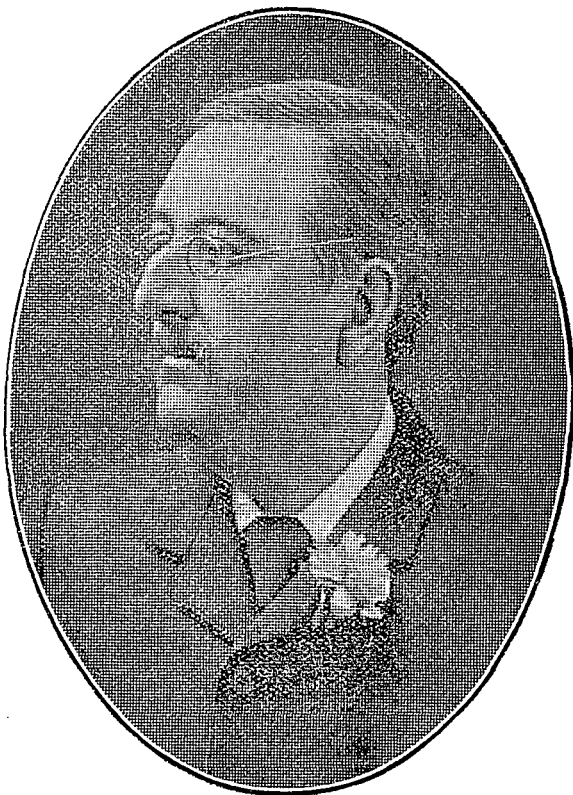
Society, whose name is destined to be handed down to posterity in the future history of this country. The S.D., Bro. Fernandez, I feel sure his brother artists will readily admit to be a most accomplished elocutionist, a powerful and thoughtful actor, and a man of high intellectual attainments, who will do credit to any office he may be called upon to hold in the lodge. The J.D., Bro. Bancroft, has, I believe, done more for the elevation of his profession than any man of the present day connected with the drama. He has made the stage and its professors real presentments of the actual life around us. He has shown us that an actor is a gentleman, who society all classes are proud to seek, and to enjoy. The I.G., Bro. Harry Nicholls, a bright comedian who has never failed to command the approval of the public, who grows year by year in popularity, and whose genuine humour has made him an acknowledged favourite with his audience. Although only recently initiated into Masonry in this lodge, he is already a bright Mason, and the rapidity with which he has acquired a knowledge of the ritual is only equalled by those ready "impromptus,"

of which he has given us such amusing samples on the boards of the theatre in which we have just assembled. And last, but certainly not least, you have in your D.C., Bro. Charles Dickens, a great name, a name to be, indeed, envied, a name revered and beloved throughout the civilised world. Bro. Charles Dickens, himself beloved and admired for his hereditary qualities of geniality, kindness, and humour, is treading in his great father's footsteps by reading in public that father's works. Works which I have no hesitation in saying have done more than those of any other author of any age to expose hypocrisy and vice, to abolish abuses, and to kindle and foster sympathy in the hearts of men. Bro. Charles Dickens, although occupying the humble position of D.C. in this lodge is a P.M. in the Craft, who, when in the chair of his lodge performed the ceremonies and discharged the various duties of his office to the great satisfaction and delight of its members. Worshipful Master, with such a brilliant staff of officers to support you there cannot be a doubt that the eminent position which the lodge has attained with such marvellous rapidity will be fully maintained, and that your year of office so auspiciously inaugurated, is destined to leave its mark in the annals of Masonry. Brethren, I feel sure you will join with me with the utmost cordiality and the warmest enthusiasm in the toast which I now give you, "The Officers of the Lodge," and as Bro. Sir John Gorst has already spoken, I have the greatest pleasure in connecting with it the name of Bro. Bancroft.

Bro. S. B. BANCROFT, J.D., said: Obedience to orders I take to be the first duty of every officer, so I beg to respond to the toast which you have done me the honour to associate with my name and which has been so kindly proposed by the President of the Board of General Purposes. I beg also to assure that Master of the Craft how greatly the officers of Drury Lane Lodge value the compliment being offered them by one to whom they already owe so much, and whom they know to be so distinguished in all that concerns the wisdom, the charity, and the dignity of Masonry. Although I wish this acknowledgment had fallen to the lot of a less humble subaltern than myself, I will venture on behalf of my brother officers to say that the welfare of the Drury Lane Lodge is dear to their hearts, and that their zealous endeavours will not be wanting to uphold it.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants, said: At this late period of the evening, I shall only detain you a few moments whilst proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities." It is a very gratifying thing to know that there are several Masonic Institutions and there is no jealousy between them—the representative of one being always ready to advocate the claims of the others. Being this year specially associated with one of those Institutions, I might attempt to improve the occasion by advocating its claims. I will only say I shall be extremely grateful to those brethren who will attend the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and I shall be still more grateful for those sums which I hope I shall receive to strengthen this deserving Charity.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded, and said: In rising to the toast of success to the Masonic Charities, I would venture to say that in the history of the Drury Lane Lodge, it has already made its mark as a supporter of our Institutions. In the past year your late W.M. represented your lodge for one of the Charities, and I feel that in the coming year the Benevolent Institution is



BRO. A. M. BROADLEY, SEC.



BRO. J. C. PARKINSON, INSTALLING MASTER.



still more honoured in having the W.M. to take up a Stewardship. I hope that the sum you subscribed last year for the Boys will be more than doubled for our Institution. I sincerely hope that at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution we shall have, what they had in another place, "A Run of Luck."

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

The following is a list of the brethren present:—

Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancs.; the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. Ireland; Sir A. Campbell, G.M. Scotland; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; General Brownrigg, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Surrey; Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. G.M. Cornwall; Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M. Devon; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Col. Lyne, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Col. A. W. Adair, P.G.M. Somerset; Col. A. Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Theo. H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. New York City; Lord Londesborough, P.G.W.; Lord Henry Thynne, P.G.W.; Earl of Onslow, P.G.W.; R. Cunliffe, P.G.W.; Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.W.; Sir John Whittaker Ellis, P.G.W.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; Horace Brooks Marshall, P.G. Treas.; Fredk. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec.; Dr. Wendt, G. Sec. G. Correspondence; S. Pope, S.G.D.; Ralph Clutton, J.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Alfred Meadows, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; Fred. Davison, P.G.D.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; C. Hutton, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D.; R. Costa, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Burney, P.G.D.; Major J. Pearce, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D., Dep. G.M. Kent; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Sir Horace Jones, G.S. of Works; R. G. Glover, Dep. G.D. of C.; A. Richards, P. Dep. G.D. of C.; Dr. J. H. Paul, P. Dep. G.D. of C.; C. Dumas, P.A.G.D. of C.; Geo. Burt, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D. of C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D. of C.; Major A. Cook, P.A.G.D. of C.; Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D. of C.; Col. C. Harding, P.A.G.D. of C.; H. Trueman Wood, A.G.D.C.; W. Roebuck, G. Swd. Br.; H. Greene, G. Swd. Br.; Major G. Lambert, P.G. Swd. Br.; Col. J. Peters, P.G. Swd. Br.; C. Hammerton, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. S. Jekyll, P.G.O.; Dr. Edwin M. Lott, P.G.O.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; The Lord Mayor; Frederick Binckes; O. Hansard; Edward Terry; C. Cheston; H. Venn; H. Dicketts; Robert Berridge; H. W. Hunt; and Col. J. Davies Sewell; P.G. Stewards: Patrick Stirling, D.P.G.M. West Perth; Augustus Frederick Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcester; Col. Haldane, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; Col. J. W. Malcolin, M.P., P.P.G.W. Oxon; W. B. Williamson, P.P.G.W. Worcestershire; J. Terry; P.P.G.W. North Hants; Dr. G. Mickle, P.P.G.W. Herts; H. Hutchinson, P.P.G.W. East Lancs; C. Driver, P.P.G.W. Surrey; Capt. Castellari, P.D.G.W. Punjab, E.C.; C. J. Smith, P.P.G.W. Surrey; George Elliot, M.P., P.P.G.W. Northumberland; R. Eve, P.P.G.W. Hants; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.P.G.W. Surrey; R. Clowes, P.P.G.W. Essex; Dr. Stewart, P.P.G.W. Berks and Bucks; Rev. J. F. Jackson, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; Rev. J. F. Smith, P.P.G. Chap. Leicestershire; Rev. H. Cummings, P.P.G. Chap. Cornwall; Chas. Stephens, P.G. Treas. Berks and Bucks; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; Fredk. Crookford, P.D.G. Reg. Malta; V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; J. L. Mather, P.P.G.D. Herts; R. C. Sudlow, P.P.G.D. Kent; H. Hacker, P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; G. Kenning, P.G.D. Middx; C. Belton P.P.G.D. Surrey; G. Cooper, P.P.G.S. of West Essex; C. J. Phipps, P.P.G.S. of W. Somerset; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; T. J. Pulley, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; J. Weaver, P.P.G. Org. Middx; T. H. Miller, P.P.G. Org. Middx; Dr. Casson, P.P.G. Organist Derbyshire; Augustus Harris, W.M.; Sir J. E. Gorst, Q.C., M.P., S.W.; J. S. Fleming, Treasurer; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Secretary; James Fernandez, S.D.; S. B. Bancroft, J.D.; W. A. Baskcomb, Steward; Thomas Catling, Steward; Harry Nicholls, I.G.; Charles Dickens, D. of C.; Henry Irving; J. L. Toole; Sir John Staples; Col. Hughes-Hallett, M.P.; Col. Galt; Capt. Hanney; Morell-Mackenzie, Viscount Pollington, W. H. Russell, G. A. Sala, Lord Robt. Montagu, Col. Ward, Henry Sutton, Jas. Edmeston, Sir Somers Vine, H. Kemble, G. F. Ba-hford, H. Leslie, Meyer Lutz, T. H. Bolton, Cutbush, Dr. H. Mackintosh, Capt. Hanway, Redfarn, Rev. A. E. Campbell, Aldermen H. A. Isaacs, E. Jacob, J. Rawlins, H. J. Waterlow, H. C. Richards, J. Moon, Lennox Browne, J. Catling, Chas. Wyndham, Lord Alfred Paget, J. Le Sage, Sir Henry E. Knight, Sheriff Kirby, J. Willing, jun., E. Humphreys, D. De Pinna, Major Ricardo Seaver, D. Brodie, Alfred Cooper, Oscar Barrett, Hon. W. F. B. Massey-Mainwaring, Saul Wells, Joseph Isaacs, Alfred Gibbons, Archibald McNeill, Charles Greenwood, K. Montgomery, W. Coulson, W. E. Chapman, W. Ascoug, W.M. Denison Lodge; the W.M. of the Isaac Newton Lodge; Felix Spiers, A. Leon, J. W. Fuller, John Douglas, W. Weblyn, Capt. Probyn, Joseph Snell Wood, Henry Pettitt, Charles Warner, Dr. Robson Roose, W. Beatty Kingston, Louis Ronger (Hervé); Edward Swanborough, A. Brookman, G. A. Vennell, H. J. Tinney, Sir Robert Harley, Right Hon. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P.; F. Gell, Frederick Dixon Hartland, M.P.; W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P.; General Lord John Tylour, Admiral the Hon. A. A. L. P. Cochrane, Savile Clarke, R. W. Edis, Alfred Hagger, J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P.; Charles Martin, R. G. Webster, M.P.; J. H. Puleston, M.P.; Pullman, L. Hancock, R. Witherby, J. While, W. Bennett, A. S. I. Watson, Col. Payen-Payne, P. Martinetti, Capt. C. E. Coffey, Dr. L. Engel, R. Clout, W. M. Bywater, J. K. Edward, T. Beard, W. W. Lee (*Freemason*), W. Barrett, W. W. Morgan, W. Madge, H. Herman, Charles Coote, David James, Charles Corby, Malcolm Morris, H. H. Crawford, C. O. Tagart, John Whaly, W. J. Fisher, W. H. Pannell, J. A. Thornhill, Barrow Emanuel, W. J. Foster, H. J. Youll, A. Barfield, Sprake, Herbert Ed. Story, Llewellyn M. Wynne, H. Wright, A. Williams, J. D. Murray, W. J. Ford, P. Saillard, Charles Brighten, C. McLean, J. M. Burt, Trevor Powell, William Terriss, General Collingwood, G. Gardner, Geo. Everett, F. Milner, W. Pilcher, Dr. Gordon, F. Leslie, Wroth Lethbridge, A. Pendlebury, F. R. W. Hedges, John Aird, Geo. Hughes, T. Thorne, H. Doveday, W. Lumley, T. Lumley, W. Maple, T. Burnside, H. Young, Lionel Brough, C. E. Soppet, J. E. Walford, J. F. Eliston, John Nicholls, W. Rignold, Capt. T. R. Kennion, C. Burleigh, Purcell, E. C. Massey, and J. Northcott.

The jewels presented both to Bro. Lord Londesborough and Bro. Parkinson were designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. The silver salver presented to Bro. Broadley was also supplied from the same house.

The banquet reflected the greatest credit on Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and their manager, Bro. Madell, was most assiduous in his personal attention to the comfort of those present. Bro. R. J. Morley satisfactorily performed the duties of Toastmaster.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Prov. Grand Chapter of the above province was held in the Sessions Hall, Guildhall, Winchester, on the 31st ult., immediately after the Prov. Grand Lodge. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided, and amongst those present were—

Comps. J. E. Le Feuvre, 394, P.G.H.; E. Goble, 309 R.; J. Rastrick, P.G. Treas., P.G.S.E.; W. H. Jacob, 76, 2nd Asst. P.G. Soj.; W. M. Outridge, 487, P.G. Reg.; J. Exell, P.G. Janitor; R. Eve, 723, P.P.G.J.; G. Felton Lancaster, 487, P.P.G.J.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, 394, P.P.G.S.N.; A. Portsmouth, 1st Asst. P.G. Soj.; J. Brickwood, 342, 2nd Asst. P.G. Soj.; F. Powell, 903, 2nd Asst. P.G. Soj.; G. A. Mursell, 175, P.P.G. Reg.; T. P. Palsgrave, 487, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. R. Strick, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. W. Downing, 903, P.P.G. Org.; F. King, S.N.; J. T. Doswell, S.E.; Bellinger, 1st A.S.; J. Rickstock, C. Harbor, and S. F. Blake, of 76; H. Lashmore, H. 130; T. W. Faulkner, P.P.G.P.S., and R. Cullingford, of 151; G. Pack, P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; A. Greenham, J. D. Carter, 1st A.S. 175; W. B. Rodgers, H.; J. Simmonds, S.; H. L. Atkins, P.Z.; E. N. Cross, S.E.; C. Miller, 1st A.S.; J. Nowham, D. Preston, and D. Sydenham, of 195; W. G. P. Gilbert, P.S. 257; Rev. A. A. Headley, P.Z.; E. Crouch, S.N.; H. Cawle, P.P.G.J.; J. Gieve, S.E. 309; J. E. Bnck, H.; R. Barnes, P.P.G.

