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It is probable that Grand Lodge will be more numerously attended than usual at its Quarterly Meeting on Wednesday next. Apart from the interest which always attaches to the election of a new Grand Treasurer, and which, with two such strong candidates as Bro. A. F. GODSON, M.P., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, and Bro. RICHARD EVE, Prov. S.G.W. Hants and the Isle of Wight, to choose from, will be exceptionally great, there are several motions of which notice has been given, and which will successively be submitted for the consideration of those present. The first of these by Bro. MEITER, for the consecration of a foundation stone, to be followed by the collection of funds all the world over with the ulterior object of erecting on, or as near as possible to, the original site of King Solomon's Temple, an international "House of Prayer," may be dismissed almost without comment. It is a grotesque proposition and will serve to amuse the brethren, if they need amusement, as well as anything else of its kind. But apart from this, there are several motions which are likely to cause a considerable amount of discussion. The great Collar question will be revived, there being two proposals bearing on the subject in the agenda paper by Bros. E. T. BUDDEN and WILLIAM NICHOLL respectively. Bro. JAMES STEVENS is anxious for the repeal of Article 153 of the Laws, the effect of which, if carried, will be to do away with the London district; his aim being, in all probability—though as we are not in his confidence, we cannot speak with absolute certainty—to revive a plan of his, which was defeated some time back, for converting the present area of Masonic London into a number of Provincial districts, each having a separate organisation of its own and a complete set of Provincial officers. We do not anticipate that Bro. STEVENS's motion will be entertained, but members of Grand Lodge will do well to reflect that, if it should be carried, and London is henceforth parcelled out into a number of provinces, the gain of a little purple will be obtained at the sacrifice of not a little gold to the Fund of Benevolence, the quarterages payable by members of London lodges being just double those of country lodges. As regards Bro. CLEVER's resolution to vote £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we are decidedly in favour of its being passed, but at the same time we trust that a similar sum will be voted towards the support of each of our Scholastic Charities, so that all of them may obtain some special benefit during this year of the Queen's Jubilee celebration. The last resolution of all—by Bro. W. NICHOLL—relates (1) to the election of officers, Boards and Committees, with a view to seeing whether or not it may be "desirable or practicable to adopt some system of voting by proxy papers, or otherwise, not necessitating personal attendance from a distance;" and (2) to the present method "of recording and counting the votes in Grand Lodge." As regards the former of these objects we will content ourselves with remarking that grave objections appear to have been always held by members of the Craft to any system of proxy voting, except in the case of the elections of candidates to our several Charities, and that in our opinion nothing has happened of late to disturb or destroy those objections, while, as regards the latter object, we are certain Bro. NICHOLL will deserve and receive the thanks of the brethren if he succeeds in devising any arrangement by which the recording and counting of votes in Grand Lodge can be facilitated.

THE first of our Anniversary Celebrations of the year has fully realised the expectations even of those who were most sanguine of a brilliant success, while it has undoubtedly gone far beyond the hopes of the people who make a point of looking every thing in the face coldly, and never believe in the probability of anything happening until it is accomplished. We, who were among the sanguine, are delighted, but not surprised, at the result which it was Bro. TERRY's good

fortune to announce on Tuesday. Many of our readers, whose experience of names and figures is necessarily more limited, will be both surprised and delighted with the account we publish of the Festival this week of the Royal Masonic Ben. Inst. The Chairman of the day, Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, has presided twice before on similar occasions; but, though the results in both cases must have been gratifying to him personally, to the Stewards who assisted him, his province which loyally supported him, and the brethren at large who are always pleased when success attends their Festival gatherings, they will not bear comparison with the far heavier total that was accumulated on Tuesday. Bro. TERRY has done great things in his time, but never has he achieved a triumph such as that we are dwelling upon now with such pertinacious thankfulness, nor have Bro. MASON and the other members of the staff ever worked harder or to better purpose. The Benevolent Institution has seen many great benefits conferred upon it in the course of its long and not uneventful career, but great as they may have been, and subject matter as they were at the time for general congratulation, they are cast into the shade by this—the latest and most splendid of them all. A total of £18,700, made up of nearly equal amounts from London and the Provinces, was announced in the course of Tuesday's proceedings, while the total we now place before our readers is £18,974 2s., and as there are still some lists to be accounted for, there is small reason to doubt that the sum ultimately reached will be fully, if not in excess of, £19,000. Writing—it may be, somewhat hastily—the other day, we suggested that, considering the difficult circumstances by which the Institution was presently surrounded, and seeing how the brethren were sending in their names to act as Stewards, a grand total of somewhere about £20,000 was on the cards. That amount has not been reached, but we do not regard our anticipation as a complete failure, when we find that nineteen-twentieths of it have been realised. Details apart, however, the event of the week has been a signal success for all who took part in it, and the result will materially assist in lightening the pressure under which, in spite of its productive Festivals, the Institution has been labouring for some few years. May the Celebrations of future years bear fruit still more abundantly!

IT would be an act of great discourtesy if we allowed the week to pass without offering our hearty congratulations to R. W. Bro. BEACH, M.P., the Chairman, and his Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Bro. BEACH has now presided at a Festival of each of our Institutions, and has had the satisfaction of witnessing a generous total of subscriptions on each occasion, his advocacy of the three in turn being both able and earnest, and what is more to the purpose, in all three instances, as we have before said, most successful. Similarly his Province has always seconded his efforts most loyally, and the brethren must feel proud at having played the chief part on Tuesday especially, and in a lesser degree at the Boys' Festival in 1877, and that of the Girls' in 1883. This latest total of upwards of £1750 from Hants and the Isle of Wight is a splendid return, and the Stewards who had a hand in building it up deserve the warmest thanks of all true Craftsmen.

WE congratulate Bro. FORD on his appointment by H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT to the Deputy Provincial Grand Mastership of Sussex, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. J. H. SCOTT, P.G.D. Bro. FORD is a Mason of recognised ability and influence, and has held the office of Grand Registrar of the Province over which he is now called upon to exercise, under, and in the absence, of his Royal Chief, the authority of Deputy. We must also congratulate the illustrious Duke on the excellence of his choice, and the brethren on having so able a brother to represent his Royal Highness.

OUR readers will hear with regret of the death, after a somewhat prolonged illness, of Bro. E. D. DAVIS, who was initiated into Freemasonry some fifty years since, and was invested as one of the G. Standard Bearers of England last year. Bro. DAVIS was highly respected in the Masonic circles in which he moved, as much so, indeed, as he was in the dramatic profession with which he had been associated during the greatest part of his career. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday, at the Jesmond Cemetery, Newcastle, was attended by a very large muster of brethren as well as of the general public. We defer giving a full report of his career until next week, the demands on our space being so heavy; but we take occasion to express our warm sympathy with the members of his family, and his brother Masons, on the heavy loss they have sustained.

The late Bro. E. D. Davis, G. Std. Br.

The Festival of the R.M.B.I.

THE Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, Grand Lodge of Virginia, celebrated its centennial on January 31st, and a long and interesting account was wired to the *New York Herald* for its issue of the following day. The present charter of the lodge dates from the year 1787, hence the festival; but the lodge itself existed many years before then, having been working under dispensations and other warrants. Records are still preserved, running so far back as 1752, GEORGE WASHINGTON having been initiated under the protecting wing of the lodge on November 4th, 1752, and was passed and raised in the following year—these important facts being proved by reference to the minute books. A charter was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Scotland on July 21st, 1758—so we are told; but we fail to find it in the list of warrants appended to the Book of Constitutions of that Grand Lodge published in 1848. The document is declared to have been addressed to Colonel THORNTON, *Master*, and other brethren, "and is now in the possession of the lodge in a good state of preservation." A number of the records of the lodge were unfortunately destroyed by the Federal troops under General BURNSIDE, which is much to be regretted, as they extended from 1777 to 1860. We are glad to be told, however, that the minutes "from 1752 to 1775, showing WASHINGTON'S connection with the lodge, and also the Bible upon which he was obligated, were saved." At the banquet, Grand Master REID responded to the sentiment "To the Memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON." This was followed by another—"To the Memory of MARY, the mother of WASHINGTON," but no word was said in relation to his father. The W.M. of Alexandria Washington Lodge responded to the cordial greeting given to the mention of No. 22, as the great General was its first Master. All the "sentiments" were most appropriate, "toasts" apparently being unpopular in the United States, and the concluding one—"Auld lang syne; where now are the friends of my youth?"—brought the eventful proceedings to a close.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on the 2nd prox. :—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December, 1886, will be read and put for confirmation.
2. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
3. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
4. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

The widow of a brother of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 89, Dukinfield	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Bank Terrace Lodge, No. 462, Accrington	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Probity, No. 61, Halifax	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate	75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Oriental Lodge, No. 687, Constantinople	50 0 0
A brother of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588, Stretford	75 0 0
A brother of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 985, Holbeach	50 0 0
A brother of the Bangalore Lodge No. 1043, Bangalore	60 0 0

5. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Board of General Purposes to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £4615 14s. 7d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash, £100, and for servants' wages, £100, and balance of annual allowance for library, £2 1s. 3d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

15th February, 1887.

6. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1886.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. By Bro. C. W. MEITER, W.M. Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London—

1st. That, in order to perpetuate the memory of the Jubilee of the glorious reign of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria and Empress of India, it be resolved that the Grand Lodge of England do prepare forthwith a foundation stone, and the same be consecrated by our present Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., or his nominee in London. The foundation stone to be ultimately firmly placed, if possible, upon the ground in, or near, the original site of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, and that the rebuilding of the said Temple as a "House of Prayer for all Nations" shall be proceeded with as soon as necessary funds be provided.

2nd. That with a view of providing the funds as speedily as possible for the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple as a "House of Prayer for all Nations," it be resolved that all present at the consecration of the foundation stone by the most Worshipful Grand Master shall be allowed to place contributions on the stone, the same to be publicly acknowledged; that the stone shall remain in London for a given time, the general public to enjoy the same privilege of subscribing and placing their subscriptions on the stone as those present at the consecration.

The foundation stone to be then forwarded to the principal cities of the United Kingdom and other Countries, and that the custodians, composed entirely of Free and Accepted Masons, to be nominated by the Grand Lodge of England, shall be

responsible for the safe custody of the stone, and the amounts placed thereon or otherwise subscribed for this object at each resting station, and to forward all contributions to the Treasurer, or as may be directed by order of the Grand Lodge of England.

2. By Bro. EDWIN THOMAS BUDDEN, P.M. Lodge of St. Cuthberga, No. 622, Wimborne, Dorsetshire.

That the new Rule No. 308 in the Book of Constitutions being at variance with, and contradictory to, the old Rule No. 288 in the same book, the said Rule 308 be forthwith repealed.

3. By Bro. WILLIAM NICHOLL, P.M. Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester :—

1st. That Past Masters shall be entitled to wear a distinctive collar.

2nd. That the Board of General Purposes be, and are hereby authorised and empowered to determine, and they shall so determine whether such distinction shall be silver cord in the centre, or whether it should be cord or braid or lace on the edges, and that they re-arrange Article 307 accordingly, and report the same in Grand Lodge in June next.

3rd. That Past Masters, duly qualified as members of Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to wear such collar on all occasions when Craft clothing may be worn.

4th. That Masters and Wardens when visiting officially, as enjoined in Article 149, may wear their collars and jewels of office, and shall wear them in Grand and Provincial and District Grand Lodge.

5th. That, by dispensation, full Masonic clothing may be worn by all officers wherever they are permitted to be present.

6th. That the Board of General Purposes be requested to redraft Article 308 accordingly, and report to next Quarterly Communication.

- By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. The Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, Camberwell :—

That Article No. 153 of the General Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, which declares that "All lodges held within ten miles of Freemasons' Hall, London, be London lodges, and are to pay the London fees and dues," be repealed.

5. By Bro. J. CLEVER, P.M. Lodge of Amity, No. 171, Greenwich—

That one thousand pounds be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to assist in placing extra annuitants on the funds, in view of the large number (130 candidates) seeking election in May next.

6. By Bro. WM. NICHOLL, P.M. Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester—

That the Board of General Purposes be requested to examine into the laws relating to the elections of all elective officers, Boards and Committees in Grand Lodge, and to report to next Quarterly Communication whether it is desirable or practicable to adopt some system of voting by proxy papers, or otherwise, not necessitating personal attendance of brethren from a distance.

That Article 75 Book of Constitutions be referred to Board of General Purposes for the purposes of ascertaining if it is possible to remodel and simplify and render it more workable as to the mode of recording and counting the votes in Grand Lodge.

List of brethren nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer :—

Richard Eve, I.P.M. No. 165, London, Prov. S.G.W. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Nominated by Bro. George Alexander Vennell, W.M. No. 165, London.

Augustus Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P., P.M. No. 1097, Tenbury, D.P.G.M. for Worcestershire. Nominated by Bro. Robert Berridge, P.M. No. 21, London.

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

- No. 2183, The Royal Hampton Court Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
- " 2184, The Royal Victorian Jubilee Lodge, Tilbury, Essex.
- " 2185, The Ardwick Lodge, Ardwick, Lancashire (E.D.)
- " 2186, The Striguil Lodge, Chepstow, Monmouthshire.
- " 2187, The Adur Lodge, Henfield, Sussex.
- " 2188, The Kerala Lodge, Calicut, Malabar Coast, Madras.
- " 2189, The Ashburton Lodge, Ashburton, Devonshire.
- " 2190, The Savage Club Lodge, London.
- " 2191, The Anglo-American Lodge, London.
- " 2192, The Highbury Lodge, Highbury, London.
- " 2193, The Queen's Jubilee Lodge, Nelson, Lancashire (E.D.)
- " 2194, The Golden Bay Lodge, Takaka, Nelson, N.Z.
- " 2195, The Military Jubilee Lodge, Dover, Kent.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday last, under the presidency of Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight. The gathering was one of the largest on record, so large, indeed, that an "overflow" banquet had to be held in another room, the Great Hall being filled to its utmost capacity.

In proposing "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," the CHAIRMAN said that the feeling that promoted loyalty in the breasts of Englishmen arose from the firm belief that under a constitutional monarchy we enjoyed more real liberty than falls to the lot of other nations of the earth, and that that feeling was intensified by attachment to our Queen. During a long reign of now 50 years she had so discharged her high duties that she had attracted to herself the love and affection of her people.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm,

The CHAIRMAN proceeded to propose "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family." He said that the Prince of Wales had ever shown himself ready to promote every useful institution that could conduce to the welfare of the people, and also willing to support every Charity in his power. In these days, when in some countries Freemasons were found to be connected with certain nefarious projects, English Freemasons might well congratulate themselves that the Prince of Wales had placed himself at their head, and during that period the manner in which Freemasonry had increased was the best testimony to the manner in which he had ruled over them. The son of the Prince had been introduced into Freemasonry, the Duke of Connaught also had taken a high position in the Craft; and he need only mention the name of the Princess of Wales to awake the enthusiasm of Freemasons.

In proposing "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," the CHAIRMAN said the Prince of Wales found it necessary to have associated with him an able coadjutor. In the Earl's

Carnarvon such an one had been found, and he was sure that Lord Carnarvon in whatever duty he was called on to perform in Freemasonry, discharged it in a most able and efficient manner. He might say that he had watched Lord Carnarvon's career with some considerable amount of interest, because he was the means of introducing Lord Carnarvon into the Masonic Order, and he was glad to see that the early instruction which his lordship had received in Freemasonry had been amply and fully carried out. He was quite sure that his name was sufficient to carry enthusiasm to the hearts of Masons to give him not only a hearty reception when present, but also to his name when absent.

The next toast was to "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers."

In proposing this toast the CHAIRMAN said that in the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, they had a Freemason who united in his person those essential Masonic qualities of ability and courtesy ruling over one of the largest provinces in England with conspicuous tact, and also found time to discharge his duties in London and other parts wherever Masonic work might demand his presence. With regard to the officers of Grand Lodge he would only say that by their conduct, they amply justified the confidence which had been placed in them, and when Freemasons saw them coming among them, they were glad to profit by their advice, and congratulate themselves upon having such able and efficient officers.

Bro. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, P.G. Treas., in behalf of the Grand Officers, said in reply to the toast, that he esteemed it a very great honour to have his humble name associated with this toast, and in the presence of such illustrious Masons as those by whom he was surrounded, remembering that he held his appointment direct from the Craft it was his duty ever to remember that it behoved him to act with that knowledge always before him, and to serve as far as he possibly could the one great principle of the Order. It was now eight years ago, that very day, that he entered that hall as an Entered Apprentice, and served his first Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution. Since that day it had been his privilege to serve the office of Steward at every Festival of the Old People, the Girls, and the Boys. And to-night it was his great privilege to introduce his son as an Entered Apprentice to serve his first Stewardship for the Old People; and on his behalf he desired to say that it was his earnest desire to co-operate with him in endeavouring always to serve to the best of their humble ability the three Masonic Charities of which all Masons were so proud.



THE CHAIRMAN.

The CHAIRMAN then rose and said: Brethren, an important duty now devolves upon me, namely, to propose to you "Success to the Benevolent Institution," whose Anniversary we have come here to celebrate. And, brethren, when I give you a succinct account of the present condition in which this Institution stands, and the number of applicants there are for its benefits, you will accordingly see how urgent the demand is for your benevolence and assistance. Brethren, it is impossible by any yearly sum to store up sufficient to meet all charges which come upon the Institution; it is therefore upon that charitable assistance which is given in a great Anniversary of this kind, that the committee of the Institution are bound chiefly to rely. When this Institution was founded the late Duke of Sussex was Grand Master, in the year 1842, and since that time there had been 693 recipients of annuities. After the last elections there were 173 men receiving each £40 a year which amounted to £6920. From this the permanent income of £1987 had to be deducted, which leaves £4933 to be made up, exclusive of working expenses. Well, now, there is another Institution combined with it, and this is no less useful—the Widows. Now, the Widows' Fund was established in 1849, since which 422 widows have been recipients of this branch. After the last election there were 202 widows on the Fund, receiving £32 a year, amounting to £6496. There were also 14

widows receiving half of their late husband's annuity making £280, and this comes to £6944, and deducting the permanent income of £1549, it leaves £4595 to be made up as well as the ordinary working expenses. There are at present 77 candidates for this, and 51 for the Male Fund. On the Male Fund there are only nine vacancies, and for this there are fifty-one candidates. You may judge, therefore, how great a gap has to be made up. The Committee have decided to place 25 additional annuitants on the Widows' Fund, involving an outlay of £800 additional. I may mention that there is an Asylum at Croydon, opened in 1851, which accommodates 33 annuitants. The total payments, therefore, for annuities were £14,464; the permanent income is £3536, thus leaving £10,988 to be provided for, besides working expenses. Well, the Committee would be extremely glad, I am instructed, to add further annuitants provided the assistance to be rendered on this occasion should be of an extremely liberal nature. Now, I cannot but hope that such may be the case, and I would venture to place these considerations before you as an appeal to your benevolence. I know full well that the benevolence of a Freemason is like a perennial fountain: it is always flowing, and whatever the calls may be upon you there is always benevolence coming for what is really deserving. How can you have anything more deserving than this Institution, where those who have been among you for years, have been suddenly afflicted by some unforeseen calamity. There may be brethren whom perhaps you have met in lodge, who have grasped your hand in the terms of friendship, who have looked forward to a long career of prosperity, and something has occurred, they have been struck down and brought low, and they have to appeal for assistance to the very brethren whom a short time ago they were meeting on terms of equality. Are you not ready, brethren, to render yourselves liable and free to respond to this call? I feel sure that you are, and when these brethren who are looking forward from such a past, who are waiting on the threshold of the Society, but there are not sufficient funds to admit them, when they hear that the results of this day have been exceptionally prosperous, then how cheerful will be their faces, and how much you will soon have to congratulate yourselves on having supplied that great need which has appealed to you not in vain. What can be more sad than the case of a widow whose partner is dead, and who is left to appeal to those who knew her husband, for their benevolence and assistance. I can only express the most sincere and fervent hope that the appeal made to you this day will not be without happy effect, and I commend this Institution to your thought, to your zeal, and to your liberality.

The Chairman was greeted with tremendous applause when he had concluded his appeal, and it was continued to an extent which seriously interfered with the speech in reply which was made by Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., who remarked that it was a saying of the wisest man that ever lived that there was a time and a season for everything under the sun, and he was quite sure that if there was a time and season for everything, the time for him to make a long speech was not on the present occasion. He knew they were all waiting anxiously for the announcement of the lists brought up by the Stewards, and he would therefore only detain them to say one or two words in response for this toast. He would express the thanks of those connected with the Institution to their Chairman who had come forward and taken the chair, as he always did, with so much ability. He (Bro. Martyn) looked upon him as his Masonic father, and he would thank all present by anticipation for the magnificent result which would be announced in a few moments. On behalf of the Institution, he begged to thank them very sincerely.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, the Secretary of the Institution, then came forward and announced the amounts resulting from the efforts of the Stewards from London and the various Provinces. When announcing the amount from East Lancashire, Bro. TERRY said that the brethren would perhaps be surprised at the smallness of the amount that he was about to announce; but they must remember that before 1887 was out there was to be a collection throughout the whole of the lodges in the province, and, although he was not authorised to announce the expected amount officially on that occasion, he believed it would amount to £1500. (Cheers.) As regards West Yorkshire, also, Bro. Terry said he did not know what they were going to do for the Jubilee year; but he ventured to think that they might expect a sum of four figures in addition to the sum (£750) which their 33 Stewards had collected. In conclusion, Bro. Terry said that there were 199 Provincial Stewards, who collected £9146, and 179 London Stewards, who collected £9554 18s., making a total collection of £18,700 18s., which was the highest sum ever announced in the history of the Institution. And he was sure they would permit him to add that when the totals of West Yorkshire and Lancashire were announced, the total announcements for this Festival would be over £21,000. (The announcement of the result was received with deafening applause.)

Bro. T. W. TEW, P.G.M. W. Yorks, begged the brethren to give him silence for a few moments while he proposed "The Health of the Chairman of this Festival." The Province of West Yorkshire, with which he had the honour to be associated, considered it a peculiar privilege to have the honour of proposing this toast. He might say that their Chairman of the evening since he was initiated into Freemasonry, in 1848, he believed, had twice taken the chair at the Girls' Festival, once for the Boys', and to-day they had the honour of sitting under his guidance at this Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The magnificent sum of £1743 contributed by the province which their Chairman ruled over showed what energy had been displayed by the brethren, and was a considerable contribution to the grand total of nearly £19,000 which Bro. Terry had announced. Their acknowledgments were due to the Chairman for his kindness in coming forward on this Jubilee occasion, and he therefore asked the brethren to drink his good health, and thank him for coming amongst them.

The CHAIRMAN: Accept my hearty and sincere thanks for the kind way in which you have received the mention of my name. It was not in vain that I appealed for liberality, but I hoped for a good result; but I confess that the anticipation has been more than realised. I will not detain you more than by expressing the hearty thanks I owe to the Stewards on behalf of the Institution. I am exceedingly indebted to the brethren of my own province for the liberal way they have rallied round me; and I would not forget those who have come with my excellent Bro. Tew from West York

shire with such a good contribution, and many others who have come also from thence, and those who have come from nearer home. London has distinguished itself in the most liberal manner possible, and I am sure nothing can be more gratifying than the announcement of the lists which have come in from every part of London. Those who are nearer the scene of our Festival to-day have come forward in the most liberal manner, and have contributed in the most liberal way to the support of the Institution. For myself, I say how flattered I am that such a very handsome list should have been collected under my presidency. (Applause.)

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES said if he might use the expression, the astounding as well as gratifying announcement which they had heard from Bro. Terry as to the very large amount collected for his branch of the Masonic Charities would excuse the excitement that had taken place that evening, and perhaps for the noise that was displayed at the other end of the hall. Under the circumstances there was a certain excuse for what had taken place, and while highly pleased that such an extraordinary sum had been collected on behalf of the Aged Masons and Widows of Freemasons, let them not forget that while they wished to ease the last years of Masons and their widows, there was also the rising generation to whom they wished to give a start in life, and while they were assisting the Benevolent Institution, there were also the Girls' and the Boys' Schools, whose Festivals would also come on soon. He hoped that the success achieved that evening would stimulate them to do their best at the Girls' Festival in May, and the Boys' Festival in June. Several articles had appeared in papers lately reflecting on the behaviour of Masons, and outsiders had said that Masons were more given to feasting than to more useful work, but he thought that that was disproved that evening, which showed that Masons after all had Charity at heart, and whatever outsiders might say, they could prove that Masonic Charity never failed.

Bro. HEDGES, Sec. of the Girls' School, said that he rose with great pleasure on behalf of the other Masonic Institutions to tender his sincere thanks for the kind reception which had been accorded that toast; and the pleasure with which he did so was greatly enhanced by the fact that the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach was occupying the chair that night. The Boys' and Girls' Schools were greatly indebted to the Chairman for similar services which he had already rendered to those Institutions, and he was sure he might speak on behalf of Bro. Binckes, as well as himself in taking this opportunity of recognising those services, and thanking him and his province for the very valuable help and support they had rendered them on those occasions. To-day was—if he might use the term—more than a red-letter day for the Benevolent Institution, and, on behalf of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, he heartily congratulated that Institution, the executive, and the Board of Stewards on the result of their labours that day; but, as the company were already aware, there were two other Festivals to follow, and he might hope that the success which would attend them would in some measure correspond with that which had been accorded to the Benevolent Institution that night. The word Jubilee had been heard a great many times lately, and would doubtless be many times more; and while Masons, as all other loyal subjects of their beloved Queen, would be called upon to support many good and noble objects, yet he ventured to say that among the many means which would be sought to celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee, none would be found more congenial to the hearts of English Freemasons—as it had been proved to-night—and none more in conformity with the great principles of their Craft than that which would be sought through the medium of our great and much loved Masonic Charities. On behalf of the other Masonic Charities, he thanked the Chairman and brethren very sincerely.

