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OUR anticipations that the muster in Grand Lodge on Wednesday would be exceptionally numerous have been realised. Over 1200 brethren were present, the election of a Grand Treasurer being principally, if not wholly, responsible for so large a gathering. But the various motions of which notice had been given do not seem to have evoked much discussion, and therefore the labours of Grand Lodge were not protracted to a very late hour. Bro. MEITER's motion fell through, there being no other brother present who was prepared to share with him the responsibility of submitting so grotesque a proposal. The same fate befel the motion of Bro. NICHOLL bearing on the proxy system of voting, and Bro. JAMES STEVENS's for the repeal of Article No. 153 of the General Laws and Regulations relative to lodges in the Metropolitan district was withdrawn, so that Grand Lodge might be spared the trouble of dividing upon it. But the great Collar question is, we think, satisfactorily disposed of, and if there is any brother ingenious enough to discover a better plan for recording and counting votes in Grand Lodge than was adopted on Wednesday now, we think, is his opportunity for winning distinction. Bro. NICHOLL's motion for referring the question to the Board of General Purposes was seconded by Bro. GRAND REGISTRAR, and unanimously passed by Grand Lodge. Last, and best news of all, Bro. CLEVER's motion for a grant of £1000 from the Fund of General Purposes to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to assist it in taking on additional annuitants, was carried without a single word of dissent. It will be allowed that this was a good evening's work, and it was done, too, in workman-like fashion, promptly, and with only one slight interruption.

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It is to be regretted that the authorities do not possess the power to refuse a notice of motion which, on the face of it, is absurd, and is calculated to bring ridicule upon the Craft. Bro. MEITER's ambition for a little notoriety would have been equally well satisfied had he substituted for the motion of which he gave notice a proposal to appoint a deputation of Grand Officers for the purpose of searching after the Philosopher's Stone, and we may add there would have been as much sense in such proposal. Happily, the motion about an international Home of Prayer at Jerusalem fell through for want of a seconder; but this has not prevented the outside world, many of whom appear to have taken Bro. MEITER's proposition seriously, from having a hearty laugh at Freemasonry. We do not object to the laughter, but we do at the circumstances which have brought it upon us in this instance.

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THE more carefully we study the Returns of the recent Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the more apparent becomes the magnitude of the success then achieved, and the more remarkable the increase in the Festival receipts since the establishment of the Institution. In 1847, when the Earl of ZETLAND, G.M., presided at the first and only Festival held in behalf of the Male Annuity Fund, the Returns, stated in round figures, were £820, while at the Asylum Festival—then a separate Institution—which was held the same year, under the presidency of Bro. R. G. ALSTON, the receipts were £500, the Board of Stewards numbering 40 in the former case, and 20 in the latter. In 1857, when Bro. H. FENWICK, M.P., occupied the chair, in place of the Earl of DURHAM, Senior Grand Warden, the Male and Female Annuity Funds and the Asylum being at the time, as now, one Institution, the Stewards numbered 41, and the Returns were £1559. In 1867, Lord DE TABLEY, P.G.M. Cheshire, supported by a Board of 72 Stewards, was in the chair, and the sum realised was £2692. In 1877, the late Earl of SHREWSBURY, P.G.M. Staffordshire, presided at a moment's notice in lieu of the late Duke of ALBANY. There were 274 Stewards, and the total receipts reached £13,368. On the 22nd the total announced was over £18,700, and has since been increased to over £19,000, the Board of Stewards, as we mentioned last week, being 378 strong. Again, Bro. TERRY had nothing to rely upon beyond the simple and unadorned eloquence of the Chairman, his Stewards, and himself, in order to excite to an extraordinary degree of activity the generous instincts of the Craft, and

there was some reason to fear this support might be neutralised to a considerable extent by the extremely harrowing picture it was his lot to present to them, not for the first or second time, but for the fifth or sixth year in succession. By this we mean that, when people who have once or twice generously responded to a strong appeal to them to loosen their purse-strings in behalf of a particular charity, are again and again invited in the same piteous terms to continue and enlarge their contributions, they not unnaturally hesitate about making a favourable response. They argue, and with reason, that if the only apparent effect of their subscribing largely is to increase the need for larger subscriptions, they had better at once come to a dead stop, as it is impossible they can go on giving more and more annually. A few weeks since we felt it our duty to explain how and why it was these heavy demands on the brethren were being made, and we are glad to feel that our explanations have been appreciated, and that the iteration for the fifth or sixth time of a serious appeal, which might have proved a drawback, has, on the contrary, been fully understood and so nobly responded to. At all events, the result of the Benevolent Festival of 1887 has been magnificent, and we may be sure that years hence the record of its story will awaken most pleasurable recollections among the surviving brethren who took part in its celebration, and, at the same time, act as an incentive to others in cases of like pressure to go and do likewise.

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THE report for the past year which has just been issued by the Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution is on the whole satisfactory, there being, however, one important point to which the Committee itself refers, and very naturally, as being a subject of serious regret, namely, that the income shows a decrease amounting to £397 9s. 5d., the "larger proportion" of which "may be attributed to the fact that 22 lodges did not return a single subscription during the year," while there was at the same time paid "on behalf of the children of deceased brethren of some of these lodges no less a sum than £353 9s. 10d." We trust the Committee will not have occasion to repeat a statement of this character. We can quite believe that many of the members of these lodges "would gladly have subscribed if the opportunity to do so had been afforded them," and we trust the suggestion will be acted upon, that one member of each lodge should undertake the duty of soliciting subscriptions on behalf of the Charity. Save in this particular, the report is, as we have said, most satisfactory. The Treasurer's statement of account shows that the receipts during 1886 amounted to £1928 10s. 8d., made up of £146 0s. 6d. Proceeds of annual ball and festival; £725 4s. 7d. Interest on bonds and mortgages, and bank interest; Repayment on account of mortgage £150; Donations, and Subscriptions, £1004 15s. 7d., and Returned School Fee, £2 10s. This, added to the balance brought forward from previous year, made the income £3675 4s. 6d., the expenditure being £2326 13s. 7d., of which £600 was for the purchase of a Bond; £1663 11s. 1d. for the Education, Clothing, Maintenance, and Advancement of 189 children; the small remainder being for Printing, Stationery, Postage, Cheque-book, and Insurance. The balance in bank at the close of the year was £1348 10s. 11d. As regards the assets, they amount to £19,526 17s. 11d., of which the cash in bank represents one part, and bonds and mortgages, &c., amounting to £18,178 7s., the other part, the latter item having been increased since Dec., 1885, by £450. As we remarked last year, in dealing with the 1885 report, nothing can well be more satisfactory than such a statement, and but for the falling off referred to by the Committee in the matter of subscriptions, our satisfaction would have been complete. There are no expenses of management, the only expenditure unconnected with the children being the £63 and a fraction spent in Postages, Printing, Stationery, &c. The invested capital is large, being about the same as that of our Boys' School, and there is a most able and energetic Committee to control the affairs of the Institution. We congratulate our West Lancashire brethren on the position attained by this and their other Benevolent Funds, and we trust they may continue, as in past years, to increase steadily in usefulness and prosperity.

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It affords us much pleasure to direct the special attention of our readers to a most interesting article by Bro. HUGHAN, on the "Norton MS." of the sixteenth century. The famous "Ordinal" known to Students from the re-production in Ashmole's "Theatrum Chemicum," of 1652, can now be collated with a transcript of about a century earlier date; and assuredly a brief abstract given by Bro. HUGHAN, with the important notes appended, will lead many to wish they could obtain more information as to the text of this curious document. At all events that is our feeling, and so, whilst thanking Bro. HUGHAN for his valuable remarks on the subject, we hope the illuminated MS. will be secured by some Masonic Library accessible to students, a number of whom doubtless, would be glad to examine the work for themselves. Mr. QUARITCH in his day, has come across many curious works, but until now, we are not aware of his having discovered aught of value to the Masonic Fraternity. In the present instance, the importance of the MS. in relation to the Craft cannot be gainsaid, as it affords an early use of the term *Freemason* in a work on Alchemy, which hitherto seems to have been overlooked by Masonic Students.

**Knights Templar in America.** The Order of Knights Templar is very popular in the United States, especially as compared with this Country. The proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts, just issued, by Frater A. F. CHAPMAN, of Boston, forms a most instructive volume, and is ably compiled. The Tabular statement is exceedingly interesting, and appears to have been most carefully made from the official returns of the various bodies. The figures are quite startling in character, exhibiting as they do 69,814 active members enrolled in the United States, whereas, the estimate for England and Wales are but 2850, Ireland, 1300, Canada, 880, and Scotland, 450. There is a clear increase of 2449 Knights Templars in the United States for 1886, or in other words, nearly as many as in England altogether. The largest Grand Commandery is New York, with 7562 Knights, followed closely by Pennsylvania, with 7413, and Massachusetts, with 6813. The Grand Encampment, therefore, of the United States can reckon on some 70,000 members in active service.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The March Quarterly Communication of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. On account of this being the evening for the election of Grand Treasurer, and there being two candidates for the office in the field, Bro. Richard Eve and Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., there was an enormous concourse of brethren present, the total number being between 1200 and 1300, and the hall was consequently inconveniently crowded. The arrangements, however, were for the best, and the inconvenience was reduced as low as it could be. Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master for Kent, occupied the throne. Bro. Lord Herschell, S.G.W., occupied the S.G.W.'s chair, and Bro. Lord Chas. Beresford, M.P., J.G.W., occupied the chair of that officer. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey, acted as Past Grand Master. Amongst those who attended were:

Sir Edmund Lechmere, P.G.M. Worcestershire; T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Theodore H. Tilton, P.D.G.M. (New York City); Sr John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Victor A. Williamson, P.G.W.; Sir R. N. Fowler, P.G.W.; Lt.-Col. Hon. W. E. Sackville West, P.G.W.; A. J. McIntyre, P.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, G. Chap.; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, G. Chap.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. P.G.M. Suffolk, P.G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G.C.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G.C.; Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.C.; D. P. Cama, G. Treas.; J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer; J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, G. Registrar; T. Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; E. E. Wendt (D.C.L.), G. Sec. of Ger. Correspondence; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; Sir Bruce Seton, S.G.D.; S. Pope, S.G.D.; R. Clutton, J.G.D.; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; R. Gooding, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; R. Costa, P.G.D.; G. Plucknett, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; H. J. Dumas, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Dr. A. Meadows, P.G.D.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; R. C. Else, P.G.D.; J. S. Eastes, P.G.D.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; Sir Horace Jones, G.S. of Works; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C.; R. G. Glover, Dep. G.D. of C.; A. Richards, P. Dep. G.D. of C.; J. H. Paul, P. Dep. G.D. of C.; H. Trueman Wood, A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Burt, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Roebuck, G.S.B.; Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; C. Hammerton, P.G.S.B.; E. Bowyer, P.G.S.B.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., as G. Org.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; A. Lucking, G.P.; W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; James Brette, P.G.P.; Henry Garrod, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W.N. & E. Yorks; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middx.; B. L. Barnett, Dep. D.G.M. Queensland; Richard Eve, P.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta; F. Binckes, C. F. Matier, Dowling, G. Wyatt, J. Lane, C. Lane, A. F. Godson, M.P., D.G.M. Worcestershire; W. Nicholl, J. Stevens, C. W. Meiter, Dr. G. Mickle, A. Pendlebury, Beaufort Hinks, W. McQueen, Carpmail, E. Walford, W. C. Smith, W. Lake, Rev. J. A. Lloyd, C. Arkell, J. Clever, James Taylor, H. Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; Charles Belton, P.P.G.D. Surrey; A. Tisley, P.G. Stwd., &c.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in form, Grand Secretary read the minutes, and on their being put for confirmation Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, moved that that portion of them be not confirmed which related to an alteration of Nos. 307 and 308 of the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. PHILBRICK said the motion was not in order. If the worthy brother desired to have a resolution not confirmed he must strike at the whole resolution; he could not alter it on the confirmation of the minutes.

The minutes were then put and confirmed.

Bro. SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE OWEN in moving the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year, said it was his pleasing duty to fulfil the pledge he made at last Grand Lodge, when he made a proposal which he was sure met with the approval of the whole Craft, the nomination of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. He would not attempt to enumerate the many distinguishing characteristics which had endeared H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the hearts of Masons, and he felt sure that no words of his would be necessary to obtain the approval of Grand Lodge. H.R.H. had endeared himself to all Masons in the world. His position as Grand Master of Freemasons, was one of no merely ornamental character, for he was on all occasions to the fore in Masonic work. Since H.R.H. had been G.M., some 700 lodges had been added to the roll of Grand Lodge, and some £40,000 or £50,000 a year collected and subscribed to the Charities of the Order. Besides this, £10,000 a year was distributed by the Board of Benevolence. The geniality and kindheartedness of the Prince of Wales endeared him to everybody, and, as he was such a popular Grand Master, he would propose his re-election.

Bro. BAYLIS seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously, amidst loud applause.

The election having been unanimous, Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS (*Garter*), P.G.W., then proclaimed the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The brethren then proceeded to elect a Grand Treasurer.

Bro. BERRIDGE proposed Bro. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire.

Bro. Sir E. A. H. LECHMERE, Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, seconded the proposition.

Bro. G. A. VENNELL, W.M. 165, proposed Bro. Richard Eve, and the motion having been seconded, scrutineers of votes were appointed and entrusted, and the balloting papers were collected, with which the scrutineers left Grand Lodge.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., who was appointed at the December Quarterly Communication, by the Grand Master, as President of the Board of Benevolence, was next invested with the clothing and insignia of the office of President of the Board of Benevolence.

The following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed.

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
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

On the motion of Bro. JAMES STEVENS, seconded by Bro. F. W. POTTER, W.M. Great City Lodge, these recommendations were taken *en bloc*, and not moved and seconded separately, Earl AMHERST stating that it met with his entire approbation, as he thought the suggestion an excellent one.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted, after being taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

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

The Board of General Purposes beg 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.

The report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1886 was read and received. Bro. C. W. MEITER, W.M. Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, London, moved:

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.

In moving the resolution, Bro. MEITER said: I have been told that the resolution I have the honour to submit for your consideration has nothing whatever to do with Freemasonry; indeed, to use the language of one of the Grand Officers, "it is simply idiotic." I need not tell you how grieved I am that brethren who have had the opportunity of witnessing the ceremony of opening Grand Lodge should have met my resolution in such a manner. You have heard the Junior Grand Warden say this evening whom he represents, and the Senior Grand Warden whom he represents, and also the Deputy Grand Master, and the M.W. Grand Master. What does all this mean if my proposal is idiotic, and nothing to do with Freemasonry? I tell you, brethren, whether you are willing to receive it or not, that you have been privileged by the G.A.O.T.U. to preserve the symbols of the Temple of the Royal Solomon, the King of the Chosen People, until now, and that the Society to which you belong has, in the order of the Divine Providence, been allowed to fill the broad gap of time between the last Temple and the one I propose should be rebuilt. The time has now arrived for the work to be undertaken, and, in my opinion, there is no other Society under Heaven that can accomplish it. Brethren, the work is yours—either now or hereafter. Men of all colours and climes are ready to assist you, and you cannot, and must not, resist it. Then why hesitate to commence and make the Jubilee year of our great and glorious Queen, who is, in my opinion, quite equal in glory to King Solomon, and whose son and heir (our future King and most Noble and Worshipful Grand Master) are both equally worthy of being remembered by all future generations. I shall not trouble you further with any remarks, but I shall simply move my resolution. I ask you to receive that motion; but, before moving it, I wish you to remember that you will simply vote the cost of a foundation stone, and in no other way will you be taking money out of the funds of Grand Lodge. It will only be about £25, and I hope you will consider it in that light.

There was no seconder to the motion, and it fell to the ground.

Bro. W. NICHOLL, P.M. 317, Manchester, then moved "That Past Masters shall be entitled to wear a distinctive collar," contending that the collar was an insignia of rank and distinction. He thought it rather churlish to say to Past Masters—"What do you want these distinctions for? You are better without them." Very likely those who said this knew much more about the matter than he did, but he felt himself pledged by his action on a former occasion to bring the matter forward now. He did not care what the distinctive mark was, whether a silver cord or not; he had no feeling in the matter in that respect, but he would give the brethren the opportunity of voting on the point.

Bro. GEORGE HUNT, W.M. 1009, seconded the motion,

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., supported the motion, and denied that Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., G.D., was right when he said on a former occasion that the collar was an emblem of office, and not of rank. It was a refinement of argument to say it was. In different ceremonies the rank of a brother was mentioned, and not his office.

The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority, and amidst cheers.

Bro. NICHOLL next moved—

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.

He desired to delegate this function to the Board of General Purposes, because he believed they were best able to exercise it.

Bro. GEORGE HUNT seconded.

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G.R., opposed on the ground that the motion was out of order after the minutes had been confirmed. Were Grand Lodge to act in that way it would become a laughing stock, and bring the very business of Grand Lodge itself into confusion. He did not think that course dignified. The matter was discussed and dealt with at last Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. J. A. LLOYD, W.M. 379, G.C. West Lancashire, said brethren had been put to a great deal of inconvenience and expense in coming from the country to take part in the debate on that subject, and they felt strongly upon it. He thought that at least it would be a point of politeness on the part of the Board of General Purposes to entertain that idea. He was quite certain the brethren intended to have a collar, and a distinctive collar, and they would not let this matter rest.

Bro. NICHOLL said that at the proposal to confirm the minutes it was a bit of smartness on the part of Bro. Philbrick when he put his point. Perhaps Bro. Philbrick had more knowledge of the rules of Chairmanship than he had, and also of the rules of nonconfirmation of minutes; but he knew how matters were conducted in the Houses of Parliament and other assemblies. Bro. Philbrick knew perhaps more of Masonry than he (Bro. Nicholl); but he (Bro. Nicholl) knew how to govern ordinary societies and bodies of gentlemen. (Sensation and cries of "Withdraw.")