Std Br.; W. Beuttell, and F. Sanders, of 342; D. O. Hobbs, P.P.G. Std. Br., and R. Ring, of 359; W. Horton, J. Robertson, J. Pigeon, jun., and H. Abraham, of 394; M. E. Frost, P.P.G. Treas.; H. E. Loader, J.; W. Boughton, S.N.; E. Nayler, D.C.; J. Gieve, Woodhouse, W. T. Dupre, and G. Whitehall, of 487; J. Dew, P.P.G.J.; G. Lear, P.Z.; F. D. Miller, P.S.; Rev. J. Scott Ramsay, 1st A.S.; J. Gibson, Treas., and J. Marks, of 694; R. Glasspool, Z.; R. Eve, P.Z., Treas.; J. Hacker, P.Z., S.E. 723; J. Collings, S.E.; P. H. Emanuel, 2nd A.S., and H. Kimber, of 804; G. B. Irons, Z.; F. Powell, P.P.G. 2nd A.S., 903; J. Hall, P.P.G. Std. Br., Z.; W. J. Rix, P.S., and Foster, of 1331; G. Orley, P.Z. 1341 (China); J. Laverty, H.; J. Jackson, J.; W. Miller, S.E.; and H. Orley, of 1428; W. Bowyer, P.Z.; G. J. Telling, Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S.; R. R. L. Rosoman, H.; W. Horton, Treas.; W. H. Chapman, and R. H. Weeks, of 1461; W. Stanley and F. Gooding, of 1776; T. Walton, J.; S. Burbage, and H. C. Herring, of 1780.

Comp. M. E. FROST proposed, and Comp. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND seconded, as Prov. Grand Treasurer, the re-election of Comp. R. J. Rastrick, which was carried unanimously, and the P.G. TREASURER expressed his thanks for the compliment and honour again conferred upon him.

Comp. G. F. LANCASTER moved that the sum of 50 guineas be granted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter as a donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the same to be added to the list of Comp. Eve, who, he said, was prepared to supplement it with another 100 guineas. (Applause.)

Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE seconded, and remarked that the addition to the sum to Comp. Eve's list would be a strong indication of the estimation in which he was held in the province. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The revised Provincial Grand Lodge bye-laws were then brought up and considered "seriatim," and adopted.

Comp. W. W. B. Beach then appointed the following Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. Loveland Loveland	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Goble	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Rev. A. A. Headley, 309	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.E.
" E. D. Godwin, 76	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. B. Rogers, 195	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Horton, 394	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" R. Glasspool, 723	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" R. J. Rastrick, 487	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Gieve, 487	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. T. Allee, 723	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" G. B. Irons, 903	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" R. R. L. Rosoman, 1461	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. J. Rix, 1331	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" G. D. Lovegrove, 257	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Exell	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.
" Eames	...	...	Prov. G.A. Janitor

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

## REPORTS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

These excellent quarterly reports of the transactions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are made up in yearly volumes, with a consecutive pagination, and are most valuable for the Masters of lodges especially, who desire authentic information as to the "inner life," so to speak, of the Craft.

Not only are the quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge duly described, but the monthly meetings of the General Committee are briefly reported, and all the resolutions are inserted, with abstracts of the discussions thereon. As an illustration, therefore, of the practical working of the organization, and the various difficulties and perplexities that arise through any indefiniteness in the Book of Constitutions, these able digests of the business transacted by the Committee corresponding to the Board of General Purposes in England, are a veritable *multum in parvo*, and trustworthy exponents of Scottish Masonic jurisprudence.

The Reports presented by the Provincial Grand Masters, at these Assemblies, are often most readable and interesting documents, and serve to keep all informed as to the state of the Craft in the Provinces and Districts, by such official communications. The account of the "Festival of St. Andrew and the Third Jubilee of Grand Lodge" given in the No. 4 for 1886-7, just to hand, is evidently written by a master, and must be carefully read to be fully appreciated. There were upwards of 1300 brethren who took part in the Festival, and the capital arrangements gave great satisfaction.

The Grand Master of South Carolina sent a most genial letter of thanks to Grand Secretary Lyon, for the £100 voted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for the relief of brethren in Charleston, who suffered by the earthquake in August last. The death of Bro. Andrew Kerr was noted. This sad event took place on the 20th December, last. As Past Grand Architect and a P.M. of No. 8, few members were better known in Edinburgh. The death also was announced of Dr. Beveridge, Prov. Grand Master of Aberdeen (city) province, on 12th January. He was declared to "have devoted a lifetime to the Royal Art," and was installed as the Masonic Chief of Aberdeen, in the year 1865.

The figures respecting the custom of Lodges with respect to the interval generally observed between the conferring of degrees, are far from pleasant reading. "Only some 30 Lodges [*in Scotland*] adhere strictly to the rule, allowing two weeks between each degree." 650 obtained the three degrees in one evening (during 1886), and 1176 received two degrees without any interval. Of the 146 Lodges in India, and the Colonies, &c., 100 adhere strictly to the requisite interval of two weeks, and in the 46 (the remainder), only 15 obtained the three degrees without any interval. Doubtless this important subject will be duly considered at subsequent meetings of the Grand Committee, and a report will be made to Grand Lodge. The financial condition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is most excellent, and is thus on a vastly different condition to formerly.

## China.

**SINGAPORE.**—Zetland-in-the-East Lodge (No. 508).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th December, at the Freemasons' Hall, Coleman-street, when Bro. W. A. Parker was installed as W.M. in the presence of Bro. Col. S. Dunlop, C.M.G., D.G.M., Bros. J. P. Joaquim, D.D.G.M.; J. D. Vaughan, T. Cargill, A. Knight, and J. T. Leask. The officers appointed and invested were: Bros. Rev. Bryant Wonnacott, S.W.; E. A. Thomson, J.W.; J. D. Stuart, Treas.; J. T. Leask, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Allen, S.D.; G. Thompson, J.D.; H. Kemp, I.G.; A. Evans, D.C.; and J. Lannon, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Singapore Club.

## ANNUAL MASONIC BALL AT LEICESTER.

The annual Masonic ball, in aid of the central Charities, was held under the auspices of the five local lodges at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, on Monday, the 7th inst., when the company included about two hundred. The gathering was under the distinguished patronage of Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G. Master of England; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M. of England; the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland; his Grace the Duke of St. Alban's, R.W. Prov. G. Master of Nottinghamshire; the Most Noble the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire; William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., R.W. Past Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; S. S. Partridge, W.D. Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland; his Worship the Mayor of Leicester, Israel Hart; Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., C.B., P.D.P.G.M.; and others.

Full Craft clothing was worn by the brethren. Bro. Nicholson's Royal Quadrille Band was engaged, and played a choice selection of fashionable dance music. The supper was provided by Mr. Derrick, recently appointed caretaker of Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

Amongst the company present were V.W. Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; Bros. S. Cleaver, J. T. Thorp, J. O. Law, R. Rowley, I. Hart (Mayor); and others.

Bro. Dr. C. A. Moore acted very efficiently as M.C., being ably assisted by the following Stewards—Bros. Swingle, Baines, Knight, Jessop, Freer, Steeds, Lead, West, and Parr.

The Supper Committee consisted of Bros. Murdin, Swingle, Hincks, and Lawrence, assisted by Bros. Bream and Wright, Wine Committee. The onerous duties of Hon. Secretary devolved upon Bro. J. B. Waring. It is expected that a handsome surplus will be realised for the Charities.

## MASONIC PRESENTATION AT STOKESLEY.

On Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., the members of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, held their annual banquet in the large lodge room (originally built for the County Court), at the Golden Lion Hotel, the principal hostelry in the town, when an excellent bill of fare was provided for the occasion by Bro. Wilson, the host, and his good lady, which fully maintained the ancient reputation of that locally celebrated inn. A larger attendance of Masons were present than usual, the lodge having fraternally invited all the old brothers, not now subscribing members, to the banquet, and several visitors being present from neighbouring lodges; it being known that various presentations were to be made to a widely-respected Mason, Bro. J. H. Handyside, as noticed anon. Bro. J. H. Handyside, P.M., and Prov. J.G.W., who was the first Master of the lodge, having been for the fifth time elected W.M., occupied the chair, and Bro. Wynne, S.W., the vice-chair. Bro. the Rev. L. Pawson, rector of Kildale, said grace before and after the banquet.

The following toasts were given, and duly honoured: "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire."

Bro. SHEPHERD, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. J. H. Handyside, the W.M., one of the principal founders of the Cleveland Lodge, and for over forty years an industrious worker for Freemasonry"; and, in appropriate terms, presented him, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, a portrait of himself, and a framed illuminated address, all of excellent workmanship, as a mark of their high esteem on his attaining his fiftieth year as a Freemason.

Bro. HANDYSIDE returned thanks in a very feeling manner, paying due honour to the late Bro. William Martin, P.M. and P. Prov. G.S.B., and three other departed brothers, who had assisted him in the formation of the lodge.

Bro. D. S. DIXON then, on behalf of the Handyside Lodge, at Saltburn, presented him, from whom they had named their lodge, with an engrossed address, and an honorary membership of that lodge; for which Bro. HANDYSIDE thanked the deputation in appropriate terms.

Bro. FENNY, P.M., then proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Shepherd," to which that brother responded.

Bro. W. S. DIXON proposed "Our Visiting Brothers," to which Bro. COOPER, P.M. of the Ferrum Lodge, Middlesbrough, responded.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. GEORGE MARWOOD, J.P., responded, especially thanking the brethren for the very kind mention which had been made of his departed father, the late Dep. Prov. G.M. of the province, who had been early initiated in the Cleveland Lodge, and remained to his death one of its most vigorous supporters.

Bro. GEORGE HODGSON proposed "The Present and Past Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. Plaise responded. "The Secretary" and "The Newly-Initiated Members" were then given from the chair, to the latter of which Bro. the Rev. L. PAWSON responded, remarking that in becoming a Freemason he believed that he would be better enabled to carry out his ordination vows.

Bro. Dr. FORBES, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. HODGSON "The Testimonial Committee," to the latter of which Bro. JOHN P. SOWERBY, J.P., responded.

Bro. GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL then proposed "The Memory of our Dear Departed Brothers," a toast which he thought ought never to be omitted, but more especially on the present occasion, when they all missed so many once warm-hearted Masons, who would have been first and foremost in the presentations which they had just made. Bro. Tweddell then drew an imaginary picture of the Master of the Lion Lodge at Whitby, accompanied by a few of his Masonic brethren there forty years ago, rallying forth, without a list of lodges to guide them, to carry out the Masonic duty of visiting other lodges, to see their working and to compare it with their own, and to foster those fraternal feelings which are the very soul of Freemasonry. He imagined them marching for forty miles through Cleveland without finding a lodge to visit, and still pursuing their researches, wending their way along through Northallerton, Thirsk, and Easingwold, without finding a single lodge to visit until they reached York, where they would find a solitary lodge, after which they might search every portion of the North Riding of Yorkshire without finding another lodge until they neared the East Riding, where one more lodge was located at Scarborough, the three lodges of Scarborough, York, and Whitby being then all that could be found in the great North Riding, whereas now there were 13, six of which are in Cleveland, not that Cleveland had ever been for several generations, before Bro. Handyside, Bro. Martin, and their co-peers succeeded in establishing a lodge at Stokesley, without its Freemasons thinly scattered here and there, who had been initiated elsewhere. He believed Bro. Anthony Sayer, the first Grand Master of England, to have been connected with the ancient family of Sayer, of Worsal, near Tarm, who were related by blood to the great North of England family of Conyers, which sprang from the Conyers's of the neighbouring township of Nunthorpe. Then, again, when the ancient city of York had its own Grand Lodge, one of its Grand Masters 160 years ago was living only two miles from where they were then assembled—he alluded to the last Charles Bathurst, Esq., of Shutter-skelf, who not only was a Cleveland land-owner, but lived there, married his wife at Crathorn—only six miles from there—and both him and his widow were buried in Rudley Church, four miles from where they were then sitting. The first Sir Charles Turner, Bart., of Kirkleatham, who was the nephew of Grand Master Bathurst, was also a Freemason, being initiated at York the year before he was elected Lord Mayor of that city. They all knew that a Cleveland nobleman (the late Earl of Zetland) was one of the most popular Grand Masters of England; but they might not all be aware that the first Lord Dundas was also a Freemason. Indeed, Cleveland was rich in Masonic associations without going back to the lodges of Operative Masons, who erected those noble castles and monasteries, the ruins of which, as an antiquary, he had so delighted to visit in his more active days; Masons who adorned every part of the district with beautiful churches, which, could we have seen them as they existed in the Middle Ages, would have won our admiration by their fine architecture.

The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. TWEDDELL, in the absence of the Tyler, through illness, completed the toasts.

The following brethren enlivened the meeting from time to time with their songs: Bros. J. P. Sowerby, W. Wynne, F. Wrightson, W. S. Dixon, George Marwood, D. S. Dixon, Dr. Forbes, Host Wilson, Smith, Cooper, and Turner; and recitations were given by Bros. Fenny and Goundry.

Altogether the meeting was generally considered one of the most pleasing the brethren had ever been privileged to take part in, and every one evidently sincerely wished that "the old doctor," as they familiarly term Bro. Handyside, might long be spared to labour for Freemasonry among them.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather; among those present to support him being Bros. W. Maple, F. Adlard, Stephen Richardson, H. Webb, the Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., M.A., A. F. Godson, F. W. Ramsay, H. Young, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; George Gardner, W. A. Scurrah, C. F. Hogard, H. Greene, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; S. H. Parkhouse, A. V. Parkhouse, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; A. J. Thomas, Charles Belton, J. Griffiths, E. J. Horne, H. Venn, Jas. Moon, George Mickleby, A. Williams, J. Hastings Miller, Thomas Cull, H. H. Acker, Richard Eve, A. E. Gladwell, and F. Binckes, P.G. Std. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and approved.

Three petitions were considered and entertained, and the names ordered to be entered on the list of candidates for the October election.

Three applications for grants towards outfit were favourably received, and a grant of £5 per quarter was made in the case of one of the boys who is being educated under the guardianship of his friends.

The other business having been disposed of, a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

## BRO. AUGUSTUS HARRIS AND THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Tuesday it was the Freemasons who had their entertainment, and a right royal one it was, at the hands of Bro. Augustus Harris, and Wednesday came the turn of the juveniles, for with his accustomed thoughtfulness he had invited the boys from Wood Green to see the wonderful pantomime at Old Drury, and to the number of some 240 they came. They were first entertained with cake and oranges, kindly provided by Bro. Lord Londesborough, I.P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, and after their creature comforts had been seen to they were in fit condition to swallow all the magnificent sights presented to their gaze, and they must have been almost bewildered as scene after scene, each it possible more grand and gorgeous than the preceding one, passed before their sight. We notice that the old familiar friend, the red hot poker, still draws hearty bursts of laughter from our young friends when manipulated by Harry Payne, and when, to crown all, after the performance was over, Bro. Harris produced

box after box of crackers—and such crackers!—the children were unable longer to contain themselves, and Old Drury rang again and again with cheers for their kind friend, after which they also gave hearty cheers for Bro. Broadley, who takes so much interest in the schools, and to whom the children are much indebted; nor need it be said was the popular and ubiquitous Secretary, Bro. Frederick Binckes, forgotten.

We noticed several brethren present who take deep interest in the schools, amongst them being Bros. James Moon, Paas, Henry Venn, R. W. Stewart, A. F. Godson, M.P., C. F. Hogard, and Dr. Morris, the Head Master.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided, and there were present Bros. W. J. Murlis, James Brett, P.G.P.; John Bulmer, E. Bolton, W. Belchamber, T. Griffiths, W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; H. T. Wood, Asst. G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, Samuel Brooks, Charles Lacey, C. J. Perceval, Albert Fish, Hugh Cotter, J. Newton, Alex. Forsyth, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. A. Fa nfield, J. L. Mather, W. Webb, W. Hilton, C. H. Webb, J. Tickle, A. Durrant, F. Davison, P.G.D.; L. Stean, Asher Barfield, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of the January meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of two widow annuitants, and the withdrawal of the name of one widow from the list of candidates for the May election.