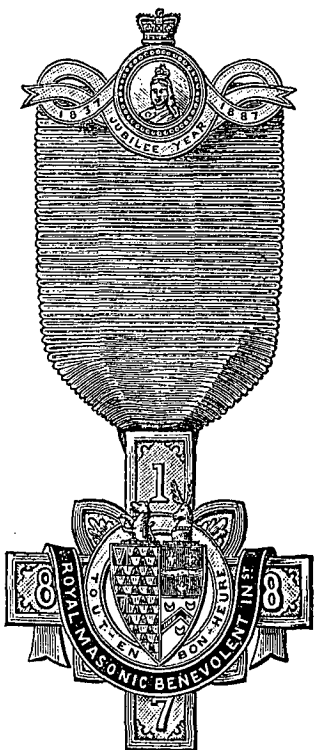
Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, then rose and said that when one saw and heard congratulations and rejoicings over the magnificent results of that day's Festival, one naturally ask oneself where did it all come from? He was not asking them a conundrum. It was a very curious question, where did the money come from? The answer was at once simple and significant; it was by the hard work, the energetic endeavours, and the extreme efforts of those worthy brethren—the Stewards. Most of those present probably knew what the work was, they had to put aside every feeling of bashfulness in their nature, and had to ask everybody they knew. They had that day a Board of most energetic Stewards, with the most brazenfaced of Secretaries, and they had worked in a most magnificent manner. It would be uncharitable and very ungrateful if the company were to leave that hall without acknowledging its obligation to them, and he (Bro. Clerke) would, therefore, without detaining them long, ask them to join him in recognising the admirable services of that magnificent Board of Stewards, to thank them very much for their services, and to hope that the other Secretaries might be blessed with the services of an equally efficient Board.

Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, P.G. Std., Hon. Treasurer to the Board, said, in reply, that it was a very proud moment for him to have to rise and return thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed. It was a very proud moment for himself and every member of the Board of Stewards when they found they had produced the magnificent sum which had been announced. He would not detain them longer than to return them his most sincere thanks.

"The Health of the Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Dr. STRONG, the Medical officer to the Institution at Croydon, and Bro. LAMBERT, P.G. Swd. Br., on behalf of the ladies returned thanks.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Organist, assisted by Miss Margaret Hoare, Miss Madeline Hardy, Miss Minnie Kirton, Miss Meredyth Elliott, and Bros. John Probert, Reginald Groome, Stanley Smith, and Egbert Roberts. Bros. Charles W. Pearce, Mus. Doc., and Edwin M. Lott presided at the pianoforte. Bro. R. J. Morley, 1326, was Toast Master.

The Stewards' favour worn on the occasion was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, London.



STEWARDS' LISTS.

LONDON.		Lodge	
UNATTACHED.		£	s. d.
Bro. John Baker	...	10	10 0
" John Barnett, jun.	...	10	10 0
" Robert Berridge	...	21	0 0
" Edgar Bowyer	...	50	0 0
" Samuel Brooks	...	31	10 0
" H. Carman	...	10	10 0
" Charles Cheston	...	10	10 0
" William Clarke	...	10	10 0
" Joseph Clever	...	46	14 6
" H. S. Goodall	...	21	0 0
" F. H. Gottlieb	...	...	...
" George Graveley	...	21	0 0
" Frederick Green	...	26	5 0
" Harry Parnell Hay	...	10	10 0
" Henry John	...	...	...
" Major George Lambert, F.S.A.	...	...	...
" A. Le Grand	...	15	15 0
" J. L. Mather	...	...	...
" C. F. Matier	...	52	10 0
" H. B. Marshall, sen.	...	26	5 0
" H. B. Marshall, jun.	...	10	10 0
" A. J. McIntyre, Q.C.	...	94	10 0
" James Moon	...	10	10 0
" W. J. Muris	...	31	10 0
" Henry F. Nash	...	10	10 0
" John Henry Roach	...	20	0 0
" Major Henry Stephens	...	60	12 0
" E. L. P. Valeriani	...	26	5 0
" N. L. Western	...	21	0 0
" Alfred Williams	...	10	10 0
" Alfred Woolveridge	...	...	...
Lodge			
1 Bro. Charles Belton	...	52	10 0
3 " John Larkin	...	103	7 0
4 " Gerald Sturt	...	26	5 0
5 " Fred. Pattison	...	29	8 0
8 " S. G. Glanville	...	23	1 0
11 " C. H. McQueen	...	21	10 6
14 " Alfred Williams	...	16	16 0
15 " Charles James	...	68	0 0
18 " Cpt. Cliford Probyn	...	33	12 0
19 " W. M. Bywater	...	50	18 6
21 " W. Grellier	...	...	...
22 " L. V. Walker	...	50	0 0
23 " Richard Clowser	...	10	10 0
26 " Daniel B. Ledsam	...	21	10 6
28 } " James Boulton	...	112	12 6
29 } " Edward Terry	...	28	15 0
30 } " Joseph Driscoll	...	110	10 0
33 } " R. C. Hallows	...	39	18 0
35 } " Edward H. Brown	...	40	19 0
58 } " Thomas Reynolds	...	135	9 0
60 } " Henry Hacker	...	15	15 0
65 } " R. Dyson	...	138	1 6
79 } " Vivian Orchard	...	178	10 0
87 } " Thomas Minstrell	...	58	0 0
95 } " John M. Knight	...	27	6 0
99 } " H. Trueman Wood	...	78	15 0
101 } " T. A. Bultock	...	...	...
140 } " Henry W. Roberts	...	51	2 0
141 } " George Coop	...	36	15 0
144 } " O. D. Ward	...	80	1 0
145 } " Geo. C. Banks	...	...	...
109 } " George Skudder	...	350	0 0
172 } " Thomas Whaley	...	62	16 0
173 } " James Millier	...	90	6 0
Chapter			
173 Comp. Edward Ayling	...	26	5 0
Lodge			
174 Bro. John Bulmer	...	330	0 0
Chapter			
176 Comp. Mihill Slaughter	...	42	0 0
Lodge			
179 Bro. E. C. Mulvey	...	108	13 6
183 " G. R. Langley	...	108	13 6
197 " R. Fuge Grantham	...	31	10 0
205 " A. J. Henochsberg	...	60	5 0
228 " G. H. Edis	...	81	15 0
235 " Ernest L. Marshall	...	15	15 0
255 " N. D. Fracis	...	18	18 0
256 " H. J. Bertram	...	35	14 0
259 " Rudolph G. Glover	...	31	10 0
435 " August Ross	...	27	16 6
511 " J. H. Lock	...	20	17 6
534 " J. G. Tongue	...	57	15 0
538 " John Skinner	...	10	10 0
548 " James Pain	...	103	8 6
554 " { John J. Berry	...	57	14 0
" { Hugh Cotter	...	52	18 6
569 " Major A. Durrant	...	210	0 0
Chapter			
619 Comp. H. Bond	...	35	3 6
Lodge			
704 Bro. Dr. N. Goodchild, jun.	...	36	15 0
715 " F. E. Upfield Green	...	13	13 0
733 " A. Arrowsmith	...	5	5 0
749 " G. Samuel Elliott	...	24	1 0
753 " J. J. Thomas	...	48	5 6
781 " R. K. Bull	...	170	7 0
813 " C. H. Ockelford	...	34	2 6
813 " William Pierpoint	...	21	0 0
820 " R. Pye	...	34	13 0
822 " Edwin C. P. Scott	...	31	10 0
860 " Geo. Stockwin	...	35	0 6
861 " W. G. Hallows	...	58	16 0
862 " David Jas. Ross	...	43	6 6
871 " Jas. Geo. Thomas	...	48	4 6
890 " J. B. Cumming	...	39	18 0
898 " Wm. Butcher	...	77	11 6
901 " Daniel Hughes	...	154	1 0
907 " John K. Coleman	...	60	7 6
933 " John West	...	81	17 6
975 " H. O. Hinton	...	70	7 0
1070 " John Dorton	...	63	0 0
1158 " W. Belchamber	...	22	11 6
1185 " Francis Knight	...	89	5 0
1185 " Rev. R. Morris, M.A., L.L.D.	...	21	0 0
1196 " Geo. E. Fairchild	...	50	0 0
Chapter			
1259 Bro. Charles Wakefield	...	40	19 0
1260 " Frank Taylor	...	76	13 0
1269 " J. H. Lane	...	51	7 0
1278 " Basil Stewart	...	101	7 0
1287 " Richard Cane	...	109	17 0
1298 " Ernest Edward Streat	...	59	17 0
1306 " Jas. Geo. Twinn	...	201	1 6
1320 " Alex. John Martin	...	31	10 0
1321 " R. A. Kirkaldy	...	65	12 6
1329 " G. W. Marsden, jun.	...	71	18 6
1351 " Arthur Betts	...	29	8 0
1265 " H. Oldham	...	50	8 0
1366 " R. W. Galer	...	117	15 6
1381 " R. C. F. La Feuillade	...	92	13 0
1382 " Sam. Geo. Bonner	...	170	0 0
1383 " W. deManby Sergison	...	84	0 0
1441 " B. Cooper	...	64	1 0
1471 " J. H. Thompson	...	73	18 6
1472 " C. Jolly	...	31	10 0
1507 " G. W. Knight	...	92	17 6
Chapter			
1507 Comp. Benj. Fullwood	...	10	10 0
Lodge			
1540 Bro. A. J. Bailey	...	36	15 0
Chapter			
1540 Comp. Henry Faija	...	21	0 0
Lodge			
1541 Bro. R. J. Ward	...	...	...
1571 " F. Duffield	...	49	7 0
1604 " H. Folsom	...	63	2 6
1607 " J. R. Large	...	86	16 6
1615 " Samuel I. Fisher	...	35	14 0
1622 " William Hamlyn	...	48	6 0
Chapter			
1624 Comp. Charles Taylor	...	12	12 0
Lodge			
1656 Bro. H. Sapsworth	...	32	4 6
Chapter			
1657 Comp. George Kenning	...	59	17 0
Lodge			
1671 Bro. Henry White	...	162	5 0
1681 " J. Rayner	...	37	12 0
1687 " F. V. Green	...	69	6 0
1693 " Harry Cecil Turner	...	74	12 0
1603 " R. P. Forge	...	...	...
1707 " A. Money	...	18	17 0
1716 " Edwin J. Witherstone	...	53	11 0
1719 " James Randall	...	...	...
1731 " Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith	...	52	10 0
1732 " W. Bailey	...	37	5 6
1744 } " W. M. Stiles	...	106	7 0
Cnap			
2048 } " W. M. Stiles	...	106	7 0
Lodge			
1767 " Jas. W. Barker	...	63	0 0
1790 " W. H. Ranson	...	64	4 6
1791 " Danl. Ferguson	...	41	14 0
1804 " Alford South	...	33	5 6
1805 " Henry B. Forbes	...	192	0 6
1816 " Charles N. Carrell	...	...	...
1922 " A. J. Clarke	...	70	1 6
1922 " Chas. R. J. Evans	...	115	10 0
1962 " Wm McDougall	...	...	...
1962 " James C. Tilt	...	36	15 0
1963 " Vincent T. Murché	...	176	15 0
1964 " James Terry	...	157	10 0
1987 " James Whiting, jun.	...	51	2 6
1996 " C. E. Botley	...	...	...
1996 " F. Botley	...	...	...
2021 " Capt. H. C. Lambert	...	58	16 0
2029 } " H. Tipper	...	26	5 0
2090 } " E. Dare	...	18	0 0
2032 " H. Bué	...	38	2 0
2000 " Augustus Harris	...	52	10 0
2127 " J. L. Cooke	...	36	15 0
2128 " W. Masters	...	...	...
Mark Lodge			
139 Bro. Charles Pulman	...	10	10 0
Red Cross—			
Premier Conclave Sir Knight George Mickley, M.A., M.B. ... 20 18 6			
THE PROVINCES.			
BERKS AND BUCKS.			
Lodge			
574 Bro. Reginald Maples	...	22	16 6
795 " Wm. Fenton	...	21	5 0
Chapter			
840 Comp. Rev. F. W. Harnett	...	36	15 0
Lodge			
1101 Bro. William Ferguson	...	21	0 0
1410 " Thomas Taylor	...	92	12 0
1506 " Henry Warden	...	...	...
BRISTOL.			
Bro. Pierrepont Harris	...	115	10 0
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.			
The Province—			
Bro. Andrew H. Moyes	...	200	0 0
CHESHIRE.			
Lodge			
537 Bro. Geo. H. Brown	...	19	15 0
758 " Thos. Kirkham	...	10	10 0
CORNWALL.			
450 Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce	...	368	11 0
CUMBERLAND AND WESTMOR- LAND.			
129 Bro. Dr. Charles E. Paget	...	55	13 0
DERBYSHIRE.			
253 Bro. W. H. Marsden	...	85	6 0
731 " Edgar Horne	...	110	5 0
731 " G. T. Wright	...	15	15 0
731 " Abraham Woodiwiss	...	52	10 0
850 " Geo. Fletcher	...	52	10 0
1179 " Wm. Fletcher	...	54	13 0
1235 " Geo. B. Smedley	...	42	0 0
" Percy Wallis			

Table listing members and contributions from Devonshire, Dorsetshire, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hants and Isle of Wight, Hertfordshire, Kent, and East Lancashire.

Table listing members and contributions from West Lancashire, Leicester and Rutland, Middlesex, Norfolk, North Wales, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, South Wales (East Division), Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Yorkshire (West).

SUMMARY table showing totals for various regions and Grand Total: £18,974 2 0.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

There is no need for us to preface our usual analysis of the Subscription Lists by any lengthened remarks in the way either of praise or congratulation; this part of our duty we have fulfilled elsewhere.

Having acquitted ourselves of this preliminary duty, we pass at once to the business of examination. The total, as announced by Bro. Terry on Tuesday evening was £18,700 18s, but those of our readers who were present will call to mind that a number of lists was mentioned as being at the time outstanding.

LONDON.

We note that of the 178 Stewards, 32 were unattached, 138 of them represented 132 lodges—there being sundry cases in which lodges were represented by two Stewards, and one or two in which a brother did duty for two lodges—while seven acted for as many Royal Arch chapters, in addition to which one Mark lodge and one Red Cross conclave sent each a representative.

Having completed our survey of the Metropolitan contributions we turn our attention to

THE PROVINCES,

Which have furnished the larger contingent of Stewards, though rather more than one-fourth of their number is unrepresented on the Board. This, however, is about the usual proportion of absentees, so that, as regards the distribution of their representatives, the provinces figure at least as conspicuously on this occasion as they have done previously. In point of numerical strength the provincial contingent was stronger than in 1885, when the largest Return ever known in connection with the Festivals of this Institution was realised, the brethren in this section of the Board having been 188 on that occasion, and on Tuesday 200. In 1881, when the late R.W. Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire, presided at the Benevolent Festival, the Provincial Stewards were 271 in number, of whom 176 hailed from West Yorkshire, but the product of the Festival was considerably less than on Tuesday; while in 1883, when Bro. Binckes achieved his greatest success for the Boys' School, and the total raised was in excess of £23,000, there were 256 Provincial Stewards, the aggregate of whose contributions was about £15,770. In this case, however, the Returns included some £8000 for the special purposes of the Preparatory School, which it was then in contemplation to establish. On Tuesday the 200 brethren from the 33 represented provinces amongst them made up a sum total of £9281 9s. the heaviest amounts being from Hants and the Isle of Wight (the Chairman's province), Kent, West Yorkshire, Essex, Middlesex, &c., &c. But before proceeding further in our task we may as well enumerate the provinces which had no part in the celebration. They were 12 in number, the list in the order in which it is arranged in the Calendar being headed by BEDFORDSHIRE (five lodges), which, however, was represented at the Benevolent and Girls' School Festivals last year, and having been constituted as a province as recently as the close of 1885, is fairly entitled to a respite from this class of duty, if it considers one is necessary. HEREFORD (four lodges), though it has—or till lately had—a Charitable Organisation of its own, does not often put in an appearance on these occasions; but, as we think we remarked in a previous Analysis, it need have no misgivings as to any contributions it may make being received with fraternal thanks. The ISLE OF MAN (six lodges) was only constituted a Province last summer, while three of its contingent of lodges are of recent creation, so that its absence must not be regarded unfavourably. When it has settled down and feels more at home under its new organisation, it will doubtless be found at its post, though much is not to be expected from a district so remote from the seat of government. As to LINCOLNSHIRE, with its 22 lodges, we almost despair of ever again seeing it worthily represented in these lists, though why it should have resolved on isolating itself from its sister provinces and studiously avoid participation in our anniversary celebrations passes all comprehension. We can only account for it by imagining there must be a screw loose somewhere. MONMOUTHSHIRE, though it has only eight lodges, was represented last year at the two School Festivals, its total at that of the Girls' School being in round figures £200, while in 1885 it raised exactly £200 for the Benevolent, and in 1884 upwards of £300 for the Boys' School. In fact, it supports our Institutions turn and turn about, and the chances are that its absence from the list on Tuesday can be accounted for by its having engaged itself to assist at one of the School Anniversaries. NORTHANTS AND HUNTS (10 lodges) has had no part in any Festival since that of the Boys' School in 1884, when it raised over £215. As a rule, it may be looked upon to give its services at one of the three Anniversaries, and we assume that it has not done so latterly owing to its being, as it were, in a state of transition, Bro. the Duke of Manchester having resigned the P.G. Mastership, and no one having as yet been appointed in his stead. NORTHUMBERLAND (21 lodges) only occasionally puts in an appearance, and then it does so very effectually, as was shown at the Girls' School Anniversary last year when its contributions exceeded £906, and at that of the Boys' School in 1883, when it was still more prominent, the total of its subscriptions being £1222 and a fraction. It also raised over £160 for the Boys in 1885, but curious to say, the Benevolent Institution appears to find but little favour with our Northumbrian brethren, though if they were pressed to explain this, they would probably be at a loss for any reason. The absence of SHROPSHIRE (10 lodges) may easily be accounted for. Its Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., has undertaken to preside at the Girl's School Festival in May, and it stands to reason that the brethren are reserving their strength for that occasion. SOUTH WALES, WEST (10 lodges), was represented at the Boys' School Festival in 1883, at that of the Girls' in 1884, at the Benevolent in 1885, and at that of the Boys' last year. WILTSHIRE (10 lodges) though it is but a small Province, is a frequent attendant on these occasions. Last year it raised close on £270 for the Schools. In 1885, it gave its services to the Benevolent, and in 1884, all three were assisted, the contribution to the Boys' School being, however, of modest amount. JERSEY (seven lodges) figured among Bro. Binckes's supporters in 1883, and among Bro. Terry's in 1885, while the CHANNEL ISLANDS (five lodges) though having no Provincial G. Lodge, gave substantial help to the Benevolent in 1884 and 1885, and to the two Schools last year. Thus it will be seen that the absentee provinces on Tuesday have, with one or two exceptions, given valuable and substantial help at other Anniversaries during the past three years, nor were their services less conspicuous in previous years. For sufficient reasons of their own—reasons which it would be impertinent for anyone to be over-curious about—they have stood aside from any participation in the work which has just been so successfully achieved. But their turn, or the turn of most of them, will come again either at the May Festival or at that immediately following; or if not then, on some future occasion, and when they do appear, we may be sure they will discharge their duty as loyally and as generously as they have done in the past.

Having thus paid due respect to our absentee friends, we pass on to the still more welcome task of describing briefly the extent and character of the services rendered by the represented Provinces, that of

BERKS AND BUCKS,

with its 21 lodges, taking the lead as usual. From this district there come six Stewards representing five lodges and a chapter, the chapter and one of the lodges belonging to Bucks, and the other four lodges to Berks. Five of these Stewards together furnish a total of £194 8s. 6d., which is a fair average considering that this is one of the Provinces which make a point of being represented at all our Festivals. In 1884 it distributed £464 16s. 6d. among the three Institutions; in 1885, £598 3s.; and in 1886, £587 6s. 6d., making a total for the last three years of £1650 6s., and an average per year of slightly over £550. This it will be allowed is an excellent record for a not over rich Province.

In the compact Province of

BRISTOL

There are eight lodges, which being within easy access of each other are able to consolidate their labours, and as a result are frequently in a position to make a better show than if the same number of lodges were scattered over a wider area. For reasons which it comes not within our Province to inquire into our brethren here appear to have a preference for supporting the Old People. In 1884 they raised for them £293 11s.; in 1885, £59 11s.; and last year, £318 10s., while the Girls' School received £145 19s. in 1886; and the Boys' School £115 10s. in 1885, and a modest £26 5s. in June last; the sum total for the three years amongst the three Institutions being £959 6s. On Tuesday, Bro. Pierpont Harris, who is no novice at the work, gave in a list of £115 10s., and well merits the thanks which Bro. Terry is certain to have tendered him for his valuable support.

As regards

CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

Which has been exerting itself admirably of late, the honour of its six lodges could not have been entrusted to better hands than those of its new Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Andrew H. Moyes, who appears to have signalised his appointment to that laborious office by repeating his Stewardship of June last at the first Festival during the Jubilee year and compiling the goodly sum of £200. In June he raised £131 5s.; the province having contributed £143 to the preceding Benevolent Festival, and £273 to that of the Girls' School; or for the whole year £547 5s. In 1885 this Institution was supported to the extent of £106 11s. 6d., and in 1884 the Boys' received £174 6s.; the total for the triennial period being £828 2s. 6d. For a province with so small an array of lodges nothing could well be better, and as there is an excellent Charitable organisation in Cambridgeshire, we have every confidence that her lodges will continue in the path they have latterly traced out.

CHESHIRE,

With its roll of 40 lodges, more or less, offers a somewhat unfavourable contrast. Only two lodges—Nos. 537 and 758—have sent up Stewards, and the sum of their contributions is £30. 5s. Of course, we bear in mind that it has an excellent Educational Institute of its own, which is liberally supported and does good work; and we are also aware that at present it is in what may be called a transition state, having lost through resignation its respected chief, Bro. Lord de Tabley, while it will be some few weeks ere his successor, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, is inducted into office. Yet having made these allowances, we must still confess to being somewhat disappointed that so strong a province should have made so modest a display. Possibly a heavy Return is in store for one or both of our Schools at the Festivals now rapidly approaching.

CORNWALL,

Which can boast of some 29 lodges on its roll, has been most diligent latterly in sending up Stewards, having missed only one of the nine Festivals held during the last three years. In 1884 its contributions were on a somewhat modest scale, but the following year it raised over £400 in about equal parts for the Benevolent and Girls' School, while in 1886 it gave, per Bro. Controller Bake, £152 5s. to the Old People, £31 10s., per the same brother, to the Girls', and £254 2s., per Bro. Truscott, to the Institution at Wood Green, making a total for the year of £437 17s. Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, who acted as Steward for the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, on Tuesday, was successful in making up a most acceptable list of £368 11s., such as we have not seen from this Province for some time, and which reflects the greatest credit both on it and Bro. Pearce.

In our analysis of the Boys' School Returns in June last, we expressed the pleasure it gave us on finding that

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND,

With its 20 lodges, had resumed its place in these lists, and our readers will probably call to mind that it signalised its re-appearance by subscribing, per its esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. G. J. McKay, and another Steward, Bro. J. H. Hogg, acting on behalf of the Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal, the very handsome sum of £500, Bro. McKay's list being a fraction over £425. On Tuesday Bro. Dr. Charles E. Paget, of the same Union Lodge, handed in a list of £55 13s. and if all goes well, we may hope to hear of further and equally good news from the same quarter when the remaining Festivals are being held. There is nothing like action for creating action, and Cumberland and Westmoreland having so conspicuously revived its former achievements in June last, will not improbably keep the ball rolling to good purpose for some time to come.

DERBYSHIRE,

Like its immediate predecessor in the list of Provinces has some 21 lodges and on Tuesday sent up a contingent of eight Stewards, of whom Bro. Percy Wallis appears to have been unattached, while the other seven represented the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby; the Arboretum, No. 731, Derby (three Stewards); the St. Oswald, No. 850, Ashbourne; the Rutland, No. 1179, Ilkinston; and the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann, No. 1235, Buxton. The aggregate of the eight lists was £429 14s. Last year it distributed £176 15s. among the three Charities. In 1885, when its chief, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, presided at the Boys' Festival, it very naturally limited its efforts to supporting his lordship, nor can it be doubted that it did so to very good purpose by raising the large sum of £1541 12s. In 1884, it assisted the Schools to the extent of £450 14s., the Girls receiving the lion's share in the shape of £356 4s. The total for the last three years is £2169 10s., which has been further increased to £2599 4s. by the contributions on this occasion.

There is no doubt that

DEVONSHIRE,

With its half-a-century of lodges has been working hard of late on behalf of its newly-organised Educational Association, and that its efforts to this end have met with a large amount of success. This will probably account for Bro. J. Lane, the learned compiler of the recently published "Masonic Records," representing the Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, Torquay, being the only Steward hailing from this popular Province. Otherwise we should be inclined to suggest that a single list of £50, however acceptable in itself, was hardly sufficient. However, it is on record that it gave substantial support to this Institution to the extent of £157 10s., and to the Girls to that of £136 19s. last year; while in 1885 its figures were—Benevolent £135 and Boys £289; and in 1884 they amounted, for the three Institutions together, to £102 18s. At the great Boys' School Festival in 1883 its Returns were £317 and a fraction.

DORSETSHIRE,

Thirteen lodges, gave £96 12s. to the Girls and £68 5s. to the Boys in 1885, while last year it showed to still greater advantage, its two Stewards, of whom Bro. W. James was one—though the chief portion of the work was done by Bro. Budden—having made up a total of £180 10s. for the Benevolent, while in the May following another brace of Stewards raised a joint list of £142 16s. On Tuesday Bro. James sent up £113 3s.

DURHAM

Sent up no Steward; but its annual donation of £52 10s. very properly figures in the list of Returns. It is not perhaps a very large sum for a province which can boast of 30 lodges; but the grant is made annually from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and each of the other Institutions has a like amount apportioned to them. As a rule, however, the contributions from this Province are on a limited scale. Last year the Benevolent received £105, the Girls' School, £68 5s., and the Boys', £63; total, £236 5s. In 1885, the Benevolent had £120 15s., and the Boys' School, £105, the Girls' School being left out in the cold; total for the year, £225 15s. In 1884, the Benevolent received £121 16s., the Girls', £120, and the Boys', £210, making £451 16s. We confess we shall be glad to see the Province returning to its figures for 1881, when the total for the year was close on £1024.