Earl AMHERST said he must request Bro. Nicholl to withdraw the expression; it was clearly out of order.

Bro. W. NICHOLL said if it was so objectionable, he would say he would make the distinction between a body of legal men and professional men, or between professional gentlemen and gentlemen who were not professional gentlemen. ("Withdraw.") Bro. Nicholl said as the idea did not seem to be acceptable, he would withdraw it without reserve. He had written a great many letters on the subject under discussion till perhaps the Grand Registrar and the Grand Secretary and the Board of General Purposes were tired of hearing his voice and reading his letters. He would state in Grand Lodge openly, and before the whole Craft that the most secret conclave was the Board of General Purposes.

Earl AMHERST said Bro. Nicholl was raking up matter which was not within the substance of the motion, to which he must strictly confine himself.

Bro. NICHOLL added that he could not get a proper hearing before the Board of General Purposes, and therefore he brought the matter before the Grand Lodge.

Earl AMHERST having pointed out that he could not put the last part of the motion as to reporting to Grand Lodge in June next, to which Bro. Nicholl agreed, the motion with this exception was put, and his Lordship having declared that he thought the "noes" had it,

Bro. NICHOLL demanded a division, the result of which was, after a delay of some 20 minutes, that there 282 votes for, and 117 against, the motion.

The result was received with loud applause.

The Scrutineers of votes for the election of Grand Treasurer having by this time returned to Grand Lodge their report was given in, which was read by Bro. Earl Amherst as follows:—

Bro. Richard Eve	...	...	765
Bro. A. F. Godson	...	...	462
Majority for Eve	...	...	303

Bro. Earl AMHERST having given Bro. Eve permission to interrupt the business of Grand Lodge, which was the consideration of a string of six consecutive motions of Bro. Nicholl,

Bro. RICHARD EVE, who was received with loud cheering, said the M.W.G.M. in the chair has given me his consent to address to you the thanks that I feel with reference to the election of to-day. I can assure you I feel that the honour that you, the brethren of this Grand Lodge, has heaped upon my shoulders to-day—whatever my services to the Craft have been in the past, I feel that the double duty is imposed upon me to still further discharge those duties to the benefit of the Craft and to the good of Freemasonry in all parts of the world. I feel a deep debt of gratitude to those brethren who have come over 100 miles and more, to vote for me on this occasion. To many brethren who have come at great inconvenience I express my deep obligation for their kindness to-day. I thank you for the great honour you have done me to-night. I beg to thank you. (Applause.)

Most of the brethren then left the Grand Lodge and the business proceeded.

Bro. NICHOLL next moved—

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.

Bro. Canon PORTAL, P.G.C., seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

Bro. NICHOLL next moved—

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.

The motion having been seconded

Bro. PHILBRICK pointed out that there was no such thing as official visiting, and also that the Master was distinguished by his square. He thought there was no necessity for altering the law.

Bro. THOMAS FENN remarked that if this motion was carried the whole of the lectures would have to be altered.

The motion was withdrawn.

Bro. NICHOLL's next motion was also withdrawn. "That by dispensa-

tion full Masonic clothing may be worn by all officers wherever they are permitted to be present," it being shown that the Constitutions at present laid down the same rule.

Bro. NICHOLL proposed, and Bro. GEORGE HUNT seconded "That the Board of General Purposes be requested to re-draft Article 308," and the motion was carried without opposition.

By Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., 1216—

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.

And stated in the course of his remarks upon it that brethren and lodges in the London District were now so numerous that there was no chance of the brethren getting, however eminent their services, Grand Lodge honours, or, as he put it, "a reward for their services."

Bro. NICHOLL heartily sympathised with Bro. Stevens, the Provincial brethren thinking it a great pity that the brethren who worked very hard in a number of lodges within the ten mile radius of London should not get any mark of favour.

Bro. PHILBRICK showed that the granting of Provinces or Districts was a prerogative of the M.W.G. Master, and the Grand Lodge would be interfering with this prerogative if they passed this motion.

Bro. STEVENS denied that it would be subversive of the prerogative of the Grand Master, and subsequently withdrew the motion, the brethren showing a disposition that it should be withdrawn rather than they should be put to the trouble of dividing.

Bro. JOSEPH CLEVER, P.M. No. 171, moved—

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.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, P.G. St. Br., seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Bro. NICHOLL did not obtain a seconder for his motion—

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.

and consequently it dropped.

Bro. NICHOLL lastly moved—

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.

Bro. PHILBRICK in seconding the motion, said the complicated rule of voting, which he had been obliged to read out that evening, when the brethren divided on a motion of Bro. Nicholl, was the outcome of an enthusiastic and diligent brother's eloquence, who had found it impossible to carry out the scheme in any other way. He asked that if any brother could hit upon a scheme that would less inconvenience the brethren than that they had had to go through that night, they would forward it to the Grand Secretary, and he could promise that it would be considered by the Board of General Purposes.

The motion was carried amidst applause, and Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and adjourned.

The clothing and insignia of office, with which Bro. Robert Grey was invested as President of the Board of Benevolence, as mentioned in our above report, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ADUR LODGE, No. 2187, AT HENFIELD.

A large gathering of brethren took place on Friday afternoon, the 18th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Henfield, on the occasion of the consecration of the Adur Lodge, No. 2187. The ceremonies of consecration and of the installation of the W.M. designate were performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, who was assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers. The brethren assembled in the large room at half-past three, when the chair was taken by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, while Bros. C. J. Corder, P.P.S.G.W., and Sir F. Knowles, Bart., P.P.G. J.W., occupied the Wardens' chairs; the latter brother resigning his post on the arrival of Bro. C. W. Hudson, Prov. J.G.W. The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, with other members of the Craft, who attended, included Bros. Gerard Ford, Deputy Prov. G.M. designate; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; J. M. Reed, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. T. S. Burney, P.G.D.; B. Burfield, Prov. G. Asst. Sec.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened in the Three Degrees, and the hymn, "Hail Eternal, by Whose aid," having been sung, Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting. In September last, he said, the brethren of Henfield and its vicinity expressed a desire to have a new lodge, believing that, in the handsome building in which they were assembled, they would be enabled to promote their object successfully. Their petition to the Provincial Grand Lodge was not at first favourably entertained, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master fearing the movement would not receive sufficient Masonic support in the neighbourhood. Ultimately the petition was reconsidered, and the approval of the Grand Master was secured. The warrant was issued, and the lodge was named the Adur, from the river which flowed close by. The brethren assembled were present to give effect to the charter. The Prov. G. Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, was, as they were aware, unable to attend, and in addition they had recently lost their Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. Henderson Scott, who had passed away to his rest. He, himself, had been commissioned to fill the gap, and he embraced the opportunity of congratulating Bro. Gerard Ford upon his appointment as Dep. Prov. G. Master. He firmly believed he was the right man in the right place, and worthy to wear the mantle of his eminent predecessor. Addressing the founders of the new lodge, he expressed the hope that that would exercise care in the reception of members.

Prayer having been offered up by Bro. DOWDALL, Prov. G. Chap., Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. G. Sec., read the charter, petition, and warrant, stating that the movement had the recommendation of the Southdown Lodge.

Bro. J. PUTTICK, Prov. G. Chap., then delivered an oration on the principles of the Institution. He congratulated the lodge upon being consecrated in the Jubilee year, and trusted that might prove an augury of its future success. The consecration of a lodge doubtless reminded them



of their initiation into Freemasonry, and they would do well to ask themselves whether the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, then inculcated, had been carried out. Bigotry and political war reigned outside their lodges, but inside they found peace and love. Freemasonry was consistent with true religion; it was not selfish, but founded for mutual aid and comfort. He called attention to the Sacred Law, and exhorted the brethren to act solely on its dictates. He trusted that the rays of Heaven would shed their benign influence upon the new lodge, and that the brethren would bear in mind the teaching of the apostle—to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with those that weep."

The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was then sung by Bros. J. Thornhill, W. N. Roe, E. Broadbridge, W. Pratt, and G. Cole; Bro. H. S. Gates presiding at the American organ.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which was carried out in accordance with the Masonic ritual, and interspersed with hymns and reading from the Scriptures. The Benediction having closed the consecration ceremony, the Presiding Officer installed Bro. C. F. Lewis, P.M. 1465, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Herefordshire, as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The newly-installed W.M., on taking the chair, expressed his hearty thanks to Bro. Clerke for coming amongst them and performing the ceremonies in so able and impressive a manner. Although he himself had been a Freemason for 30 years, he had never had the opportunity of witnessing the consecration of a lodge. He felt great pleasure in proposing Bro. Col. Clerke as a honorary member of the lodge.

The GRAND SECRETARY briefly responded, and accepted the honour conferred upon him.

Bro. Sir Raymond Burrell, Bart., was then elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Hannan, Tyler.

The W.M. next appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. J. T. Musson, P.M. 1797, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; H. A. Dowell, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.D., J.W.; J. C. Buckwell, Sec.; C. Nye, I.P.M. 732, S.D.; T. Wickham, J.D.; and C. H. Smith, I.G.

Bro. J. C. Buckwell was appointed to serve on the Charities' Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Several propositions for initiation and joining were next made, when the lodge was formally closed. The musical arrangements were admirably carried out under the direction of Bro. H. S. Gates, Provincial Grand Organist, and served to greatly enhance the effect of the consecration ceremony.

After a brief interval the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served up in elegant style by Bro. J. Sayers, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In acknowledging the toast of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE bore testimony to the unceasing interest H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M., took in the cause of Freemasonry, remarking that he was not, as many supposed, simply an ornamental Grand Master, one who worked hard in the consideration of matters requiring attention and judgment, but was actually and punctually an earnest worker in the Craft.

Bro. Col. BURNEY also acknowledged the toast.

Bro. GERARD FORD, Deputy Prov. G.M. designate, in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge," embraced the first opportunity he had of speaking as Deputy Prov. G.M. to pass a high eulogium upon the late Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. Henderson Scott. He would, he said, do his best to carry out the duties entrusted to him, and felt that, receiving the support of the Prov. Grand Officers, and particularly that of Bro. Freeman, who was a host in himself—(applause)—he should be able to rub along.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in a humorous speech, proposed "Success to the Adur Lodge." Though not a medical gentleman like their W.M., he remarked that he should feel the greatest interest in the offspring he had assisted to bring into the world. It has given him great pleasure to find time among his many duties to attend the consecration, and wished the lodge continuous success.

Bro. C. F. LEWIS, W.M., responded. "Adur," he said, signified "flowing on," and it would be his greatest care that the lodge should flow on with safety and honour, and in accordance with the excellent advice given in the lodge by the Grand Secretary.

The remaining toasts were "The Consecrating Officers," which was cordially received; "The Visitors," to which Bro. STYER responded; "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

Several of the visiting brethren had been compelled to leave before the termination of the toast list, to catch their trains. The various speeches were interspersed with songs and glees, sung by Bros. E. Broadbridge, S. H. Soper, J. Thornhill, Slingsby Roberts, W. N. Roe, G. Cole, and W. Pratt; Bro. S. Gates presiding with great ability at the pianoforte. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

An especial meeting of the above Prov. G. Lodge was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of the installation of W. Bro. Gerard Ford, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., who had been deputed by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, to perform the ceremony, presided, the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge in attendance being Bros. Gerard Ford, Deputy Prov. G.M. designate; G. Smith, Prov. S.G.W.; C. W. Hudson, Prov. J.G.W.; L. D. Dowdall, Prov. G. Chaplain; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treasurer; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; R. Blaker, Prov. S.G.D.; E. Broadbridge, Prov. J.G.D.; G. R. Lockyer, Prov. G.S. of W.; H. Kemball-Cook, Prov. G.D. of C.; C. H. Haine, Prov. Assistant G.D. of C.; E. Collings, Prov. G. St. B.; H. S. Gates, Prov. G. Organist; B. Burfield, Prov. Assistant G. Secretary; S. Peters, Prov. G. Purst.; J. B. Sargent, Prov. Assistant G. Purst.; S. H. Soper, Prov. G. Steward; W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Steward; J. J. Allinson, Prov. G. Steward; H. E. Price, Prov. G. Steward; T. C. Woodman, Prov. G. Steward; C. B. Warre, Prov. G. Steward.

The lodge having been formally opened, and the summons convening the meeting having been read, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master designate's patent was examined by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the acting Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, addressing the D.P.G.M. designate upon the duties of his office, made a graceful allusion to the late D.P.G.M.,

Bro. John Henderson Scott, to the zeal and energy which he had displayed in carrying out any duties of the Craft which were entrusted to him, and to the great loss the province had sustained by his death. He also bore testimony to the eminent qualities possessed by Bro. Gerard Ford, who, as Prov. Grand Registrar, had been no stranger to the brethren of the province. He believed he would prove himself an able successor to Bro. Scott, and one worthy of wearing the mantle of so illustrious a Freemason.

Bro. Gerard Ford was formally installed, invested, and proclaimed by the assembled brethren according to Masonic rites.

Addressing those present, Bro. FORD said he felt compelled to allude to the distinguished brother whom he had succeeded. Bro. Scott had been one of his most sincere friends, and one he esteemed and loved. In feeling terms, Bro. Ford passed a high eulogium upon the brother whose loss they all, with him, deeply deplored. It would be no easy task to follow in the footsteps of so distinguished a Freemason; but he assured the brethren he would strive to the utmost in his power to carry out his duties with credit to himself and honour to the province. He trusted to be able to visit each lodge during the succeeding year; but he felt that the state of his health would frequently cause him to refrain from joining them at their installation banquets, and on that point he claimed their indulgence. He expressed the thanks of himself and the brethren to V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., for his kindness in attending and so ably carrying out the duties of installation.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, having acknowledged the well-merited compliment, formally closed the lodge.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

Following closely upon the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the banqueting room for the installation of Comp. Gerard Ford, P.Z. 271, as G. Superintendent, in the place of the late Comp. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. The installation was performed by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. The officers present were Comps. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.P.S., acting Prov. G.H.; C. W. Randolph, Prov. G.J.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G.S.E.; O. N. Wyatt, Prov. G.S.N.; R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treas.; J. St. Clair, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Gibson, Prov. G. 1st Asst. Sec.; and A. King, Prov. G. Organist. The Installing Companion, after examining the Grand Superintendent designate's patent, received, installed him, and invested him with the insignia of his office. The Grand Superintendent then appointed Comp. C. W. Randolph, as H.; and Comp. Trollope, as J. The chapter was then formally closed.

### A VALUABLE MANUSCRIPT.

Mr. Bernard Quaritch (of Piccadilly), the Prince of modern bibliographers, has kindly sent me for examination a very curious and valuable manuscript, which apparently was transcribed about 1570, the original bearing date "In this yeare of Christ 1477." Its size is small quarto, and consists of some 48 leaves of paper, on 43 of which are closely written in verse, an Introduction in Latin, of two pages, and 83 pages in English of the "Ordinal of Alchemy" by Thomas Norton, of Bristol. On some of the other pages there are several interesting notes respecting some of the previous owners. The six curious drawings in vellum, illuminated in gold and colours, add much to the value of the MS. and are special features of the singular and ancient volume, which is still preserved in the original limp vellum covering.

Mr. Quaritch's description, when writing me, is as follows: "A MS. of excessive rarity and of no little interest, besides its alchemical peculiarities, and its artistic merit, it happens to be the first work in the English language in which the name of 'Free Mason' is found. It was printed in the *Theatrum Chemicum*, of Ashmole, but it was always uncertain how much of Ashmole's work was interpolation. With the MS., however, there can be no longer a question as to Norton's real date and the genuineness of his Ordinal. It belonged about the year 1600 to John Arundell, of Quarnack (the grandson of Sir John Arundel, of Tretrys), who had bought it at his house in Lambeth from a Mr. Abdy. This John Arundel died in Lambeth in 1613. His memoranda at the beginning of the book include some curious items."

The "Ordinal" begins, as do the old Charges of the Freemasons, with an invocation to the Trinity.

To the honor of God one in persons three,  
This Boke is made that laie men should'nt see.

The reference to the term "Free Mason" occurs on the second page of the MS. proper (pagination consists of every other page being numbered consecutively from one) and is as follows:—

But wouder it is that weivers deale with suche werks,  
Free Masons and Tanners with poore P'ishh Clarkes,  
Stayners and Glasiers will not thereof cease,  
And yet seely Tinkers will put them in preasse

Alchemy is stated to be a "noble Craft," and certainly for lovers of the curious, marvellous or scientific, the "Ordinal," with the antique illuminations, would be a veritable treasure, a mine of wealth, and a possession of never failing interest.

Mr. Quaritch considers this MS. is "the first work in the English language in which the name of 'Free Mason' is found." Remembering the date of the original text of 1477, it is assuredly a very early instance of the use of the term; but for it to occur in the sixteenth century (the period of the transcription itself), is nothing remarkable.

Those who are familiar with Bro. Gould's Standard Masonic History, especially Vol. 2, Chap. VI., will be aware of the numerous instances of the employment of the term *Freemason* in the fifteenth century, and even of its use at a still earlier period. Still, the occurrence of the word in a work on Alchemy, so long ago, is, to say the least, a very curious fact, and adds much to the importance of the MS. in question, from a Masonic standpoint. It is for this reason I asked the loan of the document, to which Mr. Quaritch readily agreed, and hence the present notice of the work; which will doubtless prove of much interest to many Craftsmen.

What is wanted now is a collation of this MS. with the "Ordinal" as given in Ashmole's "Theatrum Chemicum" of 1652. This I must leave to others, or at least, my collation must be delayed for some time, because of the pressure of other matters. I trust that this valuable MS. will be acquired for the Library of the Grand Lodge of England, or some other large collection open to Masonic Students.