The Wardens' report for the past month was read.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Institution having been laid before the Committee, the list of candidates were finally arranged, the males being fifty-one and the widows seventy-seven. The question of the vacancies to be filled on the two Funds was then carefully discussed, the result being that, in consideration of its being the Queen's Jubilee Year Festival which was on the eve of being celebrated, it was resolved to elect twenty-five female annuitants, the vacancies on the male Fund being undisturbed. Thus, there will be elected in May next, including the three deferred in each case, nine males and twenty-eight widows.

The proofs of the balloting papers having been submitted, the remaining business was disposed of, and the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## Obituary.

## BRO. HYDE PULLEN.

It is with very great regret we announce the death of Bro. Hyde Pullen, Past D.P.G.M. of the Isle of Wight, and till within the last few years Assistant Secretary to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite. Bro. Pullen was one of the most accomplished Masons of our time, and as regards our ritual was one of our ablest and most perfect exponents. He was a most energetic brother, and while his health permitted was ever ready to sacrifice his personal comfort and convenience in order to undertake a difficult duty—oftentimes at a remote distance from his residence—or render a service to a lodge or brother. He was greatly respected in Masonic circles, both for his firm attachment to the fundamental principles of our Society and his readiness to exemplify them on all occasions. As a scholar he was of the encyclopædic order; that is, he was a man who knew a great deal about everything and knew it well. He was a most delightful man to meet either in lodge or at the festive board, and our Institutions found in him a wise counselor and a liberal supporter. He is a great loss to the Craft, but the brethren, and particularly his family and friends, have the consolation of knowing that he has died in the fulness of years and while his great achievements are still fresh on the memory of his associates. We purpose giving a more detailed account of his career next week, but in the meantime we tender to his son and friends our most respectful sympathy.

We hear that Bro. Myers has been appointed to the sole management of the refreshment department of the Newcastle Exhibition. Bro. Myers was for some time manager of Messrs. Spiers and Ponds, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, and recently at the Gaiety Restaurant. His many friends wish him success in his new undertaking.

Miss Kate Vaughan's Old English Comedy Company opened at the Opera Comique Saturday last with Sheridan's famous comedy, "The Rivals." There was a crowded house, including the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor. It is the intention of the management not to play any piece for more than a fortnight. The repertoire will include "The Wonder," "The Clandestine Marriage," "She Stoops to Conquer," "The School for Scandal," "The Provoked Husband," "The Beaux' Stratagem," "The Belle's Stratagem," "The Country Girl," "She Would and She Would Not," "The Way to Keep Him," "All in the Wrong," and the cast will be constituted as follows: Miss Kate Vaughan, Miss Julia Gwynne, Miss Edith Chester, and Mrs. Billington. Bro. Lionel Brough, Mr. Forbes Robertson, Mr. Forbes Dawson, Mr. Sidney Brough, Mr. W. Lawrence, and Bro. James Fernandez. On Saturday, the 19th inst., will be revived Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer."

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## THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

of the Lodge will take place

AT FREEMASONS' HALL,

On FRIDAY EVENING, 25th FEBRUARY, 1887,  
 on which occasion

The Right Hon. The EARL OF MILLTOWN,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,

Has kindly consented to Preside.

The Lodge will be opened at 6 o'clock p.m. precisely.

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### To Correspondents.

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CRAFT LODGES—Union, No. 38; Royal Cumberland, No. 41; Stability, No. 217; Lindsay, No. 1335; St. Botolph's, No. 2020.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1887.

### 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.]

### THE BATTLE OF THE COLLARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to answer the very weak letter of "1728" by two examples within my own recent experience. Just three years ago I was interested in the initiation of a young clergyman (son of a general officer), who was called rather suddenly to proceed to India to the post of chaplain at a military station in one of the north-west provinces. The candidate had several personal friends in the Craft, and it was determined to give him a good reception. Invitations

were sent out to the W.M.'s, Wardens, and P.M.'s of a dozen neighbouring lodges, and about go brethren assembled at the lodge of emergency to "assist" at the ceremony—which was a musical one, and most impressively rendered. Fifty of those present were either W.M.'s or P.M.'s, and of the other moiety more than half wore collars of present office; at least, 75 of the 90 present wore collars either of present or past office. Now, Sir, I need not assure you, but I do assure Bro. "1728," that not a single person was in the least embarrassed by this array of collars, nor was there the least confusion as to who were, and who were not, officers of the lodge. On the contrary, it was quite a "red-letter" lodge, and all agreed that a more impressive ceremony they had never witnessed.

The second instance occurred in the same lodge last Easter Tuesday. Again we had a gathering of about 80 brethren, half of whom were W.M.'s or P.M.'s, and most of the remainder Wardens or other officers. Nearly all wore collars either of present or past office. On this occasion the W.M. kindly allowed me to occupy the chair—I am a P.M. of the lodge—in order to raise one of my sons to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. There was neither embarrassment nor confusion, but a marvellously good lodge of brethren eminent in the Craft, and again a most satisfactory ceremony.

Why, Sir, should there be any more confusion on such an occasion than when 10,000 collars met the eye of the Prince of Wales when he was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of England?

The appearance of our Grand Lodge at every quarterly communication is a complete and crushing answer to all such childish twaddle. Bro. "1728" quite mistakes the matter, when he says 'tis a question of fresh or additional collars. 'Tis nothing of the kind—Past Masters are by the Constitutions, and have been since 1813, endowed with a Past Master's jewel of similar dimensions to the jewels of office, suspended to a collar of blue ribbon four inches broad. 'Tis not a new collar, now for the first time asked for, but in defence of the old constitutional collar and jewel, denoting rank in the Craft, that Past Masters are now fighting.

Passing from Bro. "1728," let me invite the attention of your readers, especially those who are Past Masters or officers of lodges, and the attention of our amiable President and the members of the Board of General Purposes, to what follows.

Rule 288 (which is virtually the same as in the old Constitutions) stands at the head of the section on regalia and clothing.

By its very position in the fore front of this section, it dominates and governs (or should do so) the rules which follow—

228 runs "The following clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft; and no brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, without his proper clothing."

There follow 18 Rules, which describe and specify what are the proper clothing and insignia to be worn by the various officers and members of the Craft.

These 18 Rules show as plain

"As way to parish church"

what is the proper clothing of a Worshipful Master, viz., an apron with levels instead of rosettes, and a jewel of office suspended to a collar of blue ribbon four inches broad.

There are in round numbers 2000 subordinate lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, and Rule 288 (an old rule) says that "without his proper clothing, a W.M. shall not be admitted into any of these 2000 subordinate lodges." But, Sir, what says the new rule, 308? Why, that if a W.M. is properly clothed, he shall not be admitted to any of these 2000 subordinate lodges, except to the one solitary lodge of which he is a member!

These 18 rules also show quite as plainly as in the Worshipful Master's case what is the proper clothing for a Past Master, viz., an apron similar to that of the W.M., and a jewel of the same figure and dimensions, with the addition of the 47th proposition of the First Book of Euclid; the jewel to be worn suspended to a collar of blue ribbon four inches wide.

Rule 288 says, that without this proper clothing no Past Master shall be admitted to any of the 2000 subordinate lodges. But what says the amended 308? Why, that if a Past Master is thus properly clothed he shall not be admitted to any of the 2000 subordinate lodges, except the solitary one to which he subscribes.

The old rule 288 has stood the test of nearly a century, and has never produced a moment's inconvenience. The new rule has been valid three years, and has already given rise to dissatisfaction, heart burning, and disagreement, and, in short, created a grievance. It is as contrary to the old rule as night to day, darkness to light, black to white; and seems conceived in a narrow spirit of petty tyranny, utterly unworthy of our Craft and of the august Board of General Purposes. It is to be hoped that the Board will see its way to modify and repeal this irritating and vexatious rule, rather than obstinately cling to a mistake, and so establish in the Craft a permanent grievance and an ever-living source of vexation and dissatisfaction. 288 has prevailed all through this century down to 1883. Let 288 have its power, and let not the Book of Constitutions be disfigured by two such contrary and contradictory rules as 288 and 308.—Yours fraternally,  
 E. T. BUDDEN.

### QUATUOR CORONATI CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a recent number you kindly alluded to the projected literary society of this lodge, and were good enough to express some curiosity as to our further proceedings. I, therefore, take the opportunity to inform you and your readers that all our arrangements are now made and that circulars describing them may be obtained of me.

Briefly, we desire to gather all lovers of Masonic study into one hand, under the shield and guidance of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and have therefore formed a society with the above name. All Masons, subscribers to a lodge under any recognised jurisdiction, are eligible as "Correspondence members." The annual subscription payable from December to December in advance is 10s. 6d., and must be enclosed with the application. Said application must be made in writing to me and state full name, address, name of lodge and Masonic rank. There is no entrance fee and no literary qualification.

Members of the society will receive in return our periodically printed transactions, containing the full text of all papers read in lodge and the discussions thereon, papers communicated but not read for want of time, reports, criticisms, statistics, &c. Those who desire it will also receive the summonses convening our meetings, and it is not necessary to add that they will be at all times specially welcome as visitors to the lodge. They will be further entitled to make full use of our lodge library and reading rooms, which we intend to establish in London as soon as circumstances shall permit. Papers from correspondence members will be received with pleasure by the Secretary, and read in lodge or printed as the Transactions as the Committee may direct.

The lodge further contemplates reprinting scarce works relating to the Craft, old minutes, lists, &c., and editing interesting manuscripts. The delivery of these cannot be included in the very low subscription, but Correspondence members will be entitled to acquire them at a reduced or cost price.

I must not take up too much of your valuable space, so will refer those interested to our circular, which gives fuller details. Many applications have already come in, including some from Germany, Switzerland, and America. I therefore believe that our Society promises to fill a vacant space in the number of Masonic Associations, and venture to hope for a great success. It is evident that the greater our numbers the better we shall be able to satisfy our literary aspirations.—Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH, P.M., Sec. 2076.

Address—Streatham House, Margate.

#### THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It has occurred to me, in connection with the circular letter recently issued by the Earl of Carnarvon, that there must be many brethren who, being themselves in favour of the voluntary subscription among Masons therein suggested, are practically debarred from subscribing in consequence of a majority in their respective lodges having decided against the suggestion. I think that you would do such brethren a service, and at the same time further the wishes of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, if you would open a subscription list in your columns in which brethren situated as I have indicated may, as Masons, record their donations to the Imperial Institute.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M.



#### Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present among others Bros. G. Coop, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Hakim, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Steng, S.D.; Weizlar, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Langdale, W.S.; Cursons, A.W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Heaphy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Jordan, P.M.; Fromholtz, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaff, Tyler; and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. Wyte, 889; Pratt, 957; Johnson, J.W. 1608; Falkner, 1539; and Gringel, 2021.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Mold was impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. The ballot having been taken on behalf of Messrs. J. C. Taylor and C. A. Müller, they were initiated into Craft mysteries. The W.M. is to be congratulated on the able manner in which both arduous ceremonies were performed. The communication from the Pro Grand Master as to the Imperial Institute was vetoed by a majority of the lodge. Bro. C. Dairy was elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a notice of motion given to head his list with ten guineas from the lodge funds. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts were honoured, and the entire proceedings, under the able and genial sway of the W.M., left nothing to be desired.

**ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).**—The installation meeting of this old and justly popular lodge took place last Saturday at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. Gamble Hobson, W.M.; Major P. J. Dunbar, S.W.; H. Reid, J.W.; A. F. Meaden, S.D.; T. de Courcy Meade, J.D.; H. A. Wooster-Reeves, P.M. 807, I.G.; G. Powell, P.M., Sec.; A. V. Haines, P.M., Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., P.G.D.C. Eng., D. of C.; W. Battye, P.M.; J. Tallock, I.P.M.; F. T. Dubois, P.M.; and H. Culver James.

Visitors: Bros. F. W. Imbert Terry, P.M. 214, and Prov. G.S.W. Essex; F. F. Page, W.M. 214; J. S. Simonds, P.M. 250 (I.C.); Major T. M. Bird, 167; D. J. Ross, W.M. 862; H. H. Shirley, P.M. 1491; C. P. Freeman, I.G. 1823; and W. Wyatt, 121 (G.L. Canada).

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. Major P. J. Dunbar, was presented to the W.M. for installation, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a most impressive and masterly manner. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Gamble Hobson, I.P.M.; H. Reid, S.W.; A. F. Meaden, J.W.; T. de Courcy Meade, S.D.; H. A. Wooster-Reeves, P.M. 807, J.D.; H. Culver James, I.G.; G. Powell, P.M., Sec.; A. V. Haines, P.M., Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.C. Eng., D. of C.; and A. Walkley, Tyler. The usual charges were next given, that to the W.M. by Bro. J. Tallock, P.M., so well known in legal circles, which was splendidly rendered. The charge to the Wardens was given by that good and energetic Mason, Bro. A. V. Haines, P.M., in a very masterly manner, and the charge to the brethren generally by the I.P.M., Bro. Gamble Hobson, in the same masterly way in which he performed the other part of the ceremony. The working throughout was excellent, and all that could

be desired. The W.M. then presented Bro. Gamble Hobson with the P.M.'s jewel unanimously voted to him by the brethren for his services during his year of office. Bro. Hobson thanked the brethren for the honour done him.

There being no other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where they partook of the good things provided for them by the able manager, Mr. Kelby. Grace having been said, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., and enthusiastically responded to by the brethren. Out of a total of 20 who sat down to the banquet, seven were visitors, which speaks well for the hospitality of St. Thomas's, and some two or three most distinguished guests were unavoidably prevented from being present. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

**INDUSTRY LODGE (No. 186).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 25th ult., when a goodly number of the members assembled, with a fair sprinkling of visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. G. F. Smith, P.M. 1339; Plowman, W.M. 1381; Salmon, W.M. 917; Perkins, P.M. 192; Hamblyn, P.M. 1622; Monk, 1815; Ruffley, 1381; Dunn, 1298; Morson, 1320; Heath, 766; Pinking, 1887; May, 1321; Wharton, 65; and Tyrrell, 1471.

On the confirmation of the minutes, and after the formal business of the lodge had been transacted, the Installing Master, Bro. G. W. Hook, W.M., proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. W. S. Page, S.W., who was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Tallent, P.M. A Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, Bro. Page was installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, and invested the following officers: Bros. W. W. Wesley, S.W.; J. B. Sherring, J.W.; W. H. Hook, P.M., Treas.; R. Allison, P.M., Sec.; N. Cornock, S.D.; Banker, J.D.; Grover, I.G.; Ward and Spencer, Stewards; and Woodstock, P.M., Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in an earnest and impressive manner, and the lodge closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, and served in a manner which reflected great credit on that establishment, and gave general satisfaction. The various toasts, to all of which full justice was given, were interspersed with numerous solos, duets, and recitations, rendered in a highly accomplished manner by the following artists: Miss Joyce Maas, Bro. W. Wright, Mr. W. T. Toney, and Mr. W. T. Sharp, all of whose efforts were much appreciated, and went far to ensure what proved to be a most enjoyable evening.

#### TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE

(No. 898).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Butcher, assisted by Bros. Sidders, I.P.M.; Byford, jun., S.W.; J. Carter, J.W.; J. Gordon, S.D.; A. G. Duck, J.D.; G. Shearman, I.G.; C. W. Smith, P.M., Secretary; J. Waller, P.M., Treasurer; Sherwin, Org.; also P.M.'s Bros. Rogers, B. Carter, C. Chapman, Graveley, and Pulford; also Bros. Steele, E. and W. Williams, Nunn, Armstrong, Murley, Seale, Healy, Darton, Procter, Turpin, Mants, and a great many others of this lodge. Visitors: Bros. J. Morrison, W.M. 1382; Clark, P.M.; Valentine, Boyd, Hughes, Duffield, Royal, Millman, and many others.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. T. S. Craze, Dickerson, McGeorge, and H. Brown, and proved favourable in each case. The candidates were then admitted and initiated. Twenty-five guineas was voted to Bro. Pulsford for his Stewardship for the Girls' Festival. After other business was transacted, the brethren, about one hundred, adjourned to the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, where a splendid banquet was served, which the brethren did ample justice to.

After the usual toasts, there was some good harmony by Bros. B. Carter, Royal, Clarke, Olley, Sidders, and others; accompanied by Bro. Sherwin in his usual style. Bro. Stewart, P.M., Tyler, then brought the proceedings to a close by giving the Tyler's toast, and the brethren then separated, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

#### ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).

A meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds, High-st. Putney, on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Present: Bros. Collick, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Strong, J.W.; Watkins, P.M., Treas.; Robinson, Sec.; Wing, S.D.; Harding, J.D., P.M.; Stacey, P.M. Org.; Oliver, Stwd.; Sandalls, I.G.; Walkeley, Tyler; Pardoe, I.P.M.; Whiteley, P.M.; Boeh, P.M.; Collings, D.C., P.M. Visitors: Bros. Woods, 865; Craggs, 834; Ayshford, 1694; Jones, 704; Bosworth, 230; Clarkson, 1604, and seventeen other brethren, members of the lodge.

Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Elden and Moore were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Messrs. F. A. Saville, H. A. Tildesley, W. J. Bosworth, W. Fayers, and G. W. Ready were balloted for as candidates. The ballot being in their favour, the four first named were duly initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Through domestic affliction Mr. G. W. Ready was unable to attend, so stands over until next meeting. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third time, when a discussion arose on the subject of a confidential circular from the Pro Grand Master, and a resolution dealing with the question was carried unanimously. Bro. Grundy proposed, and the W.M. seconded, Mr. C. W. Munston as a candidate for initiation. "After Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom.

Business having been concluded, the brethren sat down to an excellent repast, served in the usual style of the worthy host, Bro. Page, P.M. After discussing the various courses, with appetites well whetted by the labours of the evening, the table being cleared, and the room tyled, the usual loyal, Masonic, and patriotic toasts were received and honoured with true Commemorative "fire." "The Health of the W.M.," proposed by the I.P.M. (who paid a high compliment to the Master for his able, correct, and impressive rendering of the two ceremonies of the evening), was received with acclamation. The toast of "The Initiates"

was ably responded to by those brethren. "The Visitors" was responded to by some of the visitors, among whom was Bro. Bosworth of No. 230, the father of one of the initiates, and his remarks made a visible impression on the brethren present. The usual toasts of "The P.M.'s," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," having been suitably given, and responded to, the Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening, and the proceedings terminated.

Bros. Page, P.M.; the W.M., Strong, Windsor, and Coleman sang various songs, which greatly contributed to the harmony and enjoyment of the evening.

#### FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).

—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 31st ult. Among those present were Bros. T. Simpson, W.M.; Lister, S.W.; J. Strugnell, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.G.O. Surrey, Treas.; Schultz, acting S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; J. Young, I.P.M.; H. B. Marshall, J.P., P.G. Treas., P.M.; F. Kent, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Terry and Aldous were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken for Messrs. N. P. Lardner, H. R. Bennett, and W. Mills, they were duly and impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by Bro. H. J. Lardner. The lodge unanimously approved of the Pro Grand Master's suggestions as to the Masonic celebration of the Jubilee. Apologies for non-attendance having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were Bros. E. Hoare, P.M. 1765, and E. Lardner, W.M. elect 101.

The usual toasts were briefly but pertinently given from the chair and duly honoured. The entertainment of the brethren was enhanced by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Hoare, J. Young, Schultz, and others.

#### VICTORIA PARK LODGE (No. 1816).

—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, and Bro. G. Hay's, Langthorne Rooms, Broadway, Stratford. There was a numerous and influential gathering of Craftsmen, Bro. C. W. Carrell, the W.M., being supported by, amongst others, the following brethren: Bros. Oldroyd, S.W.; W. Watkins, W.M. 1076, J.W.; H. Rogers, P.M. 898, Sec.; G. Morris, Treas.; J. I. Knipple, S.D.; H. Sinclair, J.D.; E. W. Clements, D.C.; M. Sherwin, Org.; C. Reeve, P.M.; B. Carter, P.M.; J. Hughes, P.M.; D. Hodges, P.M.; W. Tilley, W. B. Abrahams, J. Bradford, S. H. Corfield, J. I. Bishop, T. Cowell, R. H. Carrell, A. Govier, A. Reed, G. Bush, G. T. Sims, E. Walker, J. Threshie, J. Corfield Smith, D. Micklereid, Haynes, H. Hillier, A. Garrood, M. Hart, H. G. Cope, W. C. Goddey, Hallett, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Bicknell, S.W. 538; F. C. D. Fenn, P.M. 171; L. Coubro, P.M. 1365; H. MacLugh, 466; W. Blackburn, P.M. 1365; T. G. Harris, 1278; E. Chatterton, I.G. 1185; J. Pinder, P.M. 15, 1662, and 1997; G. H. Stephens, P.M. 1623; H. Mogge, 176; W. V. Braham, 1471; H. Mann, jun., J.W. 144; A. Toombs, 1259; G. J. King, 1259; E. Briggs, J.D. 749; J. Boulton, W.M. 28, P.M. 1056; W. Archer, P.M. 1489; A. W. Weston, J.W. 1378; and others.

A well-arranged emergency meeting on the previous day, which was presided over by Bro. H. J. Cant, P.M., had cleared the business for the larger meeting by the initiation of Messrs. Charig and Cowell, and conferring the Second Degree upon Bro. Smith. Bro. B. Carter, the senior P.M. and the founder of the lodge, therefore proceeded to install Bro. Carrell, who had been unanimously re-elected by the lodge, and the ceremony was capably rendered, Bro. Rogers, P.M., lending efficient assistance as the D. of C. The W.M. afterwards appointed as his officers: Bros. W. Watkins, S.W.; J. I. Knipple, J.W.; G. Morris, Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; H. Sinclair, S.D.; E. W. Clements, J.D.; A. Govier, I.G.; W. B. Abrahams, D.C.; M. Sherwin, Org.; R. H. Carrell and D. Micklereid, Stwds.; and H. Stewart, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Carter next gave a fine delivery of the ancient charges, after which the lodge occupied itself with the consideration of several important matters. Among these were the Earl of Carnarvon's (Pro Grand Master) letter *in re* the Jubilee and the Stewardship of the W.M. for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Although 1816 has rendered large support to the three Masonic Charities and to other Institutions, as a recent grant in aid of the West Ham Hospital Fund, it was resolved to devote 63 guineas to Bro. Carrell's list in order to place the lodge in the proud position of Life Patron of the old people's Institution during the Jubilee year of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

All business being at an end, the large assembly dispersed, to make their way as well as the thick fog would permit to the Langthorne Rooms, Stratford, where Bro. G. Hay had prepared a capital banquet in keeping with the occasion.

At the conclusion of the repast Bro. Carrell gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, and Bro. C. Reeve, as I.P.M., followed by asking a hearty reception of the honoured toast of "The W.M." Like Whittington, Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Carrell had returned to his duties as W.M. of the lodge for another year, and they were all very glad he had done so. Under his rule the lodge had flourished, and in re-electing him they might rest assured 1816 would continue to do so.

The toast was heartily received, and in an eloquent speech Bro. Carrell thanked the brethren for so warmly receiving his name, and assured them of the fact that as long as he should continue as W.M. of 1816 it would be his constant care in the future, as in the past, to promote the happiness of the brethren and the best interests of the lodge.

"The Visitors" were then honoured, Bro. Carrell urging the great importance the members of No. 1816 attached to the presence of visiting brethren, endeavouring to give them a hearty welcome, good working, and as hospitable a reception at the banquet table as the circumstances of the lodge would admit. They all felt they could not get on without the presence and good wishes of the visitors, and the brethren of No. 1816 were careful whom they invited, so he was certain that all the numerous brethren visiting that evening were good men and true. Although the number was large, he felt certain that but

for the dense fog half as many more would have been present. After remarking that they were to have had the honour of the attendance of the esteemed Grand Treasurer, Bro. Cama, Bro. Carrell called upon Bros. Boulton, Coubro, and Triggs to reply.

Bro. Boulton, who thanked Bro. Govier for the invitation that evening, commended the lodge for its good working and hospitality, and eulogised the W.M. It might be letting out a secret, but the brethren would be pleased to learn that Lodge No. 28, of which he was W.M., had at their last meeting elected their W.M., Bro. Carrell, as a joining member, and he was sure they would all be proud of him in the Old King's Arms Lodge.

Bros. Coubro and Triggs also briefly replied.

"The Initiates" were next warmly welcomed, and Bro. Cowell replied, thanking the brethren of No. 1816 for the honour they had done him in accepting him into the Order, which he trusted he would never disgrace. He thanked them all for the very kind reception he had met with that evening.

"The Past Masters," as usual, came in for an appreciative reception, the W.M. dwelling upon the excellences of each, and explaining the absence of Bro. H. J. Cant, who had as recently as the previous evening, rendered such service to the lodge at the emergency meeting, was caused by domestic bereavement, in which Bro. Cant had the sincere sympathy of all the brethren. After replies from the Past Masters present, the toast of "The Masonic Charities was ably dealt with.

"The Officers" followed next, Bro. Carrell expressing his entire confidence that those brethren would render the lodge every service possible. Each of the officers replied, pledging themselves to fulfil all that the W.M. and the lodge required of them, and the Tyler's toast wound up a specially attractive and successful meeting. Bro. Sherwin, as usual contributed largely to this result by his piano playing and songs, and many of the members gave songs, and Bro. Gerrard J. King a fine reading of "Trades and Callings; or, Luck's All."

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Brixton Hall on Saturday, the 5th inst. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, the chair being taken by Bro. Richard Poore, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Day, S.W., W.M. elect; C. J. Axford, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., J.W.; W. Kirkland, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Secretary; E. Newby, S.D.; A. E. Albert, J.D.; K. Evans, I.G.; A. Jones, D.C.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., P.M.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; H. Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx., P.M.; J. D. Sprague, Stwd.; J. Read, Prov. G. Org. Middx., Org.; H. Durham, T. Poore, P.M.; J. Bott, J. White, J. J. Newland, W. Loney, J. Hicks, G. S. Dauntton, R. Bott, and others. The visitors included Bros. G. H. Phillips, P.M. 1986; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; W. H. Burgess, S.D. 2048; A. H. Scurrah, D.C. 2048; E. W. Ellis, 1314; G. Moss, P.M. 1201; C. A. Grammer, P.M. 27; C. Lee, I.G. 1624; H. Vernon, 101; H. Maunder Williams, P.M. 295 and 1986; R. T. Bowman, W.M. elect 134; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. R. Bott to the Degree of F.C. in an impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing the finances of the lodge to be in a satisfactory condition. Bro. W. Day was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year by the I.P.M., Bro. R. Poore. Bro. Day, W.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. J. Axford, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., S.W.; A. E. Albert, S.D.; R. Evans, J.D.; W. Kirkland, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., Secretary; A. Jones, I.G.; J. D. Sprague, D.C.; J. Read, Prov. G. Org. Middx., Org.; W. R. Palmer and J. Mills, Stwds.; and R. Potter, Tyler. Bro. E. Newby being unavoidably absent, his investiture as J.D. was postponed. The usual addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. R. Poore, I.P.M., in a very skilful and praiseworthy manner. Bro. Day, W.M., then rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.M. with a jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London,) and Past Master's collar as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren of his valuable services in the chair during the past year. The brethren present were fully aware of the praiseworthy and efficient manner in which Bro. Richard Poore had carried out the onerous duties of W.M., and he had set him (Bro. Day) an excellent example. He could try to follow in Bro. Poore's footsteps, but could not hope to perform the work as successfully as that brother had done. He hoped the I.P.M. would render him that assistance which the Past Masters of that lodge were in the habit of rendering when occasion required; and also trusted that Bro. Poore would be spared for many years to wear the jewel and collar in their lodge. Bro. Richard Poore, I.P.M., tendered his sincere thanks for that mark of the appreciation of the members, and also the W.M. for the very kind terms in which he had alluded to him in making the presentation. Whilst he remained a member of their lodge he would do the utmost in his power to further its best interests. Bro. Axford, S.W., intimated to the brethren that he intended to serve as Steward at the next festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, and asked for their substantial support on behalf of that excellent Institution. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Poore, I.P.M., and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, expressive of the appreciation of the brethren at the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation on that occasion. Bro. Poore, I.P.M., having thanked the members for that further mark of their favour, and all Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured in the customary hearty manner.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. K. Poore, I.P.M., who remarked that that toast had been invariably received with enthusiasm in that lodge, and the present occasion would be no exception to that rule. The W.M. had, unfortunately, not been able to attend the meetings as frequently as he would have wished, but he knew that in the future Bro. Day intended to devote his time and energy to satisfactorily carry out the work. This, combined with his kind and genial ways, would no doubt ensure him a happy and prosperous year of office,

that would meet with the approval and appreciation of the members.

Bro. W. Day, W.M., said he had to thank the I.P.M. very much indeed for the kind manner in which he had submitted the toast to the brethren, and he also desired to tender his thanks for the hearty reception accorded it. Bro. Poore had said many kind things of him that he did not think he deserved; but he would endeavour to do so during the forthcoming year. He intended to carry out the duties of his important office to the best of his ability, and hoped he should perform them to the satisfaction of all.

The Worshipful Master said it was his pleasing duty to propose "The Visitors," and he was glad to say they were honoured with the presence of many distinguished members of the Craft. He offered them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would go away with a favourable impression of their visit, and would be induced to visit them again on a future occasion. He asked the members to receive that toast with heartiness and cordiality.

Bro. G. Moss, P.M. 1201, in reply, said that having once more enjoyed their hospitality, he had to sincerely thank them for the kindness he invariably received. There was a distinctive feature of that lodge, which was the geniality and feeling of brotherly love that was clearly evinced amongst the members. It had afforded him special gratification that evening to witness the installation ceremony so admirably performed by the first initiate of the lodge—Bro. Poore, I.P.M. He complimented the officers on their working, and was assured that those he was coming forward would have an excellent example to follow.

Bro. H. Maunder Williams, P.M. 295 and 1986, also replied, and said he had simply to endorse the remarks that had fallen from Bro. Moss. It was his good fortune to be present at the consecration, and he was gratified to see the lodge progressing in such a favourable manner. He congratulated Bro. Day on reaching the chair, and heartily wished him a prosperous year of office.