ESSEX,

With its 25 lodges or thereabouts, its popular chief, Bro. Lord Brooke, and his able Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg., invariably plays its part well at these celebrations. At the Benevolent Festival in 1884 its total fell short by a few shillings only of £400, the precise amount being £399 7s. In the May following, when Bro. Lord Brooke occupied the chair at the Girls' Festival, it contributed £1000, and it finished the year by raising £147 10s. 6d. for our Boys, giving an aggregate for the three Anniversaries of £1546 17s. 6d. In 1885, its total was £794 14s. 6d.—Benevolent, £456 13s. 6d.; Girls' School, £86 2s.; and Boys' School, £251 10s.; while last year it raised altogether £599 6s., namely, for the R.M. Benevolent Institution, £113 5s. 6d.; for the Girls' £245 14s.; and for the Boys' £238 6s. 6d. Thus in the years 1884-5-6. Essex has contributed £2940 18s., and on Tuesday fully maintained its high character, its 12 Stewards making up amongst them the serviceable total of £500 13s. Of the 11 brethren whose combined efforts brought about this result, 10 acted for nine lodges, and Comp. A. G. Durrant for Chapter No. 276, the list of that veteran among Stewards, Bro. Richard Clowes, being outstanding. Bros. G. Harrison and W. Lowman divided between them the honour of representing the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, the premier lodge of the province, their joint list being over £100, while Bro. Merritt, Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend, reached £116 16s. It is clearly impossible to bestow too large a measure of praise on lodges which so fully recognise and so efficiently discharge their duty towards our Institutions.

The representatives of two out of the 14 lodges of

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

namely, Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, acting for No. 246, and the Rev. Simon I. G. Fraser, No. 592, have between them handed in the useful, but not excessive, sum of 80 guineas (£84), of which 60 guineas (£63) constitutes the latter's list. However, the record of the Province during the last three years is a splendid one, and an occasional lapse into the minor totals is therefore to be expected. Thus in 1884, it gave £597 9s. among the three Institutions, of which £417 18s. fell to the share of the Girls' School. In 1885, when its Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., occupied the position so ably and satisfactorily filled by his relative on Tuesday, its total for the year was £1247 8s. 6d., of which the Benevolent received £1210 13s. 6d., and the Boys' School the small remainder; while last year the total reached £395 11s. 6d., the constituent items being £39 18s., for the Benevolent, £222 12s. for the Girls' School, and £133 1s. 6d. for the Boys. The total for the triennial period is £2240 9s., and in the face of such an amount from so limited a Province, we give the modest figure of Tuesday a hearty welcome.

As regards the Chairman's Province of

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT,

there is no question as to the brilliant success of its exertions, in spite of the shortness of the interval between Bro. Beach's acceptance of the Chairmanship and the day appointed for the celebration of the Anniversary. There was a goodly array of 28 Stewards, but doubtless many more would have given their services, had they known earlier that their respected chief was going to preside on the occasion. However, Prov. G. Lodge voted 250 guineas from its funds, and Prov. G. Chapter followed suit with a grant of 50 guineas, while Bro. Eve supplemented the latter amount with 100 guineas from his own purse. Thus with a certain £420 to set the ball rolling, it is not to be wondered at that the other brethren worked with a will, and had their efforts generously backed up by the members. At all events, the Stewards' lists total up £1758 14s. 6d., that of Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre heading the array with £412 13s., Bro. Eve following with £157 10s., Bro. Capt. the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe's being next with £123 5s. 6d., and then Bro. Major Rebbeck with £110 5s. Bro. Mason, the indefatigable collector of the Institution, just managed to get into three figures, the amount of his list being 105 5s., while Bro. Francis Newman figures for £89 5s., and Bro. Dr. Knott for £84. There is no list outstanding, and the total is far in excess of anything done in past years by this Province, though in 1883, when Bro. Beach acted as Chairman for the Girls' School, the sum raised (£1307) was well worthy of the *kudos* it received at the time. In 1884 it distributed among the three Charities £1180 10s. 6d.; in 1885, £1062 1s. 6d.; and last year £826 15s. 6d., making the aggregate for the three £3069 7s. 6d., or rather more than £1000 per annum. We must congratulate Bro. Beach, P.G.M., on having so loyal a Province, and the Province on its good fortune in having so excellent a chief to preside over its fortunes.

As regards the number of its lodges,

HERTFORDSHIRE

is about on a level with Gloucestershire, while the resemblance between the two holds good in this further respect, namely, that both are regular and liberal supporters of our Institutions. On Tuesday Herts was represented by 11 Stewards, Bro. J. E. Dawson, the D.P.G.M., acting independently, and the other 10 as representatives of no less than 9 out of the 14 lodges and the chapter attached to a tenth. The sum of their lists was £396 19s. Last year it raised £504 16s. 6d.; in 1885, £411 9s.; and in 1884, £470 9s. 6d., making for the three years £1386 15s., of which £964 os. 6d.

was subscribed to this Institution; £228 19s. to the Girls; and £193 15s. 6d. to the Boys. Considering, indeed, how well this little Province does its duty by our Charities, we are often tempted to wonder why it is that Bro. T. F. Halsey, its P.G. Master, does not venture upon a Chairmanship at one of our anniversaries. He is a strong Mason, highly respected and influential, and we are confident would be well backed up by the Craft.

KENT

may have a long purse and an excellent organisation for Charitable purposes, as it certainly has a splendid chief and a formidable array of lodges. But even these advantages, great as they are, will hardly account for the large totals which figure in its name in the Returns of successive anniversaries. In 1883 when Bro. Earl Amherst—then Viscount Holmesdale—presided at the Boys' School Festival, its contribution was slightly in excess of £2316, the lesser sums raised for the Benevolent and Girls bringing the total up to over £2692. In 1884, it distributed £1331 13s. 6d., the Girls' receiving the largest share (£561 10s. 6d.), and the Benevolent the smallest (271 8s.). In 1884 it raised £1578 17s., the Boys' School receiving £714 17s. 6d.; the Benevolent, £531 12s.; and the Girls, £332 7s. 6d. Last year the Benevolent had the advantage with £884; the Girls obtaining £547 os. 6d.; and the Boys £294, making the year's Return £1725 os. 6d., and for the three years £4635 10s. On Tuesday it sent up 17 Stewards representing 16 lodges, and their lists amounted together to £1227 17s. 6d. which is certainly a grand beginning for the Jubilee Year. It must be immensely gratifying to the Prov. G. Master to find his lodges so pertinaciously exhibiting their devotion to our Charitable duties.

It is to be regretted that the Returns from

EAST LANCASHIRE

are so incomplete. Of 17 brethren entered as Stewards only seven have made any returns, and to judge from the amounts placed against their respective names, only one appears to consist of more than the brother's personal contribution. The result is that East Lancashire, which is numerically our strongest Province, figures for no more than £89 5s. Had the others sent in their lists, the Province would doubtless have made a worthier display. Not that we often have large amounts from this quarter, except on very special occasions, as in 1883, when it gave the Boys' School £2100, and in 1879 when its Prov. G. Master presided at the Festival of this Institution, and the brethren supported him to the extent of £3542. Last year, for instance, it raised £443, each Institution obtaining a share; in 1885, £428; and in 1884, £1247; or for the triennial period, £2118. However, it has a Charitable Association of its own (which absorbs a considerable amount of its funds.

So, too, has

WEST LANCASHIRE,

Which, however, with 11 Stewards, figured on Tuesday for £396 8s., one list still being outstanding. Last year it raised £510 6s., in 1885 £582 15s., and in 1884 £751 4s., or for the three years, £1844 8s. At the great Festival of the Boys' School in 1883, it figured for £334 5s. 6d., while in 1880, it seconded the Chairman, the Earl of Lathom, its own P.G.M., with close on £2665.

The Province of

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

Had a worthy representative in Bro. John Metcalfe, who compiled the handsome total of £250. As there are only some 12 lodges on the roll, it is clear that Bro. Metcalfe must have done his part well. Last year the province gave £267 15s., of which, all but £10 10s., was received by this Institution. In 1885 the Girls' obtained the lion's share in the shape of £405, the Boys' receiving a supplementary £26 5s., while in 1884 £330 was contributed to the Benevolent, the Boys' School having had its turn the year previous, when the province figured for £405. These are facts of which a province so limited in numbers has just reason to be proud.

What is commonly known as the metropolitan Province of

MIDDLESEX,

like its Kentish neighbour, is both a consistent and liberal supporter of our Institutions, but having a less formidable array of lodges, it does not shine quite so conspicuously. On Tuesday its contingent of 12 Stewards—11 of whom acted for as many lodges, while one was unattached—made up amongst them a comfortable total of £431 17s. In 1886, the totals returned for the three Institutions amounted to £1033 19s., of which the Benevolent was fortunate enough to secure the larger half; in 1885, they reached the lower sum of £867 6s., which was fully impartially shared among the three, while in 1884, the figure was £724 17s. 6d., of which rather less than a moiety fell to the Girls' School; total for the three years, £2626 2s. 6d. Excellently well done, Middlesex!

We must congratulate

NORFOLK,

or, perhaps, we should say, its Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich, and Bro. Bridgman, who represented it on the Board of Stewards, on its extremely satisfactory list of £151 5s. We are not starting a novel proposition in suggesting that Norfolk, being an agricultural Province, is, at the best of times, not strong. Moreover, in June last, Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M., occupied the chair at the Boys' School Festival at Brighton, and his lodges handsomely supported him to the tune of £420, the Girls' Institution the month previous having received £67 4s., the sum of the two contributions being only a few pounds short of £500. In 1885 the Girls were favoured with £200, and the Boys and Benevolent had each a modest amount of support in 1883. If we bear in mind the severe distress which has prevailed of late years in agricultural districts, we shall recognise that Norfolk, though its Returns are not large for a Province having some 16 lodges on its roll, has done its part well, the comparative smallness of its resources being accountable for the comparative modesty of its donations.

NORTH WALES,

with its tale of 18 lodges, entered on its career as a separate Province towards the close of 1885, and signalled the event by raising by the hands of two Stewards the sum of £29 11s. for this Institution in the February following. In May last it contributed per Bros. Lieut.-Col. Platt and C. K. Benson, £102 7s. 6d., and it closed the year with £87 3s. to the Boys' Festival at Brighton in June. Thus in the first year of its existence it gave a fraction over £219 among our Charities. On Tuesday it sent up four Stewards—among whom were Bros. S. Pope, Q.C., G.S.D., and Lieut.-Col. Platt—with a total of £152 1s., Comp. R. J. David's list for Chapter No. 606, being at the top with £70. This looks like work during the Jubilee Year.

One of the 14 lodges in

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

sent up a small list of £27 0s. 6d, but this is very far from representing the average sum of its subscriptions, which is oftener than not about £200. Thus in 1886 it gave the Benevolent £176 18s. 6d., and the Boys £102 2s. In 1885 all three Charities were assisted, the Benevolent with £158 13s.; the Girls with £261 14s.; and the Boys with £120, while in the previous year the Benevolent and Boys' School were the chosen recipients of the Notts contributions, the former obtaining £142 14s. 6d., and the latter £231 10s. 6d. It is probable, therefore, that the Province is reserving its strength for the School Anniversaries.

We can always reckon on

OXFORDSHIRE,

albeit a small province numerically, taking part in these celebrations. It did so in the days when the Grand Registrar had charge of it, it increased its efforts under the late Duke of Albany, and it continues them under its present chief, Bro. the Earl of Jersey. On this occasion two of its 10 lodges were represented, Bros. Capt. Airey and W. H. Seary, of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, making up a joint list of £56 2s. 6d., and Bro. Jos. Richardson, of the Bertie, No. 1515, another Oxford lodge, supplementing this with £16 16s.: total for the Festival £72 18s. 6d. Last year it raised £46 18s. 6d. for the Benevolent; £106 for the Girls; and £126 4s. 6d., or together, £279 3s. In 1885 it distributed £207 14s., and in 1884 £293 8s. 6d. among our Charities.

The Pro Grand Master's Province of

SOMERSETSHIRE

is regularly represented, its contributions being always respectable, and at times weighty. On Tuesday, Bro. W. Adams as Steward for the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton—a frequent participator in these anniversary meetings—well sustained the credit of his Province by handing in a list of £132 8s. In June last Bros. Lieut.-Col. Thrale Perkins and Nosworthy made up a total of £303, the Girls having received £133 7s. in May, and the Benevolent £173 4s. in February: giving an aggregate for 1886 of £609 11s. In 1885, the Benevolent obtained £176 8s.; the Girls, £305; and the Boys, £136 10s.: total £517 18s.; while in 1884 the several contributions were—Benevolent, £505 5s., Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., acting as sole Steward for the Province—the Girls, £71 8s., and the Boys, £64 1s., making together £640 14s., or for the three years, £1768 3s. There is no doubt as to this being an admirable record and well worthy of imitation.

Though it has sent up no Stewards,

SOUTH WALES, EASTERN DIVISION,

has contributed £36 15s., of which £26 5s. is from the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge, and the remaining 10 guineas (£10 10s.) from the Bute Lodge, No. 960, Cardiff. However, if the total is small in this instance it has been more commonly otherwise, as the £160 handed in to the Girls and the £200 to the Boys in 1884; the £200 in each case at the Girls' and Boys' Festivals in 1885, and the £140 (Girls) and £105 (Boys) of last year abundantly testify. Here, at all events, we have a total of upwards of £1000 at six out of the nine Festivals in 1884-5-6, which is a fair record for a Province with no more than 16 lodges.

STAFFORDSHIRE,

with about the same number of lodges as Somersetshire—having some 27 to the latter's 25—is likewise a diligent upholder of our Institutions. On Tuesday, its one Steward, Bro. T. R. Lee, acting for Tudor Lodge, No. 1792, Harborne, made up a total of £132 6s., or only a fraction less than his Somersetshire colleague. In 1884 the sum of its subscriptions was £646 6s.—the R.M.B.I. receiving £152 5s.; the Girls, £180 19s. 6d.; and the Boys, £313 10s. 6d. The year following they amounted to £695 2s., made up of £141 15s. to the Benevolent, £215 5s. to the Girls, and £338 2s. to the Boys, while last year they totalled up £577 10s., the Benevolent and Girls' School each obtaining £204 15s., and the Boys £168: total for the triennial period, £1938 18s.

SUFFOLK,

with its roll of 21 lodges, has done splendidly. We are not surprised at this. It has some good men and true among its members, who work well and are capable of evoking a good deal of sympathy with any object they have in view, and as our Charities happen to have been their object for some time past and to be so now, the generous support accorded them is to be expected. On Tuesday, a trio of Stewards, acting for as many lodges, compiled a total of £418 19s., Bro. W. Inglis Mason's list for the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, taking the lead with £193 4s., and Bro. Shepherd's, for the Abbey Lodge, No. 1592, Bury St. Edmunds, being a good second with £173 5s., the balance of 50 guineas (52 10s.) constituting the list of Bro. G. Jones as Steward for the Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham. Last year it gave among the three Institutions a fraction over £553; in 1885, £691 3s.; and in 1884, £627 1s. 6d.; the total for 1884-5-6 being £1871 5s., of which the Benevolent received £774 6s. 6d., the Girls' School £674 17s. 6d., and the Boys' School £422 1s. It looks as if Suffolk intended surpassing all its past efforts during the current year.

We are pleased to find

SURREY

so well represented, eight of its nine Stewards sending in lists amounting to £349 11s. 6d.; Bro. Ridpath's, for the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, being a long way the first with £152 15s. 6d. The list of Bro. West (unattached), is still outstanding. It will be remembered that last year this Province did great things, its contribution to the Girls' School Festival, at which its Prov. G.M., Bro. Gen. Brownrigg presided, being £1345 15s. 6d., in addition to which it raised £148 11s. for the Benevolent, and £334 14s. for the Boys' School, making a grand total for the year of £1829 0s. 6d. In 1885 it raised £507 3s., and in 1884 £592, a subsidy to each Institution being given in each year. The total for the three years is £2928 3s. 6d. It is true the Province has a roll of 32 lodges, but quite half-a-dozen of these are of recent creation, and could not in reason therefore be expected to contribute largely.

SUSSEX

is another of our Provinces which has latterly had its resources drawn upon pretty liberally. In June last, the Boys' School Festival was held in Brighton, and Sussex worthily supported Bro. Lord Suffield, the Chairman, by contributing £420 towards the general total, and in the February previous it had given the Benevolent £122 10s. In 1885, when its late lamented chief, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., occupied the chair at the

Girls' School, it raised the munificent sum of £1850, which was supplemented by a further £73 10s. to the Boys' School. In 1884 it gave sixty guineas (£63) to the Benevolent Institution, £237 6s. to the Girls', and £157 10s. to the Boys', its total for 1884-5-6 amounting to £2903 16s. Under these circumstances we are not surprised that the figure of Tuesday was £112 7s., of which Bro. Markwick's list for the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, absorbed £100. We dare say Sussex will see that its average is maintained during the current year.

It is somewhat disappointing to find that so influential a Province as

WARWICKSHIRE,

has contributed no more than £75 12s. It has some 30 lodges, of which 16 have their home in Birmingham. Yet only two sent up Stewards, the joint list of Bros. Lawrence and Simpson, for the lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, being £28 7s., and that of Bros. Taylor and Warrillow, for the Temperance Lodge, No. 739, Birmingham, being 30 guineas (£31 10s.) The Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham, made up the balance of £15 15s., but was not represented on the Board of Stewards. Last year the Province raised £616 10s., namely, for the Benevolent, £230 2s., for the Girls', £102 18s., and for the Boys', £283 10s. In 1885, its figures were, Benevolent, £101 6s., Girls' School, £74 11s., and Boys' School, £173 5s., making a total of £349 6s. In 1884, they were, Benevolent, £126, Girls' School, £90 6s., and Boys' School, £73 10s., total £289 16s., the three years' aggregate being, £1255 12s.

None of the dozen lodges in

WORCESTERSHIRE

appears to have been represented at Tuesday's Festival, but Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., the Deputy of the province, figures in the list with a useful £31 10s. against his name, and we shall probably hear more from this district before the year is out. Our Worcestershire friends take very kindly to Freemasonry, and every one of them displays his zeal for charity in a very substantial measure. Thus in 1884 it raised £426 11s. for the three Charities, in 1885, £396 18s., and last year £413 8s., altogether £1236 17s. This is a very fair record, giving an average of close on 100 guineas per lodge for the triennial period.

Three out of the 29 lodges in

YORKSHIRE, NORTH AND EAST,

were represented, the total of the three lists being £93 7s. Last year its total for the three Institutions was £165 14s. 6d., but in 1885 it raised £535, in 1884, £559, and in 1883, £920, or for the period 1883-4-5-6, close upon £2180. Doubtless we shall hear of the Province figuring more conspicuously at one or the other of the School Festivals.

As regards

WEST YORKSHIRE,

if we state that it sent up 33 Stewards headed by Bro. T. W. Tew, the respected Provincial Grand Master, and that its total was £750, we shall have said enough to prove that on Tuesday this Province played its part quite as effectively as usual. During the last 12 years, as we pointed out in our Analysis of the returns at the Boys' School Festival in June last, West Yorkshire's contributions to our three Institutions total up to £24,566, being an average of £682 per Festival. Thus the present amount is in excess of that average. However, we will not mar the effect of this admirable picture, which tells its own tale eloquently enough, without the aid of any superfluous comments.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

These, we promise, shall be sufficiently brief. We have gone through the Returns pretty minutely. We have given credit to the donors, whenever possible, without exposing ourselves to the charge of flattery, and it only remains for us to repeat our congratulations to all who have had part in obtaining so grand a result. The immediate effect will no doubt be that the Committee of Management will feel itself justified in recommending a further increase in the number of annuitants, and so reduce the list of applicants to more manageable dimensions. If this should happen, the pleasure which those must feel who have contributed to the brilliant success of Tuesday will be greatly enhanced, while others will be encouraged to emulate their example.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. CHADS (MARK) LODGE, No. 374, WEST YORKSHIRE.

The consecration of this new Mark lodge took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds. There was a large gathering of brethren, including—

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. L. Mason; the W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis, D.P.G.M.M.; Bros. George Allthorp, P.S.G.W.; J. H. Gration, 137, P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. Dunn, 111, P.G. Chap.; George Norminton, 58, P.G. Treasurer; W. Cooke, 58, G.P.S.O. of Eng., P.G. Secretary; W. F. Tomlinson, 111, Prov. G.M.O.; W. Fincken, 137, P.G. Org.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.W.; H. France, 110, P.P.S.G.W.; Charles Woollons, 110, P.P.G.D. of C.; F. Smith, 352, P.G.D.C.; John Barker, 59, P.G. Stwd. of Eng.; Henry Smith, 110, P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Bailey, 111, P.P.J.G.O.; George Hill, 111, P.J.G.D.; G. H. Radcliff, 58, P.P.S.G.O.; George Chapman, 324, P.P.J.G.O. Notts; Thomas Howden, 110, P.G. Stwd.; G. H. Locking, 111, P.G. Stwd.; A. Lotriez, Bradford; S. S. Young, 24; R. Hodgson, 58; John Green, 58; W. J. Beck, 58; William Ackroyd, 58; J. G. Lee; P.M. 58; H. Oxley, 110; J. A. Conner, 110; W. Furze, 111; C. Middleton, 111; R. Craig, 111; T. Myers, 111; S. Barrand, 111; E. Billington, 127; S. Evans, 352; and the founders of the lodge—the Rev. T. C. Smyth, M.A., D.D., LL.D., Grand Chaplain of England; J. M. Hollingsworth, A. F. McGill, W. S. Blackburn, and J. W. Fourness.

The Prov. Grand Master, assisted by his officers, opened the lodge at 4.30. A successful ballot was taken for four brethren for advancement, namely, Bros. Clayton, Clements, H. G. Blackburn, and Scattergood, and being duly admitted, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Masons by the R.W. Prov. G. Master, after which the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with. The Prov. Grand Secretary having stated the wishes of the brethren, handed the warrant of constitution to the Prov. G. Master, who directed him to read the same, which was duly accepted by all present.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. L. Mason, then addressed the brethren as follows:—It is not my intention to keep you many minutes to-day, but I deem it well on this occasion of the inauguration

of a new Mark Lodge, that some few words should be said in reference to our Order, and also as an encouragement to those who have undertaken the task of promoting its foundation. I should, however, in the first place, like to say a few words of congratulation to my old friend Bro. Dr. Smyth, a Mark Mason of 35 years standing, on the choice made in selecting him as the first Master, an honour not sought by him, and only accepted after mature consideration and consultation with his friends, and also that the name the new lodge bears will for ever perpetuate not only his sacred calling but also the place where his ministerial work more particularly lies. We have seen in the ceremony that we have this evening witnessed one peculiar teaching of the Mark Degree, the candidate going forth in the enthusiasm of his work, exercising his skill and ingenuity, carefully preparing his work, and presenting it, when to his sorrow and confusion he finds it rejected and thrown over among the rubbish as useless. Mark Masonry has existed for years. Its friends have worked and toiled hard in its behalf, but ever it has been rejected, cast aside as useless, or as being no integral part of Masonry, yet when the time came it was found to contain, as it were the connecting link, to compress and cement the whole fabric of Masonry in one firm and solid whole. Again, we find in our daily intercourse in life, that there are some men who are steadily walking on, persuing their way quietly and inoffensively, the world watches them, pities them, and even holds them up to ridicule, yet the time comes when some more important work is required to be done, when some true philanthropist is needed to take the head, and he is found amongst those who previously have been held up as spending useless lives, although they may have been gradually training for the special work required of them. Mark Masonry teaches us not to be discouraged by want of success. We have all our allotted task to fulfil, and whatever may be our lot, whether great or insignificant, whether in the front or in the rear, we have our special work to do; our works, words, and actions, may be all misunderstood, improper motives may be attributed to us, yet in steadily pursuing our way, and although we may in the moment of disappointment exclaim "My labour is lost," yet it is not so, and in due time, if we faint not, we shall reap our reward, and exclaim with the Craftsmen of old "Thanks be to God, I have my reward." In the Degree the advantage of education and refinement are forcibly impressed upon our minds, and it has not been unaptly termed the degree of uprightness. The upright man! What a flood of thought those words bring to our recollection. Who can properly estimate the upright man; a man who always acts upon the square; one who always thinks of the wants of others before his own; wherever sorrow or suffering is to be found there we find him doing to others as he would have others do to him; dealing fairly with all men. In the words of one well known to us. He is "One to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom distress may prefer its suit, whose head is guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence." As in the Craft the square teaches us morality and justice, the level equality, and the plumb-line integrity. So in Mark Masonry do the various symbols used convey to us moral lessons. The hour-glass reminds us that life is quickly passing away, and teaches us to improve the remaining portions of our life. The rope and anchor remind us of a well-spent life, and teach us to look forward to that time when we shall be safely anchored in the peaceful haven

Where the wicked ceased from troubling
And the weary are at rest.

The axe teaches us to avoid the danger of indulging in deception and of attempting fraud; to act openly with our fellow men, so that with minds conscious of right we can work forward void of offence to God and man. The All-seeing eye remind us of the vigilance and unceasing watchfulness of the G.O.O.T.W. which teaches us to take heed of our steps, to be cautious in our demeanour, to avoid offending with the tongue, and so to direct our conduct in every relation of life as to give evidence that we are conscious of the care of the G.O.O.T.W. The lodge was then solemnly consecrated in ancient form.

The P.G.M. then installed the W.M. nominate, V.W. Bro. Rev. Thos. Cartwright Smyth, Vicar of St. Chads, Headingley, into the chair of A., there being 17 installed Masters present. He afterwards invested Bro. Dr. Hollingsworth, S.W.; Bro. Dr. McGill, J.W. The other officers having been duly invested the lodge was duly closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE ADONIRAM ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

The consecration of the Adoniram Rose Croix Chapter, under the authority of the Supreme Council, 33°, took place at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, on Friday, the 11th inst. The following members of the Supreme Council were present: Capt. N. G. Philips, Most Illustrious Lieutenant G. Commander; Major-General Clerk, G. Treasurer General; H. D. Sandeman, G. Secretary General; General Brownrigg, G. Prior; Col. A. W. Adair, G. C. of Gds.; and Major G. Lambert. There were also present Rev. T. W. Lemon, 31°; W. M. Bywater, 31°; Sir Love Jones Parry, Bart., Col. W. Newton, R. Loveland Loveland, 31°; George Kenning, 30°; Capt. R. F. Castellari, 30°; A. F. Godson, M.P., 32°; A. M. Broadley, 18°; Augustus Harris, 18°; G. Graveley, L. Steele, H. Lovegrove, Dr. G. Mickley, G. P. Festa, Capt. S. G. Kirchoffer, 32°; R. J. Moore, Rev. J. Cochrane, Col. C. Bignold, 18°; W. Lake, 18°; and F. Davison.

The acting M.P.S.G. Commander, Ill. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, then proceeded to open a Supreme Council Chapter Rose Croix in ancient form, after which the ballot was taken for the candidates as enumerated on the summons convening the convocation, which in each case proved unanimous, and the following brethren, being in attendance, were duly perfected and received into the Order: B. R. Bryant, W. Vincent, J. Taylor, J. Mainwaring, M. Mildred, and J. Terry.