W. J. HUGHAN.

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.**

The Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement took place in the Temple of Freemasons' Hall, on Friday evening, the 25th ult., under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Milltown, P.S.G.W. Punctually at six o'clock, Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, and Treasurer of the lodge, took the chair, Bro. C. R. Lightbody being S.W.; Bro. G. B. Hemming, J.W.; Bro. G. L. Kennaby, S.D.; Bro. H. Pritchard, J.D.; and Bro. C. Bassano, I.G. The lodge was then opened in the three Degrees, and the first Lecture was worked by Bro. Fenn, assisted by the following brethren:—

- 1st Section by Bro. C. W. Blaxland, J.D. 709.
- 2nd " " G. L. Kennaby, S.D. 1420.
- 3rd " " W. H. Kirby, Stwd. 1965.
- 4th " " H. Pritchard, W.M. 1415.
- 5th " " W. S. Lee, W.M. 1768.
- 6th " " A. Combes, 1471.
- 7th " " C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826.

The whole of the work was done so well, that it would be invidious to select any of the above-named brethren for special commendation. The whole was perfect, and if some Sections were more impressive than others, the result was simply due to the fact that the later dealt with more advanced subjects than the earlier Sections. At the conclusion of the work,

The Earl of MILLTOWN rose and proposed a vote of thanks to the working brethren. His lordship said that he had never before had the pleasure of attending the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; but he could not think that even in that lodge the beautiful ritual of the Craft could have been delivered better, more effectively, and more impressively than it had been on that occasion. It had been to him, as to all, a real treat, and he begged to propose a hearty vote of thanks to those who had afforded it.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G. Sec., seconded the motion, which was carried "nem. con."

Bro. T. FENN, in reply, said it was usual for the Master in the chair to return thanks for the working officers, and he did it with the greatest pleasure, for it must be a great satisfaction to them to hear his lordship's commendation, and to hear that their efforts had given general satisfaction. He thanked his lordship and the lodge in the name of the working brethren.

The lodge was then closed down in the three Degrees, and the brethren subsequently supped together in the Great Hall in Freemasons' Tavern. Lord Milltown took the chair, and proved an exceedingly good Chairman.

In proposing "The Health of Her Majesty," associated with "The Craft," the CHAIRMAN said her Majesty had ever been a patron of the Craft. She was now about to celebrate the fiftieth year of her happy reign, and if there was one thing more than another that one could wish for the more apt celebration of that Jubilee, it would be that their gracious Sovereign would, as she was wont to do in the brave old days of yore, show herself among her people more frequently. He gave them "The Queen, God bless her, and the Craft."

In proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Grand Master," the CHAIRMAN said that the Prince of Wales, like those initiates who had been referred to that evening, recently escaped two great dangers—that of being crushed by the earthquake in the one land, or by the fugitives running away from it in the other. But the Prince stood his ground like a man. The panic had now subsided, and he (the Chairman) heard that the Prince was now proceeding on his way home, and he hoped they would soon see him among them again with his bright and genial face, and that he would make himself, as he always did, the right man in the right place.

The toast, which was received with great applause, having been drunk,

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and with that toast he should couple the name of the most energetic Grand Officer, his friend Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke. There could not be two kings of Brentford, but when Lord Carnarvon was not present Lord Lathom was there, and vice versa. They did their duty energetically, and we were much indebted to them. His lordship added that he was going to say something very high flown about the officers of Grand Lodge, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was one of them himself; and said he would simply propose their health.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said that, as by the accident of the moment, it had fallen to his lot to return thanks for that important toast, he begged to say that he thanked them exceedingly for the kind way in which it had been received, and he was sure that the Grand Officers were always grateful to their less fortunate brethren, who had not attained to the purple, for the cordial manner in which they were always welcomed. The Grand Officers, as all working Masons, were most anxious to do all in their power to promote the old working of the Order, and therefore he was sure that the Grand Officers who were then present had had a very great deal of pleasure in coming there to support, as far as their personal presence would, this grand body, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which had exercised so wonderful and successful an influence in preserving the ritual and precepts of the Order. He could assure them that he spoke the sentiments of his colleagues who were present, that it had been a genuine pleasure to them to be there that evening to witness the magnificent work that had been done, and they wished the Emulation Lodge of Improvement all the continued success that it merited.

Bro. SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., M.P., S.G.D., said he was permitted to ask them to drink "The Health of noble Chairman, the Earl of Milltown." He owned he had some diffidence in addressing an assembly, so many members of which had exhibited their accomplished ability in the delivery of sentiments all must approve, but he should be but a sorry member of his own profession, and but a poor Mason, if he hesitated to comply with the request to propose such a toast as that. Lord Milltown discharged onerous duties, and all well. It was his (Bro. Pope's) fortune now and again to address tribunals presided over by Lord Milltown in a quasi judicial capacity as a member of Committees in the House of Lords; and if Lord Milltown was absent he should say that there was no Chairman who was welcomed with greater cordiality and satisfaction when his name was seen in the votes of the House. As a

Mason he had served the office of S.G.W., and by his presence that evening indicated the interest which he took in the welfare of the Craft, and he had not merely served the comparatively ornamental duty of a Grand Officer, but he had passed through the chair of his own lodge, the United Lodge, and had discharged the ordinary duties which fall to the lot of any member of the Craft. He thought a great deal of the mark which one could not help attaching to Lord Milltown's career which, founded on the fact that his early training was that of a member of his (Bro. Pope's) profession. Lord Milltown was a barrister, and a very creditable barrister. If he had not been raised to the House of Lords he would have been a Q.C., and he was by no means sure which was the greater dignity. (Laughter and cheers.) Anyhow, said he, having got a good barrister, and a good Mason, an excellent fellow, and a noble lord, let us drink his health. (Applause.)

Lord MILLTOWN, in replying, said he could not express to the brethren how much obliged he was for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, or how much he felt obliged to his kind friend and brother barrister Bro. Pope. Bro. Pope had placed him on too high a pedestal, he never could have attained the eminence which had been attained by Bro. Pope. He never had much chance as a barrister. Possibly if another branch of the profession had had a clearer insight of men and manners things might have been otherwise, but as they had not he continued undistinguished till the time when he was compelled by circumstances to leave the bar, and he did not see how he had attained eminence in that profession which Bro. Pope adorned. Otherwise, he might have entered contests with Bro. Pope, and been beaten by him. In the House of Lords he had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Pope frequently, and he was always glad to see him, because he spared them more than any of the others, and his brief orations were far more effective than the prolix orations to which Committees were sometimes subjected. He went on to say that it was a very great pleasure to him to be present that evening; he did not know when he had been more delighted, and he wished with all his heart success and happiness to the Emulation Lodge. Perhaps they would allow him to conclude not with a song but with a toast which was "Good luck and success to the Emulation Lodge," with which he would propose "The Health of Bro. Fenn," to whom he could not help thinking that the lodge was greatly indebted for its success, and who had performed his part of that evening's programme with such admirable knowledge of the Craft. Bro. Fenn was not only a good Mason but in every sense of the word a good fellow. He would therefore give "Success to our noble selves, coupling with it the Health of Bro. Fenn."

Bro. FENN, P.G.D., President Board of General Purposes: My Lord and brethren, there are none present to-night who can wish with more earnestness success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement than the Committee of the lodge whom I have the honour of representing in responding to this toast. I take the opportunity of expressing to his lordship, who occupies the chair, the deep sense the Committee entertain of his kindness in coming here to-night under very painful circumstances. His lordship is by no means well. So unwell was he yesterday as to wish to avoid coming, but he put himself to some inconvenience and some personal pain to come here to-night. It is usual on these occasions for the brother who responds to this toast to give some little account of this lodge's history, in order to show the Craft the claim which we have to consider the ritual we teach, the ritual which was authorised by the Grand Lodge of England. But it is so late that I fear I shall try your patience if I were to go through that history, so I will in as few words as I can tell you the origin of this lodge. At the union of the Grand Lodges the work was found to differ very considerably, and the Lodge of Reconciliation was formed under the authority of the United Grand Lodge to collect together the various modes of working, and to bring before Grand Lodge a system of working which would be satisfactory to all, and which might be adopted as a uniform system of working to be ordered by the Grand Lodge to be practised throughout the Craft. The Lodge of Reconciliation after some difficulty completed their task under Dr. Williams, a task which was commenced in the first instance by Dr. Hemming. The ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising were rehearsed before a Special Grand Lodge, called for that purpose. They sanctioned the working and ordered that to be the uniform working and no other. The use of written rituals was by the articles of Union strictly forbidden. The Lodge of Reconciliation were, therefore, ordered orally to teach this ritual by parties of three to the London Lodges and to delegates from the provinces. Very soon after the Lodge of Reconciliation had performed their task this Lodge of Emulation was formed partly by the members of that lodge and by Bro. Peter Gilkes, who was known for his quick and retentive memory; and he it was who was the ruling spirit of this lodge in the first period of its existence. Bro. Peter Gilkes died in about the year 1833 and he was succeeded by his friend and pupil Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, whose son is amongst us to-night. Stephen Barton Wilson continued to be the President of this lodge till his death, in 1866. He was succeeded by the then Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, Bro. Murton, Bro. Richards, and myself, who were all pupils of Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. I myself had the privilege of being taught all the ceremonies by him, and I think, therefore, we may consider ourselves within touch of the working of the Lodge of Reconciliation. Bro. Murton, on my left, and Bro. Richards, a little further to my left, and myself are within three generations of the oral teaching of the Lodge of Reconciliation; so I think I may say that the working of this lodge is the actual working of the Lodge of Reconciliation, which was ordered to be worked throughout the Craft. It is the duty of this lodge to transmit unimpaired those traditions to our successors, and though, in consequence of other engagements, I cannot now take the active part in its affairs that I did formerly, I am happy to think that there are those among the present Committee—and especially I will mention Bro. Sudlow—who are thoroughly capable of carrying on the work as it has been done in the past, and it is a gratification to those whose age will in a short time remove them from among you, to recognise the fact that they have successors—some on the present Committee and others who are rising up among us—and who have given samples of the work to-night, by whom the working of the lodge will be maintained in the future as in the past. I will not detain you any longer than to thank you for this toast which you have proposed, and to assure you that the success of this lodge is at the heart of every member of the Committee, and that they will do all they

can to promote the success which you have wished them. (Prolonged applause, succeeded by calls for Bro. Sudlow.)

Bro. SUDLOW said he was sure at this very late period of the evening the company would not expect a speech from him, particularly after the very admirable and exhaustive manner in which the subject of the toast had already been dealt with by Bro. Fenn. He could only say that he thanked them personally for the very kind and cordial manner in which his name had been received by those present.

Bro. PARKINSON proposed "The Health of the Lodge of Unions," under whose banner the Emulation Lodge of Improvement worked. He said there might be this appropriateness in his having to discharge this duty in the circumstance, that he was, perhaps, one of the oldest pupils in the room, of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, during the interesting historical résumé which they had had from Bro. Fenn, his heart had thrilled to remember that it had been his privilege in his youth to sit under Stephen Barton Wilson. The purity of the working they had heard to-night, and the enthusiasm of the pupils who attended, were as visible now, as in his time. It was not only on show nights, but on the working nights, they found the working maintained with skill and purity, under the hands of the able member of the committee, who directed the work. Bro. Parkinson concluded by proposing the toast, coupled with the name of the Master of the Lodge of Unions.

Bro. BERTRAM acknowledged the compliment. "The Health of the Officers of the Emulation Lodge," was next proposed, and was responded to by the S.W. Bro. LIGHTBODY.

Bro. MURTON, P.G.D., proposed "The Health of the Stewards," and Bro. JONES, Secretary of the lodge, responded.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Binckes, who returned thanks.

After which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of the evening to a close.

Among the brethren present were: Bro. Samuel Pope, P.G.D.; W. H. Perryman, A.G.P.; Ralph Clutton, J.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.G.S. Br.; Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Rudolph G. Glover, G.D.C.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Chas. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; A. A. Richards; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. E. Willing, P.G. Org.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S. Br.; F. Davison, P.S.G.D.; Wm. Roebuck, G.S. Br.; Sir G. Goldney, D.P.G.M. Wilts; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S. Br.; Bancroft; H. J. Dumas, P.G.D.; Right Hon. Earl of Milltown, P.G.W.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Sidney M. Cooke, 1872; T. W. Hancock, 395; Edward Cooper, 73; N. Fitzgerald, 2168; A. C. Langdall, 5; W. W. Cnudleigh, 1803; A. A. Angier, 17; A. A. Wilks, 1964; E. Partridge, 1686; W. Beauist, 2060; Wm. Heselstine, 256; J. H. Goldney, 256; P. Jessop, 1261; A. Sauvi, 2060; T. E. Marshall, 72; G. Young, 63; F. L. Peiken, 63; A. B. Lacoste, 2060; A. Courtney, 859; Sidney E. Sargent, 2077; A. F. Godson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Worcestershire; J. W. Jull, 1414; W. Saegert, 548; L. Cabuzet, 2060; A. Paillard, 180; M. Wyatt, 5; John L. Mather; F. J. Sykes, 256; Thos. Harper, 1216; Edward Upton, 1878; Alex. Baume, 180; W. R. Stephens, 90; J. Dennant, 271; F. Ingle, 79; G. F. Carnegie, Mary's Chapel; F. Paterson, 5; E. L. Batcombe, 2095; W. E. Sampson, 14; H. T. Grey, jun., 1820; Richard Pye, 820; S. Wootton, 820; E. J. Farrier, 1365; C. E. Bulling, 1287; J. R. Foster, 726; H. Lovegrove, 1537; S. Nowakowski, 534; J. Nowakowski, 534; S. K. Short, 424; A. J. Loop, 645; J. Draper, 534; W. Walford, 1584; A. Trgart, 171; C. C. Fenner, 1401; C. L. Thompson, 185; W. W. Sutton, 108; J. H. Baxter, 194; R. Burkit, 1692; J. Sanders, 1692; W. G. Hibos, 1692; T. Jones, 1607; A. Verner, 820; C. H. I. Whitcombe, 534; P. P. Langford, 1708; F. H. Lyell, 5; G. Greiner, 92; L. A. Mesrouze, 2060; W. T. Day, 179; T. Artand, 1305; F. D. Williams, 2002; E. Brooke, 766; J. Brittain, 1385; R. Begg, 87; H. Giddings, 1624; C. Corby, 957; W. G. Beaton, 463; 563; W. Taylor, 534; C. J. Iuter, 217; W. C. Banks, 1768; A. C. Bales, 704; Walter J. Gregory, 73; J. Glenn, 19; P. Saillard, 2020; J. F. Moran, 749; H. Bell, 1.87; A. Christie, 1587; W. Kelly, 1446; C. Jackson, 534; W. A. Dawson, F. R. Spaul, Hugh Langton, Alfred C. Spaul, W. H. Spaul, E. St. Clair, W. Lightbody, R. Griggs, J. Jennings, G. C. Harpout, G. E. Baur, W. R. Parker, J. E. Hunt, C. F. Hogard, James S. Palmer, R. C. Sudlow, G. T. Barkham, C. L. Holbey, Thomas Cohu, Ernest T. Smith, A. Fyson, J. Dale, R. Y. Barton, J. Whiteway, J. Burnell, J. G. Garson, G. F. Marshall, R. Goodwin, W. G. Oatst, W. D. Harding, J. S. Cumberland, A. J. Larkin, G. D. Stevenson, H. G. Cubitt, C. M. Matthew, C. E. Wilson, F. E. Smith, H. S. Ritchie, E. P. Debenham, E. W. Davis, J. P. S. Roberts, C. W. Blaxland, George Sawyer, H. Bué, J. G. Tongue, H. D. Marshall, W. H. Kirby, C. W. A. Trollope, A. Combes, H. Summers, T. H. Edmands, A. Gibbins, C. Belton, F. Bennett, H. J. Wicks, H. Bertram, J. H. Hallett, C. A. Cooper, T. R. B. Hinks, W. McQueen, J. A. Farnfield, J. P. Haighton, W. Williams, W. F. Laws, J. S. Kingston, R. Raymond, J. R. Dunlop, Philip Searpe, W. Lincoln, W. B. Glenn, W. J. Pegram, R. C. Hallows, A. Pocock, A. Marvin, A. Madell, E. E. Harding, T. Orr, H. W. Brooks, S. B. Wilson, H. M. Hobbs, G. Negle, F. W. Oldfield, W. Hickin, F. M. Noakes, J. Sadler Wood, G. H. Thrupp, G. H. Foan, G. Stacey, E. Monteuis, J. W. Gaze, E. D. Walford, W. P. Brown, W. James, C. F. Matier, A. Baume, F. Levick, W. S. Lee, S. M. Southwell, G. J. Austin, J. T. Ashley, H. J. P. Dumas, J. Lancaster, H. Glenn, H. Tatton Sykes, F. I. Reade, C. Mapleton, D. G. Imlay, G. E. Berlandine, F. W. Prior, G. Cook, D. Guedalla, E. H. Thiellay, E. Bond, F. R. Carter, J. E. Terry, F. A. K. Bull, Charles E. Cassal, F. N. N. Bramall, and William Saint.

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To Correspondents.

Will any subscriber or reader of this Journal who has a chart of Masonic emblems for disposal, communicate with particulars and price to L. S., care of the Editor of this paper?

"Libertus," who says he is not a Mason, sends us a very foolish contribution anent the Jubilee. We would recommend "Libertus" to air his jokes in some other quarter.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Allen's Indian Mail," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "Orient," "New York Dispatch," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts," "Keystone," "Piano, Organ, and Music Trades Journal," "Boletín Oficial del Gr. Or. de España Revista Masonica," "Cassell's National Library," "Newcastle Daily Journal," "English Illustrated Magazine," "Masonic Chronicle" (Ohio), "Hull and East Yorkshire Times," "West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution Report, 1886," and "Imperial Federation."



SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 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 RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your remarks on the contributions to the recent Festival from Surrey Lodges, you say that, as several are of recent creation, they could not be expected to contribute largely.

As the W.M. of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, consecrated in May, 1885, I should like to point out to you that last year Bro. Langton, the first W.M., took up £407 to the Girls'; I took up £267 to the Boys' Festival; and Bro. Ridpath has now taken up £152; making a total of £82 within 12 months.—Yours fraternally,

HUGH M. HOBBS, W.M. 2096.

28th February.

[Our particular reference under "SURREY" to the list of Bro. Ridpath, as Steward of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, would seem to have escaped the notice of our

correspondent; while as regards the contributions of the same lodge, at the School Festivals in 1886, they were noticed at the time in our usual analytical articles. It is more to the credit of No. 2096, that it should have given so generously. Being one of some half dozen Surrey Lodges of recent creation, it could not in reason have been expected to contribute largely; but it has done so, and is therefore entitled to the greater credit. Ed. F.M.]



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 22nd ult. Among those present were Bros. G. Coop, W.M.; Hudson, S.W.; Hakim, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Steng, S.D.; Wetzler, J.D.; Langdale, acting as I.G.; Cursons, Stwd.; Green, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Fromholtz, I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. Taylor and C. A. Muller were impressively passed to the Second Degree. The by-laws having been read, Bro. Fromholtz gave a notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the list of Bro. C. Dairy, P.M., as Steward of the R.M.I. for Boys. A vote of condolence to the widow and family of Bro. Crane—deceased—having been passed, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., there being a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. Bro. Birkin and the W.M. very efficiently rendered the ceremonies of passing and raising, and the brethren adjourned to banquet which was served in Bro. Oddy's usual generous style. After the loyal toasts a testimonial consisting of a tea and coffee service and tray, and engraved—"Presented to Bro. W. T. Meek, the S.W. of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754 (also P.G.M.I., P.M.M. 179 and 284), in token of brotherly love and esteem on his leaving England"—was presented by the W.M., Bro. Birkin, who said: Bro. Meek, in handing to you this gift I also tender to you the warmest and heartfelt wishes of the brethren for your future welfare, and we trust that, when separated from us, the sight of these beautiful articles will bring you back in memory amongst us again. You have during your connection with us gained the approval and affection of the whole of the brethren, and they deeply regret the necessity which compels you to separate from them, especially at this time, when the height of a Mason's ambition is nearly realized. You have distinguished yourself in other Degrees in Freemasonry, and deservedly reaped the rewards and distinction in those Degrees. We sincerely hope you will reach that far distant land whither you are bound in safety, and among new friends receive that fraternal welcome which is recognised in every clime where Freemasonry is known. May the Great Architect of the Universe protect you, and if we do not meet here again I trust we may all meet at that Grand Lodge above, and there receive the reward promised to all those who work diligently in His Holy Temple. Once again, farewell, and God speed to you. Brethren, I ask you to join me in that wish, and to drink "The Health of Bro. Meek."

The toast was heartily responded to.

Bro. Meek returned thanks in a very feeling manner, paying due honour to the Worshipful Master for the able manner in which he had presided over them during the past year, and for the kind expressions he had used toward himself. He felt unable to sufficiently express his thanks to the brethren for their kind and generous gift. Not only that evening would be present in his memory and its connection with that beautiful gift, but the very many happy hours he had spent in that room would never be forgotten. The worthy brother continued: This gift shall never be parted with, but shall be handed to my children and grandchildren as a heirloom, that they may be impressed with the feeling of brotherly love and esteem which had been held among you, and I trust at all times and seasons of your meetings I may be in the spirit; and, W.M., as you have referred to those other Degrees in Freemasonry with which I am connected with you and several brethren here, I hope, truly with you, that we may all receive that White Stone, together with its new name. Brethren, I thank you.

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

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. E. Farrington, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. W. Beningfield, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Bamber, J.W.; T. A. Woodbridge, Treas.; A. Tisley, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; W. H. White, Org.; R. Chelton, S.D.; T. J. Robinson, J.D.; W. Farrington, I.G.; F. J. E. Young, D.C.; W. Wellsman, P.M.; J. C. Dwarber, P.M.; G. Manners, P.M.; F. Farrington, P.M.; W. H. Clemow, P.M.; and many other members. Visitors: Bros. R. A. Kemp, 1706; W. W. Nott, 1937; J. Barnett, jun., 177; J. R. Mortord, 569; J. Hattersley, D.C. 1607; J. Nixon, P.M. 217; C. S. Scrivener, P.M. 206; W. W. Parkinson, 879; Rev. Dr. Williams, 17; H. L. Dixon, P.M. 172; Rev. H. W. Green, P.M. 108; R. Senecal, 1426; S. Ward, 186; T. Holmes, 141; H. A. Jacobs, 206; T. Walker Cooper, P.M. 538; E. Wits, P.M. 144; A. E. Newbridge, I.G. 1201; E. Dodson, P.M. 860; E. Mespie, 206; R. W. Heney, 1609; A. Weston, 1929; G. T. Miles, 1929; A. Mann, J.W. 144; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditor's report received and adopted. Bro. Dyas was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in a very impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. W. Wellsman, P.M., then assumed the chair, and Bro. J. W. Beningfield having been presented, was duly installed as

W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. R. H. Clemow, S.W.; J. Bamber, J.W.; T. A. Woodbridge, Treas.; A. Tisley, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; T. J. Robinson, S.D.; W. Farrington, J.D.; F. J. E. Young, I.G.; Rev. W. Martin, Chap.; W. H. White, Org.; W. M. Edwards, D.C.; H. W. Clemow, Stwd.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. W. Wellsman, P.M., the Installing Master, then delivered the usual addresses in an admirable manner that was thoroughly appreciated by all the brethren present. On the motion of Bro. Tisley, Sec., seconded by Bro. Manners, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The circular from the Pro Grand Master was then considered, and resulted in a decision in favour of the proposal contained therein. Propositions having been received, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently duly honoured.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. W. E. Farrington, I.P.M., who said that directly the brethren saw the gavel in his hands they would know it was for the purpose of proposing that important toast. Bro. Beningfield, W.M., was initiated in that lodge in 1876, and had advanced step by step through the various offices until he reached his present high position. He asked the brethren to cordially join him in drinking the health of that brother, wishing him prosperity throughout his year of office.

Bro. J. W. Beningfield, W.M., in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He felt in the midst of a family party, for he saw around him so many he had known—he was afraid to say how many years ago. On his right he saw several whom he had known for many years outside the Masonic circle, and at the bottom of each table, sat those who, with him, went through the ordeal of being initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, and he had no doubt they considered it as great a privilege to occupy their respective chairs, as he did his more exalted position. He trusted they would all pull together to overcome the dangers and difficulties which might beset their path. It was a proud position to be W.M. of any lodge, but to be the W.M. of his mother lodge had been the sole aim and object of his Masonic life. He had no wish to go beyond that, but was content to rest satisfied with having occupied the chair of the St. Dunstan's Lodge. Whatever differences there had been amongst the members, he was quite sure they had always thought well of each other. The differences had only been those of ideas which had ever been to strengthen the lodge, and to bring it to a brighter state of perfection. He would content himself with again thanking them for so cordially drinking his health.

Bro. T. Walker Cooper, P.M. 538, replied for the toast of "The Visitors," which was proposed in a hearty manner by the W.M. He thanked the lodge, on behalf of the visiting brethren, for the kindness with which they had been received, and expressed his gratification at the excellent manner in which the W.M. had been installed into the chair.

Bro. Scrivener, P.M. 206, having responded, Bro. Rev. H. W. Green, P.M. 108, tendered his sincere thanks for the hospitality he had enjoyed, and said that former experiences had shown him that such was the invariable rule in London lodges. It afforded him peculiar pleasure to be present, for the St. Dunstan's Lodge was essentially a parish lodge, and he considered it right and proper that a parish should have a lodge of its own. The rector, who belonged to the lodge, but who was unavoidably absent, had told him of the excellent results arising from such a lodge, for Masonry taught them to practise the principles of relief and truth, and thus they were enabled to show to the world at large its beneficial effects.

"The I.P.M." was then given by the Worshipful Master, who said that Bro. W. E. Farrington, I.P.M., had to be congratulated upon a successful year of office. Whatever he had done he had done well, and there was no doubt he would use the same endeavours in the future to benefit the lodge as he had in the past. The members had signified their appreciation of his services by voting him a jewel, which he now had the pleasure of placing upon the breast of Bro. Farrington. He had thoroughly deserved that mark of their favour, and the brethren would heartily drink his health and wish him success in the future.

Bro. W. E. Farrington, I.P.M., briefly returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and also for the jewel, which he should wear as often as possible.

Bro. Beningfield, W.M., then said a pleasant duty devolved upon him—to propose "The Health of the Installing Master." He could remember when he was raised to the Third Degree how beautifully and impressively the ceremony was rendered by Bro. Wellsman. The present occasion was not the first time they had heard that brother perform the installation ceremony; but he was assured they had never heard it done better.

Bro. W. Wellsman, P.M., said that, although they had heard a good deal of his voice in the lodge, he could assure them that he could not find words to express his thanks. It was very pleasing, when performing a ceremony, to feel that he had the touch of the brethren listening, and he had to cordially thank them for the attention they gave to the work. It was as perfect as he could make it, and he was only too pleased to do his best. He considered that there was no ceremony so beautiful as the installation, for it brought together in concrete form all the three Degrees, and made them think there was more in Masonry than they had imagined. It had given him great pleasure to place in the chair a brother who was an initiate of the lodge. His services were always at the command of the lodge, and if any brother at any time required his assistance, he should only be too pleased to render it.

Bro. Dwarber, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and thanked the W.M. for associating his name with the toast. He hoped for many years to remain among them as senior P.M., and he would, with the other P.M.'s, at all times do his best for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Tisley, P.G. Stwd., replied for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. R. H. Clemow for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast then brought the proceedings to a close. The toast list was interspersed with an admirable programme of music, given under the direction of Bro. W. H. White, Org.; assisted by Bros. Arthur Weston, R. W. Heney, H. G. Harris, G. T. Miles, and A. Mann.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 8th ult., when there were present the W.M., Bro. T. A. Dickson, supported by Bros. B. Solomon, S.W.; G. Reynolds, J.W.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; C. Stacey, P.M., Org.; G. Coleman, P.M., acting as S.D.; C. Ralph, acting as J.D.; C. Foan, I.G.; John Jacobs, P.M., and G. H. Reynolds, Stwds.; Harry Kedgley, I.P.M.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; W. R. Faulks, R. R. Potter, A. S. Bullen, F. Wilhelm, Thomas Skinner, J. C. Citron, E. Hill, John Potter, James Woodward, J. R. Green, J. W. Belsham, E. W. Carter, W. Cousins, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. C. Smith, W.M. 1563; William Roots, 1273; James Rowe, 1559; R. A. Kirkaldy, P.M. 1321; H. M. Eastwood, 733; W. Briley, W.M. 879; J. R. Wharton, 65; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. R. Faulks was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. A. S. Bullen and F. Wilhelm were passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a capital dinner was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, who was very attentive to the wants of the brethren.

Good justice having been done to the banquet, the W.M. then proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a very happy manner, the toasts being heartily drunk by the brethren.

The I.P.M., Bro. Harry Kedgley, then said all the brethren knew why he held the gavel in his hand. It was always the custom for the I.P.M. to propose "The Health of the W.M." To all it was a most pleasing toast, and to him (the I.P.M.) he could say on no occasion in the lodge had it given him greater pleasure to propose a toast than that of the one he was doing. Their W.M. was respected by all, and the manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair that evening proved that he would pass out of it with great credit to himself, and the Covent Garden Lodge. He took a great interest in his work, and would give satisfaction to the lodges. He would ask the brethren to drink the health of the W.M. in a bumper, and wish him every success.

The Worshipful Master, replying, said he thanked Bro. Harry Kedgley, their I.P.M., for the kind and flattering way in which he had proposed his health, and all present for the hearty manner in which it had been drunk. The kind allusions to the way in which he had occupied the chair that evening gave him great encouragement, and he could assure the brethren he would do all the work to the best of his ability, and give the brethren of the lodge every satisfaction. He started with a good heart, and would go through his work.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of Visitors," said it was one of the principal toasts of the evening, and that evening it gave him an especial amount of pleasure. He could see many happy faces around him, and he could assure them a happy reception would always be given to them whenever they came. He trusted they had all spent a pleasant evening.

Bro. W. C. Smith, W.M. 1563, in responding, said he did so with a great deal of pleasure, and thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast of the visitors. He congratulated the W.M. on the way in which he had performed the work that evening. He (Bro. W. C. Smith) had been associated with the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction for some time, and the attention the W.M. had given them there convinced him that the Covent Garden Lodge had a Master who would do his work to the best of his ability, and give the lodge satisfaction. He was proud of him as one of the brethren attending the lodge of instruction, for he was a worthy Mason, and a gentleman. The officers took a great interest in the lodge, and would, with the W.M., advance the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Kirkaldy, P.M. 1321, said that after what had fallen from the lips of their worthy Bro. W. C. Smith he could not say much. He thanked the brethren of the lodge for a very happy evening. He was sure the visitors had enjoyed themselves. The Covent Garden Lodge always gave them a hearty welcome. He wished the W.M. a happy year of office.

Bro. H. W. Eastwood, 733, said he could not find words sufficient to thank the lodge for the pleasant evening he had had. It would always bring to his mind happy recollections of his visit to the Covent Garden Lodge; and he wished the lodge every success.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Secretary and P.M.'s," and said in putting them altogether he hardly knew what to say. They were all good Masons, and worked well for the interest of the lodge. Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., their worthy Treasurer, was not with them that evening. Bro. W. Bourne, P.M., their Secretary, all knew well. He was a good quill driver, and all the members of the lodge would agree with him on that point, as they received their summonses most punctually. He attended well to his duties. The office of Wine Steward was carried out well by their P.M., Bro. John Jacobs. Bro. Kedgley, P.M., is looking forward to his turn to do the duties, having had such good examples set him by Bros. Simon Jacobs, P.M., and G. Coleman, P.M. He would call upon Bros. Bourne and H. Kedgley to reply.

Bro. Bourne, P.M. and Sec., said as one of the oldest P.M.'s present, he thanked them all for the manner in which the healths of the P.M.'s had been drunk, and for the kind remarks of their W.M. He could assure them one and all took the greatest interest in the lodge, and always had the welfare of the lodge at heart. As to himself, he had received the greatest kindness from all; and so long as he had the confidence of the brethren nothing should be wanting on his part to carry out his duties to their satisfaction, which he hoped to do in the future as he had done in the past.

Bro. H. Kedgley, I.P.M., said he would only detain them a few seconds. It was a great pleasure to him to be beside their worthy W.M. as an I.P.M. They had both climbed from the bottom of the ladder to their present positions, and he could assure the brethren he would give all the assistance he could to the lodge as long as he had health and strength. The remark, when his turn came to be Wine Steward, he would bear in mind. It was an office now always held by a P.M., but it did not matter to him what office he undertook—he would endeavour to give every satisfaction to the brethren. Their worthy P.M., Bro. John Jacobs, was a capital Wine Steward. He thanked them

all for the hearty manner in which the health of the P.M.'s had been drunk.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said it was one that brought the labours of the evening's performance almost to a close. In Bro. B. Solomon he had a capital S.W. He was doing his best and attending well to his duties, and was coming forward. Bro. G. Reynolds, J.W., was another enterprising young man. He was always doing something for the benefit of the lodge and of Masonry. No matter what duties you called upon him to do, he was always willing to do them to the best of his ability. In all the other officers he was well supported, and he thanked them one and all for the attention they gave to their respective duties.

Bro. B. Solomon, S.W., in reply, said that it gave him great pleasure to rise and thank the W.M. for the kind remarks as to his officers. He would endeavour to follow the good example set by the W.M., and follow in his footsteps, and he could assure the brethren of the lodge when he once got into the chair he would stick to his work.

Bro. G. Reynolds, J.W., thanked the W.M. for his kind and flattering remarks, and said he trusted he should do his duties, not only to the satisfaction of the W.M., but to the lodge also. The W.M. had that very evening astonished the brethren, and his working was a proof of what perseverance would do. The W.M. had just now entrusted a secret to him, which he hoped the brethren would not divulge to the W.M., and the secret was, there would be no banquet at their next meeting, but that the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction would hold their annual supper (Tuesday, the 8th of March), instead. He should look forward to their worthy W.M. being supported by six times the number of brethren present here—(A Voice, Ten times)—and that all would assist to make it a jolly and pleasant evening. In foreign parts he himself should look forward to that evening with much pleasure.

Bro. G. Ralph thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks on behalf of the rest of the officers.

The Tyler's toast brought the pleasant evening to a close, to which Bros. C. Ralph Kirkaldy, H. Wharton, H. Kidgley, Roots, and others had added much by their vocal abilities.