Bros. R. T. Bowman, W.M. elect 134; C. Lee, I.G. 1624; and others also responded.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was next given by Bro. Day, W.M., who said that so much had been said, and truly, about Bro. Poore, that there was really nothing left for him to add. He was sure it must have been gratifying to the visitors, and especially to the members, to witness his admirable working in the lodge that evening. He hoped he should have the help and goodwill of the I.P.M. during his year of office, and that at the end of that period he should leave the chair in as creditable a manner as Bro. Poore had done.

Bro. Richard Poore, I.P.M., responded, and thanked the W.M. most sincerely for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their reception of it. It was most gratifying to hear one and all express their satisfaction at what he had done. As far as he could he would assist the W.M. in the duties of his office whilst he occupied that onerous position.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who said he wished to include with that toast "The Treasurer and Secretary." The brethren present were aware of the love of Masonry that distinguished their Past Masters, and would join him in wishing that the Past Masters would continue to take the same interest in the lodge as they had done in the past.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec., responded, and said, as regarded himself, he hoped he should for many years to come do his best for the lodge. He hoped that those who were qualified to attend Grand Lodge would be there in good time at the next meeting to vote for Bro. Godson for the office of Grand Treasurer. It would no doubt be an important meeting, for the Pro G.M. would probably say something about the Jubilee Festival. The next matter to which he wished to refer was the Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which took place in about a fortnight, and at which he would act as Steward. Bro. the Earl of Miltown would preside, and if the brethren wished to witness some excellent working they should not fail to attend. He was much gratified to see Bro. Day occupy the chair, as he was the means of introducing that brother into the lodge. He hoped the visitors present were satisfied with what they had seen, and assured them that if there had been shortcomings, it was not the fault of the principal officers or of himself, as Secretary.

Bros. Kirkland, Treas., and Baldwin, P.M., also returned thanks.

"The Officers" having been duly given, and ably responded to by Bro. Axford, S.W., the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening the enjoyment of brethren was considerably enhanced by music and recitations, given under the direction of Bro. John Read, Organist, who was assisted by Bros. C. Lee, Baldwin, T. Poore, and W. W. Lee.

**WINCHESTER.—Lodge of Economy (No. 76).**—The installation of the W.M. elect of this lodge (Bro. T. Stopher, P.P.G.S. of Works) took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of a full lodge and a Board of twenty-four Installed Masters. The ancient ceremony was excellently rendered by Bro. W. Stopher, the outgoing Master. The Board of Installed Masters included the following:—Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; E. Goble, P.G. Sec.; H. Lashmore, 394, P.G.D.C.; W. Pigeon, 1869, P.G. Org.; J. Brickwood, 1834, P.G.D.; J. P. Burchett, 1883, P.G. A.P.; T. P. Payne, 130, P.P.G.R.; J. Gibson, 694, P.G.S. Br.; J. Dew, 694, P.P.G.R.; J. Harris, 76, P.P.G.S. W.; Gamon, 76, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Jacob, 76, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Marks, P.M. 76; E. W. Lees, W.M. 130; Powell, P.M. 2153; J. W. Foster, P.M. 1776; H. E. Loader, P.M. 487; H. Burbage, W.M. 319; W. Stopher, P.M. 76; F. King, P.M. 1883; G. Ward, W.M. 1883; P. C. Timbrell, W.M. 2016; R. Bell, W.M. 1461. Having been duly inducted into the chair the W.M. invested his officers as under:—W. Stopher, I.P.M.; A. Gover, S.W.; L. J. Carter, J.W.; W. H. Jacob, P.M., Treas.; W. Gamon, P.M., Sec.; J. Harris, P.M., and J. Marks, P.M., D. of C's; E. Sharland, S.D.; W. S. Brockley, J.D.; H. Searle, Org.; J. Pickstock, I.G.; B. Colson, W. Matthews, Stwds.; and W. Sims, Tyler.—Thanks were voted to the D.P.G. Master and the officers for attending, which Bro. Le Feuvre acknowledged. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Bro. W. H. Jacob, Stwd., for the Aged and Decayed Fund. The usual banquet followed, the R.W. Prov. G.M. (Bro. Beach, M.P.), arriving in time to be present.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).**

—The installation meeting and St. John's festival was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street. There were present Bros. R. R. Lisenden, W.M.; J. W. Edwards, I.P.M.; J. Garside, S.W.; W. B. Akerman, J.W.; E. Smith, Sec.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. Robinson, S.D.; E. C. Chesworth, J.D.; E. Wormleighton, I.G.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Chas. Daber, Org.; W. Rennie, Stwd.; J. Sly, Tyler; Jas. Dawson, P.M.; John Smethurst, P.M.; J. H. Clarke, P.M.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; W. Nicholl, P.M.; H. Whalmsley, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; A. Wild, F. Spencer, J. R. Barefoot, F. Wolstencroft, J. McLeod, G. E. Swindles, S. Staton, J. Read, S. Megarity, J. Griffiths, Lawrence Hall, A. Rottmeyer, S. Percival, J. Eckersley. Visitors: H. L. Rocca, P.M. 815, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Stovold, W.M. 993; A. H. Jefferis, P.M. 1161; C. Haywood, I.P.M. 1387; E. L. Irving, P.M., S.W. 1170; E. J. Cummings, P.M. 1459, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Bostock, P.M. 1633, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Camplin, J.W. 1357; S. Fox, P.M. 317; S. Jupp, Sec. 1140; Chas. Swinn, J.D.; J. Fitton, S.W. 268; C. Wallworth, J.W. 1459; L. J. Lewis, Sec. 1161; W. Baldwin, P.M. 1357; F. H. Davidson, W.M. 633; Pearn; and J. Crossland 1009.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Clark, P.M., occupied the chair of K.S. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Garside, was duly presented to the Installing Master by Bro. R. R. Lisenden, and forthwith inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony, subsequently when the M.M.'s had been re-admitted to the lodge the W.M.'s Installation was proclaimed to them, and he was saluted in the usual manner. The officers were invested by Bro. Jas. Dawson, P.M., as follows: Bros. W. B. Akerman, S.W.; J. Robinson, J.W.; E. Wormleighton, Sec.; W. J. Cunliffe, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas. (by proxy); E. C. Chesworth, S.D.; V. M. Vultchoff, J.D.; Charles Daber, I.G.; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; W. Rennie, S.S.; S. Staton, J.S.; J. Sly, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M.'s and brethren were delivered by Bro. R. R. Lisenden, I.P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. J. Dawson, P.M. A very elegant P.M.'s jewel made of 18 carat gold was presented to Bro. R. R. Lisenden by the newly installed W.M. in behalf of the lodge for his services during the past year. Bro. Lisenden returned thanks for the present (the jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning). The balance sheet was highly satisfactory, was reported upon by the Auditors and adopted. Hearty and cordial votes of thanks were accorded the Auditors and Treasurer for their services. The I.P.M., Bro. Lisenden, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Edward Smith for his two years' services as Secretary. Various other lodge matters were discussed and settled, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John with a capital banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. J. H. Clark, P.M., and heartily drank by the brethren.

Bro. Eckersley sang "Here's to his health." The W.M. having returned thanks, Bro. John Smethurst, P.M., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." which was well received, and Bro. Lisenden subsequently returned thanks for the compliment. Bro. William Nicholl, P.M., in an exhaustive speech proposed "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. responded with his customary force and ability.

Other toasts were honoured, including "The Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Clark," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Newly Invested Officers." A very enjoyable though short evening being spent. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with songs from Bros. Wormleighton, Jupp, Lisenden, and others, whilst Bro. Charles Daber rendered most valuable assistance at the piano.

At the next meeting, Bro. John Garside, W.M., presided, supported by his officers and several members and visitors. When the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. George Jackson and William Garside (brother to the W.M.), and being pronounced favourable, they retired. The W.M. initiated his brother into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. He also delivered the N.E. corner stone address, and presented and explained the working tools. The brethren then adjourned to tea, and on resuming labour, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Richard Barefoot, after being interrogated as to his proficiency, and satisfactorily replying withdrew. He was subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. James Dawson, P.M., who also recited the traditional history and explained the tracing board.

There being no further business, the lodge was lowered and eventually closed.

**NEWTON.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 461).**

—The installation of Bro. John Burkinshaw as Master of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months took place at the Masonic Rooms, Commercial Hotel, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. J. A. Hodgkinson, W.M.; Burkinshaw, S.W.; Charles Brooke, J.W.; Dibley, S.D.; Cottam, J.D.; G. Stafford, I.G.; Hudson, Tyler; Councillor H. Booth, P.M., Treas.; W. Barker, P.M., Sec.; Harding, P.M.; R. C. Barker, P.M.; Councillor Chatterton, P.M.; Haughton, P.M.; Shenton, P.M. The visitors included Bro. Booth, P.G. D.C. Province of Cheshire; John Barker, P.P.G. Treas. East Lancashire; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; Sowter, Blair Lodge; J. W. Turner, 467; Ballam, 87; Ashton, Endeavour Lodge; Jonathan Bailly, J.W. Industry Lodge; Morris, Mellor Lodge; and others. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and after the usual preliminaries Bro. W. Parker presented, in ancient form, the W.M. elect to the Installing Master, Bro. J. A. Hodgkinson; the latter, who is well known as a skilful and efficient worker of the Craft ritual, subsequently inducted him into the chair with that completeness and care which left nothing to be desired. The usual salutations according to ancient rite having been gone through, the W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested by Bro. Wm. Barker, P.M., as follows: Bros. Charles Brooke, S.W.; E. Dibley, J.W.; Councillor Booth, P.M., Treas.; William Barker,



Investing Officer and Sec.; by Bro. James Morris, P.M. Bros. Cottam, S.D.; John Robinson, J.D.; Sharples, I.G.; Hodson, Tyler; T. Perrin, and James Oldham, Stwds. A splendid banquet was afterwards served by Bro. Josh. Robinson, which did very great credit to him. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened with some capital glees and songs from Bros. Stafford, Booth, and Ballam. Bro. J. W. Turner presided at the piano, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. We may also mention that this year the lodge attains its centenary, having been consecrated at Chorley, in Lancashire, on March 1st, 1787. We heard during the evening that the event is to be celebrated in a manner worthy of such an occasion during the year.

#### CHACEWATER.—Boscawen Lodge (No. 699).

—On Monday, the 24th ult., the brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John. The lodge was opened, and a large number of brethren assembled to assist at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Chas. Kent. Amongst those at the lodge were Bros. W. Hall, I.P.M., acting W.M.; C. Kent, S.W.; N. Pascoe, J.W.; J. Ninness, P.P.G.R., P.M., Treas.; C. Rapson, P.P.A.G.D.C., P.M., Sec.; W. E. Grose, S.D.; J. R. Martin, I.G.; T. H. Borlase, Stwd.; H. Searle, P.M.; W. A. Bennett, P.M.; J. Paull, P.P.S.G.D., P.M.; J. Estlick, P.M.; J. Holman, P.M.; W. Bray, P.M.; J. A. Moyle, P.M.; W. Lean, Tyler; J. Bray, Asst. Tyler; J. Estlick, C. Manuell, H. Craze, and W. Pollard. Visitors: Bros. W. E. Lukies, J.W. 131; T. Borlase Davey, 331; R. Rowe, 1544; F. J. Lee, 1544; W. Vial, 1544; J. Lovell, P.P.G.O., P.M. 121; J. Bird, 121; J. S. Dunn, 121; T. Turner, W.M. 1006; J. Hendra, J.W. 1006; J. Kinsman, J.D. 1006; Theo. Michell, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1006; T. R. Mills, P.M. 1006; W. Ellis, P.M. 919; and J. Bawden, 318. The installation was most ably conducted by Bro. J. Estlick, P.M., assisted by Bros. J. Ninness, P.M.; W. A. Bennett, P.M.; W. Hall, P.M.; and H. Searle, P.M.; and a large Board of Installed Masters. The following were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Retallick, I.P.M.; N. Pascoe, S.W.; W. E. Grose, J.W.; Rev. G. L. Church, Chap.; J. Ninness, P.M., Treas.; C. Rapson, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Bennett, P.M., S.D.; T. H. Borlase, J.D.; C. Manuell, I.G.; J. A. Moyle, P.M., Org.; T. Woolcock, D.C.; J. Hocking and W. Pollard, Stwds.; W. Lean, Tyler; and J. Bray, Asst. Tyler. Bro. W. A. Bennett was elected Steward of the Charity Masonic Association and Benevolent Fund.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an admirable dinner was supplied by Bro. J. Hocking, of the Britannia Hotel. In addition to those who were present at the lodge there were Bros. E. T. Carlyon, P.P.G. Sec., P.M. 331; J. Tonkin, W.M. 131; J. Harris, J.D. 131; N. B. Bullen, P.P.G.O., P.M. 131; T. C. Mack, P.M. 131; G. M. Downing, P.M. 131; and J. Julian, W.M. 331. The W.M., Bro. C. Kent, presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

During the evening some capital songs and glees were given by Bros. N. B. Bullen, T. C. Mack, J. Tonkin, J. Harris, W. E. Lukies, R. Rowe, J. Lovell, J. A. Moyle, J. Ninness, W. Hall, C. Kent, Theo. Michell, and T. R. Mills, and Bro. S. Kinsman contributed three or four fine recitations.

#### PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

—The regular monthly meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on the 3rd inst., at the High School for Boys, Brookhill-road. There were present: Bros. E. Palmer, I.P.M., in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and brethren: C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Kent, Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.S.G.D. Kent, D.C.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Kent, Sec.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; H. Mason, P.M.; W. Reeves, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, S.W.; W. D. Keeble, J.W.; W. G. Lloyd, S.D.; W. Busbridge, J.D.; W. Sanders, A.D.C.; W. Campbell-Taylor, acting I.G.; W. J. Larder, Tyler; F. Tyler, Org.; E. Morris, Scantlebury, Capon, J. Murphy, Burchell, Barry, P.M., P.P.G.P. Dorset; Collins, Lock, Farrier, Newton, A. W. Jackson, G. Frost, J. Taylor, Lewis, W. Ledger, Clarke, Frankling, Dr. Bryceson, H. Steward, and C. Jolly, W.M. 1472, all of the lodge; W. Dodderell, S.W. 615; G. Taylor 700; J. Macgregor (Wellington); and W. Bidgood, 700.

The work before the lodge consisted of the passing of Bros. Murphy and Burchell, and the raising of Bros. P. Clarke and W. Batchelor, which work was admirably done by the W.M. and his officers. The Pattison is a musical lodge, and the choir, under Bro. Tyler, sang the occasional music in both ceremonies, and also at the opening and closing of the lodge, thereby increasing the impressiveness of the ritual in a remarkable degree. The consideration of the Pro Grand Master's circular, anent the Queen's Jubilee, came under notice, and received the most cordial and unanimous support. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of refreshments, and on re-assembling round the social board toasted "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Grand Master," and "The Heads of the Craft, Grand and Provincial," with great enthusiasm.

In giving the toast of "Earl Amherst, P.G. Master of Kent," also that of "Bro. Eastes, D.P.G. Master," the W.M. spoke earnestly of their love for and hard work in the cause of Masonry. He coupled the latter toast with the name of Bro. Coupland, in the temporary absence of Bro. Penfold, P.S.G.D.