The M. Ill. Lieut. Grand Commander then proceeded to consecrate the chapter, and having addressed the illustrious and perfected brethren present, called on Bro. Col. Somerville Burney to read the warrant granted by the Supreme Council, 33°. After the completion of the ceremony of consecration, Ill. Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, G. Sec. Gen., 33°, announced that, owing to unavoidable circumstances, Ill. Bro. Lord Henniker, M.W.S. designate, was not present, and that Ill. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. for Hants and Isle of Wight, had accepted the position of M.W. Sovereign, and he was duly installed by the Grand Secretary General, 33°.

The Treasurer and Equeries of the chapter having been duly elected, the following brethren were appointed as officers of the chapter by the newly-installed M.W.S. Bros. Robert Berridge, 1st Gen.; James Moon, 2nd Gen.; A. Williams, Treas.; A. Tisley, G. Marshal; C. F. Matier, 33°, Recorder; E. M. Lott, 30°, Org.; G. Cooper, 1st Herald; C. H. Driver, D. of C.; G. Austin, G. Equerry.

The M.W. SOVEREIGN thanked the brethren present for the honour they had done him. He had no idea when he entered the room that the office would be conferred on him, and he asked their indulgence in an office for which he had not hitherto qualified himself.

The Acting M.P.S.G. COMMANDER then addressed the officers as to their duties.

The M.W.S. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Supreme Council, 33°, for attending on that occasion. He said that amongst their important duties not the least was that of consecrating a new chapter, and they offered them their thanks. He further proposed that the consecrating officers be elected honorary members of the chapter.

The Lieut. Grand COMMANDER acknowledged the compliment.

The chapter was then closed, and the illustrious excellent and perfect brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant under the presidency of the M.W.S., at which nearly all the brethren sat down.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the Most Illustrious Lieut. Grand Commander Captain PHILIPS, in responding to that part of the toast referring to the Supreme Council, said it gave the members great pleasure to take part in the witnessing into this world of a new chapter. He regretted the absence of the Earl of Lathom whom he had hoped would have been present. The chapter should, he said, under the able auspices of those who had launched it, be second to none on the roll of the Supreme Council. The Most Wise Sovereign had been good enough to refer to the work of the Supreme Council. There were always six or seven present every Wednesday and the time they devoted to the work of the Order, was freely given without fee or reward of any kind. Before sitting down he desired to propose "The Health of the M.W.S." In the Craft Bro. Beach was the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, and the Isle of Wight. In the Mark Degree he had been Grand Master. He frequently presided at Grand Lodge, and had filled many important offices. They had especially to thank him that evening for undertaking the duties which Lord Henniker had been prevented from doing, and he felt sure that under the rule of Bro. Beach the Adoniram Chapter would prosper.

The M.W.S. thanked the proposer of the toast for his kind words. It gave him, he said, great pleasure and pride to preside over them, but if there ever was a case of blushing honours being thrust on one, it was in that instance, but he could not refuse his old friends, and he had stepped into the gap without hesitation. It was true he had served many offices in Freemasonry, and he had done his best to discharge those offices efficiently, but in this case he was totally ignorant of his duties, and he had to appeal to their indulgence. With the assistance, however, of the officers, he would do his best to sustain the reputation of the new chapter.

The toast of "The Visitors," was next given and responded to by Ill. Bro. GODSON, M.P., 32°, and Ill. Bro. LEMON, 31°.

Ill. Bro. SANDEMAN then said that he had the honour of proposing the toast of "The Candidates," whom he had had the privilege of perfecting in that Degree. He would like to say in reference to the Supreme Council, that there were six present at the consecration, which showed the great interest they took in the new chapter. The three absent were Bros. Lord Lathom, Lord Limerick, and J. M. P. Montagu. The two former were kept away by a political engagement, and the latter was abroad, thus accounting for all the nine. The work of the Supreme Council was very heavy; they had a large number of chapters abroad which entailed correspondence in all languages: Col. Clerke would tell them that they had letters from every country under the sun. They were, he was happy to say, working in amity all over the globe. Bro. Sandeman, in conclusion, referred to the fact that Bro. Beach was to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 22nd inst., of which one of the candidates—Bro. Terry—was the Secretary, and they could not pay a better compliment to the M.W.S. and the candidate, than by placing any five pound notes they had to spare on his list.

The M.W.S. then proposed "The Health of the Officers," and coupled the toast with the names of Ill. Bro. Berridge, 1st General, and Ill. Bro. Matier, Recorder.

Bro. BERRIDGE, in reply, expressed his thanks, and said he considered it a great privilege to be appointed as the 1st General of that chapter. It had been said by Bro. Sandeman that the Supreme Council looked for good work from the Adoniram Chapter; he sincerely trusted that they would fulfil all the expectations that had been formed of them.

Ill. Bro. MATIER said that he felt proud that their services had met with reward. They were fully alive to the responsibilities and duties of the several offices they had undertaken.

The other toasts were duly acknowledged, and the company soon after separated.

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ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER,

2nd MARCH, 1887,

At FREEMASONS' HALL, at 7 o'clock.

The Committee for securing the election of

BRO. RICHARD EVE,

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On SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 26th and 28th of FEBRUARY instant, and on TUESDAY, 1st of March next, from 2 to 4, and on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd of March, from one o'clock until the opening of Grand Lodge on that day.

Particular attention is called to an important speech by Bro. A. M. BROADLEY, D.P.G.M. Malta, at the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, on Monday last, and to observations by Bro. EVE at the meeting of the King's Cross Lodge, on the 19th instant, reported in this day's issue of the Freemason.

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To Correspondents.
"NO COLLARS" has not conformed to our invariable rule by sending his name.
The following, amongst other communications, unavoidably stand over:—
CRAFT LODGES—Mid-Sussex, No. 1141; Duke of Cornwall, No. 1529; St. Dunstan's, No. 1589.
ROSI-CRUCIAN SOCIETY—York College.
Consecration of the Adair Lodge, No. 2187, at Henfield.
Masonic Ball of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.
"Die Bauhütte," "Lancaster Daily Examiner," "Cassell's National Library," "Jewish Chronicle," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Texas Masonic Journal," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Masonic Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Sunday Times" (London), "Court Circular," "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," and "The Canadian Freemasons' Pocket Book."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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,
In the *Freemason* of the 4th December last it was remarked that the new Rule 308 had been very little observed in the provinces, either from ignorance that such a rule existed, or that the brethren had turned towards it "their blind eye."
But 'tis not only in the provinces that 308 has failed to gain observance; it has been entirely ignored by one of the largest executive departments of Grand Lodge, viz., the Board of Benevolence.
The new Rule 308 forbids a Worshipful Master to wear his collar at any other than the following times and places: 1st, at the Grand Lodge; 2nd, at a Provincial or District Grand Lodge; and, 3rd, at his own private lodge. At all other places and meetings the collar by this rule is absolutely prohibited.
According to 308, a Worshipful Master attending the Board of Benevolence (see Rule 223) is forbidden to wear his collar, although down to the 5th December, 1883, it was the time-honoured and constitutional practice to wear this badge of rank and office at the Board meetings.

Since the 5th December, 1883, every Worshipful Master who has worn his collar at the Board has violated this new rule, and this violation has taken place not only in the precincts of Grand Lodge, but probably in the very room where this unfortunate rule was formulated.

If the amendment to 308 be confirmed at the next Grand Lodge, Past Masters who wear their collars at this Board will be guilty of a like "violation of the Constitutions," and the only members who may constitutionally wear collars at the Board of Benevolence will be Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, and Present and Past Officers of Provincial or District Grand Lodges. This forbidding rule strips the collar from Worshipful Masters and Past Masters attending the Board, and who may not be entitled to wear garter blue or purple.

It may be said—but only by a lawyer, who is an adept in making words say contrary things, according to circumstances—that the term "Grand Lodge" means not only Grand Lodge, but any Committees or Boards appointed by it, and that "Board of Benevolence" or "Board of General Purposes" is equivalent to, and synonymous with, "Grand Lodge."

But one might just as honestly and truthfully say that a Parliamentary Committee of 30 or 40 members is equivalent to, and synonymous with, "the House of Commons." The Craft can hardly be imposed on by such special pleading.

If 308 becomes law, a large number of the members of the Board of Benevolence must doff their collars, or persist in open violation of the new rule, or another new rule, or new addition to an old one, will have to be made to indemnify their practice.

The more 308 is examined, the more clearly one perceives that if it is strictly applied, it will largely interfere with old and long-established customs, and if it is only partially enforced, much mischief will result from the vexatious uncertainty and capriciousness of its application. For the harmony of the Craft, the sooner 308 is modified or repealed the better.—Yours truly and fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN.

JUBILEE MEETING.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
The project of holding a meeting with a view of benefiting our Charities, is so good, that it should be as widely extended as possible. I believe the smaller fee for admission—say £1 1s. will attract more than double the number who would pay £2 2s., and if one meeting would not accommodate all applicants, why not have two, at different hours on the same day, so arranged that the M.W. the Grand Master could attend the second at the termination of the first; or perhaps better still, the meeting might be held at the Crystal Palace, and the general public admitted, to which there would be no more objection than to a similar course at Masonic stone layings.
The expenses would be small, and a magnificent result (why not £10,000?) realised for the grand Charities of which we are so justly proud.—Yours fraternally,
A. H. BATEMAN, P.M. 1973.

BRO. BELL'S LETTER OF 1754.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In your editorial of January 15th, last, regarding the late bubble of Philadelphia Mothership of legalised American Freemasonry, you say,
"Unfortunately, this letter (Bro. Bell's letter of 1754), has been lost, and cannot now be produced as a witness."
Now, as I have never before heard that the said Bell's letter was lost, I would like to know when it was lost? and by whom it was lost?
Your answer to the above questions, will much oblige your old friend and brother.
JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S.A., February 2nd.
[In the introduction to the reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (1877), it is stated (by Bro. C. E. Meyer, we believe)—"We have endeavoured to obtain this letter to make a fac simile of, but have failed up to the present time. The letter was exhibited in 1872, in the Grand Secretary's office, and then and there copied. * * * We, at the present time, under the circumstances, place only so much value on it, as far as it is corroborated by other facts."—If this does not mean that it is lost, so much the better. ED. F.M.]

A TRUE MASONIC JUBILEE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
Although such a grand success attended the dinner for the Benevolent Institution, it was distressing somewhat to find so many approved applicants both male and female waiting to get on the pension list.
Now, as everything is Jubilee, I thought I might suggest through the columns of your valuable journal, a means whereby additional funds may be obtained for our female aged widows, and that is to get our brethren with wives to become Life Governors by payment of five guineas, and the privilege of four votes at all elections. *Vide* Clause 19.
If we could only get a thousand such ladies it would enable the executive to take more cases for the next May election. I find on comparing notes that there are more lady supporters of the Schools than of the Benevolent, and my sympathy is with the old people. I shall be pleased to make one of the thousand on my wife's behalf.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
THOS. L. WELDON.

THE JUBILEE JEWEL.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
A simple and, I believe, very effective way of limiting the wholesale distribution of the "Jubilee jewel" would be to restrict the first issue (at cost price of jewel—say two guineas) to the Masters and Wardens who will be in office at the time of the Masonic celebration of the Jubilee. These brethren are, above all others, the direct representatives of the Craft for the time being, and they should be the first to receive the jewel.
The other members of the Craft could also obtain the "Jubilee jewel," but only on payment of—say five

guineas, the extra three guineas thus realised to be equally divided between our three great Masonic Institutions.

By this arrangement, Charity would be the gainer, and the moral value of the jewel would be greatly enhanced. It would also be proper if the Masters and Wardens had the emblems of their office added to the jewel in some way or other.

Trusting some enlightened brother will improve on this, the suggestion of a very humble member of the Craft,—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

MASTER MASON.

Brixton, February 19th.

BRO. T. W. FLEMING, P.P.G.M. ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your obituary notice of our late Bro. Hyde Pullen, you intimate that the last Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Wight, is no more. I am glad to inform you that Bro. Thomas Willis Fleming lives on the continent.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

Southampton, February 23rd.

LECTURE ON FREEMASONRY.

On Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., at the ordinary monthly meeting of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 264, Taunton, Bro. A. Stevens, W.M., in the chair, a visit was received from the distinguished Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, P.G.D. of England and P.G.W. of Egypt, &c., the well-known Masonic historian, who received a most hearty and fraternal welcome.

After lodge business had been transacted, Bro. HUGHAN, at the request of the assembled brethren, delivered a short lecture on the early history of Freemasonry, showing its continuity from the 14th Century, his remarks being based on facts which can be examined by non-Masons, and proving not only the honourable character, but the antiquity of the Fraternity. Bro. Hughan commenced with the 14th century because that is the period of the oldest manuscript that was written, which contains a recital of the ancient charges. This is now preserved in the British Museum. Many of the old records of the Craft were referred to, particularly those in Scotland, where there are lodges with minutes dating from the 16th century to the present time. At the conclusion of the address, Bro. HUGHAN said he would be pleased to answer any questions put by the members, and he was well plied with numerous queries, which he answered readily and to the evident satisfaction of all present.

A vote of thanks was proposed in lodge to Bro. Hughan, which was carried with acclamation, and ordered to be entered in the minutes of the evening.

In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. HUGHAN referred to the approaching centenary of the lodge, the warrant having been granted by Thomas Dunckerley, the Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, in 1788. He also mentioned the interesting fact that Somerset had the honour of having obtained the first country warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of England, namely, at Bath, in the year 1724.

Afterwards, Bro. Hughan joined the brethren at supper in the adjoining room, when his health was cordially drunk at the instance of the I.P.M., Bro. T. G. Williams, and the hope was expressed that Bro. Hughan would find it convenient to repeat his visit.—Somerset Gazette.

CARDIFF JUBILEE MASONIC BALL.

In the assembly room of the Park Hall, Cardiff, on Monday night, the 14th inst., the Freemasons of the district held a grand ball in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and also in aid of the Masonic Educational Institution and the Eastern Division of South Wales. The affair was most successful, and it is hoped a similar ball will in future be held annually. The spacious hall had been very tastefully and effectively prepared for the occasion. The sides of the room beneath the balconies had been laid with crimson carpet, while overhead were pretty striped curtains and Japanese lanterns, while the windows were adorned with curtains of white muslin and shrubs of various kinds. There were suitable cloak rooms and retiring rooms, the latter being well furnished. The presence of some beautiful shrubs and exotics lent a cool and pleasant aspect to the orchestra, which was occupied by the string band of her Majesty Royal Marine Artillery, which (under the direction of Bro. J. Winterbotham) supplied the music. The brethren present were all in full regalia, and the variety and colour in guests and decorations made the scene a brilliant one. The balcony was thrown open to visitors, and a good many availed themselves of this coign of vantage to witness the mazy dance below. Bro. Shackell, P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Peace, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., were the Directors of the Ceremonies. The company present numbered about 280.

Dancing began shortly after nine o'clock, and was kept up with spirit until past two o'clock the next morning. At 12 o'clock supper was served in the Lesser Hall. Much praise is due to Bro. Munday (of Cardiff), the Committee, and Bro. T. Matthews, the honorary Secretary, for the excellence of the arrangements, and the way in which they were carried out.

It should be added that the decorations of the hall were done by Messrs. Howell and Co.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., Bro. J. W. Boughton, the enterprising and popular proprietor of the Theatre Royal, Portsmouth, was unanimously elected W.M. of the Portsmouth Lodge. Bro. Boughton has for several years taken an active interest in the affairs of the lodge and in Masonry in general, and his election to the chair will give great satisfaction to a large number of friends.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Invalids distracted by indigestion and discouraged in their search for its remedy should make trial of this never failing medicine. A lady, long a martyr to dyspeptic tortures, writes that Holloway's Pills make her feel as if a burden had been taken off her. Her spirits, formerly low, have greatly improved; her capricious appetite has given place to healthy hunger; her dull, sick headache has departed, and gradually so marvellous a change has been effected, that she is altogether a new creature, and again fit for her duties. These Pills may be administered with safety to the most delicate. They never act harshly, nor do they ever induce weakness; they rightly direct deranged, and control excessive action.—[Advrt.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

713] CURIOUS MINUTE, A.D. 1758, OF No. 1, EDINBURGH.

"Edinburgh, 20 Dec., 1758.—The Lodge being opened by the R.W.M., and Brothers William Milne and David Ramsay having given proof of their qualifications as Entered Apprentices and Fellows of Craft, were passed and raised operative Masters, and paid the Treasurer £2 each for the use of the Lodge, and Brothers John Wilson and Alexander Adams at the same time passed Fellow Crafts, and were raised Masters." Can any one enlighten me as to the meaning of the distinction drawn between the two classes of Masters? Was the ceremony of an operative Master different to that of the ordinary Master? If not, why the distinction?

CHISHOLM.

714] CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE.

Bro. Hughan well says "its utility will be to a great extent determined by the Craft." Let me make this clear. As nearly as I can calculate the cost of printing one year's transactions may be put at £30. Therefore 60 members at half-a-guinea each will just about cover expenses but will enable nothing further to be done. Another 40 members will give us £20 to work with. Say that a volume of interesting and valuable reprints costs £50 to bring out, that will leave only £30 to be recouped from the sale of the work, charging the correspondence members of course less per copy than the outside public. Every additional member beyond the first 100 will be a distinct gain to Masonic literature and research. I may mention that the 100 is not attained, but it is still early to judge how our efforts will be received by the Craft, and I am in receipt of fresh enquiries daily, whilst the list of members is gradually creeping on. If every brother who has already sent in his name will but induce one or two friends to go and do likewise we shall soon see our utmost wishes realised. One great feature is the wide expanse of this small globe already covered by our members; this will enable us to prosecute our researches in many directions at once. The files of the provincial papers for the first half of last century have yet to be diligently searched for Masonic items. Here we have work where our provincial brethren may render great assistance. You will, perhaps, allow me to call attention to our advertisement in your columns this week, stating that the paper for discussion at the lodge, on the 30th March, will be by the W.M., Sir Charles Warren, C.G.M.G. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.

G. W. SPETH, Sec. 2076.

Margate.

REVIEWS

MASONIC CALENDAR OF LODGES, COUNCILS, &c., MEETING AT 8A, RED LION SQUARE, LONDON, 1887.

We are glad to greet another issue of this very useful publication, and are pleased to find that the same excellent features which distinguished the edition for 1886, are continued in the one now before us. The calendar portion appears to us to be absolutely correct, and must therefore prove an unfailing guide to all the regular meetings of the various bodies which make use of the Mark Masonic Hall. These are not a few, for there are four Craft and fifteen Mark Lodges, besides a R.A. chapter, and many councils which assemble at this well known rendezvous of zealous Craftsmen. The neat little pamphlet contains several interesting particulars respecting the lodges, chapters, &c. (to which purpose it is really devoted), and besides all this, a full list of the mark lodges, in, and near London, together with the names of their chief officers, names of Past Masters, &c., are duly recorded. The editorial labour could not have been slight to produce such a work; and though no name is mentioned, we presume we shall not err in ascribing it to our indefatigable Bro. C. F. Matier, who takes delight in all such handy and trustworthy sources of information, cheerfully doing his part as one of the editors of English Masonic Calendars, of whom there are now a considerable number enrolled in that honourable capacity. The Directory is published by authority of the "General Board" (Mark), and was printed at the "Freemason Printing Works."

CALENDAR OF MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE FOR 1887.

We presume this very useful, unpretentious, but invaluable publication, is the oldest of the kind extant, for it is in the 37th year of issue! The present editor is the genial and indefatigable Brother John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec., who has introduced some new features in this new edition, which add considerably to the usefulness of the vade mecum for East Lancashire Freemasons. The province is the largest in England, numbering as it does 95 lodges, and several thousands of members. There are many Grand Masters who think it a great honour to preside over Grand Lodges, much smaller than this division of Lancashire, over which Colonel Starkie rules so well, and whose Secretary is the editor of the Calendar now being reviewed. The towns, places of meeting, names, times of assembly, and days of meeting are all given of these 95 lodges, the arrangement being of the easiest form for reference, the towns being in alphabetical order. Similar information is given for the Royal Arch Chapters of which there are 38, for the Mark Lodges of which there are 27, for the K.T. Preceptories of which there are 20, and for the Rose Croix Chapters of which there are 5. The officers of these several provincial bodies are duly inserted, Col. Starkie being the chief for the Craft and Arch, the Earl of Lathom for the Mark, Bro. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, K.T., and Bro. E. Ashworth for the Royal Order. We should like to see a list of all the subscribers to the Masonic Charities, and the names of the Masters and Wardens of

the lodges, &c., &c., added, but must not say so, or Bro. Chadwick might ask us of what use would such a necessarily ponderous volume be for handy reference and to carry in the waistcoat pocket! There is one thing we are pleased to see in it, and that is the towns selected for the annual meetings in 1887, as well as the dates thereof. This is an excellent plan. Manchester is to have the Prov. Grand Lodge on 11th May; Rochdale the Prov. Grand Chapter on the 30th March, and the K.T. is also to be held in that town in April. The "Masonic Notes" at the end are most useful additions, and we hope will be carefully read by all whom they may concern. We understand a similar publication is issued for West Lancashire, and also for West Yorkshire. If so, we should be glad to receive copies of such publications.

DEBRETTS' PEERAGE, BARONETAGE, KNIGHT-AGE, AND COMPANIONAGE, 1887. The 174th year of publication. Edited by ROBERT H. MOIR, LL.D., London: Dean and Son, Publishers, 160A, Fleet-st., E.C.

We cannot say more of this most valuable work of reference than that, with each successive year of publication, it becomes a more complete and authentic record of all the titled and otherwise distinguished members of the body politic in the United Kingdom. The majority of those whose pedigrees and personal services are described in these pages interest themselves personally in the information furnished of them, supplying particulars that have been overlooked, and correcting, where necessary, the statements that have been made. On the other hand, the Editor and his staff of assistants are careful to see that all corrections are made, and all omissions made good, while no pains are spared in order to ensure that the work is carried up to the latest possible date, so as to include the newest and most recent creations and chivalric distinctions. In short, the new issue of Debrett's Peerage, &c., maintains, and has even enlarged the high character it has held for so many years.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE (No. 1).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. J. W. Fuller, P.G.S., W.M.; J. Holah, P.G.S., S.W.; G. Ruttcliffe Steel, P.G.S., J.W.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., Treasurer; Charles Belton, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Secretary; J. Gordon Brown, S.D.; Jos. Langton, I.G.; J. S. Dimsdale, Stwd.; Past Masters Bros. J. M. Case, P.G.D.; R. M. Bishop, P.G.S.; B. Brown, P.G.S.; W. A. Colls, P.G.S.; F. Bennock, P.G.S.; G. Martin, P.G.S.; E. N. Chambers, P.G.S.; W. H. Wilkinson, P.G.S.; G. N. Johnson, P.G.S.; and Bros. R. Creed, Richard Eve, P.P.G.W. Hampshire; J. Eyssen, E. M. Morriss, T. P. Griffin, H. Pfungst, J. D. Langton, Prov. G.W. Surrey; J. H. Fitch, A. Youle, and W. Lewis Baker. The visitors were Bros. D. G. Macleod, P.D.D.G.M. Burma; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece; Alfred Bacon, W.M. 1228; J. M. Collins, P.M. 1861; Edward Terry, P.G.S.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G.W. Middx.; Geo. Low, P.M. 3; and T. W. Price, S.D. 1910.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On a ballot being taken for the election of a Grand Steward for the ensuing year, Bro. Dr. Gordon Brown, P.M., S.D., was unanimously elected. The circular from the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, relative to the proposed Imperial Institute was then read and considered, and on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. J. M. Case, P.M., P.G.D., it was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, and after the usual formal toasts, The Worshipping Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the names of Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, and D. G. Macleod, P.D.D.G.M. Burma.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, Sec. 2127, said, in reply: Brethren,—In responding once again to the toast of the visitors, in the Grand Masters' Lodge, I must say I feel no longer a stranger amongst you. This is, I believe, the sixth occasion on which it has been my privilege to visit you, and on no less than three times out of the six I have been here as a guest of my good friend, Bro. R. Eve. Just four years have passed away since I went out, as you all know, on a very difficult and arduous business to Egypt, and the first person whom I met over there was our good Bro. Eve, and I must confess now, as I have confessed scores of times, that it was the recollections of our old friendship in Great Queen-street which materially assisted us in arriving at that unity of opinion, and that mutual good fellowship which was so necessary to success. In a lodge so distinguished as yours the addition of one Grand Officer to your list cannot, I imagine, be an affair of serious moment; but I do feel this—that you of the Grand Masters' Lodge must take a considerable interest in the candidature of our Bro. Eve for the high elective office of Grand Treasurer. I feel sure that you will, one and all of you, do your utmost to insure his triumph on Wednesday week, and it is naturally to such men as the members of the Grand Masters' Lodge that Bro. Eve must look at this juncture for assistance and support. Since I have been with you this evening, I have heard, to my great amazement, that aspersions of an unworthy and most un-Masonic character have been levelled broadcast, with a view to prejudice the brethren in the exercise of their lawful suffrages. It has been said, I learn with deep regret, that Bro. Eve is an Atheist and Socialist. Surely, brethren, it behoves you, as members of the Grand Masters' Lodge, to which our brother belongs, to give the lie to such base calumnies. The manner in which you receive my remarks leads me to believe that I was not wrong in my surmise, and that your applause may be fairly considered as a token of the repudiation which I sought at your hands. Bro. Richard Eve, far from being a Socialist or an Atheist, is a true-hearted, free-handed brother, whose Masonic record has hardly an equal, and I have little doubt that if the 600 members of his Committee, including as it does the Prov.

Grand Master of Hampshire himself, a Conservative Member of Parliament, and many Hampshire clergymen and gentlemen, and also Bro. Canon Portal, our worthy Past Grand Chaplain of England, will work well to the end, we have nothing to fear either from calumnies or aspersions, and I have no doubt that Bro. Eve will be elected before your next meeting as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. McLeod also replied in appropriate terms.

The toast of "The W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Bishop, I.P.M., and duly responded to, as was also the toast of "The P.M.'s of the Lodge."

Several songs were sung by Bros. Wilfrid Price and R. Eve, and a favourite and amusing recitation was given by Bro. Edward Terry.