**STUART LODGE (No. 1632).**—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Monday last, the 28th ult. Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, the W.M., was ably supported by Bros. A. Bannister, S.W.; H. S. Vickers, J.W.; W. Weekes, Treasurer; Thomas Poore, P.M., P.Z., &c., Secretary; H. S. Linsey, S.D.; E. Pettit, J.D. and acting Organist; R. Barham, P.M. 144, as D.C.; C. Fruen, I.G.; and A. J. Crofts. The visitors were Bros. E. Woodman, W.M. 1897, acting as I.P.M.; J. Hornsey, and T. Bence, of 1897; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

That part of the minutes relating to the removal of the lodge was non-confirmed and erased accordingly. The next business on the agenda was to ballot for, as a joining member, Bro. George J. Venables, S.D. 2182, which proved unanimous in his favour. This being the annual period of election within the lodge, Bro. Alfred Bannister, S.W., was duly elected as W.M., Bro. W. Weekes unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Bowler, as Tyler for the ensuing year. Bros. Crofts, Fruen, and Young were appointed on the Audit Committee. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the W.M. was voted a P.M.'s jewel of the usual value and lodge pattern, to be presented on the completion of his term of office. Bro. Baldwin cordially thanked the brethren for this additional honour, and intimated his intention of installing his successor in the chair of K.S. on the 28th day of March next. By special desire of Bro. E. Woodman, the W.M. of 1897, the W.M. was pleased to pass to the Degree of F.C. Bros. J. Hornsey and T. Bence, on behalf of that lodge; and although the W.M. and officers had but a few hours notice of this request, the work was performed in a very exemplary and impressive manner. Among the correspondence was a letter from Bro. H. Hacker, of Aldershot, on behalf of Bro. Richard Eve, P.M., &c., a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and after a few brief comments thereon from the W.M., the brethren promised to support this candidature at Grand Lodge on the 2nd inst., including the visitors.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the W.M.

When all the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, most heartily received, and cordially responded to, the W.M. and Bro. Linsey assisted to enliven the proceedings with well-rendered songs; the zealous and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Thomas Poore, very ably recited Charles Dickens's "Election for Beadle," with excellent expression; Bro. Vickers gave a very able rendering of that very popular song "Drinking;" whilst Bro. Woodman received a perfect ovation for his capital and clever rendering of several very comic songs. Bro. Edward Pettit very ably presided at the piano. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.**—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing old lodge was held on Monday evening, the 28th ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall. There was a capital muster of brethren present and plenty of work to do. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. A. Rhagg, I.P.M., supported and assisted by Bros. D. Sinclair, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; I. G. Smith, P.M., D.C.; John Moulton, P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; E. Shewbrooks, S.W.; Wm. Dalrymple, J.W.; W. Brown, Sec.; A. Simpson, as S.D.; T. Thompson, J.D.; W. Richardson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; H. F. Dryden and M. R. Wright, Stwds. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. W. B. Elsdon, Geo. Davidson (Mayor of Gateshead), T. L. Hall, G. C. Potts, W. H. Denton, J. T. Corking, R. Swanson, J. Bulmer, Ed. Carr, W. J. Jobson, W. Stafford, H. Carrick, G. N. Patterson, Sec. 424; E. Potts, I.P.M. 1676; H. Wells, W.M. 1676; T. Lewens, S.D. 1676; J. T. Taylor, P.M. 1676; A. Hepburn, S.W. 1676; J. Shaw, I.G. 424; Tom Spedding, S.D. 1643; W. E. Wolsey, P.M. 312; T. R. Jobson, Stwd. 1644; W. Cooper, P.M. 1342; Isaac Taylor, I.G. 1342; I. A. G. Ross, S.W. 481; Adam Wilson, P.M. 541; and others.

The ballot was taken for Messrs. W. J. Campbell and J. C. Gardner, who, being duly elected, were, along with Mr. Ernest R. B. Glassman (balloted for at last meeting),

initiated as E.A.'s by the acting W.M., and the J.W. explained the working tools. Bros. Bowler and Kempster were afterwards passed as F.C.'s by the acting W.M., and the S.W. explained the implements of the Degree. The annual elections followed, when Bro. E. Shewbrooks, S.W., was elected as W.M.; Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. Joshua Curry, Tyler.

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

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—Friendship Lodge (No. 100).—On Thursday evening, the 24th ult., the members of this old and important lodge met to celebrate their annual installation meeting, the scene being the Town Hall, and here, within an inner chamber, the banner of No. 100 was on this occasion unfurled. Punctually to the hour of summons, the W.M., Bro. Thomas Beeching, P.S.G.D., opened his lodge, having the support of the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. W. French, I.P.M., P.P.G.R.; Alfred Cubitt, J.W.; Walter Diver, Sec.; Geo. Sill, S.D.; H. A. Blagg, J.D.; F. Robinson, I.G.; W. H. Pyemont, Org.; Knight, Tyler; John Franklin, P.P.G.P.; E. J. Bonfellow, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Bond, P.P.G.P.; R. Martins, J.P., P.P.G.R.; John Etheridge, P.P.J.G.D.; and J. W. B. Johnson, P.P.G.P., P.M.'s of the lodge. The following members were also present: Bros. H. Wrate, A. Smith, W. Kerrison, H. Lawrance, E. Pycraft, E. A. Collier, E. Winton, H. Chamberlin, L. Alport, and A. Mitchell. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Aldis, P.M. 52, Prov. G. Sec. Norfolk; John Hall, W.M. 313; Ernest E. Smith, P.M. and Sec. 1559; J. Fish, P.M. 1631; G. Crane, P.M. 1631; A. Keeves, W.M. 1631; H. Newson, W.M. Apollo Lodge; W. Ecookes, 193; and E. H. Jeckills.

The preliminary business of the lodge having been duly transacted, Bro. A. Cubitt, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. as the W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. This imposing ceremony was admirably worked by Bro. R. Martins, P.P.G.R. Norfolk, P.M., &c., who afforded his hearers a rare treat; indeed, the three charges have been seldom rendered more effectively. The W.M., after receiving the salutations of the brethren in the various Degrees, invested the following officers with their collars and jewels of office, viz.: Bros. T. Beeching, I.P.M.; G. Sill, S.W.; H. A. Blagg, J.W.; R. Martins, P.P.G.R. Norfolk, P.M., Treas.; W. Diver, Sec.; E. J. Bonfellow, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Pyemont, Org.; F. Robinson, S.D.; A. Mitchell, J.D.; A. N. Huke, I.G.; and W. R. Knight, Tyler.

Upon the conclusion of the proceedings in lodge, the brethren adjourned to their head-quarters—the Crown and Anchor Hotel—where a splendid banquet was served by Bro. John Franklin, and served, too, in the perfection of style which has gained for the worthy caterer an unique reputation in the Eastern counties. It is needless to say that the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received and honoured with vigour.

Bro. T. Beeching, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," spoke at some length of the zeal and energy which had marked the progress of Bro. Cubitt towards that proud position he had now at length attained.

The toast was drunk with a warmth which bore eloquent testimony to the high respect and esteem in which the Worshipful Master is held by the brethren of Friendship Lodge.

Bro. Cubitt responded with modest tongue, and assured the brethren that they might count on his assiduous application to the duties of the chair, and he trusted that when he handed over the warrant of the lodge to his successor, it would be as pure and unsullied as when he (the speaker) had received it.

During the evening a capital programme of vocal and instrumental music was got through, the W.M., Bros. Harvey George, P.J.G.W. Norfolk; Green, Dr. Offord, Robinson, Franklin, Smith, Pycraft, and Knight providing the vocal entertainment, while the violin and piano duets of Bros. Lawrence and Pyemont contributed materially to the enjoyment of the brethren.

**GATESHEAD.**—Borough Lodge (No. 424).—On Monday afternoon, the 21st ult., the brethren of this lodge held their annual meeting. The lodge was opened in due form by the acting W.M., Bro. J. C. Lawson, I.P.M., P.G.P. Bro. W. D. Gillies, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. W. Cummings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Northumberland. The W.M. then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. C. Lawson, I.P.M.; J. G. Greener, S.W.; T. A. Mollitt, J.W.; R. W. Cummings, P.M., Treasurer; G. N. Patterson, Secretary; T. R. Short, S.D.; H. Nixon, J.D.; J. Shaw, I.G.; W. Vincent, and H. Potts, Stwds.; R. Ferry, Org.; and J. Curry, Tyler. An interesting event then took place. Bro. J. C. Lawson, I.P.M., P.G.P., was presented by Bro. R. W. Cummings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Northumberland, on behalf of the members of the lodge, with a P.M. jewel for his services rendered in connection with the lodge. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. F. Carmon, I.P.M., 481, P.G.S.B. Northumberland; W. M. Pybus, W.M. 48; H. Wells, W.M. 1676; E. Potts, I.P.M. 1676; J. G. Smith, P.M. 48, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Usher, P.M. 481, P.P.G.P. Northumberland; J. A. G. Ross, S.W. 481; D. Sinclair, P.M. 48, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; J. W. Courtenay, P.M. 424; T. Spedding, S.D. 1673.

The annual festival was afterwards held at Bro. T. Pearson's, Gateshead.

**HORSHAM.**—Mid-Sussex Lodge (No. 1141).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Monday, the 21st ult., when Bro. James Barnett was installed W.M. for the year ensuing by Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Secretary. Bro. Barnett afterwards invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Leonard B. Henderson, I.P.M.; Alfred Aldridge, S.W.; Charles King, J.W.; Wm. Lintott, Treas.; S. P. Pocock, P.M. 414, Sec.; George B. Simpson, S.D.; E. D. Sapey, J.D.; J. Butwant, Org.; R. Henwood, D. of C.; Fred. R. W. Butler, I.G.; G. Longley, Stwd.; and W. Randall, Tyler.

The visitors present were Bros. Thos. Smith, W.M. 1619; C. B. Warre, W.M. 1465; Thos. Dutton, W.M. 1726; C. Pain, W.M. 851; L. R. Styes, W.M. 1947; H. E. Price, W.M. 1466, P.G. Stwd.; C. F. Lewis, W.M.



2187, P.M. 1465, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Cross, W.M. 811; E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1632, Prov. J.G.D.

The ceremony was followed by the presentation of a jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. L. B. Henderson, in recognition of his conduct in the chair during the preceding year, who suitably acknowledged the presentation.

A banquet was admirably served by Bro. Naldrett. A choice array of plants and flowers were sent by Miss Allman, of the Nurseries, Horsham.

The W.M. presided, supported by Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. O. McCarghen, P.P.G. Chap.; L. B. Henderson, P.M.; H. Woodhams, P.M.; W. H. Sadler, P.M.; E. Taylor, P.M.; W. L. Thomas, P.M.; S. P. Pocock, P.M.; G. Trower, P.M.; J. Thornhill, P.M.; and others.

**CONGRESBURY.**—Lodge of Agriculture (No. 1199).—The installation ceremony in connection with this lodge took place on Monday evening, the 21st ult., at the Ship and Castle Hotel, when there were upwards of 30 brethren present, including Bros. J. C. Hunt, P.G.S.; A. Duckett, W.M.; B. C. Board, I.P.M.; E. F. Wade, P.M. and S.; Woodhouse, Kellaway, G. Pitts, from the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, and several other distinguished visitors from Frome, Clevedon, and Bristol. The installation was performed in an efficient manner by the D.P.G.M., P.G.D., Bro. R. C. Else. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Reece, appointed as his officers Bros. Dr. Lyons, I.P.M.; Rev. Maunsell-Eyre, S.W.; F. W. Hesse, J.W.; J. March, Sec.; C. L. F. Edwards, P.M., Treas. and D.C.; Rev. T. H. Dunscombe, Chap.; E. Thatcher, Org.; S. P. G. Cox, S.D.; T. P. Parnell, J.D.; St. Maur Shiel, I.G.; J. Clinton, Stwd.; and C. Banwell, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren partook of an enjoyable repast, provided in capital style by host Green. The short toast list was judiciously interspersed with capital songs.

**DOVER.**—Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, on Monday, the 21st ult., when Bro. E. A. Marsh was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. W. O. Kennett, I.P.M. The following were among those present, namely, Bros. J. J. Wright, J.W.; C. C. Walter, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Wellard, S.D.; C. L. Adams, J.D.; W. W. Burkett, I.G.; P. Owen Potter, Org.; G. Wilson, Tyler; E. Pont, T. Butler, H. C. Fuhr, P.M.; L. W. Thomas, W. Foy, E. Souter, G. Adamson, P.M.; W. B. Baker, Martyn Mowl, G. W. Wilkins, Jas. Holmes, P.M.; T. H. Binfield, E. Fenn, P.M.; S. Creeland, R. Howard, and J. Hendy. The visitors included Bros. Rev. H. M. Maugham, W.M. 1915; S. Newman, W.M. 972; J. W. Bussey, W.M. 199; F. W. Prescott, P.M. 199; H. S. Claris, 972; C. Sims, 861; W. Ashenden, W.M. 31; W. B. Kennett, W.M. 1436; C. Godsmark, Stwd. 1209; G. N. Chidwick, 199; J. G. Podcvin, P.M. 199; E. Allen, W.M. 784; V. S. Vickers, P.M. 199, P.P.G.C.; J. Falconer, J.D. 199; G. J. Bussey, J.W. 199; Richard Morley, W.M. 429; A. H. Hall, W.M. 1209; and others.

The following officers were appointed for the year: Bro. W. O. Kennett, I.P.M., and D. of C.; J. Wright, S.W.; Wellard, J.W.; L. Adams, S. D.; Burkett, J.D.; C. C. Walter, Treas.; W. A. Smeeth, Sec.; P. O. Potter, Org.; G. Wilson, Tyler. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the Immediate Past Master in recognition of his services to the lodge during his year of office.

At the close of the meeting a banquet was served in the banquet hall in the newly-acquired premises adjoining the lodge. The congratulations of the brethren having been offered to the newly-elected W.M., the following toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Earl Carnarvon," "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom and the Officers of Grand Lodge," "The Most Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst; the D.P.G. Master, Bro. Eastes, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past."

Replying to the latter toast, Bro. Prescott said on Friday last he attended the opening of the new Freemasons' Hall at Folkestone, and there he met Earl Amherst and his Deputy, Bro. Eastes. The Grand Master spoke to him with regard to this meeting of 1208, and requested him to convey to the lodge his regret that an engagement in another part of the country would prevent him attending at Dover that day. A similar apology was made by the Deputy. During the time Earl Amherst had ruled over the province of Kent, Masonry had flourished immensely and the number of lodges had enormously increased.

Bro. Kennett proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said Bro. Marsh had ever been distinguished as a quite careful and conscientious worker, who had gradually worked his way up from the lowest office to the chair. He did not know that any better characteristics could be possessed by a Worshipful Master, whom they met to congratulate upon his elevation to the chair. He was sure every brother entertained the highest regard towards Bro. Marsh, and sincerely wished him every happiness and every prosperity during his year of office.

In thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health, Bro. Marsh said he could assure them that during his year of office he should do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge, and he should leave no stone unturned to carry out the work properly. All he desired was the support of the brethren which he was sure he should have.

Bro. Prescott proposed the toast of "The Health of the Visitors," which was replied to by Bro. Sims, W.M. of the Ramsgate Lodge, 1209.

Bro. P. O. Potter then gave the toast of "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. W. O. Kennett, the I.P.M.," to whom he passed a very high compliment for the impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of the installation that day. In referring to the great progress which Masonry had made in Dover during Bro. Kennett's year of office, he said they regarded him as a very bright ornament to their lodge, and as one who would be a guarantee in himself of their future continued prosperity.

In returning thanks, Bro. Kennett said he felt some amount of gratification that during his year of office the brethren had sufficient confidence in him to support him when the opportunity occurred for them to take up their freedom and obtain premises which they might call their

own—at least for a great number of years. He never entered that lodge but that he felt very grateful to the brethren who helped him so well to carry out that great work. When they met together 12 months ago, although they had made up their minds to get into premises which would be used for Masonic purposes only, he did not think any of them then thought they would succeed in getting such a splendid place as they had. The premises would always remind him of the generous support he had received from the brethren during his year of office, and he asked for his successor the same cordial co-operation.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Hearn, and responded to by Bro. Holmes.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. J. Wright.

The toast of "The Peace and Harmony Lodge" was proposed from the chair.

Bro. J. W. Bussey, W.M. 199, in responding to the toast, remarked that it was a matter upon which they might congratulate themselves that they could meet together under one common roof. It was what they had been looking forward to for years in Dover, and he thought it was very appropriate for the Jubilee year.

Bro. Smeeth, Secretary, proposed "The Masonic Institutions," the toast being coupled with the name of, and replied to, by Bro. Adamson, the founder of the Corinthian Lodge in Dover.

The proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

**CAMBORNE.**—Mount Edgcumbe Lodge (No. 1544).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. There was a very full attendance of members. The Secretary gave the financial statement to date, which showed that the members, after a very hard struggle, had succeeded in raising the whole of the £100 debt that was due from the lodge, and cheques were ordered to be drawn and the debt paid forthwith. After every known liability due to the date of the meeting was paid the Treasurer would have a small balance in hand irrespective of the amounts due from the members by way of subscriptions. This reflects great credit on the members, and shows what can be done, even by a young and comparatively poor lodge, when "One and All" work for the same object. The Secretary also reported that owing to the liberality of the brethren, he had that day represented the lodge at the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, at the Committee at Truro, with a list from the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge to the large amount of 35 guineas; and that the total amount subscribed to this fund from the members and lodges in the Province of Cornwall amounted to the sum of £351 15s. A resolution declaring that the time had now arrived when the lodge ought to have a building of its own, was unanimously passed, and a Committee was appointed to examine and report on suitable sites. Mr. J. A. Temby was initiated, and Bros. F. J. Gardner, R. Taylor, J. F. Vivian, T. H. Symons, and J. Bryant were passed.