Bro. Coupland said their Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Eastes especially, deserved their thanks and the thanks of every lodge in the province, and not only deserved them, but had them. The winter was now nearly over, and he looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to their next Provincial Charity meeting, when he trusted to have the pleasure of seeing and hearing his lordship and Bro. Eastes in their official capacity, and afterwards to spend a happy evening with them and the rest of the P.G. Officers and others. The time was also approaching when the lodges would begin to select a good brother or brethren for recommendation to P.G. Lodge for the purple. He was exceedingly proud to think Bro. Penfold had been honoured with it, for he richly deserved it. It was a difficult thing to decide; but only those brethren who had done good service to Masonry could expect it; but whoever got it they always acquiesced in the wisdom and choice of the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M.

Bro. Denton also responded, and was sure that if Earl Amherst or Bro. Eastes had been present they would have been delighted both with the lodge and the working of their W.M.

Bro. Hayes then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said they had seen how well the ceremonies had been worked by the W.M. that evening, and knew how well and worthily he filled the chair on all occasions. He trusted they would always be as well represented as they had been during Bro. Palmer's two terms of office, for he knew of no one more amiable in manner or able in his work. He asked them to continue their cheerful assistance, for that and their presence gave a gusto to the Master's work that made it exceedingly pleasant for him. He was pleased to see so many present, and would ask them to drink the toast with all the cordiality it deserved.

Bro. Palmer (who is exceedingly popular, and deservedly so), said, in response, that he cordially thanked them for their very kind and gracious reception of the toast, so eloquently proposed by Bro. Hayes. Whether he deserved the encomiums passed upon him he could not say; but, at any rate, they were very gratifying, and urged him to do his best for them and the lodge. Some years ago he did not take the interest in Masonry that he did now; but it came to him when he took office, and had gone on increasing ever since, and he could assure them that he took a very great interest in the welfare of the Pattison Lodge, and his desire was to carry out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction and to the prestige of the lodge.

Bros. Lloyd and Mason responded for "The Past Masters."

Bros. Taylor and Bidgood acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

To the toast of "The Officers," Bros. Keeble and Lloyd, jun., replied.

A special toast was given to welcome Bro. Jolly back to the lodge after his accident, some three months ago. It was received with great warmth, and Bro. Jolly feelingly returned thanks.

The singing of Bros. Lloyd, Clarke, Clifton, Batchelor, Ledger, Murphy, and Shaw was much admired, and the playing of Haydn's "Toy Symphony" by Bros. Tyler, Lawson, Bidgood, Ledger, Clifton, Collins, Mills, and Dr. Bryceson was a real musical treat.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. J. F. Harrington, P.P.G.P., P.M. 160, W.M.; C. Floyd, P.P.A.G.P., P.M. 1817, S.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.P.G.C., P.M. 160, J.W.; F. Wood, P.P.S.G.W., P.M., Treas.; A. Lucking, G.P., P.M., Sec.; W. D. Merritt, P.P.A.G. D.C., P.M., S.D.; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.P.G.R., P.M., D.C.; R. G. Dempster, I.G.; T. Hood, Org.; A. Vanderwood, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. F. Jones, P.P.S.G.W., P.M.; G. Berry, P.M.; C. J. Dobson, E. F. Wood, Rev. C. Marriott, Prov. G.C., W. Tyler, C. W. Cooke, A. G. Rennison, Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G. Chap., and H. Cogill. Visitors: Bros. J. Woodman, 813; and F. Partridge, 160.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, Messrs. James Heath, C. W. Barnard, and F. J. Cumine were initiated. Bros. Rev. J. W. Herbert and H. Cogill were elected as joining members. It was agreed that the lodge should open a banking account. Bro. the Rev. T. W. Herbert was invested with the collar of Chaplain. The circular of the M.W. Pro Grand Master was considered and a resolution agreed to.

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

#### DEVONPORT.—Lodge Elms (No. 1212).

—The annual banquet of this lodge was held at Bro. Bosworthick's, Marlborough-street, on the 26th ult. The W.M., Bro. A. J. Watts, presided, and was supported by the S.W., Bro. E. T. Cox; the J.W., Bro. W. Wiggins; and the Past Masters of the lodge—Bros. F. Hooper, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; W. Fowler, P.M.; W. Austin, P.M.; W. Jenkins, P.M.; W. Bickle, P.M. and Sec.; I. Jackson, P.M.; R. H. Burt, P.M.; E. Murch, P.M. 202, P.P.G.O.; and J. Bray, P.M. Among the visitors and brethren present were Bros. Richard Pengelly, P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; E. Poor, P.M. 1136, P.P.S.G.D. Cornwall; J. Brooking, P.M. 1071, P.P.G.S. Wks. Cornwall; R. Bird, P.M. 1550; J. Jolliffe, P.M. 954; J. Osborn, P.M. 984; C. Watson, P.M. 954; J. Crosley, P.M. 954; R. Pike, P.M. 230; J. Fox, P.M. 202; W. Taylor, P.M. 202; J. Gidley, P.M. 2025; W. Cassell, P.M. 1136; J. Rusholm, P.M. 1136; John Leonards, S.W. 202; R. Carter, J.W. 202; I. Shears, 202; J. T. Allingham, 1967; K. Bassett, S.D.; A. Spear, J.W.; W. Sweet, I.G.; J. D. Young, D.C.; T. Gay, Org.; J. Berry and W. Ferguson, Stwds.; and others.

The banquet was held in the new dining hall, which is very commodious and very prettily decorated. The viands, &c., were of excellent quality, and well served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

During the evening several songs were rendered by Bros. Jenkin, Watts, Cox, Herbert, R. Bassett, Bosworthick, and B. Richards. A solo on the violin by Bro. R. J. Bassett, and a recitation by Bro. Nancollis were appreciated.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the members of the lodge to Bro. W. Fowler, P.M., which bore the following inscription: "Presented to the W. Bro. W. Fowler, P.M. of Lodge Elms, No. 1212, on his resignation as Treasurer, which he held for thirteen years. January 26, 1887." The presentation was made in feeling and appropriate terms by Bro. F. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London.

#### BUXTON.—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann's (No. 1235).

—The annual installation meeting and festival of St. John's was held at the Court House, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Harrison, assisted by his officers, after which the chair was occupied by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S. West Lancs., the Installing Master. Bro. George B. Smedley, W.M. elect, was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. After the Board of Installed Masters was closed, the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. H. Lomas, S.W.; T. Cooper,

J.W.; J. H. Lawson, P.M., Treas.; J. Hall, Sec.; R. Lane, S.D.; T. W. Varley, J.D.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Scotter, Org.; J. E. Sutton, I.G.; F. Rowland, Stwd.; and J. Perkins, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered in a masterly and impressive style. At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Goodacre for his valuable services. Notices of motion were given to vote the sum of twenty guineas to the Benevolent Institution, and ten guineas to the Masonic Institution for Boys. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. Taylor, P.M.; W. Boughen, P.M.; C. Wilkinson, P.M.; P. Le Gros, P.M.; J. Gladwin, P.M.; W. F. Mill, P.M.; G. W. Mugliston, P.M.; W. Brierley, W. F. Frost, W. C. Cheene, and T. Blades. The visitors were Bros. H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; F. Binckes, P.G.S.; James Terry, P.P.S.G.W. Herts; J. Chadwick, P.G.S. East Lanc.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S. West Lanc.; H. L. Rocca, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Whitehead, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Boycott, P.G.R.; J. H. Orme, P.G.S.B.; W. Cartwright, P.M. 633; G. Lorrimer, P.M. 1688; T. E. Jones, P.M. 1952; J. T. Wright, P.M. 654; G. R. Beady, P.M. 322; J. C. Hyde, P.M. 1952; J. Heathcote, W.M. 1952; J. D. Simpson, S.D. 1952; A. W. Rangeley, S.W. 654; J. Harrison, I.G. 296; J. Lingard, 1952; and J. Smeaton, 1507.

The brethren adjourned to the Old Hall, where a recherché banquet was provided by Bro. J. H. Lawson.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant and happy evening was enjoyed by the brethren present.

#### HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Spearing, W.M.; H. Wheatley, S.W.; Eales, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; Ransford, S.D.; Daais, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Scholding, A.D.C.; Culverwell, A.W.S.; W. Fisher, P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Wilson, P.P.J.G.W. Berks and Bucks; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; Burgess, P.M. 1604; Edgell, 889; Thorn, 957; Bowers, 1638; W. Peat, Sec. 1656; Lundy, 1733; Rose, 1793; Davis, 1981; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot having been taken for Mr. T. D. Meacock, he was impressively initiated by the W.M. Bros. L. Myers, Wheatley, Scott, and Gale were then passed. Two of the by-laws having been amended, Bro. Wheatley was ably installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Jessett, as S.W.; Wilson, as J.W.; Walls, as D.C.; and Proctor, as I.G. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. Eales, S.W.; Ransford, J.W.; Jessett, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Davis, S.D.; E. Clarke, J.D.; Scholding, I.G.; W. Fisher, P.M., D. of C.; H. Jones, P.M., W.S.; Culverwell, A.W.S.; Bushell, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A circular from the Pro Grand Master having been read, it was resolved unanimously—"That the members of this lodge are of opinion that the suggestions made by the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, as to the Masonic celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee are admirable, and that they will to the best of their ability support them." Two names for initiation and joining having been handed in, apologies for non-attendance were read from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. H. Jones, P.M. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), having been presented to Bro. W. Spearing, and a vote of thanks given him for his services as Installing Officer, the lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts followed, and the proceedings, which were throughout most successful, terminated at midnight.

#### BARNESLEY.—Friendly Lodge (No. 1513).

—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was the second regular meeting, held in the New Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., was honoured with the presence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. S.G.W., and the Prov. Grand Secretary; also several other provincial officers, the assembly numbering nearly 60 brethren.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. Massie, the W.M. elect, was presented and installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the Installing Master, Bro. W. Ridgard Massie, P.M. (brother to the W.M.), discharging his duty with remarkable ability and accuracy. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year—Bros. John Sutton, I.P.M.; A. W. Gratton, S.W.; C. W. Fincken, J.W.; B. Gaunt, Treas.; W. H. Tallents, Sec.; W. Senior, S.D.; J. Cheatter, J.D.; C. F. Seward, D.C.; H. Fountain, Org.; W. J. Frankland, I.G.; Ben. Smith, J. S. Ingall, and J. H. Smith, Stwds. The proceedings on this occasion were rendered specially interesting by the presentation to the lodge of a very handsome silver loving cup, from the wives of the brethren, which is most handsomely engraved with Masonic devices, and bearing the inscription: "Presented to the Lodge Friendly by the wives of the brethren." The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, delivered a most instructive address to the brethren on current Masonic topics.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was served up in most excellent style. The W.M., Bro. J. Massie, presided, and was supported by the R.W.P.G.M., Bros. T. W. Embleton, P.S.G.W., P.M. 1513; H. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; Slack, P.P.G.D. of C., P.M. 904; Newton, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1513; J. H. Gratton, P.P.G. Treas., P.M. 1513; W. E. Ellisdon, P.M. 306; T. E. Rigby, I.P.M. 287; W. Dickie, W.M. 904; T. Guest, P.M. 204; J. Smith, P.M. 204; H. T. Wright, P.M. 1022; E. Billington, P.M. 1462; F. Frood, P.M. 242; G. Stones, P.M. 1462; and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent. After the banquet the loving cup was passed round, being first offered to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master by the W.M.

This large gathering fully tested the capabilities of the New Masonic Hall, which was found fully equal to the occasion, and it was a source of considerable satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge to hear from the visitors so many expressions of gratification with the elegance of the lodge room and the general convenience and comfort of the building.

Bro. Greenham, who was received with loud and continued cheering, then rose, and said: Brethren, I rise with considerable pleasure to thank Bro. Newman for the very kind acknowledgment he has made of my services to this lodge. It is a great gratification to me to find not only the China Lodge brethren but visitors have expressed so warmly their appreciation; but while I so briefly allude to those kind expressions of good will, do not think my remembrance of them will be equally short lived, and while I should have been proud to review the past year, a year which it would have given me pleasure to refer to, I must not do, as I am anxious to use the time usually allotted to the W.M. in placing before you rather what I hope to do in the coming year of my office, and which, with your permission and indulgence, I am anxious to lay before you. Now, brethren of China Lodge, you have elected me unanimously to fill the chair a second time, but while I am very proud of the honour, I am equally conscious of the responsibility which devolves on me, and which weighs heavily on me when I consider we have a large debt upon our hall, which if any of you can look upon with a lighter heart is because your interest is light also, but although I am proud of our lodge, the pleasure I feel is very much marred by that millstone of a debt which hangs heavily around us. Now, brethren, this being the year of Jubilee, while it is our bounden duty to show our appreciation of Queen Victoria's splendid reign, let us combine with it an object which, while its present purpose shall be a celebration of it, yet will hand on to a distant future our commemoration of so great an event, and at the same time perpetuate the names of all those who participate in it. Such a Queen as ours demands from every Mason (whose watchword, our Grand Master said, is "Loyalty"), and deserves, some recognition. While you have heard to-day the scheme of your Pro Grand Master—a proposal which might be called the "Imperial," and fitted for the realm over which her Majesty reigns—listen for a few minutes to your Worshipful Master's, which must, of course, be essentially local. I propose, brethren, to place in China Lodge a commemorative tablet or monument, the design of which shall be hereafter determined, with the names and the number of the lodges, with their lodge rank and their Grand or P.G. Lodge rank inscribed, or carved, or engraved thereon of every member who shall subscribe not less than a guinea. Now, brethren, I hope to save a considerable sum and apply it to the debt on the building, and I call upon you earnestly, every member of the China Lodge, to support me in this undertaking. If, in conclusion, I might venture to address the visitors who have honoured me by attending my installation to-day, I would say if your generous impulses prompt you to help me, then will be engraved upon that monument a record of your generosity and sympathy with this little struggling lodge. There, brethren, will appear your names, engraved, I trust, in marble, marking our appreciation of the Queen's Jubilee, and yet handing down to generations of Masons yet unborn your zeal and sympathy with this little lodge. I trust, brethren, this monument will remain in China Lodge (for assuredly it will be placed there) for centuries after you and I have gone to the Grand Lodge above, there to tell with an imperishable memory to succeeding generations of Masons your appreciation of so great and so good a Queen and your desire to hand on our hall free of debt than you found it. Now, brethren, this is a golden opportunity to record your names in the history of this lodge, and surround them with a lustre around which time will encircle her marks of renown. This is a Jubilee opportunity that probably none of us will ever again live to see. Let us, therefore, rise to the occasion, and hand on a heirloom worthy of acceptance to the future members of this lodge, which has had for its first Master the foremost literary man in the Island, Bro. Dr. Dabbs, and for its second one of the finest Masons in the province, Bro. F. Newman. Brethren, in conclusion, I have the great honour to announce that the China Lodge Jubilee Commemoration Fund will be under the direct and immediate patronage of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. I have also the pleasure and honour to announce that I have the patronage of your Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.D. of England, who has given a handsome donation; and, brethren, I have the honour to announce that the Lord of the Manor of Shanklin, Bro. F. White Popham, with his characteristic generosity and desire to help the China Lodge, has given a magnanimous contribution. I feel I cannot to-night express my feelings of gratitude for this splendid generosity, nor convey in any adequate way how highly I esteem their noble support. One of the Past Masters of this lodge



intimated a few days ago that if I could obtain nine others who would give £5 he would make the tenth. Brethren, with that object in view, I feel many here will place their names on this card as one of them.

[This appeal, we are happy to be in a position to state, immediately resulted in over seventy guineas being subscribed.]