LODGE OF TRANQUILITY (No. 185).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday last, the 21st inst., Bro. Bayley, P.M. and W.M. in the chair. There were also present P.M.'s Bros. Croaker, Staley, Ross, Bloomfield, Treasurer; J. D. Barnett, S. Barnett, Defries, Myer Harris, Boaz and Moss; Bros. Asher, Myers, S.W.; A. Marks, J.W.; H. Tipper, Secretary; J. M. Levy, S.D.; L. Bloomfield, J.D.; S. Rosenfeld, I.G.; Eisenmann, D.C.; Thompson, A.D.C.; E. Barnett, and M. Marks, Stewards; Visitors: Bros. H. T. Wood, A.G.D.C.; Jacobs, W.M. 205; Room, P.M. 2090.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. Harris, a former member of the lodge, and Messrs. Lazarus and Isaacs for initiation, all proving unanimous. Bro. Myer Harris then was allowed by the W.M. to take the chair, and on doing so stated to the lodge that it was 34 years that evening since he was initiated, and over 20 years since he was Master, but he had been anxious to occupy that position on this evening that he might initiate Mr. Isaacs, his grandson. Mr. Isaacs was then initiated by Bro. Myer Harris, and Mr. Lazarus by Bro. Bayley. Bro. Bayley then read a dispensation from the Grand Master allowing Bro. Harry Tipper, W.M. elect, to be installed into the chair of King Solomon, he being at the present time W.M. of the Hammersmith Lodge. Bro. J. D. Barnett then installed the W.M. in a most impressive manner, to the great satisfaction of the brethren and visitors assembled. Bro. Barnett has on more than one occasion installed the Master, but all were of one opinion that in this he had certainly excelled himself. Bro. Tipper then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. A. Marks, S.W.; J. M. Levy, J.W.; Bayley, I.P.M. and Treasurer; Asher Myers, Secretary; Bloomfield, S.D.; S. Rosenfeld, J.D.; Eisenmann, I.G.; Thompson, D.C.; E. Barnett, and M. Marks, Stewards. The W.M. then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Bayley with a handsome gold watch for Mrs. Bayley, instead of a P.M. jewel for his services during his year of office. The sanction of the lodge was obtained for forming, during this the centenary year of the lodge, a Royal Arch Chapter to be called Tranquility Chapter. The circular from the Pro Grand Master was also considered.

The lodge was then called off for the banquet, and afterwards the W.M. in rising to propose "The Health of Her Majesty The Queen" said he felt sensible of the responsibility of his task in this the Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign. Her Majesty ascended the throne before many of the members were born, and on that account perhaps they did not fully appreciate the splendid results of her reign. Never in the history of England has such great results been achieved.—Her Majesty fully sympathised with her subjects in all their trials, and that affection was returned a hundredfold by the subjects.

In proposing "The Health of The Grand Master," the Worshipful Master said the Prince of Wales was one of the hardest working men of the kingdom; that whatever his hand found to do he did it with all his might; that he did not consider his position as a mere ornamental one; but was ever anxious to do his utmost to further the interests of the Craft.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master said, referring to the portion of the installation ceremony, that such was the nature of their constitution, that, as some of necessity must rule and teach, while others must submit to learn and obey, extending that idea throughout the whole Order, they found that those chosen to rule over them were eminently worthy of their confidence and respect. They held exalted positions in their social world, and were honoured by all men. They, as Masons, could appreciate the work they did to promote the interests of their Order, and there was no doubt that the high position which Masonry had taken, and the true principles of Freemasonry which existed among the Brotherhood was due to the example set by their Grand Officers.

Bro. Wood, A.G.D.C., in responding, said that a prize had been offered for those who could keep out of their speeches any mention of the Jubilee year, which the W.M. had certainly lost. There was also a prize offered to any Grand Officers who could say anything fresh in responding to the toast. For his own part, he did not intend to enter the lists; but would say that he was much obliged for the way in which the toast had been received that evening, as it was received on all occasions when there was a meeting of Masons.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Initiates," said that that toast had been missing of late, although he did not think that it was the fault of Bro. Bayley. It was not always safe to go by external appearances; but from the little he could see of them, the new members, he thought, would make capital Masons. They had already begun well, as they had contributed a guinea each to the Benevolent Fund. He hoped they would make rapid progress in the science, and ultimately become Master of the lodge.

Bro. Bayley, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that Bro. Tipper had recalled the fact that it was he (Bro. Bayley) who had initiated him some seven years ago, and he had seen Bro. Tipper installed into the chair with great pleasure. He had watched his progress through the various offices of the lodge. Bro. Tipper had not only done his work in the lodge, but was always ready to contribute to their pleasure at the banquet table by his songs.

Bro. Tipper, in reply, said that he would always do his utmost to merit the confidence placed in him.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Visitors" said that the toast was always received in Tranquility Lodge with the utmost cordiality, and he

maintained they were second to none in the welcome they always gave. After reading the names he called upon Bros. Jacobs, W.M. 205; Room, P.M. 2090; Webb, P.M. Athol; who had come all the way from the Isle of Man to attend the installation.

Bro. Jacobs in reply said as Master of one of the sister Jewish lodges he had responded to the invitation with very great pleasure, especially as a very dear friend, Bro. Isaacs, had been initiated that evening. He thought it was a good idea that the W.M. of each of the Jewish lodges should be invited to each other's installation meeting. Bro. Room said it gave him extreme pleasure to be present, he had never heard the installation ceremony more beautifully rendered. He had made Bro. Tipper's acquaintance in the best place for Masons to become acquainted, viz., the lodge of instruction, and from what he had seen of Bro. Tipper's working he felt sure that they would have a most successful year. He had had the pleasure of installing Bro. Tipper as Master of the Hammersmith Lodge nearly 12 months ago, and he had accepted the invitation to attend this meeting with much satisfaction.

Bro. Webb said that he had come from the Isle of Man specially to attend this meeting, and he was not sorry he had come as he had learnt many things in lodge which he should be glad to take back with him and introduce into his own lodge. When he first became a Mason there was only one lodge in the Island, and they were sometimes obliged to go outside, and get some friend to come in and help make a lodge; now there were four or five lodges which had been formed out of the original one, and there was another warrant granted last week for a new one.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," said that he had a debt of gratitude to pay for the kind manner in which the I.P.M. had consented to perform the ceremony. The Lodge of Tranquility was always noted for the accurate and impressive way in which the installation ceremony was worked, but he did not believe it had ever been performed so beautifully. He personally thanked Bro. J. D. Barnett for so kindly undertaking the office.

In proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. said that the lodge could boast of a noble array, they were always anxious and willing to help the W.M. in his work. The toast had peculiar significance as he intended to couple the name of the I.P.M. with it. Bro. Bayley was one of the most respected men in the lodge. They liked him as W.M. They enjoyed his society as P.M. They elected him Treasurer. They then re-elected him W.M. for a second time, and to show how true they were to poll re-elected him as Treasurer. After the toast of "The Officers," lodge was called off, the balance-sheet adopted, and the lodge was closed. During the evening the W.M. had provided an excellent selection of music, consisting of songs by Bro. F. J. Brittan, and Madame Bessie and Miss Webber. Bro. Bonawitz also contributed a splendid solo on the pianoforte.

STABILITY LODGE (No. 217).—The installation meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st February, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. J. T. Wright, W.M.; T. R. Beaufort Hinks, S.W.; W. Gorrie, J.W.; W. Eckersall, S.D.; H. Lynn, J.D.; F. C. Woolmer, I.G.; J. Nixon, P.M., Sec.; T. Hinks, Treas.; D. Fuchs, H. Marfleet, P.M.; W. P. Cattermole, P.M.; J. Adington, P.M.; J. Finch, J. Owen, J. F. Jones, W. R. Smith, Org.; S. A. Hardiman, R. E. Lagerwell, P. H. Garner, John Parker, James Parker, Geo. Tennant, H. Berry, W. J. Lyle, L. M. Brier, J. Itter, C. J. Itter, W. J. Edwards, J. Edwards, and H. T. Pickersgill (initiate). Visitors: Bros. W. Vincent, P.M., P.G.S.B. Midx.; R. Barr (Luke Sharp), Detroit; W. Rowley, 1024; F. M. Noakes, 2148; C. Ralph, I.G. 1614; Stewart Lane, 1614; Greenwood, and Humphries.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. T. R. Beaufort Hinks was presented to the W.M., Bro. Wright, 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. Wright, I.P.M.; W. Gorrie, S.W.; W. Eckersall, J.W.; H. Lynn, S.D.; F. Woolmer, J.D.; J. Owen, I.G.; H. Young, D.C.; J. F. Jones and S. A. Hardiman, Stewards; W. Smith, Org.; John Nixon, Sec.; Thomas Hinks, Treas.; and Gullick, Tyler.

The usual addresses to the officers were given by the W.M., in a manner that gave satisfaction to all. Mr. Henry Tunstall Pickersgill was then initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in a manner that proves the lodge will lose none of its lustre at the hands of its newly-installed W.M.

The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to a most elegant banquet, provided for them by Bro. Clemow in his usual excellent style.

After ample justice had been done to the good things provided the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in the customary hearty manner, special reference being made to the approaching Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

In responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Vincent, P.P.G. Svd. Br. Middlesex, said if the W.M. had been trying to put him in a quandary he had succeeded most admirably as he did not expect to be called on to respond to that toast. As their humble representative he thanked them for the very hearty manner in which the toast had been drunk, and complimented the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had undergone so severe a test.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Wright, I.P.M., in a complimentary speech, and drunk with great enthusiasm.

The W.M., in reply, said he felt some misgivings when he left home that afternoon as to his ability to follow so brilliant an array of his predecessors in that office, but the cheery words of encouragement he received from the brethren, especially Bro. Wright, had inspired him with confidence, and if he had in any way succeeded it was more due to their kind assistance than any merit of his own. He thanked them for the very hearty way in which they had drunk his health.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said the Stability Lodge always had great pleasure in proposing this toast. They had several distinguished ones there that evening, all of which he would have liked to have heard respond had time permitted.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Greenwood and Humphries.

Bro. Wright, in reply to the toast of "The Installing Master," said he had to thank the officers of the lodge, and especially Bro. Nixon, their indefatigable Secretary, for the very kind assistance and ready help they had afforded him during his year of office, and he had endeavoured to complete his duty by installing his successor. He thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel the W.M. had just pinned on his collar, as it was a tangible memento of his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Initiate," said he had a few years to go through before he arrived at the position of W.M., and trusted he would make the best use of the time in the interim.

Bro. H. T. Pickersgill, in reply, said he thanked them for the very kind way in which they had drunk his health. He felt himself in a most unique position, and would follow to the best of his ability the advice given by the W.M.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., and responded to in an equally cordial manner.

Bro. Nixon, in responding to the toast of "The Secretary," thanked the brethren for re-electing him for the seventh time, and complimented them on the flourishing condition of the lodge, stating that they had funds in hand and had secured the admission of a candidate into the Girls' School.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought one of the most successful meetings to a close.

The toasts were interspersed with excellent singing by Bro. Ralph and others, under the direction of Bro. Stewart Lane, who presided in his usual efficient style at the pianoforte.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—The meeting for the installation of a W.M. of this lodge for this coming year was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, and in honour of the occasion there was a very numerous gathering of the members, and a large number of guests from other lodges. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wickens, W.M., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Humfress, the S.W., who had been unanimously elected to succeed Bro. Wickens, was presented for installation by Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., D.C., and "father" of the Westbourne Lodge. Bro. Wickens thereupon addressed the members of the lodge on the subject of the established custom, and after obligating Bro. Humfress as W.M. elect, and requesting all but installed Masters to retire, formed a Board of 28 brethren, in whose presence he formally installed Bro. Humfress with the customary rites, and the members of the Board saluted the newly-installed Master according to ancient custom. As soon as he was installed Bro. Humfress handed a key to Bro. Walker, the Secretary, who at once applied it to the lock of a mysterious cabinet of rather large dimensions, and in a few minutes a handsome banner was erected behind the Master's chair; and it transpired that Bro. Humfress, to mark the satisfaction which he felt in being elected to preside over the lodge in the Jubilee year of his Sovereign had ordered this banner to be prepared by Bro. George Kenning, and now presented it to the Westbourne Lodge. The banner is of rich light blue silk, on which is painted "inter alia," a pretty little brook or burn or bourne with the sun sinking in the west. When it had been duly admired and the W.M. had been congratulated by his peers, the Board of Installed Masters was closed, the brethren were re-admitted to the lodge and Bro. Humfress was proclaimed and saluted. He then proceeded to invest the elected officers and to appoint and invest the remainder, the list of officers for the year being as follows: Bros. C. J. Biorn, S.W.; W. Drew, J.W.; J. Welford, Treas.; S. R. Walker, Sec.; W. Burton S.D.; J. W. Curtis, J.D.; J. Belsham, I.G.; C. A. Cottebrune, D.C.; R. Rogers, Asst. D.C.; Dr. Gawith, and T. H. Drake, Stwds.; and Thomas, Tyler. The installation ceremony was then completed by Bro. Wickens delivering the customary addresses to the W.M., to the Wardens, and to the brethren. The whole was performed in a very workmanlike manner, as none will doubt who knows Bro. Wickens's zeal and ability. Lord Carnarvon's circular of the 8th January, respecting the celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee year was next discussed, and the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That the brethren of the Westbourne Lodge while agreeing with the first part of the circular do not agree with the latter part." The aged widow of a brother who, twenty years ago, had been a member of the lodge for a single year was, on the motion of Bro. Wickens, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Cottebrune, D.C., voted a donation of £2 2s. from the general fund of the lodge. Four new members were proposed, and a handsome P.M.'s jewel, together with a P.M.'s collar, was presented by the W.M., to Bro. Wickens, I.P.M., to mark the appreciation of the brethren of the way in which he had discharged the duties of Master during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous dinner was served on tables profusely decorated with choice flowers. After dinner there was the usual flow of Masonic oratory in proposing and responding for the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts. After the toasts "The Queen and the Craft," and "The W.M. and G.M." had been duly honoured, "The Health of the Grand Officers Past and Present" was proposed by the W.M. and responded to, coupled with the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Wickens, I.P.M., then rose and said that he had been entrusted once more with the gavel of the lodge, and he was very pleased to have that opportunity given him of expressing the feelings he had for the newly-installed Master. He would not detain them a great while because they knew just as well as he could tell them that their W.M. was a very old member of the lodge, and one who he thought was as much respected as any member present. He predicted that during Bro. Humfress's year of office the brethren would have a very enjoyable time, and he hoped that one and all of the brethren would put their shoulders to the wheel and make Bro. Humfress's year of office a Jubilee year indeed. He himself intended to give Bro. Humfress all the support he could as I.P.M., and he hoped their present Master's year of office would be as successful as his own had been.

Bro. Humfress (who was received with applause) said he

was quite overpowered by the kindness with which they had received him. He was also deeply impressed by the kind manner in which the I.P.M., Bro. Wickens, had proposed his health, and by the manner in which the brethren had received it. Had it not been for his bashfulness he might have been Master of the Westbourne Lodge years and years ago. He had not served half of the offices in the lodge that he ought to have filled; but the brethren had been pleased to push him forward into the position which he now held, and, in return for their kindness in so doing, he could promise them that while he held that position he would do all he could to maintain the dignity of the chair, and promote the happiness of the brethren, and, indeed, so long as he might be connected with the Westbourne Lodge (which he held to be second to none) he should do all in his power for its benefit and advancement. He hoped that the brethren would do all they could to assist him. He trusted that, by his own endeavours and their kind support, he should be able so to perform the duties of his office that, when his administration came to an end, he might find that he had won their approval and even increased their regard.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Wickens," and referred to the skill and eloquence he had displayed in his very able performance of the ceremony of installation.

Bro. Wickens, in responding, thanked the brethren for the kindness with which they had supported his efforts for the good of the lodge during the past year, and acknowledged the high compliment they had paid him in presenting him with the collar and jewel of a P.M.

The toast of "The Health of the Visitors" was drunk with enthusiasm by the members of the lodge, and Bros. Eve, Scattergood, Lucas, Davie, and Thomas returned thanks.

Other toasts followed, including "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. Cottebrune took the opportunity to thank the Worshipful Master, in the name of the lodge, for the beautiful banner with which he had presented them.

Among the long list of visitors present were Bros. E. M. Lander, P.M. 1642; E. W. Scattergood, W.M. 753; J. H. Wood, W.M. 1642; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; W. Side, P.M. 2045; J. W. Harvey, P.M. 25; F. Mark, P.M. 733; F. G. Baker, P.M. 733; L. Lichtwitz, W.M. 1891; F. E. Bird, P.M. 1567, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; R. Eve, 1, P.P.S.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. H. Pearson, J.W. 1567; F. Foxley, P.M. 173; C. Hunt, P.M. 1425; A. W. Davie, P.M. 172; F. Coles, W.M. 177; S. Lucas, P.M. 192; G. Davis, P.M. 1642; and E. C. Massey.

FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).—This lodge met at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. R. Ladd, W.M.; L. Da Costa, S.W. (pro tem.), the S.W. of the lodge being absent through the illness of a near relative; Shoemith, J.W.; De Cussnes, J.D.; B. Da Costa, I.G.; Friedeberg, I.P.M.; Musto, P.M.; and Hogg, P.M. The visitors were only three in number, but what was short in quantity was made up in quality.

The minutes of the last regular lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. M. Da Costa, which proved unanimous. He was then initiated into the First Degree. Bros. Mark and Jacobs were then passed to the Second Degree. Bros. Joel and Harris were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A discussion then arose on the subject of the circular from the Pro Grand Master, and a resolution dealing with the question was carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The business being concluded, the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, served in the style the Ship and Turtle is noted for. After discussing the various courses the table was cleared and the room tyled.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, received, and honoured with the usual commemoration fire.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and was received with acclamation.

The toast of "The Initiate" was ably responded to by the new made brother.

"The Visitors" were responded to by the visitors.

The usual toast of "The Past Masters and Secretary" having been suitably given and responded to, the W.M. then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and the hour being late, the S.W. (pro tem.) responded on their behalf.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening. The proceedings closed with the announcement that the lodge of instruction belonging to the lodge would hold their annual supper on Tuesday, the 8th prox., the W.M. in the chair.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 21st inst. There was a numerous attendance, including Bros. E. Y. Jolliffe, W.M.; W. H. Froom, I.P.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary; Alderman Sir John Staples, F.S.A., G.C.M.G.; Edward Anderton, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Vickery, J.W.; A. Brookman, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., P.G. Chap. Middx., Secretary; J. Renals, S.D.; A. B. Hudson, J.D.; F. Crockford, I.G.; J. Larkin, D.C.; J. Derby Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas.; George Kenning, P.M.; Samuel Benton, M.D., P.M.; S. White, P.M.; E. F. B. Fuller and G. Rawlinson, Stwds.; J. Shutter, J. S. Jarvis, P. Saillard, and T. Benskin. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, V.P. Bd. Gen. P., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; W. Evans, 569; W. Hopkins, Treas. 1385; R. Taylor, 140; F. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; J. N. Davis, S.W. 33; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; Charles Lee, I.G. 1624; W. F. Coles, 41; H. S. Hobday, P.M. 609; E. Shalles, 140; L. V. Walker, W.M. 22; W. F. Fitch, 1541; H. Colwell, 482; W. T. Roberts, 1827; J. N. Black, 3; C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Essex; J. E. Lloyd, P.M. 28; H. J. Strong, M.D., P.P.G.W. Surrey; T. Owen, P.M. 1287; C. J. Edwards, P.M. 231; B. Norman, J.W. 2020; Sidney Spreal, 822; John Williams, Rev. H. P. Wakefield, Chap. 1601; W. W. Lee, 1897; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The report of the Committee of Finance was received and adopted, and on the motion of Bro. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., the visitor's fee was increased. The communication of the M.W. Pro G. Master was considered, and the Secretary instructed to for-

ward a favourable reply to the latter portion of that circular. The W.M. then rose and intimated to the brethren that a duty had devolved upon him which afforded him extreme pleasure, and addressing Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette, P.M., Sec., said: Bro. Dr. Brette, as one of the founders of this lodge, its second Worshipful Master, and for many years its Secretary, you have by your kind and genial manner, and the great interest you have taken in its welfare, confirmed us in the opinion that to you we owe its success. When some years ago we wanted a Secretary you came forward and generously undertook those duties, and we all know how well they have been carried out. We have thought that the time has arrived when we should mark our appreciation of your valuable services, and it is now my duty to ask your acceptance of a claret jug and goblets. The members of this lodge have but one wish, and that is that the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased to grant you long life to be with us. In the name of the Aldersgate Lodge, I present you with this mark of esteem and regard of the members. The presentation consisted of a very handsome silver claret jug and goblets, bearing the inscription—"Presented to Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., P.G. Chap. Middx., by the members of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, as a mark of personal esteem and regard."

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, in reply, said: Worshipful Master, if ever a man has been taken by surprise it is I, for I had not the slightest idea of what you were going to do when you just addressed me. If I had any doubt that Masons can keep a secret, it would certainly no longer exist in my mind. Whatever I have done in the past I have done it *con amore*, for I always had a great liking for this lodge, whose first W.M. is one of my greatest friends. When our first Secretary left us, I accepted the office left vacant, and for a few years acted as your Secretary. When pressure of work at Christ's Hospital, and in the University of London, and in that of New Zealand, obliged me to ask you to relieve me of my duties, you, worshipful sir, undertook to fulfil them. But, when it became the wish of the brethren to place you in the chair of K.S., I at once offered again my humble services to enable you to be our W.M. Now, although you are going to leave the chair which you have occupied with *éclat*, I will not resign the office of Secretary, for, as the W.M. elect is going to invest you with the collar of I.P.M., I do not think you ought to act as Secretary as well for the ensuing year. With regard to your very kind and most handsome present, Worshipful Master and brethren, I really do not think I deserve it, for I have only done my duty, and I am perfectly sure that any one of you would have acted as I did. However, I thank you from the very bottom of my heart, and, as long as I live, I shall never forget your great kindness towards me.

The Grand Secretary having assumed the chair, the installation ceremony was proceeded with, and Bro. Edward Anderton, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. A banner was erected behind the chair bearing the coat of arms of the W.M., and the motto—"Supero non cedo." Bro. Anderton, W.M., appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Vickery, S.W.; J. Renals, J.W.; A. Brookman, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., P.G.C. Middx., Secretary; A. B. Hudson, S.D.; F. Crockford, J.D.; J. Larkin, D.C.; E. F. B. Fuller and G. Rawlinson, Stwds. Bro. M. R. Webb being unavoidably absent, his investiture as I.G. was postponed. The Grand Secretary, as Installing Master, then delivered the addresses in his usual admirable manner. Bro. Anderton, W.M., presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Jolliffe, I.P.M., and said that one of the most agreeable duties that falls to a W.M. was the presentation of the jewel to the I.P.M. It signifies that he has discharged his duties satisfactorily, and testifies to the esteem and regard with which he is held. Bro. Jolliffe was well known to them all as a hard working Mason, ready to assist in anything that was for the good of the Craft, or their lodge in particular. He had much pleasure in presenting him with the jewel as a mark of the appreciation of the members at his services, and he was sure he was only expressing the sentiments of all when he said he hoped Bro. Jolliffe would be spared for many years to wear it and to look upon it as a memento of his year of office. Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, I.P.M., in thanking the W.M. and brethren for the jewel, said he should always look upon it with great pleasure, for it would bring back to his memory one of the pleasantest years of his life. The W. Master having signified his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School, the sum of 25 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list. On the motion of Bro. Benton, P.M., the Secretary was instructed to write to the relatives of the late Bro. Hyde Pullen, an honorary member of the lodge, expressing the sympathy of the members at their irreparable loss. There being no further Masonic business for transaction, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured.

The W.M. said the first toast on the list was one, which in every company of English gentlemen, whether Masons or not, was always received with loyalty and enthusiasm. It was "The Queen and the Craft." It was not his intention to dilate upon the many virtues which adorn the character of their Sovereign. She had reigned for 50 years, during which time they had enjoyed greater privileges, greater security, and greater blessings in the form of domestic peace, happiness, and comfort, than any other nation in the world. Although her Majesty had passed through bereavements and anxieties in the government of her dominions, she had always known and felt that she had the heartfelt sympathies of her people. He asked them to drink to the health of the greatest and best monarch that ever graced the throne.

In proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M." the W.M. said that he need say very little about the toast. H.R.H. inherited the good qualities of his mother, and it was very gratifying to the nation to see him develop much of that high culture, and that transcendent ability of his father. In Masonry H.R.H. was very popular and especially amongst the city lodges.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by the W.M. who remarked that it was only those who were acquainted with Masonic work in high latitudes, who knew how much the Craft was indebted to the Grand Officers for their labours. Although he could but introduce the toast in a feeble manner, he was sure it would be received with every feeling of respect and cordiality. They were not favoured with many Grand Officers, but there were present Bros. J. Derby

Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., thanked the W.M. very heartily for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their reception of it. He felt quite sure all present would agree with him that those who had the pleasure of attending Grand Lodge would know how well the proceedings were conducted, under the presidency of the two noblemen, the Pro G.M. and the Dep. G.M. He could only express a hope that the Grand Officers would try to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe said, as the I.P.M., it fell to his lot to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Anderton was one of the initiates of their lodge, and on the night of his initiation a brother was heard to remark that in him they would have a good Mason. That brother was right, for every office the W.M. had filled, he had carried out to the credit of the lodge. At last they had the pleasure of seeing him Worshipful Master, and in that position he would still further add to the credit of the lodge. He gave them the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and was sure they would join him in wishing Bro. Anderton a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Edward Anderton, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had introduced the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. His great fear was that being so young in Masonry he should fail in performing the duties of the chair. He could only promise them that he would do his best, and would try to the utmost of his ability to promote that good feeling and harmony without which no lodge could flourish. The I.P.M. had referred to his exertions, and he might say that he had done his best, and had been rewarded if the duties he had performed had met with their satisfaction. He again thanked them all, and hoped when he handed over his trust, it would be with the consciousness that he had performed it to their satisfaction.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., then gave "The Installing Master." He said the W.M. had entrusted him with the gavel, empowering him to propose that toast, and he had great pleasure in bringing it forward, for he knew it would meet with hearty enthusiasm. It had fallen to his lot on many occasions to welcome the Grand Secretary as Installing Master, and as that brother had been good enough to take the position of honorary member, they welcomed him on the present occasion as one of themselves. For the duty he had performed that night they owed him a debt of thanks and gratitude. A ceremony might be very interesting and good in itself, but they all knew how much depended upon the ceremonialist. When the ceremonialist was the Grand Secretary, who was so well versed in everything connected with the Craft, and whose delivery was so clear and distinct, it gave them a higher idea of the ritual. For some reason or another, it seemed to him (Bro. Allcroft) that the Grand Secretary was very fond of coming there, and it seemed like an annual occurrence that they should see him present. He thought that, considering the many duties Bro. Col. Clerke had to perform, and the great tax upon his time, they had good cause to be thankful to him for his favour. They had all been highly impressed, for his visit was one of the events to which they looked forward, and they felt as they went away that they had learned something of the principles and tenets of Freemasonry. They tendered to the Grand Secretary a hearty vote of thanks for his presence, and for the way in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and he hoped that the events of the evening might be a forecast of a happy year of office for the W.M. Much as they loved those who had gone before, the members looked forward with anticipation to the year of office of the present W.M., and they felt that when at a future time it might be the Grand Secretary's good pleasure to install another W. Master, they would be able confidently to say that the present installation had been a happy event. He begged to propose, with good wishes, "The Health of the Installing Master, their good friend, Bro. Col. Clerke, Grand Secretary."