**BOLTON.**—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Commercial Hotel. Present: Bros. A. Cosgrave, W.M.; John Barrett, I.P.M.; T. B. Tong, S.W.; W. E. Bardsley, J.W.; Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; T. Naylor, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, Prov. S.G.D., D.C.; J. K. Hawksworth, I.G.; T. Higson, Tyler; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; E. E. Harwood, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Job H. Greenhaigh, P.M.; W. Court, P.M.; T. Morris, P.M.; James Fogg, John Miles, J. B. Goulborn, James Lever, T. E. Smith, Thos. Morris, Jas. Ashton, and W. Altham. Visitors: Bros. C. B. Wingfield, S.D. 146; J. J. Bentley, 221; W. Siddorn, J.D. 221; and H. Firth, P.P.G.D. West Lanc.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, after which Bro. Altham was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. Messrs. Joshua Orrel and William Townsend, having been balloted for and approved, were initiated into Masonry, the former by Bro. Court, P.M., and the latter by the W.M., Bro. Cosgrave. The working tools of the Degree were explained by Bro. W. E. Bardsley, J.W., and the charge was delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br. Eng. It was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Jno. Barrett, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. E. E. Harwood, P.P. G.S.B., "That the Pro G.M.'s circular respecting the proposed Jubilee Fund be assented to, and that the Grand Secretary be apprised of the same." The ceremonies were given with great care and accuracy, each officer performing his duties in a most admirable manner. The choir of the lodge, ably led by Bro. J. W. Taylor, Prov. S.G.D., rendered most efficient service, and acquitted themselves with great credit. Bro. John Miles presided at the organ with his accustomed ability.

"Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The usual banquet followed.

**TEDDINGTON.**—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—An excellent gathering of the members of this flourishing lodge took place at the Clarence Hotel, on the 23rd ult. Among those present we noticed Bros. E. W. Warner, W.M.; F. Chandler, acting S.W.; W. J. Porter, acting J.W.; Finch, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Barns, acting I.G.; J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; A. J. R. Simonds, J. Burley, Gomme, Middleweek, Müller, Windcott, Rose, W. Smith, Ruffell, J. Barns, jun., Gates, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Scattergood, W.M. 753; Rogers, W.M. 1238; Drewett, W.M. 1638; Beard, P.M. 946; Harvey, P.M. 1314; Poupart, J.W. 9; O'Connell, J.W. 2157; Schartau, Org. 1549; Lockett, 1638; Taylor, 1642; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. T. Middleweek and W. Smith, and, it proving to be unanimous, they were impressively initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The Auditors' report having been read and adopted, Bro. Warner, for the second time, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Chandler, as S.W.; Rogers, as J.W.; Forge, as D.C.; and Beard, as I.G. The officers invested were Bros. Finch, S.W.; Porter, J.W.; Hill, S.D.; Simonds, J.D.; Barns, I.G.; Piller, Treas.; Forge, Sec.; Gomme, D.C.; Bonella, W.S.; Ruffell, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. Upon the motion of Bro. Walls, I.P.M., it was resolved unanimously—"That Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S. of Middlesex, be elected an honorary member." Bro. J. Hurst, P.M. 1793, was also elected an honorary member. The sum of five guineas having been voted to the Benevolent Institution, a sum of 10 guineas was voted to an old and distressed member of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Warner, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts followed, and an excellent programme of music was presented and carried out by Bros. Schartau, Porter, Poupart, J. E. Ruffell, and Mr. G. Ruffell. The proceedings throughout reflected great credit upon the W.M. and the executive.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, W. Present: Bros. C. Coleman, W.M.; C. J. Biorn, S.W.; A. G. Boswell, J.W.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Treas. and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; J. Millier, S.D.; W. J. Stratton, J.D.; E. W. Scattergood, I.G.; C. R. Wickens, P.M. 733; S. J. Humfress, W.M. 733; S. B. Nightingale, H. W. Eastwood, and W. Chapple. Bro. H. Wells was a visitor.

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 the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Humfress candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Nightingale answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Baker, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Wells was elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Biorn, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, the 14th ult., when the Sections of the First, Second, and Third Lectures were worked. In the unavoidable absence of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., the chair was most ably filled by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., P.Z., assisted by Bros. H. G. Gush, as S.W.; and R. Larchin, as J.W. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the working being simply perfect.

In addition to the brethren whose names are mentioned, there were present Bros. B. Williams, J. L. Barrett, E. Pugh, T. Bisseman, C. W. Mayo, A. Lye, G. Reed, R. Harriss, G. Allen, W. White, H. Whitehouse, G. Pratt, J. Alderson, W. Bertram, F. Woodin, H. Pellett, J. Tidmarsh, D. Hills, R. Self, J. A. Galloway, H. Hill, G. March, A. Jardine, C. Cooke, J. Amsden, J. Berry, G. Snashall, A. Taylor, T. Cross, R. J. Hall, G. Parkins, W. J. Ball, Hon. Sec.; and W. H. Paddle, Treasurer.

Stimulated by the great success attending its recent efforts, the Great City Lodge of Instruction intends holding a smoking concert at the Masons' Hall, on Thursday, the 24th inst. (not limited to Masons). The Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, will preside, and the assistance of several professional friends has been already promised.

**IVY LODGE (No. 1441).**—A meeting was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., on Thursday, the 24th ultimo. Present: Bros. Beddoes, W.M.; Wright, S.W.; Squires, J.W.; Cowley, S.D. and Preceptor; Gilt, J.D.; George, I.G. and Sec.; Cooper, Treas.; Prince, Edwards, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. George being the candidate. Bro. Cooper answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Cooper was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Wright was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and votes of thanks were heartily accorded Bro. Squires, P.M., for the present of five collars, and Bro. Cowley, Assistant Preceptor, for apron. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**ROYAL COMMEMORATION LODGE (No. 1585).**—A meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, on Monday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. Martin, W.M.; Sapsworth, S.W.; Thompson, J.W.; Grundy, Sec.; Taylor, P.M., Preceptor; Slinn, S.D.; Bishop, J.D.; Langley, I.G.; Webb, P.M.; Carter, P.M.; and Radcliffe.

The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thompson, who wished to practice the Second ceremony. Bro. Carter offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony was duly carried out. On the W.M. resuming the chair the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third time. Bro. Sapsworth was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary brought forward a report of the result of his inquiry among the members with regard to the anniversary supper. The result being unsatisfactory, Bro. Taylor, P.M., Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. Thompson seconded, that the supper be adjourned "sine die," and that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Grundy, and recorded on the minutes, for the trouble he had taken in the matter. This was carried unanimously, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on the 1st inst. at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington. Present: Bros. Keene, W.M.; P. J. Davies, S.W.; Pellatt, J.W.; Hubbard, Sec.; Aslett, S.D.; Dresden, J.D.; Wilton, I.G.; Read, P.M., Preceptor; Cochrane, W.M.; Rayner, Walter, P.M.; Price, R. H. Williams, P.M.; Woods, W. B. Neville, Marsh, and Stroud, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Rayner 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. P. J. Davies was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Lodge was then closed.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W. Present: Bros. Taylor, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Green, jun., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, P.M., Treasurer; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hill, S.D.; Wombell, J.D.; Gilbert, I.G.; Green, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Coleman, Wynne, O. D. Ward, Brandon, Edwards, and J. Purnell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coleman being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Ward, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ward being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of that Lecture. Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. P. J. Davies, W.M.; Hardy, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; Austin, Treas.; Chalfond, P.M.; Sec.; Cochran, S.D.; Lindfield, J.D.; Allman, I.G.; Davies, P.M.; Preceptor; Speigel, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; Wood, P.M.; Cavers, Whittle, Craggs, Stonhill, Colville, Love, Marsh, Gilbert, Head, and Cotton. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Davies, Preceptor, who opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Austin, being a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions. The lodge resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a most impressive manner, as only can be expected, by Bro. J. Davies, as Preceptor of this lodge; he also delivered the charge in this Degree, which was highly appreciated by the brethren. The lodge then closed to the Second and First Degrees, and the 1st Section was worked. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bro. Cotton was elected a joining member, proposed by Bro. Rogers, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Austin. Bro. Hardy, S.W., was elected W.M. for next week, proposed by Bro. Sims, P.M., seconded by Bro. Cross, J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 20th ult. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M.; H. F. Williams, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; J. Sims, acting as Preceptor; G. Gardner, Treas.; A. Williams, Sec.; Gammell, S.D.; W. G. Coat, J.D.; D. S. Long, I.G.; Craggs, Stwd.; Speigel, P.M.; Lichtenfeld, J. Worth, W. W. Williams, Hopkins, and J. S. Wood.

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, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Worth, offering himself as candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the 1st Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in the W.M.'s usual perfect manner, he afterwards giving the ancient charge in this Degree. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The brethren, under the direction of the W.M., worked the 1st Section of this Lecture, and Bro. A. Williams worked the 2nd Section. Bro. Lichtenfeld was then unanimously elected a member, and Bro. H. F. Williams unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on the 12th instant.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE.**—The annual supper was held at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham-road Station (L.C. & D.R.), on Monday, the 28th ult. A very pleasant evening was spent in the lodge room, when 32 sat down to a capital repast provided by the host, Bro. Shannaw. Bro. Westley, S.W. 186, presided, and there were present Bros. J. R. Johnson, Preceptor; Andrews, Sec.; Everett, Hockey, Cornock, Verran, Bott, Folkard, Steele, Captain Butterworth, Wright, C. A. Woods, J. Burn, Burnett, Tuck, Walker, Partridge, Dr. Walker, Esling, Rowe, Gibbs, Conway, Luckhurst, Harvey, Beavan, Grover, Reed, Lissimore, Lafeuiliard, Kerry, and Boddy.

The usual toasts were given, interspersed with excellent songs from the members, and two splendid recitations from Bro. J. K. Boddy. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a capital evening to a close. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be Monday, the 7th instant.

### Royal Arch.

**BEDFORD CHAPTER (No. 157).**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, 24th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Comps. John Soper, M.E.Z.; T. B. Linscott, H.; W. Snodin, acting J.; C. Pulman, S.E.; D. Stroud, S.N.; H. Roaeh, acting P.S., &c.; W. Ansell, C. Soper, John Finch, James Terry, Moore, Turner, Stedman, Liddall, and others.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Henry Rutley, of 55, was duly balloted for and exalted into the Supreme Degree of R.A. Freemasonry. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, when Comp. Linscott was elected to the chair of M.E.Z., and Comps. J. Liddall and D. Stroud respectively to those of H. and J. A jewel of the value of 8 guineas was voted to the M.E., Comp. J. Soper, for his eminent services during his year of office.

The convocation was then closed, when the companions adjourned to the Edinburgh Room and partook of a sumptuous banquet, the evening being enlivened by some rare displays of vocal and histrionic talent by many of the companions.

**LILY OF RICHMOND CHAPTER (No. 820).**—At a meeting of this chapter, held at the Greyhound, Richmond, on Monday last, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Comp. T. F. Giles, P.Z. and Treasurer, the companions all wore black crape rosettes on their collars and aprons. During the business of the meeting the Audit Committee presented the balance-sheet, showing the receipts and expenses for the past year, leaving a substantial balance in hand. The companions duly thanked the executive for the very favourable and satisfactory report, and congratulated themselves on their prosperity. Comp. J. G. Twinn having accepted the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of five guineas was voted to be added to his list. Before closing the chapter, Comp. W. H. Myers, M.E.Z., in appropriate and feeling terms, alluded to the loss of their much respected and esteemed Comp. Giles, who had been a member and constant attendant (having been absent only four times) during a period of 25 years, and proposed that a letter of condolence and sympathy be written to the widow. Comp. C. Hubbard, I.P.Z., having seconded the proposition, it was carried unanimously, and Comp. J. Cockburn, P.Z. and S.E., was directed to write accordingly.

After the chapter closed, the companions dined together, and spent a very quiet evening, without the usual musical accompaniments.

**FARRINGTON WITHOUT CHAPTER (No. 1745).**—This civic chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Comps. H. J. Lardner, M.E.Z.; J. Strugnell, H.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P.S. Middx., S.E., acting J.; James Lister, S.N.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Letters were received and read from Comps. J. Young, J.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Treasurer; T. Simpson, 1st A.S.; and others. The chapter was then closed, and adjourned till April 25th next.

**HEREFORD.**—Palladian Chapter (No. 120).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Monday, the 21st ult., when there

were present Comps. J. R. Smith, M.E.Z.; J. Marchant, H.; W. Rowe, J.; O. Shellard, P.Z.; J. E. S. Hewett, P.Z.; Theo. Lane, P.Z.; Thomas Smith, P.Z.; G. R. Godson, P.Z.; R. Vassar Smith, P.Z. 82, 839; Rev. Richard Evans, D.P.G.M.; E. Maddison, 280; T. E. Gandy, 82; Chas. Rootes, S.N.; J. Archer White, and B. Cullwick.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comps. Thos. Smith and J. E. S. Hewett installed the Principals in their respective chairs, viz., Comps. John Marchant, M.E.Z.; W. Rowe, H.; Rev. Richard Evans, J.; and the following officers were also invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. O. Shellard, P.Z., Treasurer; Theo. Lane, P.Z., S.E.; Charles Rootes, S.N.; A. C. Townsend, P.S.; and C. A. Stephen, Janitor. After some formal business, the chapter was closed, and the companions sat down to an excellent banquet served by the hotel company.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured in the customary hearty manner, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-st., on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. Amongst those present were Comps. John Beesley, M.E.Z.; John Humphreys, H.; William Brassey, J.; J. Hunter, S.E.; R. H. Webster, Treas.; Thos. Delamere, P.S.; Roger Warriner, P.Z.; Henry Trevitt, P.Z.; Maurice Hart, P.Z. 1502, P.P.G.A.S.; J. Mantle, E. Morgan, J. F. Booth, Daniel Davies, J. Gertrey. Visitors: William Hudson, 249; John C. Robinson, M.E.Z. 249.

After the chapter had been opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. Maurice Hart, P.Z., then proceeded to install the principals, which ceremony he performed in an admirable and impressive manner: Comps. John Humphreys, M.E.Z.; Wm. Brassey, H.; R. H. Webster, J. The following officers were then invested: Comps. R. Warriner, P.Z., Treas.; J. Hunter, S.E.; R. Arden, S.N.; T. Delamere, P.S.; J. Gertrey, A.S.; J. F. Booth, A.S.; P. Ball, Jan. During the evening, Comp. John Beesley, P.Z., was presented with a gold jewel, as a token of esteem.

The chapter having been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to a banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some excellent singing by Comps. Hudson and Humphreys enlivened the proceedings.

**WARRINGTON.**—Gilbert Greenall Chapter (No. 1250).—The sixth anniversary of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., when a considerable number of the members were present. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.Z. 148 and 1250, then proceeded to install the three Principals—viz., Comps. W. Taylor, M.E.Z.; W. H. J. Jenkins, H.; and W. Bolton, J.—in accordance with the usual rites and ceremonies of the Order, which was done in his usual efficient and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. A. G. Webster, S.E.; R. Heaton, S.N.; P. J. Edelsten, P.Z., &c., Treas.; J. S. Patten, P.S.; and T. Domville, Janitor. Owing to the absence of the I.P.Z., Comp. Wallhead, through indisposition, the presentation to him of a handsome P.Z.'s jewel had to be postponed to a future occasion. After the business of the chapter was concluded, the companions adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. Taylor.

During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, the same being interspersed with various songs, rendered in a superior manner, and in due time the companions separated in perfect harmony.

**DURHAM.**—Norman Chapter (No. 1334).—A meeting of the above chapter was held on the evening of the 22nd ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of installing the following three Principals: Comps. J. F. Hillier, Z.; W. H. Turner, H.; and D. Whitehead, J. The First Principal appointed the following as his officers: Comps. J. Shaw, S.E.; Lionel Booth, S.N., and J. Heslop, P.S. The First and Second Assistants were not appointed. The ceremony of installation was performed in a very impressive manner by Comp. J. Turnbull.

### INSTRUCTION.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at Northampton House, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present: Comps. T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z.; E. Storr, H.; W. A. Scurrell, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; A. C. Coffin, S.N.; J. Thomas, P.S. There was a large attendance on this occasion.

The officers and companions of the Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, worked the ceremony of exaltation, which was rehearsed in a very able and impressive manner. R.A. Masons are kindly invited to pay this chapter a visit.

### Mark Masonry.

**WHITEHAVEN.**—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 25th ult., Bro. George Ryrie, W.M., P.G.D.C., in the chair, supported by his officers—Bros. Thos. Brakenridge, S.W., P.G.I.G.; Rev. James Anderson, J.W., P.G.C.; W. J. Tyson, P.G. Org., M.O.; W. D. P. Field, S.O.; D. Atkinson, J.O.; George Dalrymple, P.G. Sec., Treas.; W. H. Bewlay, Reg. and Sec.; G. W. Roll, S.D.; W. D. Metcalf, I.G.; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler.

The minutes of the former lodge were confirmed, and the Treasurer next read a statement of accounts, which showed a good balance in the bank. It being the first regular lodge for Bro. Ryrie as W.M., the ceremony of advancement was gone through, when one candidate was proposed, and the lodge was then closed.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**—Wouldhave Lodge (No. 362).—On Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., the installation meeting took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Bro. T. G. Mabane, W.M., P.J.G.O., presided, and was supported by Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M. of Northumberland and Durham; Addison Potter, C.B., Grand M.O. of England; John Wood, P.S.G.W.; John S. B. Bell, P.G. Treas.; C. B. Ford, P.G.D.; T. Bradley, P.P.