The Worshipful Master subsequently rose, and expressed how proud and pleased he was at the result. It had realized a larger sum than he dared to hope for, and he felt at a loss to express his deep feelings of gratitude to those visitors who had so nobly responded to his appeal. He tendered his and the lodge's warmest thanks, but at present he felt quite unable to convey them. Nothing but a feeling of great responsibility would have induced him to appeal to them at such a time, and he hoped to have a future opportunity to express more fully but not more sincerely his thanks.

Bro. F. Rayner, S.W., rose, and said it afforded him much pleasure to propose the toast that had been assigned him, viz., that of "The I.P.M., Bro. John Bailey." The W.M. was very fortunate in having such a zealous Mason and hard worker as Bro. Bailey had proved himself to be as his I.P.M. during the past year, in the great undertaking which the W.M. entered into and carried out so successfully, viz., the Masonic Exhibition. Bro. Bailey had supported him most loyally and nobly. He had given up time which might be reckoned by weeks, and thrown in an immense amount of labour before and during the Exhibition, and he well deserved all the honour the W.M. was able to bestow on him in connection with that great event, as he had assisted the W.M. more than anyone else in immortalising the name of China Lodge on the roll of Masonic fame. Brethren, I give you the toast of our "I.P.M., Bro. J. Bailey," and feel sure you will show your appreciation of his past services by receiving it with the enthusiasm it deserves.

Bro. M. Linfield gave "The Visiting Brethren," making special complimentary allusion to the presence of representatives of the Prov. Grand Lodges of Devon and Cheshire.

Bro. Chapman, P.P.G.D. Devon, responding, said: It has given me great pleasure to be at the installation of Bro. Greenham to-day, and to be present here to-night. The efforts of mine to help your W.M. have been most kindly alluded to to-day in lodge and now again this evening. I hope that the lodge will have another prosperous year of office under him.

Bro. Hinde, P.M., P.P.G.R., Chester, thanked them for the opportunity given him to express his thanks to the W.M. for inviting him to be present that day. He witnessed the perfect way in which the Installing Master had done the installation ceremony, and how well the W.M. and officers did their work. He had never visited a lodge in which it had been performed more efficiently. He had been in Shanklin four months, and it has been one of the most pleasurable times of his life, and he hoped in the latter part of the year to come again amongst them. He should always remember the kind way in which he had been treated in Shanklin, and not least among his pleasurable recollections would be the cordial and gracious welcome given him that day.

Bro. Chapman gave a recitation on the "Three Degrees in Masonry." It was rendered in a splendid style and listened to with profound attention, and at its conclusion Bro. Chapman received congratulations and thanks from all. The recitation embraced the obligations of Masonry, and was given in a very earnest manner.

"The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Francis Newman, P.P.S.G.W., P.M.," was proposed in a highly eulogistic speech by Bro. McQueen, who spoke of the debt of gratitude which all the Island lodges were under to Bro. Newman for assistance and advice.

In response to the toast, Bro. Newman remarked it would be affectation to say that he was not pleased to hear the kind way in which he had been so frequently referred to, but he was afraid their own good feelings towards him had led them to take too favourable a view of his services.

Bro. William Judd proposed "The Past Masters," and passed in review the services Bro. Bailey had rendered to the lodge during his year. £100 was raised by voluntary loan to pay off the debt on the hall, and the present W.M., Bro. Greenham, his most intimate friend, whom he had specially come down from London to see again installed, had also raised £100. Last year he came from Manchester to see him in his proud position, and now to-day he had again that pleasure. In coupling the toast with Bro. Bailey he felt sure he has loyally supported the W.M. during the past year, and would continue to do so again.

Bro. Bailey responded, commenting upon the pleasure it had given him to supplement the efforts of the W.M. in connection with the Exhibition, the prosperity of China Lodge being a matter he had at heart. If in any way he had contributed to that result he felt he was amply repaid for the trouble he had taken.

The remaining toasts having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close.

## INSTRUCTION.

**FIDELITY LODGE (No. 3).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury. Bro. Squire, W.M. of the parent lodge, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Block and Gregory, as Wardens; Ament and Larkin, Deacons; Bleakley, I.G.; Silvester, Treas.; Dimsdale, Sec.; Hemming, acting Preceptor; and over thirty other brethren.

After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Silvester acting as candidate. Bro. Block, W.M. elect No. 3, was then duly obligated as Master elect, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. On the return of the brethren, Bro. Block duly invested his officers, and Bro. Squire gave the charges in first-class style. The annual election of officers then took place, when Bros. Ferguson, Silvester, and Dimsdale were unanimously re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary for the coming year. Three Auditors were appointed, and Bro. Larkin, I.G. 3, was elected a member. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Squire for the admirable way in which he had worked the ceremonies, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member. Lodge was then closed.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor, W.M.; Norman, S.W.; Gwyn, J.W.; Rush, S.D.; Hills, J.D.; Woodin, I.G.; Jardine, Wells, Smith, Chatterton, Whitehouse, Pitt, Gaskin, Ball, Sec.; and Paddle, Treas. Visitors: Bros. Sadler-Wood

and Williams, of the Brooks Lodge, and Edward Haigh, P.M. 29, P.G.S.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, the Preceptor affording, at the request of several brethren, explanations of portions thereof. An agenda of work for the ensuing weekly meetings up to, and inclusive of, March 31st was arranged. The visitors having expressed their great satisfaction with the work of the evening, and desiring membership, were elected members, and after the usual inquiries the lodge was closed.

Brethren are reminded that the Preceptor's lecture on "The Ritual of the Symbolic Degrees" will be given in this lodge of instruction on Thursday next, the 17th instant.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—At a special meeting of brethren at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., on Thursday, the 3rd inst., there were present Bros. B. Cooper, W.M. 1441; Higerty, W.M. 1044, P.M. 1714, P.J.G.D. Surrey; Squire, P.M. 3, 889, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; Carter, P.M. 1044; Frost, P.M. 1044; Ellis, S.W. 1044; Cowley, J.W. 1044; Beddoes, J.D. 902; James, Org. 902; Cutbush, A.D.C. 902; Walter, 1623; Prince, 902; Hammond, 902; Wright, 1158; George, 902; Gill, 902; and Edwards, 902.

It was proposed by Bro. Beddoes, and seconded by Bro. George, that Bro. Carter, P.M., take the chair—carried unanimously. Bro. George, acting Sec., *pro tem.*, reported that he had taken steps to have a petition drawn to Bro. B. Cooper, W.M. 1441, praying that he would grant them his fiat for a lodge of instruction, to be held under the license of the Ivy Lodge at the above place, and read the warrant granting the same, and proposed that the best and cordial thanks of the brethren should be recorded in the minutes of the lodge for his kindness—seconded by Bro. James, and carried unanimously. Bro. Beddoes proposed Bro. B. Cooper, W.M., as the Treasurer, as a mark of appreciation of his kindness in granting the warrant—seconded by Bro. James, and carried unanimously. Bro. Prince proposed Bro. George as Secretary—seconded by Bro. James, and carried unanimously. Bro. James proposed Bro. Higerty, P.M., as Preceptor—seconded by Bro. Ellis, S.W., and carried unanimously; and at the request of the Preceptor for an assistant, it was proposed by Bro. Gill, and seconded by Bro. Wright, that Bro. Cowley be appointed Assistant Preceptor—carried. The permanent officers of the lodge being thus duly appointed, the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Carter, P.M., who was unanimously elected the first W.M., and he proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. Higerty, P.M., S.W.; Cowley, J.W.; Beddoes, S.D.; Wright, J.D.; and Gill, I.G. A draft copy of rules, based upon those of the Wansworth Lodge of Instruction, was then read by Bro. Adams, and, on the motion of Bro. Wright, seconded by Bro. Hammond, were accepted, adopted, and referred to a Committee, composed of Bros. Higerty, P.M., B. Cooper, W.M., James, and George, to be printed. The W.M. rose for the first time. Dues were collected—entrance fees and subscription of 16 members—£8. 8s. The W.M. rose for the second time. It was proposed by the W.M. that Bro. Higerty be the W.M. at the succeeding meeting—seconded by Bro. Cowley, and carried unanimously. Bro. Higerty announced that he would work the ceremony of installation. The officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time. It was proposed by Bro. Beddoes, seconded by Bro. Higerty, and put by Bro. Cowley, that the best thanks of the brethren be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his able conduct of the business—passed with acclamation. Nothing further presenting itself for the good of Freemasonry, 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 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. W. Fowles, W.M.; B. Solomons, S.W.; A. Clark, J.W.; W. Brindley, S.D.; C. Iiter, I.D.; H. G. Marsden, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; Henry Crookes, Walter Hancock, B. Holeyman, Howard Sammons, R. W. Williams, O. M. Enderlein, William Ham, E. Chamberlain, E. J. D. Bromley, L. Gunzell, J. Mitchell, E. C. Mulvey, W. Lincoln, J. S. Henry, Charles Richards, T. A. Dickson, F. Dusterwald, J. D. Graham, James Watts, F. M. Noakes, G. F. Swan, James Woodward, Henry Marsden, R. J. Cursons, and F. W. Cash.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. W. Cash. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley, having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the Degree of F.C. Bro. W. Fowles resumed the chair of K.S. Bro. R. J. Cursons, offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. with the traditional history. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that Bro. B. Solomons, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 8th inst. at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. Read, W.M.; Cochrane, S.W.; Woods, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec. and S.D.; Keene, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; Dresden, R. H. Neville, Swanson, W. B. Neville, W. C. Williams, Wilton, Wild, F. J. Davies, J. Davies, G. Swanson, Wiggins, Rayner, Kenyon, and Walter.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 6th Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M. and Bro. W. C. Williams. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the W.M. and Bro. J. Davies. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor and the brethren. Bro. Swanson was elected a joining member. Bro. Cochrane was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Heath for his kindness in redecorating the pedestals and for making platforms for them. A special vote of thanks was carried to Bro. W. C. Williams for his present of a cushion for the volume of the Sacred Law, and for his general kindness to the lodge. Lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 7th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. Jesse Collings, W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; Sims, P.M., J.W.; H. Harris, Treas.; J. W. Morley, Sec.; W. C. Williams, S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; Skar, D.C.; Worth, I.G.; Woods, Maclean, R. C. Williams, Cochrane, P. J. Davies, Meller, Pearson, Taylor, Dresden, Long, Coat, Chaifont, Dopson, Cockrell, Lindfield, Stroud, Whittell, Gilbert, and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Conway in his usual pleasing manner, despite a slight nervousness, which was carried off by his manly delivery. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Cochrane in his usual perfect manner. The 3rd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. P. J. Davies in a manner surprising to all members present, who congratulated him on the gigantic strides he is making in Freemasonry. The 4th Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Stroud in a splendid manner, with good voice and pathos. The 5th Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Long in a perfect manner, with the assistance of the S. and J. Wardens answering their questions in this Section. The 6th Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. W. C. Williams in his well known perfect manner, expected as such by the brethren, he now being considered an old and tried warrior in Freemasonry. The 7th Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Sims,

P.M., in a splendid manner, his elocutionary powers giving zest to the ritual. In all cases the questions were put by the Preceptor in as perfect a manner as possible. Several new members being made, the lodge was closed.

All Masons are invited to the next meeting (Monday, the 14th inst.), when the five Sections of the Second Lecture will be worked.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. H. D. Aslett, W.M.; W. W. Williams, S.W.; Hopkins, J.W.; Purdue, P.M. 834, acting Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; D. S. Long, S.D.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, J.D.; Worth, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; C. Dopson, W.M. 834; Davies, Stroud, Wilson, and J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642. Bro. Cleghorn, P.M., was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. D. Stroud offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony, afterwards giving the ancient charge. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. C. Dopson, W.M. 834, offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dopson candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Stroud worked the 4th Section of this Lecture, under the direction of Bro. Davies. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287, was unanimously elected a member of this lodge. Bro. Purdue proposed, and Bro. Hopkins seconded, that Bro. W. W. Williams be elected W.M. for the next meeting—carried unanimously. The W.M. elect suitably replied. Bro. Purdue proposed, and Bro. W. W. Williams seconded, a very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Aslett for the excellent and perfect manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. Bro. Aslett suitably replied, and the lodge was closed.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Folkard, W.M.; Partridge, S.W.; Esling, J.W.; Boulton, S.D.; Gibbs, J.D.; Woods, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; Andrews, Sec.; Ruffie, Perkins, Collick, Wright, Heathcote, Glover, Coe, and Wildbore.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, the 2nd by Bro. Ruffie, and the 3rd by Bro. Andrews, all being assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Hampton as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Folkard, for the excellent way in which he had worked the ceremony of initiation for the first time in his Masonic career. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Partridge, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The Secretary then read the bye-laws as revised by the Committee, and they were adopted and ordered to be printed. A vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for their attendance. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

## Royal Arch.

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).**—This prosperous chapter met at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. Appleton, M.E.Z.; Ayling, H.; H. J. Lardner, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z.; Scribe E.; Gardner, Scribe N.; Westley, 2nd Asst. Soj.; C. H. Köhler, I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., P.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; Salter, Sims, G. Everett, jun., and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election of officers for the year ensuing was as follows: Comps. Ayling, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, H.; Gardner, J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Dowling, S.N.; Westley, P.S.; Hewitt, 1st A.S.; Gorman, 2nd A.S.; G. Everett, Treas.; and Reinardt, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to the M.E.Z. The report of the severe indisposition of Comp. G. Everett, P.Z. and Treas., was received with regret. In consequence of the installation convocation falling on the eve of Good Friday, it was unanimously resolved—"That the installation shall be held on the 31st March next."

The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Chapter De Lambton (No. 94).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Comps. J. R. Smart, M.E.Z.; J. C. Moor, H.; E. Sutherst, J.; T. Henderson, P.Z., S.E.; J. Scarborough, P.S.; T. G. Garrick, acting 1st A.S.; W. Dawson, 2nd A.S.; M. Frampton, P.Z., Treas.; G. Wanless, P.Z., acting S.N.; and several other companions and visitors. The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Comps. J. C. Moor, Z.; E. Sutherst, H.; Thos. G. Garrick, J.; T. Henderson, S.E.; W. Dawson, S.N.; J. Scarborough, P.S.; G. Craven, 1st A.S.; M. Cohen, 2nd A.S.; and J. Brown, Janitor. The chapter was then closed.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 26th ult., and there was a large muster of companions. The chapter was opened by Comp. G. Kennedy, M.E.Z., and after the minutes and cash account had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. W. J. Crowdy, for exaltation, and of Comp. E. Mills as a joining member, which proved unanimous in each case. Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13, then assumed the chair as installing officer, and declared the chapter a conclave of Past Principals, and in due succession installed with the usual solemnities Comps. Thos. Ovenden as Z.; George Spinks, H., and D. Deeves, J., for the ensuing year. Comp. Edward West, P.Z., was invested with the collar of Treas.; Comp. George Kennedy, as S.E.; Comp. A. C. Woodley, as S.N.; Comp. R. J. Warren, as P.S.; Comps. G. King, and C. A. Canning, as 1st and 2nd Assts.; Comps. Wm. Tailby, Stwd., and J. Lackland, as Janitor.

A Past Principal's jewel was presented by the M.E.Z. to Comp. Kennedy for valuable service rendered to the chapter during his year of office. The gift was acknowledged in appropriate terms by Comp. Kennedy. After a cordial vote of thanks had been recorded on the minutes of the chapter to Comp. Penfold, P.Z., for the admirable manner in which he rendered the installation ceremony, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned for the banquet to Comp. De Grey's, Freemasons' Tavern.