The Grand Secretary, in reply, said he could assure them that he felt very much flattered by the far too kind expressions used. It was very good of Bro. Allcroft to speak of him like that; but he felt that he must join issue with him. He must take the opposite side, and say that, on the contrary, he was very grateful to that lodge for receiving him, and to the P.M.'s for permitting him to officiate. He confessed that he did not accept the invitations he received to install W.M.'s, and their's was the only lodge in which he did it. Bro. Allcroft was good enough to very plainly hint that he was a good Mason, and, on the doctrine of evidence, a good Mason frequents a good lodge. He believed he had installed seven of the Nestors on the left of the chair, and they did credit to his performance. Through the mystic laying on of hands they had all turned out good W.M.'s, and he hoped the stock coming on would be as good. As they had heard his voice a good deal on that occasion, he would not detain them much longer, but assured them of the pleasure it had afforded him to visit that lodge, where there were so many of his personal friends. If all the P.M.'s agreed, and the W.M. should ask him, it was quite possible, God willing, that he might be there again a year hence. He could only say it would afford him as much pleasure next year to give his services as it had done on the present occasion.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and said their lodge was always delighted to honour this toast, for the members were indebted to the visiting brethren for many enjoyable evenings. There were present that evening a number of very distinguished Masons, some of them from distant parts. He heard a brother in the lodge convey "Hearty good wishes" from New Zealand, and assured him they were very glad to see him. They had also two other important Masons in the persons of Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S. of Works Essex, and a very old friend of his own to whom he was indebted for a very considerable amount of medical advice. He would therefore ask them to express the sentiments of the visitors, and he begged to assure them that the members were always glad to see them and would be on future occasions. He asked them to drink to "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. C. Hogard, Dr. Strong, and H. S. Hobday.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.P.G.S. of Works Essex, tendered his thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren. The W.M. has kindly coupled his name to respond, but he assured them he considered it a very arduous duty to perform when he looked round and saw the large array of visitors present.

He knew many members of the lodge and had been connected with them in this great city, and had been fortunate enough to witness the installation of several Masters. He had therefore great pleasure in responding for the visitors. They had seen the work in the lodge admirably done with great satisfaction, and had enjoyed the hospitality at the festive board. If on some future occasion they should again be invited, they would be very pleased to repeat their visit.

Bro. H. D. Strong, M.D., P.P.G.W. Surrey, said it was not often that he found himself nervous, but he had to confess that on being called upon unexpectedly to respond he felt timid. He took it as a very high compliment and as a mark of friendship that he the (W.M.) had called upon him. It afforded him much pleasure to see Bro. Anderton installed into the chair. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which the toast had been accorded.

Bro. H. S. Hobday, P.M. 609, on behalf of the visitors from the colonies, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their great kindness. He could not help feeling that this toast was good evidence of the principle of hospitality practised by the lodge, for the bulk of those present were visitors. He was sure they had enjoyed themselves, and he would like to have that eloquence that would do justice to the toast. In New Zealand Freemasons seemed to pay a great deal more attention to the ritual than to the principles. He thought that if they paid a little more attention to the principles it would be better, for it was that that made the Mason.

The Worshipful Master then said he wished to introduce to their notice a brother of very high rank. He could assure that brother that amongst the many who rejoiced at the high distinction conferred upon him by the Queen none felt greater pleasure than the brethren and companions of the Aldersgate Lodge and Chapter. He had great pleasure in asking Bro. Sir John Staples to propose the next toast.

Bro. Alderman Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., said the W.M. had requested him to propose the toast of "The Past Masters," but he felt as if his own health had been proposed. The W.M. had said so many kind things of him, that he felt bound to express his thanks. With reference to himself, nothing had given him greater pleasure than the manner in which he had been received in their lodge. During the time he had very arduous duties to perform, nothing afforded him so much satisfaction as the knowledge that he could reckon upon the good feeling of all in his Ward. There was a certain amount of fitness in his proposing that toast, seeing he was the Alderman for the Aldersgate Ward, and he was assured that that lodge had been the means of bringing together many who were connected in other places, and it afforded them the opportunity of receiving their friends and exchanging compliments. It had not only done this, but it had produced another lodge—the St. Botolph's. It was another source of pleasure to him that the first W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge was their respected friend Bro. Allcroft. He need hardly say that if Bro. Allcroft laid the foundation of an edifice there could be no doubt how the building would be completed. They had seen it in the lodge, and they had also had the testimony of the Installing Master. The Grand Secretary had spoken very kindly of the P.M.'s. It was very kind of that brother to come there, and he had given a genial promise that he would repeat his kindness in the year that was coming. It was not often that it fell to the lot of an honorary member to propose that toast. He could say a great deal about the general improvement their lodge had made amongst the inhabitants of their Ward. It had removed many of those little differences that often existed, for it was a grand thing that men holding different opinions could be brought face to face, and a better tone of feeling thereby engendered. He was proud of his connection with such a Ward, and that such a feeling as at present existed had been brought about by that lodge.

Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, I.P.M., thanked Bro. Alderman Staples for the very kind way in which he had spoken of the P.M.'s. He was an infant as regards the P.M.'s, but he could safely say that no Lodge had a better body of P.M.'s than theirs. Their hearts and souls were in that lodge, and they spared neither time or trouble to carry out the duties. He again tendered his thanks, and said he was sure the worthy brethren who were coming on would be equal to those who had gone before.

Bro. F. Crockford said he considered it an honour to propose the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and that they had no two brethren who were so much esteemed as Bros. Dr. Brette and Brookman. Those brethren had passed the chair, and had done much to further the success of their lodge.

Bro. Brookman, Treas., in reply, said that being associated in this toast with Bro. Dr. Brette, he felt all the kind remarks were true, for they were spoken on behalf of that brother. They all felt it a great pleasure that Bro. Brette had given them the benefit of his services, and they had also conferred a pleasure upon him by making him his colleague. Bro. Dr. Brette had deputed him to say that he was quite overcome in the lodge at their kindness, as it was a great surprise, and on his behalf he also thanked them for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. George Vickery, S.W., responded for the officers, and said nothing afforded the members greater pleasure than to respond for this toast. The duties of S.W. had been magnificently performed by his predecessors, and when he called to mind the Masons whose names were inscribed before him, he was not ashamed to admit that at the present time he felt his own shortcomings. He was, however, buoyed up with the hope that the same sympathy would be extended as they had been shown in the past.

Bro. Renals, J.W., also replied and assured the W.M. he could rely upon the loyal support of the officers.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings. An excellent programme of music was admirably performed by Miss Laura Brown, Miss Annie Buckland, and Messrs. Braxton Smith and Sackville Evans. Mr. David Davies rendered efficient service at the pianoforte as accompanist.

KING'S CROSS LODGE (No. 1732).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Amongst the large number of members and visitors present were Bros. C. H. Putland, W.M.; B. Kauffmann, S.W.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Treas.; Frank Fletcher, Sec.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; W. R. Yates, D.C.; W. Bailey and R. T. Palmer, Stwds.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M.; Henry Stiles, P.M.; Lewin Solomon, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; G.

Leavers, R. H. Deighton, J. Pattison, G. R. Bolton, E. Clare, and J. S. Kitchen. Visitors: Bros. W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M. 2048; R. J. Beale, S.D. 1107; J. H. Baxter, 261; F. W. Levander, P.M. 1415, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; W. Porter, P.M. 1269; Donald G. Macleod, P.D.D.G.M. British Burmah; H. Dickey, W.M. 1744; H. E. Turner, W.M. 1149; A. B. Reynolds, 169; J. Thom, 957; J. J. Solomon, 1319; George Kenning, P.M. 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; M. Ansell, 1502; F. Silvester, W.M. 193; H. Grevel, 2150; J. C. Smith, I.P.M. 1744; C. Hupler, 2150; W. Hammond, 469; A. Simner, W.M. 177; E. Harvey, P.M. 1314; R. Eve, P.M. 1, P.P.S.G.W. Hants; T. C. Arland, 1305; H. Hamilton, 569; J. P. Hamilton, P.M. 1708; T. G. Guyer, P.M. 1288; Jas. Kew, P.M. 179; K. Hahn, 2150; P. L. Hickman, P.M. 188; J. F. Schipper, 2150; W. Procter, W.M. 1288; A. Tubbs, 749; J. Hemming, J.W. 1287; F. Izant, 27; and J. Parker, 1853.

The lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Ballot was successfully taken in favour of Bro. J. S. Kitchen, 72, as a joining member, and Mr. E. Clare as an initiate. Mr. Clare was impressively initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Putland, W.M. Bro. B. Kauffmann was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. A. Hubbard, S.W.; A. Pawson, J.W.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Treas.; F. Fletcher, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; W. R. Yates, J.D.; W. Bailey, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., D.C.; R. T. Palmer, G. R. Bolton, and E. J. Sofke, Stewards; and R. Whiting, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Putland, I.P.M., in a very able manner.

The W. Master then presented Bro. Putland, I.P.M., with a handsome jewel in recognition of his valuable services in the chair during the past year, and as a mark of the esteem with which he is regarded by the members.

Bro. Putland tendered his sincere thanks for the gift, which he would wear with pride, and said he was gratified to think that his labours had met with the approval and satisfaction of the brethren.

A Charity jewel was then presented to the W.M. by the Treasurer, on behalf of the members, in recognition of the very energetic efforts he had made for the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Kauffmann, W.M., in reply, said he hardly knew how to express his feelings of gratitude for the handsome manner in which the lodge had recognised the small services he had rendered to the Charities. What he had done had been a labour of love; but if it had been the hardest work of his life, he should have been amply repaid by their kindness.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Master for the efficient and impressive manner in which he had rendered the installation ceremony that evening. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers," were first given by the W.M., and received heartily by the brethren.

Bro. Putland, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said it was the first time he had had the honour of submitting this toast as a P.M. It afforded him considerable pleasure to propose the health of the W.M., as that brother and himself were the only two members of the lodge who had commenced at the lowest office and had worked their way steadily to the chair. He asked the brethren to join him in wishing Bro. Kauffmann a happy year of office.

Bro. Bernhard Kauffmann, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. very sincerely for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their reception of it. Whatever he had done in Masonry, he had found easy, but the present was a difficult task for he had to speak of himself. As the I.P.M. had truly remarked, he had risen from the first step of the ladder to his present high position. He had a very difficult task before him as the W. Masters who had preceded him performed their duties in an excellent manner. However, he would endeavour to carry out his duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped to their satisfaction. It was the first time he had been placed in the position of W.M., and he therefore trusted the P.M.'s would support him in the onerous work of his office. He said a few words in the lodge respecting their kind present, but he wished again to thank them for their great kindness to him, which he should never forget. He should always wear the charity jewel with pride, and should the lodge ever be in want of a Steward to represent them, he would willingly undertake the duty.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master," was given by the W.M. The brethren were all aware of the excellent manner in which brother Putland, I.P.M. had performed his duties during the past year, and they had also witnessed his able rendering of the installing ceremony, on that occasion. No further remarks would therefore be needed to ensure the toast a hearty reception.

Bro. C. H. Putland, I.P.M. after thanking the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which his health had been given and received, said he was afraid he did not deserve all the W.M. had said of him. He had rendered the ceremony to the best of his ability, and had also carried out the duties of W.M. as well as he could, and was amply repaid by the knowledge that he had given satisfaction. He heartily thanked them for the jewel presented to him, which would serve to remind him of the kindness and good wishes of the brethren.

"The P.M.'s, Treasurer and Secretary," was next proposed by the W.M., who said the members were well aware of the excellent qualities of the brethren referred to in the toast. The P.M.'s were one and all regular in their attendance, and were at all times willing to render any support or assistance to the W. Master.

Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., Treas. replied, and assured the W.M. and brethren, that the P.M.'s were always ready to render all the assistance in their power.

Bros. Solomon, P.M., and F. Fletcher, Secretary, also returned thanks.

"The Initiate" having been given and responded to by Bro. Clare,

"The Masonic Charities" was given by the Worshipful Master, who characterised the toast as a very important one. He could tell the brethren a good deal about those

Charities if Bro. Terry was not present. With regard to the Charitable Institutions, he would say that their lodge, although a small one, had never been found wanting a Steward since its consecration. They had on the present occasion Bro. Bailey, who had undertaken a Stewardship for the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Stiles intended also to benefit that Institution by representing two other lodges, and Bro. R. Bolton would represent the Acacia Lodge for the same fund.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., in reply, said that as this would be his last appearance in public before the Festival of the Institution he represented, he would make an appeal to the sympathies of the Craft. They had 130 candidates, and until last Tuesday but nine vacancies; but the Committee, thinking the Craft intended doing something more than usual for the Charities this year, had decided to take on 25 additional widows. The extra 25 widows would cost £300, or nearly £1000 a year. He hoped Bro. Bailey would be as successful as their Worshipful Master, who in his first Stewardship took up £180.

"The Visitors" was given by the Worshipful Master, who tendered them all a very hearty welcome.

Bro. A. Simner, W.M. 177, replied, and tendered his sincere thanks, on behalf of the visitors, for the hospitality shown them. Somebody had remarked that "the face was the index of the soul," and it was only necessary to look round the table to see that every brother had enjoyed himself. They had been extremely pleased at what they had seen and heard.

Bro. D. G. Macleod, P.D.D.G.M. B. Burmah, expressed the pleasure he felt at being present at their meeting. He had witnessed a treat in Masonry in the excellent working in the lodge, and had to thank them heartily, as a representative from a distant province, for their hospitality.

Several other brethren responded, including

Bro. Richard Eve, P.M. 1, P.P.S.G.W. Hants, who said he began to think that the duty of responding to that toast would be safely carried out by the brethren who had preceded him. The W.M. had exercised a wise discretion in calling upon W.M.'s of lodges to respond, for they were the proper brethren to return thanks for that toast. The esteemed brother on his left (Bro. McLeod) had also responded for the officers of the District Grand Lodges. As he had also been called upon, he begged to be allowed to thank them, and especially Bro. Stiles for the invitation. He came there with great pleasure, and he had been pleased with the working and with the excellent way in which the Installing Master had performed his duty. He was glad to find the W.M. had worked himself up from the lowest rung of the ladder, and the members, knowing his worth in the past, had wisely placed him in his present high position. The W.M. had called upon him to respond, and had told them that he (Bro. Eve) was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer. It was with very great diffidence that he allowed his name to be submitted as a candidate. He started in office in his lodge 30 years ago, and had the honour of filling the chair 26 years ago. He had a great love for Masonry, and it was from the impressive rendering of the initiation ceremony that he began to find that there was a new light, by the aid of which he could become more extensively serviceable to his fellow creatures. He had found Masonry tend to elevate and improve, and enable a brother to become stronger in himself. They had had impressed upon them by the M.W.G.M. the two watch-words—"Loyalty and Charity." The latter had been admirably expatiated upon by Bro. Terry, and he could safely say that there was no Order in existence that could boast of such Institutions. Masonry was not a benefit society, and it was not intended for men to enter it for what they could get out of it. He was glad to find they were sending up a Steward, for the Institutions were a credit to the Order. From the time he was a Past Master of his lodge he had served Stewardships, and he had year after year contributed his small quota to those Institutions, and he had no reason to regret it. With regard to loyalty, he would say that if there was a loyal body, that body was the Freemasons. He was proud to say he was a Mason, and no brother was more loyal to the throne than himself. He was very pleased to be present that evening, as he was desirous of saying a few words respecting his candidature for the Grand Treasuryship, which the W.M. had kindly mentioned. It was the highest office that could possibly be bestowed upon a brother next to that of the M.W.G.M., which was so ably filled by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He had not worked in the past for the honour he was now seeking, but had simply discharged his duty in the Craft without having thought he should be nominated for such a position. He thought that the claims he had were not less than those of the brother who had also been proposed as a candidate. He was deeply grieved to hear that evening from a brother who had been told in another lodge that he (Bro. Eve) was an atheist and a socialist. He had nothing whatever to say against the brother who is his opponent, for he was a gentleman known to many, but all he asked was that they should have fair play. A brother who had been a Mason over thirty years, and who had worked for the good of the Craft, was not likely to be a socialist, and could not be an atheist. Whether the charge was made in his absence, or in his presence, he should decidedly repel it, and he considered it most unfair that such a thing should be said of him. He was no socialist. His nearest approach to socialism had been in connection with the Board of Guardians, and he was also Chairman of the Board of Health in his locality. He had never attended a socialist meeting, but on the contrary, deprecated the proceedings of that body. He would not have mentioned this, but that brother had just told him what was said of him. Fair play was one of the first jewels, and he therefore again asked that he should have fair play. He had aspersed no man, and had not deserved that this should be said of him. It was calculated to interfere with the discrimination and fairness of any brother. If his qualifications were equal to those of the other brother, or if they were better, was for the brethren to decide, but he could assure them that whether he was elected as Grand Treasurer or not, his love for Masonry would be the same. He would say again that if a brother wishes to become more serviceable to his fellow creatures, he must become stronger and more powerful in himself; and Masonry would tend to make him so. Should he be elected as Grand Treasurer he would faithfully carry out the duties, and hoped that he should meet with their satisfaction.

"The Officers" toast having been given, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE LODGE (No. 2157).

—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., Westminster, on Friday, the 11th inst. The following brethren were present: Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.C. Leicestershire and Rutland, W.M.; Jas. Easterbrook, M.A., S.W.; John O'Connell, J.W.; T. Cross, P.M., Sec.; W. R. Carter, B.A., S.D.; J. Tidmarsh, J.D.; W. Goulden, I.G.; J. R. Phillips and R. H. Catling, Stwds.; A. Preece Lye, T. E. Cattell, Alfred Streeter, R. J. Hennings, J. Bell, Geo. W. Stevens, W. T. Thompson, J. Longhurst Johnson, H. J. Whitehouse, and John Stanton. Visitors: F. Whiting, W.M. 1772; E. W. Warner, W.M. 1793; W. T. Keddell, Org. 1185.

The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were then taken on behalf of Messrs. J. P. Collings, W. Lewis, and D. J. Rowland, and proved unanimous. Bros. Hennings, Cattell, and Bell were raised to the rank of M.M.'s. The ceremony was most impressively and carefully performed by the W.M.; indeed, we have seldom heard it more strikingly rendered. A word of praise must be accorded the Deacons for the accurate and careful manner in which they performed their special duties. After giving the Traditional History, the W.M. called on Bro. T. Cross, P.M., to explain the signs and working tools. Bro. Geo. W. Stevens most ably, at the request of the W.M., gave the "Charge" to all those who had been initiated in the lodge; all of them were present. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. J. Tidmarsh, J.D., for his present of copies of hymns and MS. music. After some other lodge business was transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards dined with the W.M., when they enjoyed an excellent repast provided by Bro. H. Cloots. The usual toasts were given and duly honoured. For the visitors, Bros. Whiting, Warner, and Keddell replied, stating the pleasure they experienced in being present, and promising to come again.

Some excellent songs were sung by the W.M., and Bros. Cattell and Keddell. In addition to these some part songs were capably rendered by the majority of the members of the lodge, which seems to be specially privileged in having members of musical ability.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, 14th inst. Present: Bros. T. W. Markwick, W.M.; F. H. Hallett, I.P.M.; S. Chandler, S.W.; Peter Robinson, acting J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.S.G.D., P.M.; Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Foord, S.D.; W. S. Allen, J.D.; P. M. Skinner, Org.; F. C. Edwards, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 1820, and 1842, P.M.; F. Plowman, P.M.; Councillor W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Stwd. P.M.; G. Roddis, Randell, Edmed, G. Gaze, Bullman, W. S. Addison, Geer, Henry Kimm, W.M. 1184.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bros. Bullman and Addison were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, and Bro. Geer passed as F.C., both ceremonies being well rendered by the W.M. Bro. Trollope, P.M., proposed that the sum of 15 guineas be voted from the lodge funds towards the Benevolent Institution. The communication from the Pro Grand Master was received and adopted. All business being ended lodge was closed.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Bros. Jas. Walker, W.M.; Chas. Crompton, I.P.M.; W. F. Chambers, S.W.; W. Siddon, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; J. W. Draycott, Sec.; R. Cuerden, S.D.; W. Forrest, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, D.C.; E. Halliwell, I.G.; J. R. Haslam, Org.; T. Higson, Tyler; P. Bradburn, P.M.; T. Morris, P.M.; Critchley, Sutcliffe, Marginson, D. W. Stevenson, C. Howarth, John Seddon, J. W. Entwistle, and J. J. Bentley. Visitors: Bros. W. Long, 1509; J. F. Skelton, P.M. 140; J. T. Vose, S.W. 140; and J. Duckworth, 381.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Sutcliffe was raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. Crompton, I.P.M., who also instructed him in the working tools and delivered the lecture of the Degree. Mr. John Rushton was then balloted for and elected, afterwards being initiated by the W.M., the J.W., Bro. Siddon, explaining the working tools, and the charge was delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br. It was agreed to reply to the Prov. G.M.'s circular, assenting to the proposals therein. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, after which the lodge was closed. The proceedings throughout were choral, being under the charge of the D. of C., Bro. J. W. Taylor, Prov. S.G.D., ably assisted by Bros. Draycott, Howarth, and J. R. Haslam, Bro. Peter Staton presiding at the organ.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).

The Festival of St. John was celebrated by this lodge at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when Bro. G. J. Tilling, P.M. 1461, P.P.G.S. of Wks., was installed as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; R. W. Lees, W.M. 130; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Coles, P.M. 130, P.P.G.D.C.; T. P. Payne, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Lemon, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks.; G. Dymott, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. Lashmore, P.M., P.S.G.D.; W. Bowyer, P.M. 1461, P.P.G. Std.; R. Brannon, W.M.; A. M. Bailey, W.M. 1780; G. Ward, W.M. 1783; E. Gayton, P.M. 394; W. Bone, J.P., P.M.; A. Paris, P.M.; and Lavington, P.M. 857. The visiting brethren also included Bros. Capt. Barlow, Medina Lodge, Cowes; G. Brannon, Albany, Newport; and a brother from South Africa.

After the ceremonies of passing and raising had been admirably performed by the retiring Master, Bro. Brannon, the installation was conducted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Numerous "Hearty good wishes" were tendered to the new Master on assuming the chair of a lodge of such historic traditions as the Southampton. The following officers were then appointed: Bros. Brannon, I.P.M.; F. H. Candy, S.W.; C. Appleford, J.W.; J. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Francis, S.D.; S. Dacombe, J.D.; E. Gayton, P.M., D.C.; Dr. John Candy, I.G.; F. Dunsford and A. Hewitt, Stwds.; and Vare and J. Biggs, Tylers.

The D.P.G.M. was thanked for his services as Installing Master, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Brannon on his quitting the chair after an anxious, though withal fairly successful, year of office. The circular of the Pro Grand Master was considered, and the lodge resolved to approve of the proposal to hold a great Jubilee gathering of Masons at Olympia for charitable objects, and commended the Imperial Institute to the individual support of the brethren as private citizens. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the funds of the Benevolent Institution, and ordered to be added to the list of the D.P.G.M., who will attend the Institution Festival as Steward.

The installation banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnall, was partaken of by a numerous gathering. The newly-installed Master occupied the chair.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Lodge," of which he is a Deacon, speaking of the important charitable work done by the Board of Benevolence, commended it to the attention of Masters of lodges and such other brethren as were qualified to attend the meetings. He added that at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday night there were three cases dealt with from Hampshire, and urged that it might be of advantage to the applicants if brethren of the province, when any case was coming before the Board from their own particular district, would communicate with him as to the facts, so that he might be prepared to give information to the Board when appealed to.

The usual Masonic toasts followed.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—On the afternoon of the 14th inst., the annual installation ceremony in connection with this lodge, took place at the Crescent Hotel. Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P. G.M. North and East Yorkshire, installed Bro. W. S. Meek, W.M. in succession to Bro. Capt. H. Darley, who now becomes immediate Past Master. The W.M. installed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. Harland, S.W.; Rowe, J.W.; Williamson, D.C.; R. Dopson, Treas.; Budd, Sec.; Robson, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; Dr. Haworth, Org.; Parnell, I.G.; Chumley and Barnett, Stwds.; Jefferson, Tyler.

The usual banquet of St. John took place at the Crescent Hotel in the evening. There was a large number of visiting brethren from the three Scarborough lodges.

ALDRESHOT.—Panmure Lodge (No. 723).

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. H. Lehmann, S.W., took place at the Masonic Hall, Imperial Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form, the following brethren being present: Bros. A. K. Prescott, P.M., W.M. 1791; J. J. Black, W.M. 1564; Timbrell, W.M. 2016; J. Taylor, W.M. 1331; J. S. Hickley, P.M. 723; J. H. Askham, P.M. 723; R. Glasspool, P.M. 723; J. Youd, P.M. 723; G. Payne, P.M. 2101; A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, J.W. 1971; J. T. Broderick, J.W. 1331; H. Stone, P.M. 723; H. E. Trestrail, 766; H. Loder, 39; J. G. Hayhoe, 1331; H. E. Pett; C. Roelich, and others.

The installing ceremony was performed by Bro. J. B. Harrison, W.M., in his usual impressive style. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Gee, P.M., P.P.G. Sec.; S. W. J. Miller, J.W.; R. Eve, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., &c., Treas.; W. L. Coulson, P.M., Sec.; G. Frost, S.D.; J. Ritchie, J.D.; F. Adnett, Org.; B. Cohen, I.G.; H. Pett and W. Phillips, Stewards; and Burns, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Coulson, seconded by Bro. Youd, it was resolved—"That as the Provincial Grand Master, the Wor. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., will this year preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, this lodge vote the sum of 10 guineas to that Institution." It was further unanimously resolved that a Past Secretary's jewel be presented to Bro. Youd, P.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary of the lodge for the past three years.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., by the W.M. in the name of the lodge.