S.G.O.; John Page, W.M. 293; M. H. Dodd, S.W.; J. C. Moore, J.W. 124; John Usher, W.M. Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (I.I.); Alfred Simpson, 293; T. Coulson, S.W.; G. Robson, J.W.; W. Davidson, M.O.; W. Ross, S.O.; M. J. Wheatley, J.O.; J. Heppell, Sec.; J. H. Penney, Treas.; L. Inkster, S.D.; C. F. Sutcliffe, J.D.; T. D. Marshall, I.G.; and Thomas Potter, Tyler.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Coulson, was presented for installation by the W.M., Bro. T. G. Mabane, and the ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. John Wood, P.S.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. G. Mabane, I.P.M.; W. Davidson, S.W.; Walter Ross, J.W.; M. J. Wheatley, M.O.; J. Heppell, S.O.; L. Inkster, J.O.; J. H. Penney, Treas.; C. F. Sutcliffe, Reg. of M.; J. W. Henderson, Sec.; T. D. Marshall, S.D.; Edmund Brown, J.D.; W. E. Moffett, I.G.; T. M. Hall and G. W. Mitchell, Stwds.; and Thomas Potter, Tyler. A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer, showing that all the expenses of formation of the lodge, and the cost of furniture and lodge expenses had all been met. Two brethren were proposed, and after the W.M. had received the congratulations of the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. T. Y. Strachan, of Bro. A. Potter, G.M.O., and other brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

The annual dinner was afterwards held in the banqueting room, Bro. Thomas Coulson, W.M., presiding.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**BOLTON.**—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—This chapter met on the 26th ult., and was opened by Ill. Bro. Chas. S. Lane, 30°, M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. Murry, 30°, Prelate; E. and P. Bro. Nicol, 1st General; E. and P. Bro. Glendenning, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. Jaffery, 30°, G.M.; E. and P. Bro. Singlehurst, Recorder; E. and P. Bros. Barrett, Herald; Forrest, Hickson, Ill. Bro. Chas. James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, J.G. North Eastern District; Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°; and Ill. Bro. Thompson, 31° were received under an arch of steel, and saluted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Murry was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°, re-elected Treasurer. Both Ill. brethren returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, for coming to see them. Business of the chapter over, it was closed in due and solemn form.

The brethren adjourned to the dining hall of the Commercial Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Chas. S. Lane, 30°, having on his right Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°; Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°; Ill. Bro. Thompson, 31°; Ill. Bro. Jaffery, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Cotton, Warbarton, Latham, Wilson, and others; and on his left, Ill. Bro. Murry, 30°; Ill. Bro. Taylor, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Glendenning, Nicol, Morris, P.M.W.S.; Hammond, Edmunds, Wilson, Forrest, and others.

The loyal toasts were proposed in well chosen terms by the M.W.S., also "The Health of the Supreme Council." The M.W.S. next proposed "The Health of their dear friend and brother who had been their Inspector General for 10 years," before the Northern district was divided; he was pleased to see him amongst them, and looking so well, and hoped that he would often come to see them. The toast was received by acclamation.

Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank returned thanks for the members of the 32°, Ill. Bro. Thompson for the 31°, and Ill. Bro. Taylor for the 30°.

Ill. Bro. Banister, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the M.W.S."

Ill. Bro. Lane, 30°, returned thanks most cordially, proposing "The Health of the W.M.S. elect," which was heartily responded to, also "The Officers of the Chapter." A truly happy evening was spent by all.

**LANCASTER.**—Philips Chapter (No. 52).—This chapter was opened on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, by the M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. Capt. Garnett, 31°, P.M.W.S., was installed M.W.S. for the year, and appointed his officers.

Business over, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel for the banquet, which was served up in Bro. Duxbery's best style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the M.W.S., and heartily responded to, and a happy evening was spent under the most excellent and cordial presidency of Ill. Bro. Capt. Garnett, M.W.S.

**TRURO.**—Cornwall Chapter (No. 61).—This chapter held its annual meeting on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Ill. Bro. T. Hicks, 30°, M.W.S. elect, was enthroned by his predecessor, Ill. Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30°. The following brethren were invested as officers, namely: Bros. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., I.P.M.W.S.; R. Carter, Prelate; William Nettle, 1st General; T. H. Lukis, 2nd General; R. F. Stephens, G. Marshal; G. H. Baynes Reed, Raphael; W. Lidgely, Treasurer; E. F. Whitley, Recorder; G. G. Bullmore, jun., Captain of Guards; J. de Cressy Treffry, 1st Herald; E. F. Whitley, 2nd Herald; G. B. Pearce, Director of Ceremonies; E. F. Whitley, Organist; and John Allen, Sentinel. In the evening the illustrious brethren dined together at the Red Lion Hotel. In addition to those mentioned above, there were present Bros. Wm. Mason, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Alfred Luke, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. D. Anderton, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and Col. Michell, 31°. Visitor: Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, 31°, Huyshe Chapter, 38.

**CHESTER.**—Stanhope Chapter (No. 75).—This chapter met on the 24th ult., at the Queen Hotel, and was opened by Ill. Bro. H. Claud Lisle, 30°, M.W.S., assisted by the officers of the chapter. Ill. Bros. Clement Beswick Royds, 33°, S.G.I.G. of the North-Western District, and Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, I.G. North-Eastern District, were received and saluted. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. Two candidates—Bros. W. F. Richardson and G. H. Brown—were perfected in a most impressive manner by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. H. C. Lisle, 30°. The M.W.S. elect, E. and P. Bro. F. A.



Dixon, was presented for installation to the Ill. Bro. J. C. B. Royds, S.G.I.G., 33°, who installed him into the chair of his predecessors most carefully. The M.W.S. appointed the following officers: Bros. Rev. Stanhope, High Prelate; F. J. Marwood, 1st General; Williams, 2nd General; R.; Treasurer and Recorder; Deeley, G. Marshal and Lisle, C. of G.; and Cuzner, Org.

Business over, the chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the presidency of the M.W.S., having on his right Ill. Bros. C. J. Banister, 33°; Col. West, 32°; Col. Platt, 31°; Lisle, 30°; and others; and on his left, Ill. Bros. Rev. Stanhope, 30°; Deeley, 30°; E. and P. Bros. Richardson, Breer, Cuzner, and others.

The loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, also "The Health of the Members of the Supreme Council, 33°," and their late I.G., Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, who, after thanking the M.W.S. and the illustrious brethren for their great kindness to him, proposed "The Health of the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. F. A. Dixon," which was received with great cordiality.

Ill. Bro. Deeley proposed "The Health of Bro. Lisle, I.P.M.W.S." "The Candidates' Health" was proposed by the M.W.S., and each suitably replied.

The musical arrangements were under the supervision of Bro. Cuzner, and gave great satisfaction. Ill. Bro. Royds, 33°, was unable to stay for the banquet.

**Cryptic Masonry.**

**GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).**—A meeting of this old and distinguished council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Capt. J. E. Anderson, T.I.M.; T. Poore, P.G.C.W., P.T.I.M.; G. Graveley, C. of W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; D. P. Cama, F. Graves, Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.I.M.; T. Clark, Robinson, H. Harris, W. W. Codd, Parkhouse, Dr. Mickleby, and others. The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of several candidates, and it proving to be unanimous, Bros. Nicholson and Walker, who were in attendance, were impressively greeted, admitted, and received as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., by Bro. T. Poore, ably assisted by Bro. G. Graveley and others. Bro. T. Cubitt was unanimously elected T.I.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. F. Davison re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Mills, Outer Sentinel. Bro. Walls gave a notice of motion "That the sum of five guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, per Bro. T. Clarke as Stwd." Bros. Roy and Parkhouse having been elected Auditors, letters pleading inability to attend were read from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, T. Cubitt, Loveland, Major Dunbar, Capt. W. B. Williamson, J. P. Lamb-Smith, Major Lambert, Hay, and many others.

The council having been closed in the Degree of Select Master, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent dinner was provided. A few toasts followed.

**Rosicrucian Society of England.**

**YORK.**—York College.—On Saturday, the 19th ult., the annual obligatory meeting of this college was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, by permission of the W.M. and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. The M.C. was formed, and there were present the following: Frater Major Moore, IV., Celebrant; W. H. Cowper, II., Deputy; J. M. Meek, V., Treas.; Wm. Brown, I., Sec.; Col. J. Monks, II., P.A.; S. Middleton, IV., S.A.; J. J. Wilkes, II., T.A.; W. F. Tomlinson, I., Q.A.; J. L. Atherton, II., Preceptor; J. W. Monckman, I., Conductor of Novices; Dr. C. D. H. Drury, I., Torch Bearer; R. Craig, I., Herald; G. H. Locking, I., Medallist; together with Frater J. Todd, Geo. Althorpe, W. B. Dyson, H. Maddison, C. R. Fry, F. Smith, Rev. W. C. Lukis, S. Wilson, Major McGachen, W. H. B. Atkinson, S. Chadwick, and S. W. Fisher. There were also present Frater T. B. Whytehead, Hon. IX., Chief Adept, and T. Trevor, III., Suffragan. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. A. W. Tomlinson, P.M. 200, and Bro. R. H. Sootheran, P.M. 1337, and Bros. Blenkin and Tomlinson were admitted as aspirants to the grade of Zelator. The election of Celebrant then took place, and Frater Tomlinson was declared elected and was installed in the chair of Father Rosenkrentz by the Chief Adept. The accounts of the Treasurer showed a substantial balance in hand, and the report of the Auditors was adopted. Frater J. M. Meek was re-elected Treasurer. The Chief Adept announced that he should appoint Frater Major Moore as Suffragan, and Frater William Brown as Provincial Secretary. Frater Charles Rutter Fry was elected Provincial Treasurer. The Chief Adept then gave his annual address to the fratres, in the course of which he made some remarks upon the significance of the ancient emblem of the triangle and the traditions in connection with the legend of the lost word. He also congratulated the fratres upon the progress of the Society and the York College. Nearly all of the members have been brethren of position in the Craft and men of intelligence, and their meetings were yearly growing in interest. Letters and telegrams were read from 31 members, and the roll having been called it was found that only six fratres had not complied with the obligatory rule. These were ordered to be communicated with at once. The following candidates were proposed: Bros. J. H. Pattison, P.M. 1545; J. R. Welsman, P.M. 600; T. M. Watson, P.M.; T. J. Armstrong, P.M.; T. M. Wilkinson, P.M. 297; and H. H. Jekyll, 297. The place of the next meeting was left to the decision of the Chief Adept and Celebrant, it having been suggested by the latter to make a tour to Howden, Hemingbro, and Wressel, at all of which places there were antiquities of great interest.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Eboracum Lodge for the use of the premises, after which the M.C. was dissolved and the fratres met at tea in the banqueting room.

We understand that the ball recently held by the members of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, has resulted in the sum of £20 being handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

**Scotland.**

**GLASGOW.**—Dramatic Lodge (No. 571).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Bro. Wm. Sivewright occupied the chair, when a Mark lodge was formed, and eleven of the brethren present, including Bros. Cee-Mee, Fred. Hall, Henry Le Barr, Douglas Dibben, and others, received the Mark Degree, Bro. Geo. Muir officiating. On Tuesday, the 15th inst., an emergency meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Bro. Wm., Sivewright, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Applications for admission were read from the following gentlemen, namely, Mr. Cottrell, Mr. Transfield, also Professor Buer. There being no objections, they were initiated into the mysteries of St. John's Freemasonry. Honorary affiliation was conferred on the following brethren, namely, Bros. Croft, 413; M'Donald, 128; and M'Call, 408.

**THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The following lists, and additions to lists, have been received since the publication of our last week's issue, viz. —

<b>LONDON.</b>	
UNATTACHED.	
Bro. John L. Mather ... ..	£10 10 0
Lodge	
1541 Bro. R. J. Ward ... ..	52 10 0
1615 " Samuel I. Fisher (additional) ...	8 8 0
(Raising his total to £44 2s.)	
<b>PROVINCES.</b>	
<b>BERKS AND BUCKS.</b>	
574 Bro. Reginald Maples ... ..	16 16 0
795 " W. Fenton (additional) ... ..	5 0 0
(Raising his total to £27 16s. 6d.)	
<b>EAST LANCASHIRE.</b>	
1055 Bro. Robert Williamson ... ..	10 10 0
1219 The Lodge ... ..	52 10 0
<b>WEST LANCASHIRE.</b>	
1313 Bro. W. Platt (additional) ... ..	2 12 6
(Raising his total to £93 5s. 6d.)	
<b>MIDDLESEX.</b>	
1567 Bro. Isaac Dixon (additional) ... ..	10 10 0
(Raising his total to £85 14s.)	
<b>SURREY.</b>	
1981 Bro. R. E. Catterton (additional) ...	21 0 0
(Raising his total to £31 10s.)	

We will add that the total as stated for "Derbyshire" should have been £387 14s., not £429 14s., a sum of £42 having been credited to Bro. Geo. Fletcher, No. 850, and also to Bro. P. Wallis, who was also a Steward for that lodge, not "unattached" as stated in the Returns. The Grand Total thus far is £19,126 15s.

**MASONIC BALL.**

A grand soiree dansante took place at the new Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, on Wednesday, the 16th ult., under the auspices of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, and the sanction and patronage of Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent. Dancing commenced at 9.30 and was kept up with great animation and spirit until 4.30 to the strains of the very excellent band of the Royal Engineers from Chatham. The duties of M.C. were efficiently carried out to the satisfaction of all present (numbering about 115) by Bro. C. Beaumont, P.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1343. The whole affair was pronounced a decided success, and augurs well for the future endeavours of the brethren, as this was their first at a Masonic dance. The whole arrangements were carried out by a Committee of Past Masters and officers of the lodge of whom Bro. J. C. Biggs was the indefatigable Secretary.

**THE ROYAL STANDARD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1298), BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.**

Four years ago, the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction (No. 1298), which meets at the Alwyn Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, started a Benevolent Association, and on Saturday last the final audit took place, when it was shown that Life Governorships to the amount of close on £920 have been raised, and that the three Institutions have been benefited, in round figures, to the following extent, viz., Aged Freemasons and Widows, £510, Boys, £290, Girls, £120.

This result has been brought chiefly about by the exertions of Bro. W. Cull, P.M., Preceptor, and Bro. G. H. Hunter, P.M., who has most perseveringly carried out the work of Hon. Secretary.

**CHILDREN'S PARTY AT THE MASONIC HALL, HALIFAX.**

A children's party, which was given by the St. James's Lodge, No. 488, took place on Shrove Tuesday at the Masonic Hall, was a new departure from the entertainments provided from time to time by this lodge, and, we are pleased to say, was a most brilliant success. Invitations to the number of 96 were issued by the W.M. and officers. Mrs. Hay, provided the tea, and the arrangements for which were admirably carried out with the assistance of Mr. J. Baxendale, the steward of the hall, and the members of the Committee, for whom Bro. A. Mallinson acted as Hon. Secretary. Great credit is due to them for their efforts in promoting the success of the party. Tea was served in the dining room at 5 p.m. prompt. The evening's amusements commenced at 5.45, when a magic lantern entertainment was given by Bros. Hodgson, Holdsworth, and Westgate. At 7 o'clock, Mr. J. Brooks gave his amusing ventriloquial performance with "Adam and Kitty." At 8, Mr. C. Dobson gave a clever and amusing performance.

In the intervals between these, and from 8.30 till the close of the evening, dancing and games were kept up with spirit. A pleasing variation was made in the programme by the introduction of the recitations, "A leap for life," by Miss Hammerton, and "Nazareth in the olden time,"

by Master Sanders. Songs were also given in admirable style. "The schoolmaster" was sung by Bro. Thompson, and "Ora pro nobis" by Miss E. Brennard, other songs being given by Mr. E. Hanson and Master Greenwood. The following ladies saw to the comfort and enjoyment of the little visitors: Mesdames Shoebridge, Simpson, Holdsworth, Drake, Sanders, Woods, Hanson, Milligan, A. Robertshaw, Mallinson, Fletcher, T. Robertshaw, Morris, Radcliffe, Thompson, and Misses Hodgson, Worsick, Radcliffe, and Robertshaw. The officers generally did their best to promote the children's enjoyment, and the happy faces of the juveniles, and the zest with which they entered into the various amusements was a sufficient indication that their efforts were appreciated.

There was a large number of visitors, who witnessed with pleasure the children's revels, the happy faces and pretty dresses combining to produce a charming scene. The dancing was under the direction of Mrs. Smithies, who showed great tact in arranging the children for the various figures, which was greatly admired; and Mr. Smithies presided at the pianoforte. Refreshments were provided in an ante-room, and now and then quite a raid was made upon them.

At an interval in the proceedings, the W.M. proposed, and Bro. C. GREENWOOD seconded, a vote of thanks to Messrs. Brooks and Dobson for their entertainments—this was carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to the ladies and the Committee, to which Bro. A. MALLINSON, the Hon. Secretary, responded.

A hope was expressed by many who had the pleasure of being present that the party will be made an annual event.

**MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.**

An opening meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival during the current year of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Wednesday, when it was arranged that the anniversary should take place at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 20th July prox., the chairman on the occasion being Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, P.G.M.M.M.