Among those present were Comps. E. Denton, P.Z.; W. Richey, P.Z.; J. Scott-Mutch, P.Z.; H. Syer, A. Fenn, C. Wood, C. Christian, W. R. Arnold, and W.



Shackleton, all of the chapter. The visitors were Comps. F. A. White, P.Z. 907; H. Mason, P.Z. 913; W. Rees, M.E.Z. 913; and A. H. Bateman, J. 1973.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been duly honoured,

Comp. Kennedy, I.P.Z., proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z." in a few well chosen sentences.

Comp. Ovenden expressed his gratitude to the companions for the cordiality with which he had been received on that auspicious occasion. He assured them that his very best energies should be devoted, during his year of office, to promote the interests of so old and renowned a chapter as No. 13. He would endeavour to emulate the example and to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, who had by excellent working gained for the chapter the reputation which it now enjoys among metropolitan chapters, and he hoped at the end of his year of office to hand it over to his successor in as good a state, financially and otherwise, as he had received it.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was then given by the M.E.Z. in appropriate terms, and duly responded to by Comps. Denton, Scott-Mutch, and Gamble.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" was received with great cordiality, and elicited from Comp. Penfold an eloquent response.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Comp. White. Comps. Rees, H., and Mason, J., responded for "The Officers of the Chapter," and the Janitor's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

## INSTRUCTION.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G. Reg. Dorset, M.E.Z.; F. Swain, Z. 1328, H.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, Prev. G. J. Middx., J.; H. Dehane, J. 890, and A.S. 862, S.E.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, and P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab, S.N.; W. H. Chalfont, 975, P.S.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, 1st A.S.; C. R. Wickens, 704, and A.S.; George Gregory, Z. 1538, J. 704, and P.S. 2048, Janitor; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. and P.G.P. Soj.; Donald G. Macleod, P.D.G.M. Burmah, P.Z. 542, and P.D.G.P. Soj. Burmah; J. Carter, P.Z. 1260; A. Hardy, and W. E. Jameson, Careac Chapter.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. After a few introductory remarks by the M.E.Z.,

Comp. Woodford said that in giving a lecture on the Royal Arch Grade we were still evaded by the difficulty that so much concerning it still remained in great obscurity. According to Comp. Sir W. Drummond, the author of "The Origins," it was, in truth, very archaic and very interesting, however much it had been overlaid by the accretions of years, however it might have been adapted and modernised by those who were hardly competent to the task. Comp. Woodford remarked that our English Royal Arch Grade was unique, and did not correspond exactly with the ceremonial and traditions of the Grade as worked in Ireland, Scotland, America, and Canada, while in some jurisdictions the Grade was not worked at all, and was unknown. But, as he had said there before, he ventured to consider it of high importance and value, beautiful in its conception, striking in its illustration, and most valuable in its teaching and outcome. Its symbolism—as on its jewel, for instance—was undoubtedly of the very greatest antiquity. Solomon's seal, or the Hexapla—the Hexapla—was the sacred sign of the East; was also a Mason's mark in all lands, and the great and distinguishing token of occultism and hermeticism. Some writers termed it "Signaculum Solomonis," and it was extensively used in the Middle Ages to set forth great and sacred truths, whether on stone or in glass. How it came to be the emblem of the Royal Arch Grade was a matter of the deepest archaeological interest and importance, especially as regards the history and ritual, and "aporreta" of Craft Masonry. It was hardly possible at present to give a full and satisfactory solution of this and similar leading points connected with Royal Arch Masonry; but it might be hoped when more close attention was paid to this and cognate subjects of enquiry,—recondite as some of them were,—they might be in a better position than they were at present to obtain light. Despite the able and valuable works of Bro. Hughan, much yet remained to be cleared up before they could speak with safety and decision on this and similar points. Comp. Woodford proceeded to say that some liked to see in the Royal Arch Grade considerable analogy with the early mysteries, and he proceeded to show to the companions how that might not unfairly be said to be so. He stated that time would fail him were he to try and expatiate on the geometrical, the moral, the platonic, or the mystical teaching of this beautiful and invaluable Grade; but he could, after a study of many years, commend it to the consideration of all intellectual student-Masons. Comp. Woodford concluded by an appeal to those present to value and use lodges and chapters of instruction; they were, in one sense, the life of English Freemasonry. There were some evils working out, as all knew, as regards the careful representation of their beautiful and valuable ceremonies, and the only remedy for a very undesirable state of things was to be found in the activity and work of their lodges and chapters of instruction. Comp. Woodford congratulated the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement on the great progress they had made, and felt sure it would continue to advance and attain the highest character as a chapter of instruction.

The remarks and explanations of Comp. Woodford were listened to with close attention, and much satisfaction was expressed at the vast amount of information the companions had derived. He was then elected an honorary member, and a hearty vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously carried.

Comp. Woodford expressed his thanks in a few brief sentences, and said on a future date he would be pleased to attend and give what instruction he was able, more especially as he took so warm an interest in the welfare of the Hornsey Chapter of Improvement, having noticed on his several visits how well everything was carried out.

It was resolved that a sincere vote of condolence be sent to Comp. J. T. Micklebury, Z. 733, Treasurer of the chapter of improvement, whose father had a few days ago departed this life. Many letters were received regretting inability to attend. "After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

## Mark Masonry.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 211).**—This prosperous lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Nottingham, on the 27th ult. Among those present we noticed Bros. Skinner, W.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; W.M. elect; Rickwood, J.W.; Lawson, P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey, P.M., acting M.O.; J. N. Frye, S.O.; Wadham, acting J.O.; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, P.M.; Treasurer; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M.; Secretary; Parkhouse, S.D.; Smout, J.D.; French, I.G.; Huish, D.C.; Monson, Stwd.; Schofield, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Taylor was then installed W.M. (by dispensation) for the year ensuing by Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Skinner, Mason, and Lawson. The following appointments were then made: Bros. Rickwood, S.W.; J. N. Frye, J.W.; F. C. Frye, M.O.; Parkhouse, S.O.;

Smout, J.O.; Mason, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; French, S.D.; Huish, J.D.; Monson, I.G.; Dr. Pocock, D.C.; Wadham, Stwd.; C. Stevens, Org.; and Schofield, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning) was then presented to Bro. Skinner, who duly acknowledged the compliment. The Auditor's report having been received and adopted, it was resolved that the lodge be represented at the forthcoming Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and that a sum be voted from the lodge funds to support the Steward's list. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. Dr. Lott, P.G. Org.; Cama, P.G.S.; Dr. Pocock, Goodall, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Frye, S.O.; and others.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed.

Some pleasant music was contributed during the evening by Mr. Lawson, jun., Miss Lawson, and several of the brethren.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181). This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 19th ult. Among those present were Bros. Briggs, W.M.; H. Higgins, S.W., W.M. elect; C. H. Köhler, J.W.; Bailey, M.O.; Porter, S.O.; Simmonds, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; Thomas, S.D.; Woodruff, J.D., and others. Bros. Von Joel, W.M. 8, and Barnett, 315, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for Bro. E. W. Davis, 1381, he was duly advanced by the W.M. Bro. H. Higgins having been presented he was installed into the chair of A. by the W.M., with the assistance of Bros. Walls, Fisher, and Von Joel. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Köhler, S.W.; Bailey, J.W.; Porter, M.O.; Simmonds, S.O.; Thomas, J.O.; Fisher, Treas.; Walls, Sec.; Woodruff, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Harrison, Tyler. The Audit Report was received and adopted. Bro. H. Higgins, W.M., was elected to represent the lodge as Steward, at the Mark Benevolent Festival, and the Secretary gave a notice of motion, that the sum of five guineas be placed on the W.M.'s list. A vote of condolence was then passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Sanders, P.M. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London,) having been presented to the W.M., and letters from absent members read, the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts were given from the chair, briefly and pertinently, and a most agreeable evening spent.



Bro. William Pearson Colman of the Graystone Lodge and Bertha Chapter is a candidate for the vacant office of "Clerk of the Market" at Billingsgate. Bro. Colman has had a large experience of a character likely to be of great service in the performance of his duties, should he be successful in carrying this election.

The manager of the Paris Hippodrome at Olympia, announced a change of performance at this popular place of amusement, for Thursday.

Bro. Tom Merry, the well-known cartoonist of *St. Stephen's Review*, was initiated at the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, on Tuesday, February 1st.

The Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven, has resolved on acting on the Pro Grand Master's proposal, and will contribute towards the establishment of the Imperial Institute.

We are in a position to announce, that the original picture entitled "Freemasonry and Civilization," and published by Bro. E. M. Haigh is about to be disposed of, and we shall be glad to learn that a purchaser for it is found in this country.

The Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, at an emergent meeting, held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 4th inst., resolved on disapproving of the suggestion made by the Pro Grand Master to support the scheme for establishing an Imperial Institute.

The Bedford Lodge, No. 925, Birmingham, held its annual ball in the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Monday, the 31st ult. There were upwards of 120 guests present, the arrangements left nothing to be desired, and the evening passed off most pleasantly.

Bro. Hughan has promised to deliver a lecture on "Old Bibles" in Taunton, on Thursday, the 17th inst., and it is likely that well known Masonic historian will visit the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, on the previous evening (Wednesday), of which Bro. A. Stevens is the W.M. If so, we feel assured that a warm welcome will be given him on both occasions by the Fraternity in that neighbourhood.

On Friday the 4th instant, a grand Masonic concert was given in the Protestant Hall, Antrim, in aid of the Irish Masonic Orphan Schools, the entertainment being under the auspices and management of lodges Nos. 28 and 56. There was an excellent programme, which was well carried out, and a generous audience, and we trust the event will be as productive as the managers ventured to anticipate, and as the schools deserve.

The brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 328, and Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, both of Torquay, will give their annual Masonic Invitation Ball at the Winter Gardens, Torquay, on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., under the patronage of Bro. Lord Haldon, P.M. 328, P.P.S.G.W., and other distinguished brethren and members of the Prov. G. Lodge of Devon. An excellent Board of Stewards has been organised, with Bros. R. D. Renwick, Castle Mount, and T. H. Wills, 35, Abbey-road, Torquay, as Hon. Secs. The services of Miss Bailey's Band have been secured, and Bro. Lord Ebrington, P.G.M. Devon, has granted a dispensation to the brethren to wear their Masonic clothing, so that, as the ball room and promenades will be specially decorated for the occasion, and the proceeds are to be devoted to the Masonic Charities, there is good reason to hope that the fête will be in all respects successful.

The funeral of Bro. Edward Harding, R.A., W.M. of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, York, who had died shortly before from shock caused by the amputation of a leg injured through an accident, took place in York Cemetery on the 31st ult. The deceased was greatly respected by his comrades in the Royal Artillery and by his brother Masons, and there was in consequence a full attendance of the officers of his corps as well as of the officers and members of the three York lodges—the York, No. 236; the Eboracum, No. 1611; and the Agricola, No. 1991. There was also the usual firing party from the Leicestershire Regiment, and the whole ceremony was most impressively conducted, the concourse of spectators along the route and in the cemetery being very large.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., at the regular meeting at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., who is a Preceptor of the lodge, will deliver his interesting and instructive lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, 1813-86." The Thursday following, the 24th inst., Bro. Stevens will preside as W.M., and the Fifteen Sections will be worked. On Thursday, the 3rd prox., the ceremony of installation will be worked, and on the 24th prox. there will be a smoking concert at which several professional brethren have kindly volunteered their services. Full particulars of the above and future meetings to be had of Bro. W. J. Ball, 12, Darent-road, Stamford Hill, N.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was to be the scene on Thursday of a most unusual experience. It had been arranged that one of the inmates, Mrs. Tubbs, was to be married, and Miss Norris, the Warden of the Institution, was to enact the part of bridesmaid, the wedding ceremony taking place in St. James's Church, Croydon. As a matter of course, the fair inmate's connection with the Institution in the capacity of annuitant has now ceased, though in the event of her outliving her second husband, we believe she would be eligible to resume it. However, when the marriage knot has only just been tied, we had better limit our further remarks to congratulations on the event, and wish the fair bride all possible happiness in her new sphere of life.

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Every Evening at 8, MONTE CRISTO, JR.; at 7.30, No. 1 ROUND THE CORNER.

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Every Evening at 8, THE NETTLE; at 8.30, DANDY-DICK.

**OLYMPIC THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.45, THE TWO BLINDS; at 8.10, HOME RULE; at 9, THE CHURCHWARDEN.

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Every Evening, at 8, JACK IN THE BOX.

**ROYALTY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.45, THE COMING CLOWN; at 8.45, MODERN WIVES.

**COMEDY THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 8, MYNHEER JAN.

**TOOLE'S THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY; at 8.30, THE BUTLER.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S THEATRE.**  
Every Evening at 8.30, DOROTHY.

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Every Evening at 7.15, A DARK SECRET.

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### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, February 19, 1887.

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, FEBRUARY 12.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.  
 " 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 " 1612, West Middlesex, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.  
 " 1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate st.  
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.  
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1789, Ubique, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.  
 " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington.

- Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Ceborn, Eagle Hot., Snarbrook, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.  
 Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq., Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.  
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 7.30.  
 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 and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., 8.  
 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, Barons' Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.45.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd. [E.C., 7.  
 Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., 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 FEBRUARY 15.

- Board of General Purposes at 4.  
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., S.E.  
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hot.  
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 2021, Queen's Westminster, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
 " 2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.  
 " 2045, Wharton, Willesden.  
 Chap. 11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 26, Castle C. of Harmony, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 186, Industry, Freemason's Hall.  
 " 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hot.  
 " 1348, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge U., 33, Golden-sq.  
**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
 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 6.30.  
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Kennington, Giraffe Tav., Newington Crescent, Newington Butts, S.E., at 7.30.  
 Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-sq., Kensington, 8.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
 Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 Warborough, 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, FEBRUARY 16.

Board of Benevolence, at 4.  
 General Committee Grand Lodge, at 6.  
 Lodge 140 St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 174 Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 190 Oak, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 969 Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., W.C.  
 " 1150 Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 1507 Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1624 Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
 " 1673 Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 " 1677 Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
 " 1716 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.  
 " 1803 Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
 Chap. 1598 Ley Spring, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Rose Croix 44 Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burgoynes, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Gray, 8.  
 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.  
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, 7.30.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-st., Boro', 7.30.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 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 Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, 7.30.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
 Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.  
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Domatic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.  
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 733, Westbourne, Lords' Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, S. Norwood.  
 " 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 " 1512, Hemming, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.  
 " 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1681, Londesboro', Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.  
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1385, Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hot., Barnet.  
 Mark Bon Accord, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.  
 " 7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal, 68, Regent-st.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.  
 City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.  
 Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
 Creation, Wheatheaf 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.  
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Highgate-road, N., at 8.  
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Ivy, Railway Tav., Battersea Rise, S.W., 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-road, Chelsea, at 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., 8.  
 Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-rd., 8.  
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington.  
 The Great City, M.H., Mason's-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, FEBRUARY 18.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 Chap. 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 7.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 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, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road.  
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
 Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hot., Leinster-pl., Cleveland-sq., Paddington, at 8.  
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hot., Richmond, 8.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
 Royal Savoy Mark, The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tav., E.C.  
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 2147, Cray's Valley, St. Mary Cray, Kent.  
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
 " 357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

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