Bro. Harrison, in returning thanks, said he regarded it more as a token of the good wishes of the brethren than as a reward of any special merit on his part, and as such he should highly value it. If he might be allowed to make use of the term, he would compare the jewel to the body and their wishes to the spirit, and as much as the spirit might be of more value than the body, so much more he valued the good wishes of the brethren represented by that jewel than the intrinsic value of the decoration itself.

The jewel was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. Bro. J. B. Harrison, P.M., by the brethren of the Panmure Lodge, 723, as a token of esteem and regard, also in recognition of his zeal and ability in the discharge of his duties as W.M. 8th Feb. 1887."

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet provided in Host Bro. Stone's usually excellent style. The W.M. occupied the chair.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were loyally and Masonically honoured, the brethren singing the Masonic National Anthem, and "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The Worshipful Master then combined the next two toasts together, "The M.W.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past and Present."

These toasts were received with full Masonic honours. "The Health of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," was given from the chair and drunk with much enthusiasm.

"The Very Worshipful the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was the next toast on the list, and the W.M., in proposing it, coupled with it the names of Bros. Hickley, Youd, and Glasspool, each of whom suitably responded.

Bro. Harrison, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Lehmann," observing that he was sure the very zealous manner in which he had performed his duties as S.W. and J.W. spoke volumes for the energy and zeal he would show now he had reached the important office of W.M. Few would have done so much in the interests of Masonry as Bro. Lehmann, who, although he resided so

far away as Norwich, yet attended regularly every lodge night to take the chair as S.W. From the admirable manner in which their new W.M. fell into his duties in closing the lodge that evening he (the speaker) had little doubt that he would sustain with credit the important position now entrusted to him. He had great pleasure in proposing his health.

The toast was received with Masonic honours.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been received. He considered it a great honour to be elected W.M. of the Panmure Lodge, but more particularly so that year, the Jubilee year of her Majesty's reign. He did not suppose if he had tried he could have selected a more auspicious year to occupy the proud position of W.M. of their lodge. It was a year which, if he was spared, he should look back to with pride and pleasure as the one in which her Majesty, our loved Queen, completed the first half-century of a splendid reign; and the one in which he was chosen by the brethren of his lodge to occupy the exalted position of W.M. He could assure them that whilst he esteemed the honour they had done him at its full worth, he was not unmindful of the responsibility of the duties which would devolve upon him during the ensuing year—a year which promised to be a more eventful one than ever he remembered, not only throughout this country, but the whole dominions of her Majesty, upon which—as was the case with their noble Order—the sun never set. He would like to observe, further, that there was another item of pleasure to be derived from his appointment as W.M. of the Panmure Lodge, and that arose from the fact that it was the lodge in which his father was initiated. Like his father, he had taken a great interest in the Craft, and was ambitious to join the Order. He had joined, and they had thought proper to raise him to the chair, and now he was there he would do his best to maintain the position with credit to himself and to the lodge. He thanked them sincerely for conferring upon him that honour, and also for so kindly drinking his health.

The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Prescott and Taylor.

In responding, Bro. Prescott, having got over a preliminary bashfulness, which he explained was constitutional, said that complaint was greatly aggravated by the peculiar influence the room exerted upon him, for he remembered the last time he was in that room he was in a great quandary as to the uncertainty of what he would be that evening—a boy or a girl. But after the little speeches of Bros. Eve and Ritchie, he found himself neither a boy nor a girl; he went out of the room a determined widow. He mentioned this matter so that they might understand the shyness with which he addressed them that night. He begged to return them his portion of thanks for the reception they had given the visitors, and the hearty manner in which the toast was honoured, and he sincerely wished the Panmure might go on, and, like the Phoenix, soar into brighter and brighter eminence.

Bro. Taylor also responded. He must certainly say that to a certain extent he was labouring under a difficulty in responding, being one of themselves, but as they had done him the honour of coupling his name with the toast, he supposed it was because he was the W.M. of the Camp Lodge. He thanked them very heartily on behalf of that lodge. He might observe that it gave him great pleasure in attending the Panmure as well as the Camp, because it had been instilled into him that the Panmure was the parent of the latter. It was always pleasant to see the members of the Camp welcomed so heartily in the Panmure and vice-versa, and he hoped that unanimity and concord would continue in the future in the same degree as in the past. He was sure nothing would be left undone on his part to still further cement the ties which so strongly bound them together.

Bro. J. Youd, in responding for "The Masonic Charities," said that toast was usually entrusted to brethren who were more conversant with the details of those Charities than he was himself. He was afraid if he tried he could not give them even a brief outline of the work of the Masonic Charities, or of the important position they had attained in the country; in fact, he could not tell them how it was he found himself standing on his feet speaking on their behalf, except that he was a Life Governor in the Benevolent Institution and Life Subscriber to the Boys' School. To-morrow would bring home to them Bro. Eve's words that "the Charities were the brightest jewels in the Masonic Crown." Of all the good they tried to do as Masons none equalled the Charities. It was to those Charities that they pointed with pride, and which they considered did overwhelming honour to their Order. Every brother in lodge that afternoon must have felt a great amount of pleasure thrill through him at the motion brought forward by Bro. Coulson, and also at the hearty manner in which it was carried. He (the speaker) was pleased for several reasons that that sum of money went on the list of Bro. Frost, for he was a brother who, though young, had already made his mark in the Craft. He had only been 18 months a Mason, and yet had several offices. For taking the office of Steward and interesting himself in the Charities as he had done, he was deserving of their heartiest thanks. It was a great pleasure to him to see the Panmure contribute funds that evening that would go to swell the receipts of the P.G.M. He rejoiced to see the same spirit of "esprit" exist in their lodge as in a regiment, and that the spirit of emulation was as great now as in former days. His principal pleasure was in thinking that the Panmure Lodge was about to resume its old position in the province, and that position they should know was "second to none." On behalf of those three Charities, to which they all looked with so much pride, he begged to return them his most sincere thanks.

The Worshipful Master next proposed in fitting terms "The P.M.'s of the Panmure Lodge," commenting on the important services they rendered the lodge, and the willingness with which they always responded to the call of duty.

Bro. Hickley responded on behalf of the P.M.'s.

"The Officers of Panmure Lodge" was the next toast, in responding to which

Bro. Gee said, as S.W., on behalf of his brother officers, he assured them he returned his most sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was proud of the office in which he had been placed that evening, and he was sure every officer was equally proud, and had a desire to work the different offices which they had undertaken to the best of their ability, and to give their W.M. every

support in their power. He hoped they should meet often. He spoke of a lodge of instruction which had been formed, and trusted he should meet there the officers of the Panmure Lodge and the other lodges in Aldershot, and that they would all work together in that good feeling and harmony, which became the lodges of that province. After being out of office something like 15 or 16 years he felt rather rusty, and to get that rust taken off so as to work well it was necessary they should meet often, and so learn how to render the working of the different offices as they should be rendered. The Panmure was small in numbers, and they always felt encouraged by the presence of visiting brethren. He hoped they would visit the lodge not only at the installation ceremony, but on the other lodge nights as well.

Bro. Ritchie, J.W., likewise responded, endorsing Bro. Gee's remarks, and adding that, like him, he also was rusty. If his powers were equal to his appreciation of Masonry, he could only say he should be very high indeed in the Craft.

The Tyler's toast was rendered in its own peculiar style, after which "The Healths of the Host and Hostess" were drunk with great cordiality, Bro. Stone thanking the brethren for their flattering reception of the toast and their appreciation of his efforts to please them.

STOCKTON.—Philanthropy Lodge (No. 940).—On the afternoon of the 17th instant the annual installation of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. George Lazenby installed Bro. Cuthbert Allan in succession to himself, and he now becomes Immediate Past Master. The newly-elected W.M. installed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Thomas F. Pearce, S.W.; Jonathan Fowler, J.W.; Andrew S. Fowler, Treas.; I. H. Hart, Sec.; Alfred Atkinson, S.D.; Thomas Prudames, J.D.; Alfred Waller, I.C.; Thos. Bradley, D.C.; J. T. B. Turner, Org.; T. E. Atterby and J. S. Watson, Stewards; and J. Trenholme, Tyler.

The banquet took place at the close of the ceremony. There was a large number of visiting brethren present.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Henry Kimm presided, supported by Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., I.P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P., P.M. 40, as S.W.; J. B. Ford, S.D. 40, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Robert Hughes, S.W., acting Sec.; T. J. Walder, S.D.; W. E. Skinner, J.D.; R. Davison, M.D., I.G.; J. B. Foster, R. Avis, and C. Till.

The first business was to receive an important confidential communication from the Pro Grand Master with reference to the Jubilee, the brethren unanimously agreeing with the proposals it contained. In the absence of Bro. Sargent, P.M., P.G.A.P., Bro. Robert Hughes proposed, and Bro. Kimm seconded, that the sum of two guineas be voted from the lodge toward the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons and Widows. Bro. W. Lamborn, P.M., proposed that the sum of about two guineas be voted toward the purchase of a few Masonic books as the nucleus of a lodge library. After discussion on several matters, the lodge was closed in due form.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present among others Bros. A. H. Guernsey, W.M.; Toulmin, jun., acting S.W.; E. Jenkins, J.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Capt. Bunn, S.D.; H. Jenkins, J.D.; Col. R. Cuming, acting I.G.; T. A. Jenkins, and others. Bros. Major-Gen. Cuming, P.G.S. Wales; and Cousins, P.M. 209, were visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Coombs was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Messrs. Davison, and it proving to be unanimous, both gentlemen were ably initiated into Craft mysteries by Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders. Bro. Guernsey, W.M. having been elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the Boys' School, the Treasurer gave a notice of motion that the sum of five guineas be placed on the W.M.'s list. The communications from the Pro G.M., Lord Carnarvon, upon the proposed scheme for the Masonic celebration of the Queen's Jubilee was read and agreed to. Letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.G.M. Middx.; J. T. Briggs, P.G.S. Middx., I.P.M.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.W. Middx., P.M.; T. R. Richnell, S.W.; D. P. Camo, G. Treas.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Lion Hotel, on the 17th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. Wheatley, W.M.; Fales, S.W.; Ransford, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Treasurer; I. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., Secretary; Davies, S.D.; Scholding, I.G.; Kent, Asst. Org.; Fisher, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Jones, P.M., Stvd.; Culverwell, A.D.C.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; W. Spearing, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Conway for initiation, and Bro. Davis, Arnold Lodge, for joining, which was unanimous. The former being in attendance, he was duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. Meacock was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Spearing, I.P.M., and Bros. Myers, C. Wheatley, Scott, and Gale were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., the ceremony being well performed. Bro. H. Wheatley, W.M., having been elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, Bro. Walls gave a notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be placed on the Worshipful Master's list in the name of the lodge. A petition to the Boys' School Committee, on behalf of the son of a deceased member was signed. Several communications from absent members having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Brownrigg Lodge (No. 1638).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., and was largely attended. The W.M., Bro. John Drewett, opened the lodge for the first time since his installation, assisted by his officers—Bros. G. Moorman, S.W.; W. Drewett, J.W.; H. W. Humphreys, S.D.; F. Montague, J.D.; H. W. Willis, acting I.G.; and W. Lane, Tyler.

The first business was to consider the letter from the Pro Grand Master in reference to the Imperial Institute, and after some discussion it was resolved that, as a lodge, it was not deemed necessary to contribute. It was pointed out that there was a local fund for the same object, to which the brethren could contribute individually if they approved of the scheme. Bro. McCall Chambers then presented himself to be raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., having been, by request, passed at the Dobie Lodge in January last. His proficiency in the former Degree having been tested satisfactorily, the ceremony was most impressively performed. Bro. G. C. Allen was then brought forward as a candidate for the Degree of F.C., to which he was in due form admitted; and then the ballot was taken for Messrs. Sidney, Acton, and J. C. Boyd, who were unanimously elected and initiated in a way that made a great impression upon them. The greetings of the visitors were given at the proper time, and the brethren were then ready for refreshment, having spent three hours in labour. This was most satisfactorily supplied by Bro. Bond. All present were deeply interested in the working of the W.M., who is but a young Mason, having been initiated in this lodge in June, 1881; and the I.P.M., at the proper time, testified to the pleasure which it gave him and all the brethren to listen to his correct and eloquent delivery of the ritual.

The visitors included Bros. Chapman, W.M. 889; J. Youldon, W.M. 1981; Prince, I.G. 209; and others.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met at the Rose and Crown Hotel, on the 14th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. F. Chandler, W.M.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. F. C. de Crespigny, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Treasurer; W. T. Feat, Secretary; Bonell, S.D.; Drummond, J.D.; Sapsworth, acting I.G.; Dare, D.C.; T. Grant, Stvd.; Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx.; Page, P.M.; Bond, Perkins, Hunt, Masters, Plamböck, Smith, Rice, Gerhold, Simpson, Gilbert, Tyler; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Simpson was passed to the Second Degree. The communication from the Pro Grand Master as to the proposed Masonic celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee was approved of. The Bye-Laws were then read. A Committee was elected to audit the accounts on March 3rd, at the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. Walls proposed "That five guineas be placed on Bro. H. Sapsworth's list of subscriptions to the Masonic Benevolent Institution," this was seconded and carried "nem. con." Bro. T. W. Ockenden was unanimously elected W.M.; B. Featherstone elected Treasurer *vice* Bro. the Rev. F. C. de Crespigny resigned; and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. A notice of motion having been given to present the ex-Treasurer with a special jewel, and a special meeting convened for the 25th inst., the lodge was duly closed. There was no banquet.

KEYNSHAM.—St. Keyna Lodge (No. 1833).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Public Hall. Present—Bros. J. Stagg, W.M.; S. J. Lewis, S.W.; W. D. Holkirk, J.W.; W. Roberts, Treas.; C. Newell, Sec.; J. L. Mitchell, S.D.; V. Russell, J.D.; G. O'Connor Parnell, D.C.; C. Burn, I.G.; G. T. Williams and J. S. Naish, Stvds.; and J. Stoate, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. James Stagg was installed by the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, in the presence of about 40 brethren. The above officers were afterwards appointed and invested by the W.M. for the year.

LEICESTER.—Lodge of the Golden Fleece (No. 2081).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. E. P. Steeds, P.G. Reg., W.M.; W. H. Lead (W.M. elect), S.W.; J. B. Waring, J.W.; Rev. W. R. Hurd, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; J. L. West (W.M. 432), Sec.; G. Jessop, S.D.; W. H. Barrow, P.G.O., Org.; J. Kidney, D.C.; J. G. Parr, I.G.; W. H. Swingle and H. T. Hincks, Stvds.; W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; C. F. Wike, W.M. 279, P.G. Supt. of Works; G. Newsome, W.M. 523; J. E. Beazley, W.M. 1391; Thos. Macaulay, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., W.M. 1560; E. Watson, P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; J. Young, P.J.G.W., P.M. 523; F. J. Baines, P.P.S.G.W.; Major J. G. F. Richardson, J.P., P.P.J.G.W., and many other distinguished local brethren; and amongst the visitors were Bros. H. George, P.P.G.D.C. Notts; Horner, T. B. Bethell, Boden, Dr. Corcoran, Marshall, B. Smith, J. Metcalfe, Dutton, Colman, and others.

The installation ceremony was admirably performed by the retiring W.M., ably assisted by the I.P.M., there being present no less than 25 installed Masters. On the new Master investing his officers he addressed each in appropriate terms, cleverly contriving to vary the words of commendation so as to suit the different brethren for the several offices. He then presented in appropriate terms a handsome jewel to the second Master of this flourishing new lodge, and Bro. Steeds suitably acknowledged the compliment.

On attention being again drawn to the letter from the Pro Grand Master as to the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, the lodge unanimously resolved to approve the scheme in its entirety. After the transaction of other formal business, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from the Grand Lodge of England, Provincial Grand Lodge, and brethren representing more than 20 lodges; and we were glad to observe that the newly-installed occupant of the chair of K.S. duly closed in all the Degrees, instead of resuming merely, as is too frequently the case.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master took occasion to express the gratification which Earl Ferrers would feel in that, the youngest lodge in the province, so heartily approving the scheme promulgated by the Earl of Carnarvon, and the hope that the other local lodges would loyally support the idea.

During the evening a choice selection of instrumental music was performed by Bros. W. T. Rowlett, P.P.G.O.; T. A. Wykes, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Barrow, F.C.O., Mus. Bac., Prov. G.O.; and Henry Nicholson (the celebrated flautist), some excellent vocal music being rendered by Bros. J. Herbert Marshall, Prov. A.G.D.C.; F. B. Laxton, P.P.G.O.; C. E. Birch, A. Page, and W. H. Noble, while Bro. Geo. Matt, P.P.G.P., gave several of his able dramatic sketches.

This, the second annual festival of the lodge, was most successful, and the gathering fully sustained the reputation of the brethren.

INSTRUCTION.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, 17th inst., at the Crown Hotel, Essex-street, Strand. Bro. S. Valentine, P.M., in the chair, and about 20 brethren present. The Secretary's report stated that 48 meetings had been held since the lodge was reconstituted, and during that time the First Degree had been renewed 29 times, the Second Degree 21 times, the Third Degree 15 times, and the installation ceremony once. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked six times, the 2nd Section six times, the 3rd Section three times, and the 4th Section three times. The officers for the year were elected as follows:—Bros. S. Valentine, P.M., President; W. Willey, P.M. and Treas., and W. H. Holroyd, P.M. and Preceptor, Vice-Presidents; Foster, Sec.; and a Committee of six.

This lodge of instruction is now located at Bro. Drew's, Mitre Hotel, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., and the meetings are held every Friday evening at half-past seven.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, W. Present: Bros. J. W. Curtis, W.M.; J. Mason, S.W.; C. Coleman, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. Stephens, P.M., acting Sec.; N. Turner, P.M., S.D.; W. Chappie, J.D.; S. B. Nightingale, I.G.; J. Thwaites, C. J. Biorn, and C. Stahlbrass.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thwaites candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Biorn answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Biorn candidate. Bro. Nightingale answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Baker, in consequence of the inability of the S.W. to be present next week, that the J.W., Bro. Coleman, be elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting; which was seconded by Bro. Mason, S.W., and carried unanimously. It was proposed by Bro. Baker, Preceptor, and seconded by the S.W., that a cordial vote of thanks be passed, and entered on the minutes, to the W.M. for the excellent and efficient manner in which he had presided for the first time in this lodge of instruction. This was seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously; and the W.M. suitably responded. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allan, W.M.; W. Thomas, S.W.; J. Ingleby-Mackenzie, M.D., P.M. 372, 30° (S.C.), P.P.S.G.W. Devon, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P. S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; W. T. Potts, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; J. Smith, Stvd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Potts and Smith being candidates respectively. The ancient charge was given by Bro. Nicols. The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed shortly, on the occasion when the new tracing boards are presented, due and timely notice of which event will be given in the *Freemason*, and brethren invited to attend. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was 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 17th inst. Present: Bros. F. W. Potter, W.M. 1426, W.M.; B. Williams, S.W.; Berry, J.W.; D. Huls, S.D.; A. Jardine, J.D.; J. Barrett, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; W. H. Puddle, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; W. J. Baul, Hon. Sec.; J. K. Gwyn, G. W. Robson, E. Pugh, E. Blanc, W. J. Lincoln, W. Alderson, R. F. Tomlin, H. Whitehouse, K. A. Davis, F. C. Rush, L. V. Walker, R. M. Surridge, A. Wells, C. P. McKay, and others. Apologies for non-attendance in consequence of the severe weather were numerous on this occasion.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the Preceptor, Bro. Stevens, delivered his lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, which was listened to with earnest attention, and as opportunity afforded received many expressions of approval. The interest excited by the opening remarks of our worthy brother is maintained without diminution throughout an address which occupies more than two hours in delivery; and the points of working and diversities in connection therewith are so numerous that the lecturer himself admits a necessity for omitting reference to many of them from fear of exhausting the attention of his audience. A clear explanation of the ritual is, however, the result of his address, and no brother can be otherwise than instructed and improved by hearing it. A very cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was recorded at the close of the lecture. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and five brethren were accepted as members. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., P.Z., was appointed to preside at the next meeting, when the Fifteen Sections are to be worked. The W.M. of the Great City Lodge, on behalf of his officers and himself, accepted the invitation of the lodge of instruction to occupy their respective official positions, on the occasion of the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation by Bro. Stevens, on the 3rd prox. The lodge was then closed.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—A meeting was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., on Thursday, the 17th instant. Present: Bros. Cowley, W.M.; Beddoes, S.W.; Wright, J.W.; Collick, S.D.; Gill, I.G.; George, Sec.; James, Richmond, Edwards, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. James passed. Bro. Richmond presented himself to be passed to the Degree of a M.M., was duly examined, and entrusted. The lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Richmond was raised to the Sublime Degree in a manner that reflected great credit on the officers, and especially the W.M., who already holds the proud position of J.W. of his own lodge (Wandsworth, 1044). The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Beddoes was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Richmond was elected a member. The W.M. rose for the third time. On a proposition of Bro. Beddoes, seconded by Bro. George, votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Edwards for gavel and Bro. Wright for minute book. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on the 22nd inst. at the Scotsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. Hubbard, W.M.; Keene, S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; R. H. Williams, S.D.; Wiggins, J.D.; Worth, I.G.;

Cochrane, W.M., acting Preceptor; Simms, P.M.; Wilton, W. B. Neville, Pellett, Weeks, P.M.; Dresden, Craggs, P.M.; Weise, Stroud, P.M.; and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. H. Neville having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Dresden having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Keene was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed by Bro. Craggs, P.M., seconded by Bro. P. J. Davies, and supported by Bro. Stroud, P.M., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Hubbard for his present to the lodge of a handsome volume of the Sacred Law, and that an inscription be inserted in the volume of the name of the giver and date of presentation. Lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Cochrane, W.M.; Childs, P.M., S.W.; P. J. Davies, J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Cross, S.D.; Stonehill, J.D.; Cavers, I.G.; Davies, P.M., Preceptor; Speigel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Craggs, Bull, Cockrell, Benton, Schwerk, Lindfield, Jenning, Love, and Bonham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Speigel, P.M. The W.M. announced his intention to work the ceremony of passing. Bro. Bull, as candidate, answered the usual questions, and the lodge opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the 1st and 3rd Sections of this Lecture were worked by Bro. Davies. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. P. J. Davies, J.W., was elected W.M. for next meeting (the S.W. announced being unable to be in attendance), proposed by Bro. Davies, and seconded by the S.W. The lodge was then closed.

The Secretary announced that at the next meeting there will be a ballot for the Benevolent Fund.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 21st inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. Jesse Collings, P.M., W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; R. H. Williams, J.W.; Harris, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (pro tem.); James Sims, P.M., S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Worth, I.G.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M.; Cochrane, Hardy, J. Davies, Lindfield, Cockerell, Stonnil, Skar, and P. J. Davies.

The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Bro. Collings, P.M., acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Cochrane as W.M. elect. Bro. Cochrane, having been placed in the chair of K.S., appointed and invested his officers. Bro. J. H. Wood was unanimously voted W.M. for the next meeting.

As will be seen from the number of brethren present, this lodge of instruction is recovering from the lethargy which had sway for some time, and there is little doubt that it will in time become an important feature at Baron's Court, the conveniences of the house being very numerous, and the lodge rooms very appropriate.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; J. Davies, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, acting as Preceptor; A. Williams, Sec.; D. Stroud, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; Gammell, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; J. S. Wood, Cochrane, N. D. Francis, W. G. Coak, and P. J. Davies.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. then worked the 4th Section of this Lecture, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. Bro. J. S. Wood, offering himself as candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony, afterwards giving the ancient charge. The brethren, under the direction of the W.M., then worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of this Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. S. Cochrane, W.M. 1056, J.W. 3, was unanimously elected a member of this lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, when Bro. J. Davies, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time. A telegram was received from Bro. A. King announcing a sudden bereavement, and the Secretary was directed to send to him a letter of condolence. The lodge was then closed.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.—A meeting was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. Boulton, W.M.; Esling, S.W.; Gibbs, J.W.; Glover, S.D.; Ruffe, J.D.; Steele, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; Westley, Treas.; Andrews, Sec.; Capt. Butterworth, Lavington, Crouch, sen., Partridge, Smith, Wright, Burnett, Beavan, C. Woods, Rowe, Wildbore, Burn, Folkard, Lyle, Luckhurst, Perkins, Hurst, R. Harvey, and Coe.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Rowe, having proved his proficiency, was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Boulton, with Bro. Rowe as candidate. Bro. Westley worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. Evans, 1919, was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Esling was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. The annual supper having been arranged for Monday next, the W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

THE QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER AND MARYLEBONE LODGE.—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 21st inst. Present: Bros. H. J. Pellatt, W.M.; F. Smith, S.W.; L. Gunzell, J.W.; C. Bellerby, Sec.; W. Brown, S.D.; Bonham, J.D.; Rowe, I.G.; Thom, Preceptor; Woodruff, Artand, Schwarz, Durrans, Ealey, Dusterwald, R. J. Harnell, Von Joel, and Grassi.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. F. Dusterwald, having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Dusterwald candidate. The lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Thom. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. On the W.M., rising for the first time, Bros. Ealey, Durrans, and Schwarz, of the Marylebone Lodge, were elected members. Bro. F. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers appointed in rotation. After the transaction of other business, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern on the 8th inst. Among those present were Comps. T. Davis, M.E.Z.; Cleghorne, H.; J. Mander, P.Z., acting J.; G. Davis, acting S.E.; E. A. Harris, S.N.; Rest, P.S.; Kimpton, 1st A.S.; Isaacson, 2nd A.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Holbrook, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S., Middlesex, P.Z.; N. Moss, P.Z.; Stewart, P.Z.; Ellborn, P.Z.; J. Harris, H. Harris, R. Harris, Peacock, Hardy, and others. Comp. Chandler, 1642, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place, which resulted as follows: Comps. Cleg-

horne, M.E.Z.; Staley, H.; Rest, J.; G. Davis, S.E.; E. A. Harris, S.N.; Kimpton, P.S.; Isaacson, 1st A.S.; Boher, 2nd A.S.; Harfeld, Treasurer; and Parkinson, Janitor. Comp. Davage on his retirement was elected as honorary member. A Past Principal's jewel having been voted to the outgoing M.E.Z., the chapter was duly closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts followed.