The Steward's fee having been fixed at two guineas, the following were appointed officers of the Board, viz., Bros. Berridge President; Dawson, Treas.; and C. F. Matier, Hon. Sec. Bros. the Rev. T. Robinson, J. S. Eastes, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke were appointed Honorary Presidents, and Bros. Cooper, J. L. Mather, George Kenning, C. H. Driver, R. Glasspool, and G. P. Festa, Special Stewards. Bros. Alfred Williams, C. H. Driver, and J. L. Mather were appointed President, Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary respectively on the Sub-Committee.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. E. D. DAVIS, G. STD. BEARER.**

Bro. E. D. Davis, G. Std. Br. of England, and P. Prov. S.G.W. of Northumberland, to whose death we referred last week, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Sincerity and Unanimity Lodge, No. 261, Launton, in 1835. After a comparatively brief association with the Craft in Devonshire as a joining member of the lodge at Barnstaple, he passed northwards, and having joined the De Loraine, No. 541—then No. 793—Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1847, he became henceforth and remained till the close of his life one of the most capable, active, and energetic Masons, of whom the northern Provinces of England can boast. He was connected with several lodges both in Durham and Northumberland. Having held the interior, but important, office of Prov. G.D.C. of Durham in 1855, he became its Prov. J.G.W. in 1856, while as regards the sister province, he was Prov. G.D.C. in 1851, Prov. S.G.W. in 1857, and from 1866 till his death Prov. G.D.C. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in 1836, he was equally distinguished, being a Past Z. of many chapters and Past G.H. in the Provincial Grand Chapters of Durham and Northumberland, while in Masonic Templary, to which he became attached in 1838 at Tiverton, his ability was in no wise less conspicuous. Last year his honours were appropriately crowned by his appointment to the office of Grand Standard Bearer in the United Grand Lodge of England, and on the occasion of his visit to Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of being invested with the insignia of his rank, he looked well and hearty, notwithstanding his eighty years, and there seemed every probability that his life might be prolonged for some time. Indeed, he retained his wonted activity almost to the very last. He took part in the installation of R.W. Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., as P.G.M. of Northumberland in November last, and in the month following was present and assisted at the installation of Principals in the St. John's Chapter, No. 80, Sunderland. But it has been ordained otherwise, and Bro. Davis has at length passed away, full of years and honours, and enjoying the love and respect of his brethren in Masonry throughout England, but especially in the North, where some forty years of his life had been spent. His funeral, which took place at the Jesmond Cemetery, Newcastle, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., was attended by fully 300 members of the Craft from Durham and Northumberland, and by a strong body of representatives from the theatrical profession, as well as by the many private friends and the family of our deceased brother, whose remains were solemnly consigned to their last resting place amid sincere manifestations of sorrow from all present. The following were among the brethren present on the sorrowful occasion, viz.: Bros. Richard H. Holmes, Deputy Prov. G.M.; T. B. Winter, P.P. S.G.W.; W. Davidson, B.A., P.S.G.W.; T. Blenkinsop, P.J.G.W.; B. J. Thompson, P.G. Sec. Northumberland; Thos. Bradley, P.S.G.W.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.C.; B. Boulton, P.P.G. Treas. Durham; C. F. Charlton, P.J.G.W.; T. Anderson, P.G. Treas.; J. W. Gibson, P.P.G.D.; R. A. Dodds, P.P.G.D.; J. S. B. Bell, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Dinning, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Gillespie, P.G. Reg.; Adam Robertson, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Reavell, P.G.S. of W.; D. Murray, P.G.S.B.; Duncan McDonnell, P.A.G.P.; T. V. Strachan, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Straker Wilson, P.P.S.G.W.; Hubert Laws, P.P.S.G.W.; John Spearman, P.P.J.G.W.; S. M. Harris, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Northumberland; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Sec.; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; B. Levy, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; T. Henderson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. M. Watson, P.J.G.D.; W. Logan, P.G. Reg.; B. Boulton, P.P.G.



Treas.; R. Singleton, W.M. 97; J. Hudson, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Burlinson, So; W. Vincent, 97; G. F. Allan, P.G.S.B.; J. G. Smith, P.P.G.D.; M. Corbitt, P.P.G.D.; John Wood, P.P.J.G.W. Durham; W. Potts, I.P.M.; R. H. Dickenson, P.M.; John Watt, W.M.; J. C. Wilson, P.P.G.P., 636; J. M. Winter, I.P.M. 1863; J. Robertson; G. Coates, W.M. 1427; J. H. Beckenham, W.M.; Rev. W. Bowlan, P.P.G.C.; H. Hotham, P.P.S.G.W.; W. A. Potter, P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland; D. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; J. H. Tansley; R. Ferry; W. M. Pybus, W.M. 48; John Moulton, P.M.; A. R. Lagg, P.M. 48; A. M. Loades, P.M. 636; John Page, P.P.A.G.D.D.C.; J. Hogg, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Davison, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. M. Lyons, W.M. 406; Jonathan Cooke, P.M. 424; A. Currie, P.M. 97; B. P. Ord, P.P.G.O.; James Montgomery, P.P.G.P.; J. Duckitt, P.P.G.D.; J. Reid, P.P.G.D.; G. Cockburn, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Bentham, P.P.G.D.; R. L. Armstrong, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Eynon, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; Col. Monks, P.P.J.G.W. Durham; T. F. Armstrong, P.M.; C. B. Ford, P.P.G.D.; H. S. Bird, P.P.G. Reg.; R. W. Cummings, P.P.G.P.; Nesbit, P.P.S.G.D.; W. S. Hughes, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Strachan, P.M.; J. G. Youll, P.M.; J. A. Hall, W.M. 240; W. A. Malcolm, P.P.G.P. Durham; Carmichael, Wm. Simpson, Wm. Richardson, R. Milburn, D. F. Wilson, L. Crawford, Maxwell, Edington, J. I. Bagnall, Walter Blakey, J. Wilson, P.P.G.W.; J. D. Annan, P.P.G.S. of W., &c.; J. Walker, P.P.G.O.; and the Rev. S. E. Pennefather.



be Tom Taylor's "Lady Clancarty" is about Hing revived at the St. James's Theatre by Messrs. plare and Kendal. It is, we think, 10 years since this way was seen. Its popularity and the efficient company who are going to play in it will make its revival welcome tith all classes. There can be little doubt of its running to he end of the season, nor should we be surprised if the Queen were again to command Mr. and Mrs. Kendal to bring their company to give a representation of "Lady Clancarty" before her Majesty.

Miss Kate Vaughan has not kept her promise to run her old English comedies each for a fortnight only. But we think she may be excused. Her revival of "The Rivals" was such a brilliant success, that any manager would be tempted to retain it. However, last Saturday "She Stoops to Conquer" took its place. Bro. Lionel Brough plays Tony Lumpkin, Mr. Forbes Robertson, Young Marlow, and Miss Kate Vaughan, Miss Hardcastle. We hope Miss Vaughan will during her season produce "The Clandestine Marriage," "The Belle's Stratagem," and some other of the less well-known classical plays which delighted our forefathers.

Our prediction respecting "The Noble Vagabond" at the Princess's seems likely to be realised. We were present at its first night, and, before we had the opportunity of reading the opinions of others we penned our notice, which we afterwards found differed considerably from the majority of the press. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Many said the play would not run a month. It has now gone for two months, and so successful has Mr. Jones's drama turned out, that the Princess's has been engaged until the end of the season, after which probably "The Noble Vagabond" will go on tour. Bro. Charles Warner, than whom no one could play the hero with more satisfaction, nightly wins the just applause of his audience.

"The Theatre" this month is quite equal to any of its predecessors in the information it gives of current plays, by criticisms, and of old plays, theatres, and actors. Mr. Percy Fitzgerald has an interesting article on "Former Lessees of Drury Lane." But its chief interest relates to Mr. Clement Scott's (the Editor) reply to Mr. W. Archer, who, in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, made a savage attack on Mr. Scott's criticism of "The Noble Vagabond" in the columns of the *Daily Telegraph*. We expect the sale of "The Theatre" this month has increased, as Mr. Clement Scott's reply was looked for in this journal. We differ from both these gentlemen. Mr. Clement Scott, we think, was too scathing, and Mr. Archer was too laudatory to the play, and vulgarly personal to Mr. Scott.

Last week "The Churchwarden," at the Olympic, was played for the 100th time, and drew a crowded house from floor to ceiling—in fact, so great was the demand for seats that the "House Full" boards were out for every part from a very early hour. The piece has proved so successful at the Crystal Palace that the directors re-engaged Bro. Terry and his company to repeat the performance. On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., company gave a matinée at Oxford. At Brighton Bro. E. Terry has taken his piece twice to matinées. Owing to its success the Olympic has been engaged until Easter, when "The Churchwarden" must be withdrawn, owing to Bro. Terry's tenancy expiring, and Miss Grace Hawthorn, the lessee, wishing to assume command.

In spite of some of the criticisms, "Hard Hit" still keeps the boards at the Haymarket. We were present the first night, and quite enjoyed Mr. Jones's latest work. It is scarcely a play one wants to see more than once, such as "Jim the Penman." There is perhaps nothing very remarkable or new in its construction, yet it is striking, and is played by a most distinguished company. Mr. Willard has forsaken this time his usual line of the villain, and with so much success that we hope to associate his name in future with other such parts as he is playing in "Hard Hit." Mr. Beerbohm Tree we even like better than in "Jim the Penman." He gives us a most studied character sketch of a City adventurer, an unscrupulous barrister, who, not being able to make anything in his profession, floats rotten companies, and behaves as a coward to women, and a cad to men. Mr. Kemble's old men are always good; as a fussy major he is quite up to the mark. Mr. Arthur Dacre offers us nothing new; his acting and mannerisms are always the same. Miss Mary Rorke has left those sympathetic parts she has played for so long at

the Adelphi, in "Harbour Lights," "In the Ranks," and the "Colleen Bawn," and made her audience cry from love. But the character of the adventuress in "Hard Hit" was, we thought—at any rate, the first night—not quite in her line; she is not cynical and cold-blooded enough for the part. Miss Marion Terry, whom every one—who ever enters a theatre—welcomes back to the stage, acts with such strength and feeling, that if Mr. Jones's play turns out a success, it will be mainly owing to Miss Terry, and if not a draw, it will not be her fault. We have seen Miss Marion Terry in almost everything she has played in the different London theatres, and though she has always won for herself a name to be classed with her famous sisters, yet she has never come up to her acting such as she gives us in the third and fourth acts of "Hard Hit." There seems not to be any difference of opinion regarding this fact. We hope for the sake of the playgoing public that Miss M. Terry will not retire again. We strongly recommend our readers to visit the Haymarket and see the piece for themselves.

Mr. Willie Edouin was rather unfortunate in several pieces he introduced last year, but his fortune changed with "Turned Up," and now the little "Royalty" rings every night with laughter at "Modern Wives," in which we are glad to say Miss Alice Atherton—his wife—has a part. The farce is an adaptation from the French, and gives Mr. Edouin another opportunity of displaying his skill, this time in the character of a retired hatter, who has three daughters, two of whom for the least triviality wish to separate from their husbands, whilst the third, having her sisters' example before her, wishes to break off her engagement. It will be seen that there is abundant material there for funny situations. These are excellently worked out by Mr. and Mrs. Edouin, Mr. Selton, and Mr. Lytton Sothorn, Miss Eva Wilson, and Miss Brandon. In "Turned Up" Mr. Edouin was always introducing his profession of an undertaker; in "Modern Wives" he cannot see a hat without taking it in his hands, measuring, and brushing it. Every one should go to the Royalty in time for the first piece, "The Coming Clown," in which Miss Alice Atherton, as well as Mr. Edouin, distinguishes herself. It is beautifully acted, and is bound to draw one's sympathy. Mr. Wm. Greet still is, and we hope for long will be, the acting and courteous manager of the Royalty.

"Mynheer Jan," the new comic opera at the Comedy, written by Messrs. Harry Paulton and Mostyn Tedde, and composed by Mr. Jakobowski, is neither better nor worse than the usual run of comic operas. Its plot is intricate, but that matters little. The music is tuneful, but does not strike one as being original, for where it is most melodious one fancies to have heard it before. It is beautifully staged, and the chorus are well up to their work. The cast is first class and, must be an expensive one, as it includes such well known people as Mons. Marius, Mr. H. Paulton, Mr. T. Wyatt, Miss Kate Munroe, Miss Camille D'Arville, Miss Meinotte, and Mde. Amadi. Many of the solos and duets are very pretty, specially those sung by M. D'Arville, who has a sweet and clear voice, and Mr. Joseph Tapley, who has a fine tenor voice but cannot act. M. Marius as a hot tempered old general is, as is his wont, excellent, but he ought to be content not to sing when his voice has entirely gone. Mr. Paulton is very droll, and sings the topical songs and introduces some new business in the shape of representing a scarecrow. Mr. F. Wyatt, of course, is lively and adds much by his dancing, but he is not furnished with such a good part as he often is. Miss Munroe looks charming, but has not much to do. Mr. Jakobowski's music, from its very familiarity, makes it appreciable. But we think the new piece will be chiefly recollected by a Spanish dance given by a Miss Lethbridge. This will alone cause many to go and see "Mynheer Jan" again and again. The young lady dances with grace and delicacy, and brings to one's mind the days of Miss Kate Vaughan at the Gaiety. Miss Lethbridge's name is new to us, but we are sure she will be heard of for a long time to come now that Miss Vaughan and Miss Ada Wilson have retired from that line. The dresses of the choristers are most handsome, and the opera altogether reflects great credit on Miss Meinotte, the present lessee.

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

A "soirée dansante" under the auspices of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Frederick Teece, and the brethren of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Maidstone, took place at Host Hubbard's, New Falcon Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult. The company, numbering some 120, disporting themselves to the music of the string band of the Royal Engineers, from Chatham, until far into the small hours of the following morning, the room being handsomely decorated for the occasion with Masonic emblems.

On Thursday (yesterday) Miss E. Beresford Clarke, daughter of Bro. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Sec., was presented by her mother at the "Drawing-room" held by her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace. The court train worn by Mrs. Shadwell Clarke was of dark grey Lyons velvet, bodice and train lined with grey satin Merveilleux to match, trimmed with bunches of daffodils and grey ribbon; petticoat consisting of an exquisite piece of Carrack-Ma-Cross lace, mounted on daffodil Merveilleux, draped with same and bunches of daffodils; head-dress, plume, and veil. Miss E. Beresford Clarke, wore a train and bodice of white Sicilienna, lined with satin, with ruche of tulle, bunches of daisies, ferns, clover, and white satin ribbon; petticoat of white tulle, edged with fringe of daisies, caught up with bunches of same and white satin ribbon; head-dress, plume and veil.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Important for the Delicate.—It is difficult to determine which is the more trying to the human constitution—the damp, cold days of autumn and winter, or the keen, dry, easterly winds of spring. Throughout the seasons good health may be maintained by occasional doses of Holloway's Pills, which purify the blood and act as wholesome stimulants to the skin, stomach, liver, bowels, and kidneys. This celebrated medicine needs but a fair trial to convince the ailing and desponding that it will restore and cheer them without danger, pain, or inconvenience. No family should be without a supply of Holloway's Pills and Ointment, as by a timely recourse to them the first erring function may be reclaimed, suffering may be spared, and life saved.—[ADVT.]



The next monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 9th instant.

Bro. Charles Belton has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer next year. Bro. Belton is Secretary of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, P.P.G.D. Surrey, P.M. 165 and 777, Treas. 1910, P.Z. 59, and Vice-Patron of the three Institutions.

Bro. S. Beaumont, P.G.M.O., has been unanimously re-elected for a further term of office as W.M. of the John O'Gaunt Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 172, Gainsborough, Bro. C. F. Liversidge, P.P.S.G.W., being the Treasurer, and Bro. G. Scott the Tyler for the ensuing year.

The Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, which has for some years past been held at Kenilworth, has been removed to Coventry, and will in future hold its meetings at the Craven Arms Hotel in the latter town. On Monday, the 21st ult., the installation meeting took place, Bro. T. W. Whitley being installed as W.M. for the year.

Bro. Kennedy, Quartermaster-Sergeant R.M. L.I., has been elected W.M. of the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, Stonehouse, for the ensuing year, Bro. D. Cross, Prov. G. Treas., being at the same time re-elected Treasurer.

The annual supper of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction will take place at the Criterion, Piccadilly (Victoria Hall), on Tuesday evening, March 8, at 7 o'clock, under the chairmanship of Bro. T. A. Dickson, W.M. 1614; and of which Bro. G. Reynolds, J.W. 1614, is the Secretary.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Provincial Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, has arranged the Queen's Jubilee shall be celebrated at York on the 14th July, one of the most prominent parts of the celebrations consisting of a special service to be held in York Minster.

Bro. Dr. W. Andrew, P.M. Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, Launceston, has been recently furnished, by the members of his lodge, with a handsome jewel, as a sincere tribute of their respect, and in admiration of his sterling qualities as a Mason.

There was a large gathering at the Masonic ball held recently in the Guildhall Assembly-rooms, Walsall, and dancing was maintained with great spirit till an early hour the next morning, both hosts and guests being mutually delighted with the entertainment afforded and received.

OLYMPIA.—H.R.H. Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg visited the Paris Hippodrome at Olympia, Kensington, on Saturday last, accompanied by the children of the Duke of Connaught. Her Royal Highness and Prince Henry were good enough to express their appreciation of the performance.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place at Freemasons' Hall to-day (Friday), when the Secretary will present a statement showing its receipts and expenditure. Votes of thanks will be passed to its officers, and the Board, having completed its duty, will be dissolved.

The death has lately been announced of the Countess Helen von Hadik, to whom, as the representative of the ancient Hungarian family of Barkoczy von Scala, the Emperor of Austria, as King of Hungary, had accorded all the rights and prerogatives of a man, and who was initiated in the Cassoria Lodge of Freemasons, though her initiation was not recognised by the authorities.

The ball given last month by the members of the Henley Lodge, No. 797, Dartmouth, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, was a great success. There was a numerous and fashionable company present. The string band of the Plymouth division of the Royal Marines furnished the music, and an excellent supper was purveyed by Bro. J. W. Bodley. The proceeds will be handed over to the Fortescue Annuity Fund for the Aged Masons of Devonshire.

The chief business transacted at the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man related to the establishment of a Prov. G. Lodge Charity Fund, the scheme for which, was confirmed, and the most appropriate way of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. The plans dealing with the latter were referred back to the Committee for further consideration. There was a full attendance of officers and brethren, and R.W. Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman, Prov. Grand Master, presided in person.

At a meeting of the Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers' Company, on Thursday, the 24th ult., at the hall in Noble-street, Bro. Peter de Lande Long, one of the partners in the firm of Monckton, Long, and Gardner, of 18, Lincoln's-inn-fields, was elected clerk by a majority of four over Mr. Turner. There were eleven candidates.

The Highbury Lodge, No. 2102, will be consecrated by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Registrar, as S.W.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., as Chaplain; and Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br., as D.C.; on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury Railway Station. The lodge will be opened at half-past three o'clock punctually. Bros. Edgar Bowyer is the W.M. designate, Alderman Joseph Savory, S.W. designate, T. Hastings Miller, J.W. designate, and Bro. Chas. Fred. Hogard, P.M. 205, acting Secretary.

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