CHELMSFORD.—Essex Chapter (No. 276).—At a meeting of this chapter held on Monday, the 14th inst., the following elections were made: Comps. J. P. Lewin, to fill the chair of Z for the ensuing year; A. Mead, H.; J. J. Cavill, J.; R. G. Kellett, P.S.; the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, S.E.; A. Durrant, Treas.; and E. Shedd, S.N. The business of the evening also included the election of Comp. H. Welton as a joining companion and the exaltation of Bro. E. W. Holland.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served at the White Hart Hotel. Among those present were Comps. A. Goodchild, G. Copas, F. Whitmore, F. P. Sutherland, and F. H. Meggy. It was announced that Comp. A. C. Durrant would represent the chapter as Steward for the Old Folks' Charity, in connection with which Comp. Lewin made an eloquent appeal during the evening. The response was worthy of the chapter, the Steward's list, after it had been handed round the table, showing contributions amounting to over £36.

LANDPORT.—Carnarvon Chapter (No. 804).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, in consequence of the Masonic Hall, Havant, being in a state of re-construction and untenable. Amongst those present were Comps. W. Dart, Z., P.S. Std. Br.; T. D. Askew, H.; T. U. Price, J.; J. N. Hillman, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Treas.; J. Collings, S.E.; H. W. Smith Parsons, S.N.; C. V. Birch, P.S.; F. V. Paxton, 1st A.S.; P. H. Emanuel, 2nd A.S.; T. Francis, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; E. E. Street, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. S. Main, P.Z., P.P.G.W.; E. Boorman, A. March, E. Hopkins, C. Courtes, J. Prior, and T. H. Smith. Visitors: Comps. J. Jackson, J. 1428; J. Lind, P.Z., 1428, P.P.G.P.S.; T. H. Woodrow, 1428; and J. Westaway, J. 342. The chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the regular chapter were read and confirmed. Two brethren were elected as candidates for exaltation. Comp. Dart then proceeded to install the Principals in their respective chairs which he did in a very satisfactory manner: Comps. T. D. Askew, Z.; T. U. Price, H.; J. Collings, J. The following officers were then invested: Comps. J. Smith Parsons, S.E.; C. V. Birch, S.N.; F. V. Paston, P.S.; E. Boorman, 1st A.S.; A. March, 2nd A.S.; and J. N. Hillman, P.Z., Treas.; Comp. Askew, Z., moved a hearty vote of thanks to Comp. Dart for the admirable and impressive manner he had delivered the installation ceremony. Comp. Hillman seconded and it was carried unanimously. Comp. Dart returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure he felt in performing the beautiful ceremony, and he would always be pleased to attend the chapter and give his general support. Comp. Smith Parsons, S.E., proposed, Comp. Askew, Z., seconded, that the sum of £10 10s. be voted from the funds to the Benevolent Institution, and that the same be placed on the list of Comp. Dart, P.Z. This was carried unanimously, and Comp. Dart briefly returned thanks. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions afterwards adjourned to a banquet at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Chapter (No. 1472).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above promising chapter was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. There were present Comps. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13 and 913, P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent, Z.; Warren, H.; J. Aillud, J.; E. West, P.Z.; C. Jolly, S.N.; B. Brayshaw, S.E.; C. Wood, Treas.; C. Canning, P.S.; C. T. Lewis, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Ives, Janitor; and others.

The chapter having been duly opened, and the companions admitted, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. Savage, J.W. 1472, and W. S. Tyler, 1472, and, proving unanimous, those brethren were exalted to the Supreme Degree with the full ritual. The following companions were then elected officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Warren, as Z.; Aillud, H.; Jolly, J.; Canning, P.S.; Lewis, 1st Asst. S.; Savage, 2nd Asst. S.; and Ives, Janitor. It was then unanimously resolved that a P.Z.'s jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, should be presented to Comp. Penfold, to mark the esteem and affection in which he is held by the companions, and likewise as some recognition of his invaluable services as the first Z. and founder of the chapter.

Comp. Penfold having feelingly returned thanks, the chapter was closed, and the companions partook of one of Host West's perfect little suppers, and then passed a few hours in social chat and harmony, the usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts being especially honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. Capt. A. Nicols, P.Z., Z. 890, P.D. G.S. of W. Punjab, M.E.Z.; E. Child, P.Z. 538, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J.; H. Delane, J. 890, S.E.; and G. N. Watts, H. 1196, P.S.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, and special instruction given in H. duties. A communication was read from Comp. Mickleburg, Treasurer, thanking the companions for their sympathy. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. E. Farrington, W.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.; T. R. Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., Treas.; Codd, S.O.; H. Harris, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M.; F. Farrington, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. O. Harding was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. T. R. Richnell, Treasurer; and Norris, Tyler. Bro. Richnell was announced as a Grand Steward 1887-S. A P.M.'s jewel having been voted to the W.M. and a name for advancement handed in, the lodge was duly closed. Bro. T. R. Richnell, P.M., was also elected to represent the lodge at the Mark Benevolent Festival.

An Ark Mariners' Lodge was held on the same evening. Among those attending were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.C., W.C.N.; F. H. Clemow, acting J.; T. O. Harding, M.A., S.; F. Farrington, S.D.; W. E. Farrington, J.D.; Codd, I.G.; T. R. Richnell, Warden; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Alfred Tisley was unanimously elected W.C.N.; Bro. T. R. Richnell, Warden; and Bro. Norris, Tyler. A Past Commander's jewel having been voted to the W.C.N., the lodge was closed, and the brethren of both Degrees adjourned to the banquet, under the presidency of Bro. W. E. Farrington.

The customary toasts were duly honoured.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 357).—This lodge met at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on the 19th inst., when Bros. G. Gardner, Prov. G.D.C., W.M.; Dickey, and Coat were advanced. It being election night, Bro. F. Tyler, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Laurence, was re-elected. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and a P.M.'s jewel voted to Bro. George Gardner.

The brethren then retired to a banquet, provided by Bro. John Brill in his well-known style. Suggestions for the alteration of the night of meeting and the formation of a lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge were then discussed. It was resolved that with regard to the latter, the brethren should solicit their friends to meet at the above hotel, in order to carry out the idea of meeting once a fortnight, and the esteemed Secretary, Bro. J. L. Mather, Grand Treasurer designate, offered his services as Preceptor. This would prove a great advantage to brethren of this Degree, and any brother who would like to assist in the formation of the above should communicate with Bro. J. L. Mather, York Villa, Grange-road, Canonbury, N.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Castle Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Councillor, W. H. Russell, Prov. S.G.O., presided, supported by Bros. Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., Prov. S.G.W., I.P.M.; T. W. Markwick, Prov. S.G.D., S.W.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.R., P.M., as J.W.; F. H. Hallett, Prov. G. Org., M.O.; S. Chandler, as S.O.; J. B. Foord, J.O.; John Bray, Sec.; Henry Kimm, J.D.; and Leslie, Tyler.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed and communications read. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a jewel, after which the election of W.M. fell upon Bro. Markwick, S.W. Bro. Rossiter was re-elected Treasurer; and Leslie, Tyler. After discussion in a few matters the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY NORTHUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.

The priory was held under the banner of the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. The Very Eminent Sir Knight Charles James Banister, Provincial Prior, and the Great Officers were received under an arch of steel. The Pro Prior ascended the throne with his Sub-Prior, Sir Knight R. A. Lusk on his left. Sir Knight Henry Maddison, in the unavoidable absence of the Prelate, Sir Knight Canon Tristram, acting as Prelate. The other Provincial Officers in their places. The Provincial Priory was opened in due and solemn form. The muster roll of the sir knights was called. The minutes of the last Provincial Prior were read and confirmed. The Very Eminent Provincial Prior was saluted. The Eminent Provincial Sub-Prior was also saluted. The roll of Preceptorates was called, and the Eminent Commanders reported to the V.E. Provincial Prior the condition of each. The Very Eminent Provincial Prior addressed the Knights assembled. The Provincial Treasurer's accounts having been previously audited they were passed. Sir Knight Charles Rutter Fry was re-elected Treasurer. Notes of apology were read from a number of sir knights explaining the cause of their absence. The following sir knights were appointed Provincial Grand Officers: Sir Knight R. A. Luck, J.P., Sub-Prior; Sir Knight Canon Tristram, Prelate; Sir Knight Charles Rutter Fry, Chancellor; Sir Knight T. M. Watson, Constable; Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes, Marshal; Sir Knight T. Ness, Registrar. The Provincial Officers were Sir Knights S. Wilson, Sub-Marshal; Rev. C. Jackson, Chaplain and Almoner; T. M. Barron, Herald; A. L. Armstrong, Std. Br.; Edwin Cooper, Aid de Camp; William Logan, Captain of Guard; J. Burns, Swd. Br.; F. Tovey, Org.; J. Tresholme, and Wm. Kennedy, 1st and 2nd Esquires. Business of the province concluded, it was closed in due and solemn form, and the Provincial Prior and Provincial Grand Officers retired under an arch of steel.

The banquet was held at the King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of Sir Knight S. Wilson, Eminent Commander of St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, having on his right the Very Eminent C. J. Banister, Provincial Grand Officer; Eminent P. P. Prior Sir Knight Col. James Monks, 30°, P.G. S.B. of England; Sir Knight C. R. Fry, J.P., 30°, Provincial Chancellor; Sir Knight T. Ness, 30°, Provincial Registrar; Sir Knight R. L. Armstrong, S.D.; Sir Knight Cooper, Aide-de-Camp; F. Tovey, Provincial Org.; and others; and on his left Eminent Sir Knight R. A. Luck, J.P., 30°, Provincial Sub-Prior; Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes, 30°, Provincial Marshal; Sir Knight T. M. Watson, Provincial Constable; Sir Knight T. M. Barron, Provincial Herald; Sir Knight Armstrong, 30°; Sir Knight Warwick; Sir Knight Wm. Logan, Provincial Captain of Guard; Sir Knight J. Burns; and others.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

Eminent Sir Knight Charles Rutter Fry, J.P., 30°, Provincial Treasurer, in felicitous terms proposed "The Health of their very dear and Eminent Provincial Prior," which was received by acclamation. Sir Knight C. J. Banister, 33°

Provincial Prior, responded very happily, proposing "The Health of the Eminent Commander of the St. Cuthbert's Preceptory," which was duly honoured and ably responded to. The evening's enjoyment was greatly enhanced by the songs and recitations of Sir Knights Maden, Warwick, Wilkes, Tovey, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Jacques de Molay Priory (No. 36).—The priory was opened by Sir Knight Thomas Thorburn, 30°, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Friday, the 18th inst., assisted by V.E. Sir Knight Chas. James Banister, Prov. Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed; E. Sir Knight Reginald Young, 31°, Prov. Sub. Prior of Lancashire; Sir Knights Edward Pierpoint, 32°; B. W. Rowson, 30°, P.E.P., Registrar; Hunter, S. G. Sinclair, Thompson, 31°; Tyner, Nugent, Pruddah, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates were unanimously elected, V.W. Sir Knights T. R. A. Littledale and John Cobham, and both being in attendance, were admitted Knights of Malta. The Eminent Sir Knight Sinclair was presented for installation by Eminent Sir Knight Edward Pierpoint to Eminent Sir Knight Thorburn, who performed the ceremonies in each case to the satisfaction and pleasure of all present. The business being completed, the priory was closed.

The banquet was held at the Adelphi Hotel, and was presided over by the Eminent Prior Sir Knight S. G. Sinclair, having on his right Sir Knights Reginald Young, Thompson, Littledale, Rowson, and others; and on his left Sir Knights Thorburn, Hunter, Cobham, Pierpoint, Banister, and others.

The loyal toasts were duly honoured, also "The M.E. and S.G.M.," "The V.H. and E. Great Prior," "The Provincial Priory," "The Candidates," "The Eminent Prior," "The Very Eminent Prov. Prior of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed."

A very happy meeting came to a close at 10 o'clock.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Preceptory (No. 139).—A meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., the preceptory being opened by the E.C., Sir Knight T. M. Barron, assisted by his officers. The V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight Charles J. Banister, 33°; E. Pro Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Robert Allen Lusk, J.P., 33°; and E. Past Pro Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. James Monks, 30°, were received under an arch of steel and saluted.

The minutes of the last preceptory were read by Sir Knight S. F. Bousfield, P.E.P., Reg., and confirmed. Sir Knight S. Wilson, the E.P. elect, was presented by Sir Knight T. M. Barron, P.E.P., to E. Sir Knight R. A. Luck, Pro Sub-Prior, for installation, who performed the ceremony with great care, placing him on the throne of his predecessors. The E.C. then appointed the following officers: Sir Knights R. S. C. Jackson, Prelate; Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, Constable; Wm. Logan, Marshal; C. R. Fry, 30°, P.E.P., Treas.; F. Tovey, Expert; S. F. Bousfield, P.E.P., Reg.; E. Cowper, Captain of Lines; and T. Prince, Equerry Without. The Eminent Preceptor was congratulated on his installation by the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sub-Prior, Past Sub-Prior, Sir Knight Col. Monks, and the Past Eminent Commanders and Preceptors, also the six knights on their re-admittance.

Business over, the preceptory was closed in due form, and the knights adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the King's Head Hotel, under the presidency of the E.P., Sir Knight Sam Wilson. A very happy evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter met at Golden-square on the 11th inst. Among those present were Bros. Tayleur, M.W.S.; Lieut.-Colonel Gardiner, Prelate; Berkeley, 1st Gen.; Capt. J. E. Anderson, 2nd Gen.; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; Lieut. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; G. Graveley, 30°, G.M.; W. B. Kidder, R.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, C. of Gds.; Capt. Stohwasser, D.C.; Dr. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; L. Steele, Lieut.-Hawkins, W. Maple, W. W. Codd, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was unanimously taken on behalf of Bro. A. Proudfoot, 201, but in consequence of serious illness he was prevented from attending. The second Friday in April next being Good Friday, it was unanimously resolved that the election meeting of the chapter be held on the first Friday in that month. Bros. Geddes and Aldridge were elected country members. Letters pleading inability to attend were received from Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°; Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Alfred Williams, P.M.W.S.; and Ex. Bros. Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., Barkley, Pears, and others.

The chapter was then closed and adjourned, after which the brethren partook of an excellent banquet at the Café Royal, Regent-street. A few toasts followed.

DARLINGTON.—St. Cuthbert's Chapter (No. 98).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. John Bailey, assisted by the officers of the chapter, and the minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Letters of apology were read from those who were unable to attend. Ill. Bro. J. J. Wilkes, 30°, was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. Business of the chapter over, it was closed in due form.

RYDE (I. of W.).—Vectis Chapter (No. 99).—At a convocation of the members of this chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, John-street, on Friday, the 18th inst., Bros. J. H. McQueen, P.M. 11, and Dr. H. M. Barker, S.W. 1869, were received into the Order, the ceremony being performed by the M.W.S., Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, 31°. The members of the chapter afterwards adjourned to Yelf's Hotel, where a pleasant evening was spent.

The installation of Principals will be rehearsed on Tuesday, 1st March, at the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, No. 975, held at the White Hart, corner of Abchurch-lane and Cannon-street. The ceremonies will commence at half-past 5 o'clock, so that they will not interfere with the usual exaltation ceremony at half-past 6 o'clock. Past and present Principals are invited to attend.

Scotland.

PORT GLASGOW.—Cumberland Kilwinning Lodge (No. 217).—This lodge met in their hall, King-street, on the evening of the 17th inst., for the purpose of receiving a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge Renfrewshire (West). Bro. D. Wingate, R.W.M., presided. The lodge having been opened, and some business transacted, the deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge was received. The deputation was headed by Bros. J. Reid, 175, D.P.G.M.; D. J. Dunlop, 68, P.S.G.W.; D. Cunningham, 12, P.J.G.W.; J. P. Fyfe, 12, P.G. Sec.; A. Smith, 12, P.S.G.D.; C. Rippon, 175, P.J.G.D.; and C. Murray, P.G.I.G. The lodge having been placed under the care of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the books were examined and found to be correct.

BALL OF THE ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

When the Royal Jubilee Lodge was consecrated in the year 1810 it was to commemorate the accession to the Throne of George III. 50 years before. The lodge was then No. 77—it is now No. 72 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England; and, curiously enough, 77 years after its foundation it on Thursday, 17th inst., celebrated the Jubilee year of her Majesty's accession by a Jubilee ball, which took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the most favourable circumstances. There is said to be magic in the figure seven; and if there be anything in this old superstition the Royal Jubilee Lodge, formerly No. 77, now No. 72, celebrating the 50th year of the Queen's reign on the 77th year of its existence, must be quite in the seventh heaven of bliss. So mote it be!

Thursday night's gathering was numerous, numbering just upon 300 ladies and gentlemen, and the lodge having obtained a special dispensation, by which the brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, the scene presented was equally as novel as brilliant. The company began to arrive before nine o'clock, by which time Bros. C. R. Williams, W.M., President; F. Dunn, P.M., Vice-President; N. Turner, P.M., Hon. Treas.; and A. Darch, P.M., Sec.; together with the Stewards and the M.C.'s—Bros. T. Meekham, G. Horton, and F. H. Williams—were in attendance to receive them.

There was no delay in opening the ball, M. Sibold's excellent quadrille band having taken up its position on the platform, and by nine o'clock the company were enabled to join in a quadrille (Attila).

The company sat down to supper shortly after 12 o'clock, the W.M. presiding. Dancing was subsequently resumed, and continued with much spirit, the company thoroughly enjoying themselves.

MASONIC BALL AT TORQUAY.

Under the auspices of the St. John's (328) and Jordan (1402) Lodges, a grand Masonic ball was held in the Torquay Winter Gardens on Tuesday, the 15th instant. The building was tastefully decorated with Chinese lanterns and coloured lamps, and several Masonic banners were hung around the room. In the portion of the building set apart for the orchestra there was a quantity of exotic plants and ferns, which were supplied by Mr. Burrigide. There was also hung a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Masons of all England. The space under the dome was effectively laid out as a supper room. Miss Bailey's quadrille band supplied the music. The arrangements were successfully carried out by the following Stewards: Bros. J. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; W. Bradnee, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Chapman, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.; A. T. Blamey, P.M., Prov. G.M.O. Devon; E. Richards, W.M.; Salter, I.P.M.; J. Grant, P.M.; W. Taylor, P.M.; W. Wakeham, P.M.; R. Muggford, S.W.; R. D. Renwick, Sec.; A. Hill, J.W.; S. Beckett, S.D.; J. Allams, P.P.G.D.C.; Harland, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. Hex, W.M.; P. Knight, P.M.; G. J. Pepprell, P.M.; T. H. Wills, Sec.; J. W. MacKellar, J.D.; G. H. Halls, J. D. Crossman, I.G.; H. C. Bolt, J. R. Cridge, S.S.; G. Hussey, and C. P. Waite. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Masonic Charities.



We are asked to state that the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, now meets on Saturdays at 8 o'clock instead of Wednesdays.

A new Rose Croix chapter is to be consecrated to-morrow (Saturday) at Dover by the Supreme Council 33°, under the title of the Hubert de Burgh Chapter, and bearing the number 103 on the roll of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., a largely-attended ball, given under the auspices of the Royal Wharfedale Lodge, No. 1108, in aid of the Masonic Charities, took place in the Mechanics' Institute, Otley. About 200 guests, including a number of brethren from the immediate district, were present. The ball-room was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems, oil paintings, plants, evergreens, and all the brethren appeared in Masonic regalia. Mr. Fred Bell's band occupied the orchestra, and Mrs. Millwaters, of the Royal White Horse Hotel, supplied the refreshments. It is believed that the Charities will materially benefit.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—At a meeting of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, on Friday evening, the 18th inst., a Tyler's jewel was presented to Bro. John Smith, Senior Tyler, who for over 30 years has held the appointment of Tyler to that lodge. The W.M., Bro. A. B. Rowe, in making the presentation, referred to the very satisfactory manner in which the duties had been fulfilled for so long a period, and trusted that Bro. John Smith would have health and strength to continue in office for many future years.

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

The members of the Boscawen Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 101, Chacewater, on Monday, the 14th inst., unanimously elected Bro. C. Kent as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. Ninness was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lean, Tyler.

Bro. Joseph Cox, proprietor of the *Hackney Express* and member of the Shoreditch Vestry and Board of Guardians, was presented at the last meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, with a handsome Secretary's jewel, in acknowledgment of services rendered in that capacity since the consecration of the lodge in 1878. Bro. Cox was initiated in the New Concord Lodge, No. 813 (of which he is still a member), in 1872, and was one of the Founders of the St. Leonard Lodge, on its formation at the Shoreditch Town Hall, being appointed J.W. at the installation meeting in December last.

The extent of the grounds occupied by the American Exhibition at Earl's-court, Kensington, is nearly 23 acres. With such ample accommodation the directors have been able to set aside nearly six acres for pleasure grounds. These will be elaborately laid out in gravelled walks, and the flora will include all such American specimens as will stand the English climate. Here will be the music stand, where two military bands will alternate in concerts of popular and classical music, pavilions for special exhibits, refreshments, etc., roller coasters, and a model of the celebrated American switch-back railway in Pennsylvania. Two performances daily will also be given by Buffalo Bill on the grounds of the Wild West, so that no lack of out-door amusement will be found provided.

The brethren of Lodge Kelso, No. 58 (S.C.), of Freemasons having resolved some time ago to pay a suitable tribute to the memory of their late respected Tyler (Bro. James Allan), have just erected a handsome memorial stone over his grave in Kelso churchyard. On the stone the following inscription has been placed:—"To the memory of James Allan—born 1807, died 1885—this stone has been erected by the brethren of the Ancient Lodge of Kelso, No. 58, of F. and A. Masons, as a token of their respect and esteem for a true and faithful brother, who, for a period of nearly half-a-century, zealously and conscientiously discharged his duties as Tyler to the Freemasons of Kelso." The monument is of freestone, having granite pillars on either side, and embellished with Masonic emblems; while two swords, crosswise, the insignia of the late brother's office, are represented upon the panel at the base. It was designed by Bro. James Bruce, and both design and workmanship reflect great credit on the firm of Bruce & Sons, of which the designer is a member.

ENAMELLED IRON.—At the present time, when American competition is so severely felt that we are fairly undersold in many of our own markets, as well as upon the Continent, it is interesting to learn that, notwithstanding their undoubted technical and mechanical skill, our cousins on the other side of the Atlantic have not succeeded in producing the famous iron tablets manufactured in this country, which are now universally used in England, and in most parts of France, Belgium, Germany, and India. Under the direction of Bro. James Willing, the well-known London advertising contractor, these enamelled plates have been brought to an extraordinary degree of artistic perfection of colour and style. Even when exposed to our trying climate they are apparently of everlasting wear, and can be made at a price which completely rivals in cheapness that of wood or other perishing material. For many years past Bro. Willing has supplied these easily read signs and tablets to the chief government departments, the International and Colonial Exhibitions, Scotland-yard, for all kinds of public announcements in London, the great railway companies, and our provincial houses of business for every variety of out-door advertising. In compliance with a request from some of the managers of some of the railway companies and leading firms in New York and other large towns in America, Bro. Willing will shortly proceed to New York for the purpose of establishing works at Philadelphia or other manufacturing centre for the production of these enamelled plates. It is probable that he will arrange for a number of our best workmen to go to America. Owing to the promise of support already given there is little doubt that a large establishment will soon be in full work. In consequence of the heavy duties these enamelled plates can be made in America at a far less cost than if sent from England. Bro. Willing will only remain in the United States for the completion of the preliminary business arrangements.

WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.

- DRURY LANE THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7.25, THE FORTY THIEVES. Morning Performance every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, at 1.25.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8, THE HARBOUR LIGHTS; at 7.15, Farce.
- PRINCESS'S THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7.45, THE CLOCKMAKER'S HAT; at 8, THE NOBLE VAGABOND.
- GLOBE THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 9, THE SNOWBALL; at 8, BARBARA.
- SAVOY THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8.30, RUDDIGORE, OR THE WITCH'S CURSE; at 7.40, THE CARP.
- VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.**
Every Evening, at 7.45, NEARLY SEVERED; at 8.30, SOPHIA.
- GAIETY THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 8, MONTE CRISTO, JR.; at 7.30, DIMITY'S DILEMMA.
- COURT THEATRE.**
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.
- STRAND THEATRE.**
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 8.15, MYNHEER JAN.
- TOOLE'S THEATRE.**
Every Evening at 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY; at 8.30, THE BUTLER.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the week ending Saturday, March 5, 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 26.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall
" 2048, Henry Levander, Harrow Station, Wealdstone

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.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.
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 28.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
" 28, Old King Arms, Freemasons' Hall
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Tav., Greenwich
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 222, St. Andrews, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anterton's Hotel, Fleet-street.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Anterton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hot., Page Green, Tottenham, at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Hyde Park, Porchester Hot., Leinster-place, Cleveland-sq.,
Porchester-terr., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Loughborough, Gauden Hot., Clapham, S.W. 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, MARCH 1.

Colonial Board at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, Freemason's Hall.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 166, Union, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 217, Stability, Anterton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav.,
Commercial-rd.
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 1693, Kingland, Railway Hot., Highbury.
" 2190, Savage, Club, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.

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Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
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 Edgumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.,
E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND,
at 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anterton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st.,
Islington.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot.,
Putney.
" 1687, Rothesay, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly.
" 1707, Eleanor, Anterton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

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Burgoyne, 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.
Hammersmith, Board Room, Baths' Co., Bridge-rd., Ham-
mersmith, 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, Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, W.C., 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.
Domestic Chapter, Union Tav., Air-st., W., at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anterton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Masons Arms Basinghall-st.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for
Boys, Brook-hill, Plumstead.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, The Palsgrave, 225, Strand.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd.,
Paddington.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1672, Mornington, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.
" 2076, Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anterton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., at 6.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's
Bush, W., at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, 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.
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
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, MARCH 4.

Lodge 706 Florence Nightingale, M.H. William-st., Wool-
wich.
" 890 Hornsey, Anterton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 1275 Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1627 Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.
Chap. 3 Fidelity, Freemasons' Tavern.
" 8 British, Freemasons' Hall.
" 95 Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
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Albion, Crown Hot., Essex-st., Strand.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Bell Tavern, Leytonstone, at 8.
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.

Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement (for M.Ms.), F.M.H. 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
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, MARCH 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142 St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hotel.
" 1572 Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622 Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
" 2182 Sterndale Bennett, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 975 Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

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